Subject: Re: FORMAT codes and tabs Posted by ashmall on Mon, 10 May 1999 07:00:00 GMT

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Great minds think alike Pavel - that's just what I've ended up doing but I have to agree it's not very elegant at all. Thanks for the response,

Justin

On Mon, 10 May 1999 09:30:55 -0600, Pavel Romashkin <a href="mailto:romashkin@cmdl.noaa.gov">promashkin@cmdl.noaa.gov</a>> wrote:

- > I have to deal with wierd file formats all the time. I found it to be
- > often easier to read the entire odd line into a string and then, using
- > byte convertion, eliminate unneeded characters and separate the string
- > into an array(s) of appropriate format. I have a simple code for
- > splitting a string at:
- > http://spot.colorado.edu/~romashki/idl/hc\_str\_to\_arr.pro
- > It will do just what you want: separate a string at spaces and eliminate
- > one extra character of choice (tab in your case). It is not an elegant
- > solution but sometimes it was the simpliest way to go. You'd have to
- > place the output in proper places yourself but that's minor I think.
- > Cheers.
- > Pavel

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> Justin Ashmall wrote:

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- >> Dear All,
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- >> I'm having trouble reading in a text file with dates and times in the
- >> form:
- >> 11/10/99<tab><sp>16<sp>:<sp>47
- >> where <tab> and <sp> represent tabs and spaces.
- >> Sometimes the day/months are consist of only 1 char (e.g. 3/4/99). I
- >> can write a separate FORMAT statement for each case but when I try to
- >> use I0 to deal with both cases it doesn't work and it seems to be due
- >> to the TAB char.

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