
Subject: Write to a certain line of a file
Posted by [Zhang Bo](#) on Wed, 18 Jan 2012 19:49:21 GMT
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Is there a way open a file and go to the nth line and change the content of this line, left the rest of file intact.

Subject: Re: Write to a certain line of a file
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Fri, 20 Jan 2012 16:26:06 GMT
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Cheers,

David

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

Subject: Re: Write to a certain line of a file
Posted by [Michael Galloy](#) on Fri, 20 Jan 2012 16:52:02 GMT
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On 1/20/12 9:26 AM, David Fanning wrote:

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Only not trivial if you are doing it a lot, in which case I would cache the results in memory and only write periodically.

Mike

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