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Subject: writing multi-column text files

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I have a simple floating point array

```
DATA  FLOAT = array[17,48]
```

that I would like to write to a text file.

This is how I am trying to do it:

```
openW, 1, 'new_data.txt'  
printF, 1, data  
close,1
```

The problem is that when I open the IDL-written text file outside of IDL, it does not have the same dimensions as it should (17 columns, and 48 rows). It only has six columns... and 3 times as many rows.

This seems like it should be VERY simple...

Thanks, in advance.

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