
Subject: Re: Read Total lines in an ASCII file

Posted by [Karsten Rodenacker](#) on Mon, 16 Dec 2002 07:39:21 GMT

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Maria wrote:

> I bet my question seems simple to all of you but...does anybody know
> how to read the total number of lines in an ASCII file?
>
> Also, is there any command in IDL such as if (variable_char is char)
> then give me a boolean (true or false)?
>
> Thanks a lot!
> Maria.

I am using this structure :

```
mt = {version:1., $  
      datastart:0L, $  
      delimiter:0b, $  
      missingvalue:!values.f_nan, $  
      commentsymbol:", $  
      fieldcount:[1], $  
      fieldtypes:7, $  
      fieldnames:'field1', $  
      fieldlocations:0l, $  
      fieldgroups:[0]}
```

```
aa = read_ascii(filnam, template = mt)
```

to read ascii data with the idl reading routine. May be that helps.

Regards

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