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Subject: Using SQL databases from IDL?

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Does anyone have experience using SQL databases from IDL? Note that I am referring to vanilla IDL without additional license requirements such as Dataminer. I have found, for instance, a package idl-sql (<http://code.google.com/p/idl-sql/>) that allows SQL queries from IDL, but I also would need to be able to write to the database, as well as read.

I currently use simple CSV files to store data however the kind of data queries I need to do means that I am effectively re-coding a relational database within my IDL project in order to be able to provide myself a simple interface to grab the relevant data at any point that is likely to be distributed across multiple files. Can I use an SQL database to avoid re-engineering that wheel or does IDL not play nice with this?

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