
Subject: Re: Formatting WRITE_CSV output
Posted by [penteado](#) on Thu, 13 May 2010 01:32:08 GMT
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On May 12, 10:00 pm, fgg <fabioгуimaraesgoncal...@gmail.com> wrote:

> Hi,
>
> Is it possible to use format codes with WRITE_CSV? In other words, can
> I specify the output format for each "Data" below?
>
> WRITE_CSV, Filename, Data1 [, Data2,..., Data8] [, HEADER=variable]
>
> Thank you!

Not directly. If your data are strings, you can format them first,
then give them to write_csv, such as

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undesirable if your data were not strings.

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Posted by [fgg](#) on Thu, 13 May 2010 19:45:11 GMT
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Thanks, pp. I guess I'll go with printf. Another disadvantage of
write_csv is that it limits the number of output columns to 8.
