
Subject: Re: append to the first line of a text file....

Posted by [George Millward](#) on Fri, 14 Jan 2011 19:01:54 GMT

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On Jan 14, 10:34 am, David Fanning <n...@dfanning.com> wrote:

> George Millward writes:

>> I am wanting to 'append' an ascii file - but instead of appending the

>> new data to the bottom

>> I want the new data to be at the top of the file.

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>> Does anyone have any suggestions ?

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> Have you tried positioning the file pointer to the

> beginning of the file with POINT_LUN? Worth a try,

> I guess. You may have to include your own carriage

> return.

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> Cheers,

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> David

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> David Fanning, Ph.D.

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> Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming:<http://www.idlcoyote.com/>

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

David,

Yes, tried that - it just overwrites the first line - same as doing
openu and printf without /append

ie,

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openu, /append
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point_lun, 0
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printf
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is the same as:

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openu
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printf
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At least I think so.

I guess I'm just going to have to write a routine to do what I want
...something like reading all the current data into a buffer - write
the new data - then append the buffer onto the new data.

...shouldn't be too hard - I was just wondering if there was a keyword.

Thanks anyway.

George.
