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:
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>> 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[i] = READ ASCII(TEMPLATE=mytemplate, datafile[i])
    ENDFOR
And furthermore, if you wanted to save that template in a file, you
could just do:
save, filename='mytemplate.idl', mytemplate
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and to get it back some other day:

restore, 'mytemplate.idl'

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