
Subject: Re: Writing a modified .txt file issue
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Mon, 29 Jul 2013 20:13:53 GMT
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Phillip Bitzer writes:

> I have been looking for a better/more efficient way of doing this. Can't seem to find a good way, but maybe Coyote has cooked up something :-) ReadCol works about as quickly as my code.

I think this is what you have to do. READCOL (a NASA Astronomy Library file) is as good as any when your data is in well defined columns and all the data is there. If data is missing then about the only thing you can do is get your cousin Vinny to go after the guy that created the file. READCOL is probably as fast as your routine, Philip, because it's doing what you are doing. :-)

Cheers,

David

P.S. I have to admit, I think I've used READCOL once in my life, but that's only because I'm stubborn and like to roll my own. :-)

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