
Subject: Re: Writing an 8 Column array into a data file
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> Confusion on your part, I'm going to guess. :-)
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> What exactly are you trying to do? The array does NOT look like it
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> contains string variables. If it *did* contain string variables, you
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> could just write them out as strings. If you are trying to write the
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> strings out as hexadecimal numbers, then IDL has to convert them to
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> hexadecimals to write them. A number "b" doesn't make much sense in this
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> conversion process, so IDL does what I would do, gives up and goes gets
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> a beer. What would you do?
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I got it working. The Format Code '(Z)' was not the right choice. Instead I should've used '(A)' just to transfer character data. This now gives me the proper strings and written into a file correctly. Guess it just took a little bit of trial and error.

Thanks for the help. And David, the Coyote webpage is great, better than any language tutorial and resource location I've used. Keep it going

Thanks again
