
Subject: Re: how to tell it is character or it is number?
Posted by [KRDean](#) on Wed, 08 Aug 2007 14:33:58 GMT
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There is a nice routine call `is_numeric.pro` on the ITTVIS InfoNet in the code contribution section for IDL. I find it useful on many occasions.

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On Aug 7, 9:13 am, queiny <queiny...@yahoo.com> wrote:

> Hi,
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> I am reading in many line of mixed characters and numbers.
>
> AA,01,02,003,anefg
> BB,02,03,006,edjkflg
>
> FF,01,02,abc,eirjfdkf
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>
> I need information from the 4th field, which can be either number or
> character. After I parsed the long records, I singled out this field.
> Is there a way I can tell whether it is numbers or it is characters?
> 'fix' command can convert the numbers, it will give an error message
> then continue to the execution.
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> Thanks,
