
Subject: Re: reading format data

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Hon Yee <yeek@boulder.colorado.edu> wrote:

>
> in my data file there are empty lines. I read data as structures, and
> and empty line gives values of zeros. How can avoid empty lines, or
> ignore them soon i don't have returning zeros. could someone help
> out,please?. Thank in advance.
>

You might try reading the data file as an array of strings,
remove the blank lines, and then read the contents of the
string array into your structure, if that's what you want.

I'm sending you via email a routine called FILE_STRARR.PRO that
reads the contents of a file into a string array. It's written
for UNIX systems, but you could modify if for Mac or PC easily.
Using this, you could say:

```
string_array = FILE_STRARR( filename )  
non_blank = where( string_array ne " )  
if ( non_blank(0) ne -1 ) then $  
  string_array = string_array( non_blank )
```

Hope this helps.

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