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Subject: Re: PRINT request for RSI

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Robert S. Mallozzi wrote:

>  
> Hi guys,  
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> IDL is a great tool for string manipulation, and I  
> frequently use it to generate various files. However,  
> it is quite painful to have to invoke the PRINT  
> function for every line of output. I think it would  
> be extremely useful for IDL to have the capability  
> to use the unix shell or perl type of printing,  
> where one specifies to print until a certain label.  
> For example, in perl I can do  
>  
> print << EOF;  
>  
>     print stuff  
>     print more stuff  
>  
> EOF  
>  
> As far as I can tell, there is no way to do something  
> like this in IDL, is there? Maybe in IDL, something  
> like this could be implemented:  
>  
> PRINT UNTIL LABEL  
>  
>     'x = ', x  
>     'a string'  
>  
> LABEL:  
>  
> This, I think, would be a great feature.

Seems like you want to print the same thing all the time, because you are coding it into your program. What I do in these cases is write the text into an ASCII file, read this into a string array and then print it. You can also use this approach to define "tokens" that are replaced by actual values when output. I'll attach a lengthy program that uses this method - perhaps you'll find it useful.

> On another topic, I would like to see some method  
> implemented for commenting out whole blocks of  
> code, rather than using ; on every line, or a

> GOTO statement. I can't think of any reason offhand  
> what the C commenting construct /\* \*/ couldn't  
> be used. Anyway, just my \$0.02 (for today :-)  
>  
That's something I have wanted sometimes as well. It wouldn't  
even have to be so fancy as to take care of nesting etc.

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;+  
; NAME:  
;   WRITEGTE  
;  
; PURPOSE:  
;   Convert a data set (or data file) to NASA's GTE format.  
;   Allows for flexible handling of header information.  
;  
; CATEGORY:  
;   Data Input/Output  
;  
; CALLING SEQUENCE:  
;   WRITEGTE,{(DATA,HEADER,UNITS)|FILENAME=FILENAME }[,keywords]  
;  
; INPUTS:  
;   DATA, HEADER, UNITS --> data array, variable name list and unit  
;   name list containing the data to be converted. If DATA contains  
;   less than 2 elements, an input file must be provided with the  
;   keyword parameter FILENAME.  
;  
; KEYWORD PARAMETERS:  
;   FILENAME --> If no DATA is passed in the DATA parameter  
;   (togetehr with the appropriate HEADER and UNITS information),  
;   the data from this file will be read and converted into  
;   GTE format. The file format is not entirely flexible: Although  
;   the READDATA parameters SKP1, SKP2, AUTOSKIP and DELIM can
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; OUTPUTS:
;   A data file that adheres to the NASA GTE specification (if the description
;   file is correct).
;
; SUBROUTINES:
;   pro add_variabledef,text,line,data,header,units
;       constructs the variable definition block and inserts it into the
;       current header
;
;   pro replace_token,text,token,tokenresult,data,header,units
;       replace the $$TOKENNAME in the header description with it's value.
;       NOTE: One token can only be replaced once in each line of the header.
;
;   function find_tokens,text
;       compiles a list of all tokens in the description file.
;
; REQUIREMENTS:
;   Uses READDATA and requires a header description file
;
; NOTES:
;
; EXAMPLE:
;   WRITEGTE,file='this.data',skp1=1,skp2=1,delim=' ', $
;       out='thisdata.gte',desc='gtepemt.header', $
;       tokennames=['MISSIONNAME','MISSIONDATE', $
;       'AIRCRAFT'], $
;       tokenvalues=['PEM-Tropics','1996/08/30', $
;       'DC-8' ]
;
;   produces a GTE conform data set of PEM-Tropics data from the file
;   this.data .
;
; MODIFICATION HISTORY:
;   mgs, 05 Jan 1998: VERSION 1.00
;
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; please contact the author to arrange payment.
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; with subject "IDL routine writegte"
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pro add_variabler,def,text,line,data,header,units
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nv = n_elements(header)
vdef = strarr(nv)
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; fake cfact -- should be 1.0 anyway
cfact = fltarr(nv) + 1.
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for i=0,nv-1 do begin
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  x = data(i,*)
  ind=where(x gt -666,c)
  if (c gt 0) then x = x(ind)
  vdef(i) = "" +header(i)+ ", " +units(i)+ ", " + $
            string(cfact(i),format='(f6.1)')+ $
            ', 0.0, ' + $
            string(min(x))+ $
            ', ' + $
            string(max(x))+ $
            ', -999.99, 0'
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  if(max(x) le -666) then print,header(i),' ONLY MISSING VALUES !!'
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  if(units(i) eq 'X' OR units(i) eq 'unknown') then $
    print,header(i),': units = ',units(i)
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endfor
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nlines = n_elements(text)
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tmptext = [ text(0:line-1), vdef, text(line+1:nlines-1) ]
text = tmptext
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return
end
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```
pro replace_token,text,token,tokenresult,data,header,units
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; limitation: each token can only be present once in each line
; (you can however have several tokens in one line, this procedure is
; called for every token !)
; while instead of for loop because number of lines can change
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; common block holds number of lines after variable definition block
; (i.e. number of comment lines)
common nlines,ncomment
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if (n_elements(ncomment) le 0) then ncomment = -1
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i = 0
while (i lt n_elements(text)) do begin
  p = strpos(text(i),'$$'+token)
  if (p ge 0) then begin
    if (strmid(tokenresult,0,1) eq '$') then begin ; special tokens
      ; $1 : variable definition block
      if (tokenresult eq '$1') then begin
        ncomment = n_elements(text) - i - 1
        add_variabler,token,i,data,header,units
        tokenresult = "
      endif

