Subject: Writing 2 arrays of a different type into one text file
Posted by Kai Heckel on Fri, 23 Oct 2015 08:10:36 GMT

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Thanks in advance

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Posted by Helder Marchetto on Fri, 23 Oct 2015 09:25:35 GMT

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Make sure you have two arrays with the same number of elements:
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ARRAYFLOAT   FLOAT   = Array[10]

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I tried it but the separation didn't work. I solved the case by using 'WIDTH=2' when using the 'OPENW' command.

Thank you very much Helder and enjoy your weekend!

Cheers,
Kai