
Subject: Re: template for READ_ASCII

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Bob Fugate wrote:

> My question is, can I save the template somehow so I don't have to
> regenerate it with ASCII_TEMPLATE each time I restart IDL and want to read
> new tables? I realize I only have to run ASCII_TEMPLATE once each session
> but I would like to make this completely automatic and so I don't have to
> manually go through the GUI each day. It is not a really big deal but I am
> getting greedy.

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:

```
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 ] }
```

Just do a HELP, mytemplate, /STRUCT, and you will see what kind of struct the template is. There is nothing wrong with using SAVE and RESTORE, but sometimes I like to avoid extra files and prefer a single one.

Alex

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