
Subject: Re: Reading in a header with blank lines
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Mon, 20 Sep 2004 06:44:13 GMT
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Lloyd Watkin writes:

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> I'm trying to read in an ascii file which has a 73 line header. I've  
> tried to read it in to an array by doing:  
>  
> header = fltarr(73)  
> open, lun, filename, /GET_LUN  
> readf, temp  
>  
> The problem is that the header contains some blank lines and so I am  
> getting a type conversion error on trying to read in the data.
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Read the header as a string array, not as a float array.
Later, if you need numbers out of the header, use READS
to read them from your string array.

Cheers,

David

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