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Subject: Re: Writing a lot of data to ASCII file without a loop?

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On Jul 12, 11:45 am, Carsten Lechte <c...@toppoint.de> wrote:

> On 12/07/11 12:11, Rob wrote:

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>> I need to write a large array of values to an ASCII file in two long

>> columns and wondered if there was a quick way of doing it.

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> Write them as a single array:

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> IDL> s1 = [1,2,3,4]

> IDL> s2 = [5,6,4,1]

> IDL> writeit = TRANSPOSE([s1],[s2])

> IDL> print, writeit, format = '(G15.9)'

> 1.00000000 5.00000000

> 2.00000000 6.00000000

> 3.00000000 4.00000000

> 4.00000000 1.00000000

>

> That gets rid of the loop, but still does a lot of binary-to-ascii

> conversions, so do not expect miracles.

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> chl

That doesn't seem to quite work as it prints one below the other rather than in two columns.

e.g. in your example it'd be

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1
5
2
6
3
4
4
1
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