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Subject: Re: Use of /APPEND keyword  
Posted by [Klemen](#) on Fri, 13 Jul 2012 12:16:49 GMT  
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Cheers, Klemen

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Posted by [titan](#) on Fri, 13 Jul 2012 15:04:36 GMT  
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On Friday, July 13, 2012 2:16:49 PM UTC+2, Klemen wrote:

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Thanks a lot for the suggestion,  
I will keep it in mind. I thought it would always have written a new file deleting the old one automatically.

cheers,  
Titan

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