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Subject: Writing to a specific line of a BIP or BIL file?

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(thanks Andrew for your answer to my ASCII file question)

I now want to know, using IDL and/or ENVI function, how do I write data to a specific LINE of a BIP or BIL file? Its easy to read it (`envi_get_slice`), but not easy to write that slice. The brute force is to load the entire image into memory, assign that specific line the new values, and then rewrite the entire image back to disk. This is EXTREMELY slow. Even using ENVI's spectral tiling routines (which at least minimize the memory used, and allow me to know what line I'm on), I still have to parse an entire BIP or BIL file and rewrite it, when all I want to do is write to a specific line and leave the rest of them as is. Anyone have any suggestions for how to do this?

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