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**Subject:** Writting intoFile

**Posted by** [Sapna Mishra](#) **on** Thu, 25 Feb 2016 13:23:59 GMT

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Hello all,

I am dealing with an array say: A FLOAT [2094,5]

I want to write this array into a file using IDL how should I do that???

Also In second part I want 2094 rows to be saved into another file as a column.

Can anyone help me in this?

Thanks and regards,

Sapna

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**Subject:** Re: Writting intoFile

**Posted by** [Paul Van Delst\[1\]](#) **on** Thu, 25 Feb 2016 15:49:55 GMT

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On 02/25/16 08:23, Sapna Mishra wrote:

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Open the file

[http://www.harrisgeospatial.com/docs/GET\\_LUN.html](http://www.harrisgeospatial.com/docs/GET_LUN.html)

<http://www.harrisgeospatial.com/docs/OPEN.html>

Write the data to file

<http://www.harrisgeospatial.com/docs/PRINT.html>

for ASCII output.

Play around with writing the array directly to file, as well as the

TRANSPOSE of the array to see how that affects the output format:

<http://www.harrisgeospatial.com/docs/TRANSPOSE.html>

Close the file

[http://www.harrisgeospatial.com/docs/FREE\\_LUN.html](http://www.harrisgeospatial.com/docs/FREE_LUN.html)

<http://www.harrisgeospatial.com/docs/CLOSE.html>

cheers,

paulv

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Subject: Re: Writting intoFile

Posted by [Sapna Mishra](#) on Thu, 25 Feb 2016 18:24:34 GMT

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Yes I am doing the same,

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IDL> a=mrdfits('2QZJ0234_CHIP1_GRIS_600V_SCIENCE_SKY_SPECTRUM_FOR  
S1.2007_11_12T05_08_04.084redwave.fits',0,h)  
MRDFITS: Image array (2094,5) Type=Real*4  
IDL>fname='data1.dat'  
IDL> OPENW,1, fname  
IDL> PRINTF,a  
then i am getting error:  
% PRINTF: Expression must be a scalar or 1 element array in this context: A.  
% Execution halted at: $MAIN$
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I don't know how to solve this error. Any idea??

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Posted by [Paul Van Delst\[1\]](#) on Thu, 25 Feb 2016 18:31:50 GMT

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Yes. It is a syntax error.

See <http://www.harrisgeospatial.com/docs/PRINT.html>

cheers,

paulv

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Posted by [Sapna Mishra](#) on Thu, 25 Feb 2016 18:38:30 GMT

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I even tried

PRINTF,a,FORMAT='(F1.5,F1.5,F1.5)' but same error

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Subject: Re: Writting intoFile

Posted by [Sapna Mishra](#) on Thu, 25 Feb 2016 18:43:47 GMT

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Ok I got the point, I should mention the unit.

Thanks....

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