Subject: Re: Accessing an ASCII database? Posted by Jonathan Greenberg on Sat, 21 Dec 2002 03:29:09 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

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!

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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 guery 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?