
Subject: Re: Importing DBF files?

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Jonathan Greenberg wrote:

> Is there any way to import DBF files generated from either Arc or some DBF
> program?

Initial response:

"What's a DBF file?"

After a little more digging:

IDL does read and write shapefiles, and there's a mention of DBF files there. I don't know if this is relevant, but perhaps you do?

The following is from documentation for IDLffShape::Open...

DBF_ONLY

If this keyword is set to a positive value, only the underlying dBASE table (.dbf) component of the shapefile is opened. All entity related files are left closed. Two values to this keyword are accepted: 1 - Open an existing .dbf file, > 1 - Create a new .dbf file

The UPDATE keyword is required to open the .dbf file for updating.

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