
Subject: Re: Comma separators

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While sharing some points on MS products, I would argue that Excel is very good for some things, separating string record being among them. I don't know it well enough to beat IDL development with Excel, but I also use it to save time when working with unfriendly ASCII data. After that, other programs can be used. Excel, IMHO, has pathetic graphics. But again, you tend to use a screwdriver for driving screws, and the fact that it is no good for driving nails does not make it useless. Morale of the story - each application has its upsides, even Excel :-)

Cheers,

Pavel

Martin Schultz wrote:

>
> Who ever put out the word that MS Excel could be used by sane scientists
> should
> be hanged, quartered, stoned, etc. (or, to be a little more friendly: at
> least put
> into a different state of mind ;-)
> -----
> If I receive this kind of data, most often I prefer to start up this old
> moloch and clunky memory hog (I mean Excel) and attempt to put the stuff
> in a more ASCII friendly
> order and format before writing an IDL reader. Largest trouble I have
> with this piece of creamware is that seldomly two spreadsheets look
> alike because columns or rows are shifted etc. Oh well, this world ain't
> perfect (but on average certainly better than MS software)....
