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Subject: Re: Accessing an ASCII database?

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Jonathan Greenberg <[greenberg@ucdavis.edu](mailto:greenberg@ucdavis.edu)> wrote in message  
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> 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.

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.

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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