
Subject: Re: reading ASCII Data

Posted by [Martin Schultz](#) on Tue, 20 Apr 1999 07:00:00 GMT

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David Foster wrote:

>
> [...] 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!).
>

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 ) ), ' ' )
```

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

Regards,
Martin.

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