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Subject: Re: Accessing an ASCII database?

Posted by [Jonathan Greenberg](#) on Sat, 21 Dec 2002 03:30:33 GMT

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I forgot to answer your question -- no, it does not have to be ascii -- as a matter of fact I've already changed it to a byte file...

--j

On 12/20/02 4:05 PM, in article

df160b8f.0212201605.142abb79@posting.google.com, "Big Bird"

<condor@biosys.net> wrote:

> Jonathan Greenberg <greenberg@ucdavis.edu> wrote in message

> news:<BA274510.11DB6%greenberg@ucdavis.edu>...

>> I'm trying to develop an IDL routine that allows multiple machines running

>> IDL to query an ASCII database, and update it-- are there any prebuilt

>> routines that could help me out with this? I'm running into problems using

>> openu, because if two machines open the text file at the same time, strange

>> things ensue.

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> Maybe this is a stupid comment, but things like SQL exist exactly to

> take care of things like this and to keep the programmer/user from

> having to worry about the underlying bit'n'byte logistics.

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> Is there a reason why that db HAS to be in ascii? Would it be

> sufficient if it were in (adabas/oracle/whathaveyou) format and there

> was a little routine for showing records in ascii when needed?

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