
Subject: XML

Posted by [Mirko Vukovic](#) on Thu, 14 Dec 2000 17:01:48 GMT

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Here is a zany problem:

I'd like to transfer some data from Excel to a text file. But to give it some structure (i.e. ``this is data from exp 5, where param 1 is foo1 and param 2 is foo2..."), I'd need to define control structures, and then write a program to digest them.

So the thought came to use XML conventions to define the control structures. After all, the thing is extensible, and I can define whatever I please, as long as I know what to do with it later on.

Is there a program that I would be able to adapt to read the XML codes? I'd hate to start from scratch if something is available.

The other thought is to use the astronomy database programs and put the data in there, but I need to think a bit whether it can fit my needs.

Any thoughts?

Mirko

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Subject: Re: xml

Posted by [Michael Galloy](#) on Tue, 18 Aug 2009 19:41:01 GMT

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David DeGraff wrote:

- > From what I've been able to see, it's easier to find XML readers than
- > NetCDF readers, so I'd like to write my data files in this format.
- > When I search IDL XML, it seems most of the hits are about a different
- > IDL. Does anyone have any guides to writing xml files in IDL?
- >
- > Thanks
- > David

The online help for the XML DOM parser has a very simple example of using it to write output:

http://idlastro.gsfc.nasa.gov/idl_html_help/Using_the_XML_DOM_Classes.html

In my experience, *writing* XML is the easy part, PRINTF usually works fine.

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