
Subject: Re: Skipping Commented Line in File
Posted by [Gregory](#) on Fri, 07 Aug 2009 17:31:44 GMT
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On Aug 6, 4:45 pm, Vikram <vikramivat...@gmail.com> wrote:

> Hello,
>
> I was wondering if there is a way to skip a commented line in a .txt
> file, for example:
>
> #Count Time
> 1 60
> 2 80
> 3 100
>
> I would like to start from the second row data and skip the labels.
>
> Thanks,
> Vikram

There is a command `readcol` in IDL Astronomy user's library which is very convenient in cases like this. It skips comment lines and reads each column in a separate vector. In this case all you need to do would be:

```
readcol,'file.txt',count,time,format='f,f'
```

and you have all your numbers in Count column are in variable "count",
Time column is in "time".

The library is in <http://idlastro.gsfc.nasa.gov/homepage.html>

Gregory
