
Subject: Probably a really simple read_ascii question....
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I am trying to read in a text file (which is in column format) using read_Ascii. Most of my variables read in fine, with the exception of the "time" column, where data is in HH:MM:SS format. (IDL reads these in as 1.0000). Anyone know how to get around this?

I did try playing with ascii_template (although I don't really want to have to use it), but for some reason, won't work and gives me the error message:

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Variable is undefined: SCREEN_SIZE.  
Error occurred at: AT_WIDGET      1364 C:\RS\IDL63\lib  
\ascii_template.pro  
          ASCII_TEMPLATE  1690 C:\RS\IDL63\lib  
\ascii_template.pro
```

I have the annoying feeling that this can be answered straightforwardly, and I just can't see it! Thanks in advance....

Helen
