Subject: Re: Read/format mixed int/flt/strng ascii files
Posted by david[3] on Tue, 20 Aug 2002 14:55:03 GMT
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Rick Towler wrote:

> "david" <knapp@ucsu.colorado.nospam.edu> wrote
>
>> I need to operate on large tab delimited ascii files that contain a very
>> wide mix of int, flt, string etc
>
> Can you elaborate on the format a little? When you say a wide mix, does
> that mean that any field could contain any data type or is there at least
> consistency within each file?

Yes, each file is self consistent, but file to file I have differing numbers of
fields
and numbers of rows. Type of field in a given position can change from a number
to
a character or int to flt etc...

> Do the string fields contain spaces?

I think I'm free of spaces (have underscores in)

>
> I have dealt with this by reading each line in the file as a string, parsing
> it with STRSPLIT and dealing with the parts but even this approach has
> limits.

So maybe the ultimate answer is that everyone has been doing this "by hand"
every time?

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