      ; $2 : number of comment lines
      if (tokenresult eq '$2') then $
        tokenresult = string(ncomment,format='(i0)')

      ; $3 : total number of header lines
      if (tokenresult eq '$3') then $
        tokenresult = string(n_elements(text),format='(i0)')
      endif

      if (tokenresult ne "") then begin
        ; normal tokens (replacement within line)
        ; split string into part before and after token
        s1 = strmid(text(i),0,p-1)
        p2 = strpos(text(i),' ',p+2) ; position of first blank after token
        if (p2 ge 0) then s2 = " "+strmid(text(i),p2+1,256) else s2 = ""
        ; re-compose text line
        text(i) = s1 + tokenresult + s2
      endif
    endif
    i = i+1
  endwhile

return
end

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function find_tokens,text

tokens = "
for i=0,n_elements(text)-1 do begin
  p = 0
  while (p ge 0) do begin
    p = strpos(text(i),'$$',p)

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    if (p ge 0) then begin
        newtoken = str_sep(strupcase(strmid(text(i),p+2,25)), ' ')
        if (newtoken(0) ne "") then $
            tokens = [ tokens, newtoken(0) ]
        p = p+2
    endif
endwhile
endfor

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if (n_elements(tokens) gt 1) then tokens = tokens(1:n_elements(tokens)-1)

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return,tokens
end

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pro writgte,data,header,units,filename=filename,outfile=outfile , $
    descfile=descfile, $
    delim=delim,skp1=skp1,skp2=skp2,autoskip=autoskip, $
    tokennames=tokennames,tokenvalues=tokenvalues, $
    test=test

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on_error,2

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; default parameters
if (not keyword_set(outfile)) then outfile = 'mydata.gte'
if (not keyword_set(descfile)) then descfile = 'gte_def.header'

; check if tokenvalues were passed and add default values.
; Since default values will be appended and only the first entry
; for each token is used, defaults are overwritten by command line
; passed arguments
if (n_elements(tokennames) le 0) then begin
    tokennames = '****'
    tokenvalues = '****'
endif
if (n_elements(tokennames) ne n_elements(tokenvalues)) then $
    message,"Number of tokennames <> number of tokenvalues !"

tokennames = [ strupcase(tokennames), $
    "INVESTIGATOR", "PRODUCT", "MISSIONNAME", $
    "MISSIONDATE", "FLIGHTNUMBER", "DATASETTYPE", $
    "AVERAGING_TIME", "SAMPLING_FREQ" ]

tokenvalues = [ tokenvalues, $

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"Daniel J. Jacob and Martin G. Schultz", $
"Harvard University point model calculation", $
"PEM-Tropics (A)", $
'1996/08/30', $
'0', '0', '0.', '0.' ]
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; check if data has been passed or must be read
if (n_elements(data) lt 2 OR n_elements(header) lt 1 OR $
    n_elements(units) lt 1) then begin
    if (not keyword_set(filename)) then $
        message,"WRITEGTE: requires either input data or filename !"

    if (n_elements(delim) le 0) then delim = ' '
    if (n_elements(skip1) le 0) then skip1=1
    if (n_elements(skip2) le 0) then skip2=1

    readdata,filename,data,header,comments=comments,skip1=skip1,skip2=skip2, $
        delim=delim,autoskip=autoskip

    units = extract_comments(comments,skip1+1) ; units must be in line after
        ; variable names
; hope this crashes if attempt is made to read file without unit definitions

