
Subject: Re: plotting free form ascii data

Posted by [david\[2\]](#) on Mon, 02 Jul 2001 21:36:51 GMT

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patrick@es.ucsc.edu writes:

>
> I'm attempting to write a gui script to plot free form ascii data.
> I've utilized the `ascii_template` and `read_ascii` functions but the
> program hangs after hitting finished on the `ascii_template` gui and
> returns an error:
>
> % READ_ASCII: File name must be a string.
> % Execution halted at: READ_ASCII 792
> /auto/soft/idl/idl_5.4/lib/read_ascii.pro
> % PLOTINTERACTIVE_READ 31
> /home/swifs/training/idlinterm/interplot2.pro
> % XMANAGER_EVLOOP_STANDARD 478
> /auto/soft/idl/idl_5.4/lib/xmanager.pro
> % XMANAGER 708
> /auto/soft/idl/idl_5.4/lib/xmanager.pro
> % PLOTINTERACTIVE 209
> /home/swifs/training/idlinterm/interplot2.pro
> % \$MAIN\$
>
> I'm using a variable name `xdata`, very simple and yes, a string. What
> gives?
>
> Also, I'm curious as to the best way to pass this to the PLOT
> function?

Oh, dear. "xdata" is a curious name for a data file.

Can you show us the commands you are using, please. :-)

Cheers,

David

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