
Subject: Re: Reading multiple ASCII files in as 2d arrays and putting them into a 3d array

Posted by [Spon](#) on Tue, 17 Feb 2009 15:26:18 GMT

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On Feb 16, 8:06 pm, David Fanning <n...@dfanning.com> wrote:

> Spon writes:

>> you need to stick this line:

>> data =3D fltarr(10,nstar,nfiles)

>

>> outside your FOR loop, so you don't keep re-defining it (full of

>> zeroes) at every iteration.

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> Stefan, it is hard for me to know if the code

> you posted is the actual code you use, but if it

> is, I remind you that many of these kinds of errors

> can be fixed, or at least spotted a hell of a lot

> easier, if the code has a bit of "style" to it.

> In this case, I am talking about indenting the

> contents of loops.

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> Some people think style is a matter of an anal

> personality run amuck. And I suppose it sometimes is.

> But it is also a way of organizing your thoughts on

> paper (or computer screen, as the case may be), and

> as such it can be an enormous help writing something

> as literal as instructions to a computer.

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> Just thought I would mention it. :-)

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> Cheers,

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> David

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> P.S. You can find many styles by reading the code

> of any IDL library. In fact, you will sometimes be able

> to date the code by the style in current use. *Which* style

> to choose is almost irrelevant. Any style used consistently

> will work for the purpose.

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> David Fanning, Ph.D.

> Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming (www.dfanning.com)

> Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

David,

on that note, did you ever figure out how to make IDL 7.* give your

exactly four spaces for every tab key press?

Cheers,
Chris
