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Subject: Re: Writing ASC/TXT file

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 22 Nov 2011 13:15:17 GMT

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Mr.AlaaD writes:

> My question should not be difficult. I have an ascii/txt file that has  
> 5 columns (numbers) and what I want to do is to open this file and  
> write a sixth column. I tried to do it but I do not know why it is  
> written under the first column (as a continuous of the first column)  
> instead of writing a new sixth column.

```
file = 'mydata.txt'  
rows = File_Lines(file)  
data = Fltarr(5,rows)  
OpenR, lun, file, /Get_lun  
ReadF, lun, data  
Free_Lun, lun  
columnToAdd = Findgen(rows)  
newData = [data, Reform(columnToAdd, 1, rows)]  
OpenW, lun, file, /Get_Lun  
PrintF, lun, newData  
Free_Lun, lun
```

Cheers,

David

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

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