
Subject: ascii-template

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greetings.

i am reading and writing a lot of ascii text files with data. it works like this:

- 1) i write data in columns into a ascii file
- 2) i use a self implemented function which uses ASCII_TEMPLATE and SAVE to save an ascii template which contains the names of the columns in the data file
- 3) when reading the data i use RESTORE to restore the template and use it in the READ_ASCII function.

in the course of my work this format of the ascii data file changes. new columns appear, other columns disappear. everytime that happens i have to use my SAVE_ASCII_TEMPLATE function to make a whole new template which is annoying if the data file now contains 25 columns instead of 26 because i have to type in the names of the 25 columns again although they haven't changed.

does anybody know if i can directly manipulate the saved ascii template? the documentation of the structure ASCII_TEMPLATE produces is rather poor.

thank you very much
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