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Subject: Mixing ASCII and Binary in files

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Hello,

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.

I am able to read and write such files in MacOS using IDL without difficulty; I am unable to do the same in Windows.

From within IDL, is it possible to write such a file so that it is readable across all platforms? If so, how?

Thanks

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