
Subject: Re: Read/format mixed int/flt/strng ascii files
Posted by [Rick Towler](#) on Mon, 19 Aug 2002 21:48:27 GMT
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"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? Do the string fields contain spaces?

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.

-Rick
