
Subject: Re: Writing 2 arrays of a different type into one text file

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Am Freitag, 23. Oktober 2015 14:13:54 UTC+2 schrieb Helder:

> On Friday, October 23, 2015 at 1:52:59 PM UTC+2, Kai Heckel wrote:

>> Am Freitag, 23. Oktober 2015 11:25:37 UTC+2 schrieb Helder:

>>> On Friday, October 23, 2015 at 10:10:38 AM UTC+2, Kai Heckel wrote:

>>>> Hello!

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>>>> Is it possible to write 2 arrays into one text file?

>>>> What I have are 2 arrays: 1) float, 2) string.

>>>> I would like to write the string array into the 1st column and the float array into the 2nd column. Is this somehow possible?

>>>>

>>>> Thanks in advance

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>>>> Cheers,

>>>> Kai

>>>

>>> Yes.

>>> arrayFloat = randomu(s, 10)

>>> arrayStrings = strtrim(findgen(10),2)

>>> fileName = 'testFileOutput.txt'

>>> get_lun, fileUnit

>>> openw, fileUnit, fileName

>>> printf, fileUnit, transpose(arrayStrings+', '+string(arrayFloat,FORMAT='(f0.3)'))

>>> close, fileUnit

>>> free_lun, fileUnit

>>>

>>> Play a bit around with string() and the format keyword. A way or another, you will get what you want (constant width for the columns or number of decimals, separator, ...).

>>>

>>> Cheers,

>>> Helder

>>

>> Thanks Helder!

>>

>> But I'd like to have the strings in the 1st column and the according float value in the 2nd column... I looked it up under FORMAT but I couldn't find the right thing. Do you have a solution for this?

>>

>> Cheers,

>> Kai

>

> Hi Kai,

> did you try the solution I gave? It gives *exactly* what you're asking for. Of course you need to have strings in the "arrayStrings" and numbers in the "arrayFloat"...

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> Then you get two columns, that in my case look like:
> 0.000000, 0.590
> 1.00000, 0.135
> 2.00000, 0.196
> 3.00000, 0.020
> 4.00000, 0.190
> 5.00000, 0.604
> 6.00000, 0.286
> 7.00000, 0.527
> 8.00000, 0.510
> 9.00000, 0.570
>
> Make sure you have two arrays with the same number of elements:
> IDL> help, arrayStrings
> ARRAYSTRINGS  STRING  = Array[10]
> IDL> help, arrayFloat
> ARRAYFLOAT    FLOAT    = Array[10]
>
> Cheers,
> Helder
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I tried it but the separation didn't work. I solved the case by using 'WIDTH=2' when using the 'OPENW' command.

Thank you very much Helder and enjoy your weekend!

Cheers,
Kai
