
Subject: Re: Reading in data question
Posted by [R.Bauer](#) on Mon, 20 Apr 2009 09:33:26 GMT
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David Fanning schrieb:

> tomandwilltamu08@gmail.com writes:
>
>> After going back through your code carefully, it all makes perfect
>> sense and is very well written. I'm not sure I could have thought of
>> that myself - but I guess that's why I'm the guy asking the question
>> and you're the guy answering the question...
>
> I'll just point out one other thing for the article you
> are writing. The nice thing about arrays of structures
> is that you can easily pull vectors out of the structure
> fields.
>
> So, in the example yesterday, if you wanted a vector
> of all the "int_1" values in the third "unit" in the
> file, you can do this:
>
> IDL> d = unpackData(data[2])
> IDL> help, d
> D STRUCT = -> <Anonymous> Array[5]
> IDL> vector = Reform(d.int_1[*])
> IDL> print, vector
> 1 2 3 4 5
>
> Cheers,
>
> David

and reads in combination with structures is also very nice.

```
IDL> a=make_Array(5,2,/ind)
IDL> help,a
A       FLOAT    = Array[5, 2]
IDL> print,a
   0.00000   1.00000   2.00000   3.00000   4.00000
   5.00000   6.00000   7.00000   8.00000   9.00000
IDL> s=replicate({a:fltarr(5)},2)
IDL> help,s
S       STRUCT   = -> <Anonymous> Array[2]
IDL> reads, a, s
IDL> print,s
{  0.00000   1.00000   2.00000   3.00000   4.00000
```

```
{  
  5.00000  6.00000  7.00000  8.00000  9.00000  
}
```

Of course that is a very simple example. But you can feel the power. :)

cheers
Reimar
