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Subject: Re: Is there an easy way to write and read (large) structure?

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You can use the WIDTH keyword in openw to override IDL's default of 80 columns per line.

You can also save / load binary copies of the structure using the SAVE/RESTORE procedures. If you aren't doing anything else with the ascii files, this is more efficient in both space and read/write time. I tried this out by writing findgen(5000,5000) to file - using SAVE was 5 times faster and resulted in a file that was 4 times smaller.

Chris

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