Subject: Re: exporting data

Posted by Brad Gom on Wed, 21 Jun 2000 07:00:00 GMT

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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 formated text to a file, or WRITEU to write binary data.

## for example:

data=findgen(10,5) Open LUN 1 for hello.dat 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**

## Rachel wrote:

- > Hi. I'm a fairly new user of IDL, and I was wondering if there is anyway to
- > export IDL variables. For instance, if I've created an array in IDL and I'd
- > like to graph it in Excel or some other graphing program is there any way to
- > get the array to excel. Any suggestion would be greatly appreciated.
- > Thanks,

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