Subject: Re: readcol procedure
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"shih I Chun" <icshih@astro.soton.ac.uk> wrote in message
news:all9bs$9pp$1@aspen.sucs.soton.ac.uk...
> Hi,
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> READCOL is a procedure in the IDL Astronomy Library. I usually use it to
> read ASCII files for further analysis.
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> The program also indeicates the amount of lines in the file. My question
> then is how to retrieve this information so that I can use it in my
> own program?
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If you are only interested in how many valid lines are read, try:

    readcol, 'filename', var1, ...
    nlines = n_elements(var1)

Good luck,
Don