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
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- > /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.

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> 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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