
Subject: Re: exporting data

Posted by [Liam E. Gumley](#) on Wed, 21 Jun 2000 07:00:00 GMT

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Brad Gom wrote:

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> If you specifically want to write a file for use in Excel, then its best to
> write a text file where the values are seperated with commas (a CSV file). You
> can use the PRINTF procedure to write formatted text to a file, or WRITEU to
> write binary data.
>
> for example:
>
> data=findgen(10,5)
> ;Open LUN 1 for data.csv with write access.
> OPENW, 1, 'data.csv'
> ;Do the output operation to the file.
> PRINTF, 1, data,format='(9(f,""),f)'
> ;Close the file.
> CLOSE, 1
>
> This will print out the contents of the data array, seperated with commas. Look
> at the FORMAT keyword in the help to see how it works.
>
> Brad
```

You could try the WRITE_SYLK function, which writes a SYLK format file:

```
IDL> a = dist(256)
IDL> result = write_sylk('test.sylk', a)
```

Excel97 apparently reads this format, but I have not tried it.

Cheers,

Liam.

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