
Subject: Writing a dat file and opening in ENVI

Posted by [Sarah Douglas](#) on Mon, 26 Jan 2015 14:05:25 GMT

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num_bd = 102
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writeu, 1, test_arr
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Subject: Re: Writing a dat file and opening in ENVI

Posted by [Michael Galloy](#) on Mon, 26 Jan 2015 18:17:08 GMT

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It's been awhile since I have dealt with ENVI files, but I believe there is a ASCII .hdr file associated with the .dat file. Did you write that as well? I think you probably have the interleave mixed up -- either from writing the .hdr file incorrectly or not having one and ENVI using some defaults that don't match your data.

Mike

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