; here should be a chance to change the title line, for now we print it only
if (n_elements(comments) ge 2) then title = comments(0) else title=""
print,'Title line extracted from file '+filename
print,title
endif

; read description file with comment lines
openr,dlun,descfile,/get_lun
char = ""
text = ""
while (not eof(dlun)) do begin
    readf,dlun,char
    text = [ text, char ]
endwhile
close,dlun
free_lun,dlun

if (n_elements(text) gt 1) then text = text(1:n_elements(text)-1) $
else print,"No tokens in description file !!"

; extract tokens and try to fill them with values
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tokens = find_tokens(text)
print,'Tokens found in description file : '
for i=0,n_elements(tokens)-1 do print,tokens(i)
print

tokenresults = strarr(n_elements(tokens))
for i=0,n_elements(tokens)-1 do begin
  ; first the easy ones
  if (tokens(i) eq 'FILENAME') then $
    tokenresults(i) = extract_filename(outfile)

  if (tokens(i) eq 'NVAR$') then $
    tokenresults(i) = string(n_elements(header),format='(i0)')

  if (tokens(i) eq 'SYSDATE') then $
    tokenresults(i) = strdate(/short,/sortable)

  if (tokens(i) eq 'VARIABLE_NAMES') then $
    tokenresults(i) = string(header,format='(512(A,;, ", ")))'

  ; use another level of templates for the more complicated ones
  ; the number determines the order in which they will be processed
  if (tokens(i) eq 'VARIABLE_DEFINITIONS') then $
    tokenresults(i) = "$1"

  if (tokens(i) eq 'NCOMMENTS') then $
    tokenresults(i) = "$2"

  if (tokens(i) eq 'NHEADERLINES') then $
    tokenresults(i) = "$3"

  ; all others: check if entry exists in tokennames, else query
  if (tokenresults(i) eq "") then begin
    j = where(tokennames eq tokens(i))
    if (j(0) ge 0) then tokenresults(i) = tokenvalues(j) $
    else begin
      char = ""
      read,char,prompt="Enter value for token "+tokens(i)+" : "
      tokenresults(i) = char
      tokennames = [ tokennames, tokens(i) ]
      tokenvalues = [ tokenvalues, char ]
    endelse
  endif
endfor

; now process token replacement into text array
; start with special tokens, then all the rest

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ind = where(tokenresults eq '$1')
if (ind(0) ge 0) then $
    replace_token,text,tokens(ind(0)),tokenresults(ind(0)),data, header,units
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ind = where(tokenresults eq '$2')
if (ind(0) ge 0) then $
    replace_token,text,tokens(ind(0)),tokenresults(ind(0))
```

```
ind = where(tokenresults eq '$3')
if (ind(0) ge 0) then $
    replace_token,text,tokens(ind(0)),tokenresults(ind(0))
```

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for i=0,n_elements(tokens)-1 do $
    replace_token,text,tokens(i),tokenresults(i)
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; now we can write the new file
print,'writing to file '+outfile
openw,unit1,outfile,width=4096,/get_lun
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; find index of first photolysis frequency
for i=0,n_elements(header)-1 do begin
    p=strpos(strupcase(header(i)),'J')
    if (p ge 0) then begin
        ifrc=i
        goto,frcfound
    endif
endfor
print,' *** INDEX OF FIRST PHOTLOYSIS FREQ. NOT FOUND !!! ***'
stop
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frcfound:

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for i=0,n_elements(text)-1 do $
    printf,unit1,text(i)
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dummy = data(0,*)
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ndat = n_elements(dummy)
if (keyword_set(test)) then ndat = 5
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for i=0,ndat-1 do begin
    dataline = data(*,i)
    dats = string(dataline(0),dataline(1),dataline(2), $
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        format="(i4,2(',',f9.1))")
for j=3,n_elements(header)-1 do $
  if (header(j) eq 'mDENSITY' OR (j ge ifrc)) then $
    dats = dats+','+string(dataline(j),format='(e11.4)') $
  else dats = dats+','+string(dataline(j),format='(f10.2)')
printf,unit1,dats
endfor
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```
close,unit1
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```
free_lun,unit1
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print,' DONE.'
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return
end
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## File Attachments

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1) [writegte.pro](#), downloaded 98 times

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