
Subject: Re: template for READ_ASCII

Posted by [m.hadfield](#) on Mon, 25 Jun 2001 22:26:34 GMT

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From: "Alex Schuster" <Wonko@planet-interkom.de>

> There is the SAVE method already mentioned in this thread, but another
> possibility would be the creation of the template in your program like I
> just did in one of mine:

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>
> template = { $
> version : 1.0, $
> datastart : 9, $
> delimiter : 32B, $
> missingvalue : !values.f_nan, $
> commentsymbol : ", $
> fieldcount : 8L, $
> fieldtypes : [ 3, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4 ], $
> fieldnames : [ 'time', 'xyz', 'field3', 'field4', $
> 'field5', 'field6', 'field7', 'winkel' ], $
> fieldlocations : [ 0, 3, 8, 14, 22, 27, 33, 40 ], $
> fieldgroups : [ 0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 7 ] }
```

Good point, Alex. I considered this some time ago but decided that I couldn't be bothered decoding the format of the template structures. I guess they're not too bad if you write them out carefully. Your example will go into my personal repository of useful IDL tips.

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