

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
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