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Subject: Re: ascii\_template

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>> I hear in the old world, they turn the on-line help
>> off at 5PM. :-(
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>> Try this:
>>
>> mytemplate = ASCII_TEMPLATE("mydatafile.dat")
>> FOR j=0,zillion-1 DO BEGIN
>>   data[j] = READ_ASCII(TEMPLATE=mytemplate, datafile[j])
>> ENDFOR
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here we go again... my great great great problem always is to make myself clear (and I rarely succeed).

Of course the problem was to reuse that template some other day...

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> And furthermore, if you wanted to save that template in a file, you
> could just do:
> save, filename='mytemplate.idl', mytemplate
> and to get it back some other day:
> restore, 'mytemplate.idl'
```

thanks, that's what i wanted...

just for your info, i'm the kind that when getting a new toy just starts playing with it... so i gess i just skipped some basics from the handbook, do i?

By the way, Paul, what you just pointed drove me nuts when i first put my hands on IDL some time ago ;)

Thanks, guys

Luis Alonso

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