
Subject: Re: Write a vector into a file

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 09 Nov 2010 15:07:44 GMT

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jeanh writes:

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> try the format keyword:  
> printf, 1, jobs, format = '(A)'
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Well, it's a neat solution, I'll give you that!

But I think it works for the wrong reasons, and I think there is a danger, especially if the data is not all of the same magnitude, that what ends up in the file is not exactly what you *expect* will end up in the file.

Much better, it seems to me, to do this correctly so that the precision of the data is maintained in the way you specify. Of course, we can't do this "correctly" since the end user hasn't told us anything about his data. It may be he is content with solutions that just look like they work. Many people are. :-)

Cheers,

David

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Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")
