
Subject: Re: Accessing an ASCII database?

Posted by [Jonathan Greenberg](#) on Sat, 21 Dec 2002 03:29:09 GMT

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I understand that, but can I put together a database using only IDL in an hour or less? I'm using IDL for scientific research, and I don't want to learn an entirely new language/program if I can create a "hack" that will perform more or less just as well as a more elegant solution... If there is an EASY way to do this in IDL, I'd love to know!

--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?
