
Subject: sec : U Re: need a quicker way to read ascii file w/a structure
Posted by [Andrew Cool](#) on Wed, 06 Jun 2001 01:20:30 GMT
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Mark Hadfield wrote:

>
> From: "Lucas Miller" <differentiable@hotmail.com>
>> OK. I've got an ascii file laid out in columns with a string in the
>> first column, like this

snip

>> I don't want to use an
>> explicit format statement because the format varies....
>
> That's a pity. If the widths of the fields were fixed then an explicit
> format would work.
>
> Have you considered going to the person who generated the text files and
> suggesting she produce them with fixed widths. While you're at it, ask her
> why she couldn't have done that in the first place.
>

snip

> ---
> Mark Hadfield

Hey Mark, you'd better duck for cover! I can't see anything in Lucas' post that suggests a female designed the format of the data file, and yet you've jumped in with both feet, using "she" and "her"... ;-)

Got a disguise in your top drawer? Groucho Marx glasses with moustache?

Andrew

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