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Subject: Re: Mixing ASCII and Binary in files  
Posted by [Ben Tupper](#) on Wed, 15 Nov 2000 08:00:00 GMT  
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Thanks Liam and Kelly,

Kelly, the method you describe is what I have used before. I'll try it again... I must have goofed up something simple (I hope).

Liam, I check those procedures out. I don't know why I didn't think of it before... I have used BINread/write before.

Ben

Kelly Dean wrote:

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> I read and write combination ASCII and Binary files all the time in Windows
> NT and Windows 2000. My prefer method is using structures.
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> Kelly
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> Ben Tupper wrote:
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>> Hello,
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>> Thank you for all for the very interesting responses regarding my Julian
>> Day number query.
>>
>> I have a question regarding mixing ASCII data (as a header) with binary
>> data (as data following the header). This is a desirable format for our
>> purposes for a number of reasons. I have come across such files
>> generated in the DOS environment from Sea-Bird Electronics devices.
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>> I am able to read and write such files in MacOS using IDL without
>> difficulty; I am unable to do the same in Windows.
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>> From within IDL, is it possible to write such a file so that it is
>> readable across all platforms? If so, how?
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>> Thanks
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>> Ben
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