
Subject: Re: fits_help issues again/still

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 23 Jul 2009 21:00:56 GMT

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Barbara writes:

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> this is what it tells me:
>
> % FITS_OPEN: ERROR: OPENR: Error opening file. Unit: 100
>           File: C:\Documents and Settings\kerri_2\Desktop
> \medvar_IDL_
>           stuff\spec6sep080079.a.fits
> % Expression must be a structure in this context: FCB.
> % Execution halted at: FITS_HELP      62 C:\Documents and
>   Settings\kerri_2\Desktop\Course_Files\astrolib\pro\fits
> \fits_help.pro
> %           $MAIN$
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Well, I would say the most likely explanation is that whatever you passed to FITS_HELP wasn't what it was expecting. Was it the name of a FITS file? Or was it an IDL structure variable? You can use the "HELP, variable" syntax to find out what it was. If it is a structure, set the /STRUCTURE keyword to the HELP command so you can see what fields it has in it. Is there a field named "extname"?

Cheers,

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

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