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Subject: Re: Writing an 8 Column array into a data file  
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Ahh stupid me, I assumed when I created my array using 'tbget' that it would put it in a 1 column array. Unfortunately it created an array with 6000 columns and 1 row haha, this is why the data is stacking. Sorry about the stupid question!

Also, maybe you guys could still help with whats going on with the hexadecimal data. That array contains string type variable, and when I write it to a file I only get the first number of each element. some sample code is below:

```
array1    STRING    = Array[1, 5]
```

the array contains:

```
[2b40e2200ff00007, 2b40e2200ff00009, 2b40e2200ff0000c, 2b40e2200ff00011,  
2b40e2200ff00019]
```

```
openw, lun, 'test.dat', /get_lun  
printf, lun, array1, FORMAT='(Z16)'  
close,lun
```

what I get is:

```
2  
2  
2  
2  
2
```

Any clue why this might be?

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