
Subject: my god this should be easy!

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what the...

how in the world do i write my data to a text file so it's tab delimited?

```
sizeInfo = size(myData)
```

```
fmt = "(" + strtrim(string(sizeInfo[1]),2) + "(F0, TR1))"
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```
printf, myFile, myData, FORMAT = fmt
```

certainly doesn't work, it puts a space there (ascii 32 decimal) NOT
a tab (ascii 09).

doesn't TR mean "tab right", right??

just to let ya know, i'm working on a navy project and specs say:

"thou shalt make sure data is tab delimited, dammit!!"

or something like that.

the only option i can derive is looping thru all dimensions and...

write the value

write a tab

if i'm at the end of the row

write a newline

repeat a couple thousand times

please tell me i'm missing something.

tia, tb
