
Subject: Re: Reading a set of data with string type entries

Posted by [lasse](#) on Sat, 01 Dec 2007 16:16:08 GMT

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On 30 Nov, 05:44, mystea <idllear...@gmail.com> wrote:

> Dear all,

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> I need to read in a large set of data. Each entry is started with a

> name, followed by many numbers.

> The numbers are separated by spaces, but the length of each number is
> not fixed.

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> My problem is like this: Since the data starts with a string, I can't

> use free-format readf (because by default, the string slot will read

> the whole line.) and due to the unknown length of numbers, I can't use

> a format code, either.

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> What should I do?

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> Gene

Hi,

am I the only one who uses READ_ASCII and ASCII_TEMPLATE in these cases?

Admittedly, READ_ASCII without having made a template beforehand is horrible. But you can make one, save it and then restore it just before using READ_ASCII.

Cheers

Lasse Clausen
