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Subject: Re: String Data file

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Karthikayan Balakrishnan <lovedale27@hotmail.NOSPAM.com.PLEASEREMOVETHIS> wrote:

> Hello All,

> I have a data file that looks like this:

> abc 1 2

> def 3 4.5

> ghij 2.3 23.44

> ...

> ...

> The first column is string, the next two are

> floating point. Is there any way I can read such a file?

> I am familiar with counting the number of rows and reading

> data file with just numbers, but this combination of numbers

> and strings is too much for me.

Grab a copy of readcol.pro from

<http://idlastro.gsfc.nasa.gov/ftp/pro/misc/readcol.pro>

Then it's just as simple as

`readcol,"filename.txt",format="A,F,F",col1var,col2var,col3var`

- Marshall

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