
Subject: Re: write data to an excell file

Posted by [Jonathan Greenberg](#) on Wed, 09 Feb 2005 20:14:51 GMT

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Is there a reason you are bothering to write directly to XLS file? Just write a .csv or .txt (Dave Fanning has a nice little program to do this for you, so you don't need to reinvent the wheel:
http://www.dfanning.com/tip_examples/write_csv_data.pro) A .csv file, in fact, you can just double click from a PC or Mac and Excel is usually set to just open it right up.

--j

On 2/9/05 10:29 AM, in article

Pine.OSX.4.61.0502091327350.20752@gouda.local, "Ken Mankoff"

<mankoff@yahoo.com> wrote:

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>> It looks to me that you are simply creating ASCII files with an
>> .xls extension. This really isn't an excel file. I have looked
>> into the .xls format in the past (it was called "biff" at one
>> point) hoping to create an IDL program that could write native
>> .xls files but I never found a published format.

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> I think the best place to get this is through OpenOffice.org or
> StarOffice, or the other open source MS-Office-like apps that can
> read/write MS formats.

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> -k.

> <http://spacebit.dyndns.org/>

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