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Subject: Re: Tab-Delimited Files

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rkj@dukebar.crml.uab.edu (R. Kyle Justice) writes:

> Is there a way to create tab-delimited files in  
> PV-Wave?  
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> I have columns of data and I would like to  
> separate them by tabs instead of spaces. I  
> can't seem to get it to work with Fortran  
> or C format codes in DC\_WRITE\_FIXED.  
>  
> Kyle J.  
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>

This is kludgy, but it works.

```
Wave> tabchar = '\x09'
```

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Wave> z = [[1,4,7],[2,5,8],[3,6,9]]
```

```
Wave> status = dc_write_free('/tmp/junk.txt', z, /Col, Delim = tabchar)
```

But /tmp/junk.txt has spaces, as well as the tab characters you wanted.  
So pull a Deus Ex Machina out of a hat, and strip off the spaces  
using Perl:

```
% perl -pe 's/ //g' /tmp/junk.txt >/tmp/junk.txt.new
```

And there's your rabbit.

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Jim

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