Subject: Re: Forcing READ_ASCII output to be a set of strings...
Posted by Jonathan Greenberg on Mon, 14 Mar 2005 18:42:04 GMT
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I kinda answered my own question -- I took the read_ascii.pro that IDL
distributes and simply changed the default behavior on this line:

 fieldTypesUse  = REPLICATE(4L, fieldCountUse)

To

 fieldTypesUse  = REPLICATE(7L, fieldCountUse)

This appears to work fine...  I'm kicking IDL a request to modify this so
it'll default to a user-defined format...

--j

On 3/14/05 9:56 AM, in article BE5B1035.416B%usenet@estarcion.net, "Jonathan
Greenberg" <usenet@estarcion.net> wrote:

> I'm trying to use READ_ASCII to read in a text file which contains
> parameters for the algorithm I'm developing (so the user just modifies the
> .csv file instead of having to type all the parameters into the idl command
>
> line).  It appears to be defaulting to an array of floating points in the
> structure, but I want the values to be read in as text (they contain things
> like paths to certain file, etc).  How do I "force" READ_ASCII to bring
> those values in as an array of strings?
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> --j
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