
Subject: Re: ascii_template

Posted by [Bernard Puc](#) on Thu, 03 Aug 2000 07:00:00 GMT

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David Fanning wrote:

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> Luis Alonso (luis.alonso@uv.es) writes:
>
>> my question for tonite (here in the old world) is:
>> i've got an ascii file i need to read zillions of times, and i don't want to
>> deal with the bother of filling the ascii_template dialog on and on
>> so, is there a way to store in a file that template, and be able to recover
>> it to use with read_ascii?
>
> I hear in the old world, they turn the on-line help
> off at 5PM. :-(
>
> Try this:
>
> mytemplate = ASCII_TEMPLATE("mydatafile.dat")
> FOR j=0,zillion-1 DO BEGIN
>   data[j] = READ_ASCII(TEMPLATE=mytemplate, datafile[j])
> ENDFOR
```

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'
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