
Subject: Re: Writing a lot of data to ASCII file without a loop?
Posted by [Carsten Lechte](#) on Tue, 12 Jul 2011 10:45:31 GMT
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On 12/07/11 12:11, Rob wrote:

> 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.

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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