Subject: Re: Ascii-import Posted by R.Bauer on Tue, 10 Sep 2002 13:00:48 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

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David Fanning wrote:
> Thomas Jordi (tschordi@giub.unibe.ch) writes:
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>> it may sound dumb but i have problems importing ascii.
>> The file I want to import looks like this
>>
>> /path/filename.file
>> /path/filename.file
>> ...
>>
>> when using the toolbar button, I get the desired input, a struct
>> containg a field with as much strings as lines in the file.
>> But i like to use the ascii_read function, and this just doesnt work.
>> Well, it does work with a template, but then again I'm using this
>> graphical interface which I dont want to use.
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>> There isn't a keyword in the read ascii function, to say only on record
>> per row, each row is a recrod, at least I dont find it. Perhaps it has
>> something to do with the fact, that I want to import strings and not
>> integers.
>>
>> any help would be appreciated
>
 There are much easier ways to read this kind of data
  than READ ASCII. Here is an example using the COUNT ROWS
> program you can find on my web page:
>
    num_rows = Count_Rows(filename)
>
    data = StrArr(num_rows)
>
    OpenR, lun, filename, /Get_Lun
>
    ReadF, lun, data
>
    Free Lun, lun
>
> Cheers,
> David
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Dear David,

I believe you are telling from http://www.dfanning.com/tip_examples/file_line.pro

or whats the difference.
regards
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