
Subject: Re: how to read a data file

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nalaka.kodituwakku@gmail.com wrote:

> Paul Van Delst wrote:

>> nalaka.kodituwakku@gmail.com wrote:

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>>> Yes, I did before putting this post but seems like there is some thing

>>> that i do wrong.

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>>> This the code i wrote to read the first line. hoping if this works i

>>> could write a loop to read the rest. but didn't work. Can some one see

>>> what is wrong here? I tried with out the format too. this is the code

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>>> pro import_test

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>>> cts=INTARR(500)

>>> Lable1=STRARR(500)

>>> xvalues = fltarr(500)

>>> yvalues = fltarr(500)

>>> zvalues = fltarr(500)

>>> Atom=STRARR(500)

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>>> openr, 105, 'sym1.mol2'

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>>> readf, 105, c, l, x, y, z, a, format='(d2, A3, f5.4, f5.4, f5.4, a2)'

>>> print, c, l, x, y, z, a, format='(d2, a3, f5.4, f5.4, f5.4, a2)'

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>> what are c, l, x, y, z, a ?

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>> what error does IDL spit back at you?

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> As in the first post i have 6 columns. I am trying to read the first

> row. so "c, l, x, y, z, a" are my 6 datas in first row.

Yes, but my point was that you do the following:

cts=INTARR(500)

Lable1=STRARR(500)

xvalues = fltarr(500)

yvalues = fltarr(500)

zvalues = fltarr(500)

Atom=STRARR(500)

but then use

c, l, x, y, z, a

to do the reading.

How is IDL to know what type each of those variables are? Maybe it can figure it out from the context, but I doubt it (and wouldn't trust it if it could :o)

What happens if you do something like:

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cts=INTARR(500) &    c=cts[0]
Lable1=STRARR(500) &  l=Lable1[0]
xvalues = fltarr(500) & x=xvalues[0]
yvalues = fltarr(500) & y=yvalues[0]
zvalues = fltarr(500) & z=zvalues[0]
Atom=STRARR(500) &   a=Atom[0]

openr, 105, 'sym1.mol2'

readf, 105, c, l, x, y, z, a, format='(d2, A3, f5.4, f5.4, f5.4, a2)'
print, c, l, x, y, z, a, format='(d2, a3, f5.4, f5.4, f5.4, a2)'
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p.s. I think I got the syntax right, but not sure.

p.p.s. Is "d2" a valid format specifier? Maybe you meant "i2"?

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