Subject: Re: handling zero size file Posted by Vince Hradil on Mon, 12 Feb 2007 22:33:07 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

On Feb 12, 4:03 pm, Spam Bob < spam...@bikinibottom.net> wrote: > I have an idl program that I call from perl. I send the idl program two > files (file1 and file2). > > PRO mentor_nf, file1, file2, loc > > If both files are nonzero size it runs fine plotting both (this is a two > panel plotting program). If I'm missing some data and either file1 or > file2 is zero size, the program bombs. I would like it to go ahead and plot the nonzero sized file and just leave the other panel blank. > > Here is where the program fails: DATA1 = READ_ASCII(file1, TEMPLATE=PLOTTEMPLATE) > and this is the error: % READ_ASCII: File "/data/file1_20060322.dat" is not a valid ASCII file.

> I tried the MISSING VALUE keyword but that didn't change anything.

Try FILE_INFO()