
Subject: Re: reading ASCII Data

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In article <371CD852.1E35776B@io.harvard.edu>, Martin Schultz <mgs@io.harvard.edu> writes:
> David Foster wrote:

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>> [...] I thought

>> it'd be trivial using IDL's STR_SEP(), but you can't get rid of

>> the extra space characters easily (it gets confused when two

>> delimiting characters are next to each-other...dreadful programming!).

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> looks a little clumsy but can be done (as long as they are really only

> spaces

> seperating your data records):

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> tokens = str_sep(strcompress(strtrim(line, 2)), ' ')

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> (maybe this would be worth its own function, e.g. strstrip)

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Well, you can use my STRPARSE which is already 8 years old and still
better than STR_SEP.

Mati Meron | "When you argue with a fool,
meron@cars.uchicago.edu | chances are he is doing just the same"
