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Subject: Re: matching fields in ascii or text files.

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Are you attempting this in IDL? Or is it a general data handling question? It seems to me that TXT file and ASCII is the same kind of file. To compare the columns by scrolling them in a window, Excel will do.

Cheers,

Pavel

Patrick McEnaney wrote:

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> Folks, suggestions needed for going about the following problem:

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> I have columnar oceanographic data in two different data files. One is

> a txt file, the other ascii. I want to compare depth values in a

> column from one file to depth values in a column from a second file,

> then write all values associated with a specific depth in other

> columns such as temperature, conductivity, nutrients, etc, to another

> file. Should I attempt some sort of boolean expression to search

> through the two files to match values or is there a more efficient

> method that someone can suggest?

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> Thanks,

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> Patrick

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