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Posted by [mila](#) on Wed, 09 Apr 1997 07:00:00 GMT

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Thanks,
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Hi Mila,
the way you suggest is right. for more flexibility try

```
columns=n_elements(data(*,0))  
format_string= '(' + strtrim(string(columns),2) + 'f9.4')  
  
openw,/get_lun,file_unit,out_file  
    printf,file_unit,data,format=format_string  
free_lun,file_unit
```

There are possibly more ways to do it, but this is straight forward and
no effort.

Have a nice time

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