
Subject: Reading FileMaker Pro files?

Posted by [Eric Frans](#) on Wed, 18 Nov 1998 08:00:00 GMT

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Thanks in advance for any help!

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Posted by [Michael Hartman](#) on Fri, 20 Nov 1998 08:00:00 GMT

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If you are running IDL on a PowerMac you can use the IDL Do_Apple_Script command to send requests to a FileMaker Pro database for data. You can, from inside an IDL procedure, send search strings to the database, and the data returned to the IDL application will be filtered according to your search criteria.

You can always export data, filtered or not, from FileMaker Pro to a generic text file. Then you can have IDL read the text file and bring the data in. You may have to endure a little overhead, to convert strings to numerics and vice versa.

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Posted by [mgs](#) on Sat, 21 Nov 1998 08:00:00 GMT
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In article <3655D923.D951161E@egi.com>, Michael Hartman <mhartman@egi.com> wrote:

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I don't know if FileMaker is a supported program for RSI's DataMiner, but the latest version of FileMaker apparently handles ODBC calls. It might be worth bugging RSI about to see if DataMiner can talk to it.

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