

# OSWrite Statement

## Description

Writes data to the specified operating system file.

## Syntax

**OSWrite** *expression* On | To *file*

## Parameters

The OSWrite statement has the following parameters.

Parameter	Description
<i>expression</i>	Pass the string or dynamic array to be written, in expression.
<i>file</i>	The name of the operating system file (including the path, filename, and extension) to which expression is to be written. This is not a file variable. If the operating system file exists, it will be overwritten with the new data. If the operating system file does not exist, it will be created.

## Returns

After the execution of an OSWrite statement, the Status() of the write is returned, with one of the following codes.

Value	Meaning
0	No error.
1	Bad OS filename.
2	Access denied by operating system.
3	Disk or directory full.
4	File does not exist.
5	Unknown error.
6	Attempt to write to a read-only file.

## See also

[OSBRead](#), [OSBWrite](#), [OSClose](#), [OSDelete](#), [OSOpen](#), [OSRead](#)

## Example

```
/* write a file containing tab-delimited data */

equ crlf$ to char(13):char(10)
equ tab$ to char(09)

data = ""
data<-1> = "Tom":@vm:"Charles":@vm:"Administrator"
data<-1> = "Will":@vm:"Roberts":@vm:"System Administrator"
data<-1> = "Adrian":@vm:"Wilson":@vm:"User"

swap @fm with crlf$ in data
swap @vm with tab$ in data

filename = 'C:\temp\my_data.txt'
OSWrite data To filename
```