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Subject: Re: Writing an 8 Column array into a data file  
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drewciampa@gmail.com writes:

> Well I do have one last question. Hopefully it is simple. Now that I have my 8 arrays each with 1 column, I'm trying to combine them using 'combine=[a1,a2,a3,a4,a5,a6,a7,a8]' but my first array is a STRING array...the rest being FLOAT or DOUBLE. After I combine the arrays my final array becomes a DOUBLE variable array and my STRING array becomes decimals. So now when I print out the final array, the first column is only numbers rather than the string variable.

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> Using concatenation, can I maintain the string throughout the process?

No.

Cheers,

David

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

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