
Subject: Re: ascii_template advanced

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 07 Sep 2006 13:40:48 GMT

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maye writes:

- > The problem I have with the ascii_template/read_ascii combination is
- > really the unknown amount of comment lines at the beginning plus the
- > fact that I want to read the header line in AFTER those unknown amount
- > of lines.
- > Because the template let's me ignore the comment lines, but then the
- > first line of my data structure will contain the variable names.
- > Also, when I use the DATA_START keyword of read_ascii, it counts again
- > from the beginning of the file, not from where I already defined the
- > data to be of value (meaning withOUT the comment lines).
- > If it would work like that, I could define the template to ignore
- > comment lines, and then skip one extra line at the read_ascii command,
- > using it for the HEADER keyword to read in the variable names. Would it
- > not make more sense if things work like that?
- > I hope I made myself clear? :-/ By the way, if somebody wonders: I want
- > the variables names for a GUI to be clickable. ;)
- > Does anybody have a solution for this?

I don't have a solution, but I'm certain there must be one, since I've never had to use READ_ASCII in 20+ years of IDL programming. Perhaps you have to write a program. :-)

Cheers,

David

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Sepore ma de ni thui.

(Opata Indian saying, meaning "Perhaps thou speakest truth.")
