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Subject: Re: Ascii-import

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 10 Sep 2002 12:59:57 GMT

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Thomas Jordi (tschordi@giub.unibe.ch) writes:

> 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  
> containing 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.  
>  
> There isn't a keyword in the read\_ascii function, to say only on record  
> per row, each row is a record, 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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