
Subject: Re: Reading complicated ASCII data
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 29 Jun 2010 13:11:05 GMT
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Tone M R writes:

> The table of figures is actually in straight columns, a column per
> month, with a dot wherever a measurement is zero. (There are also
> blank spaces at the bottom of each table, for dates such as feb 30th.)
> I've managed to work around the headers and identify where a table
> starts, and what I wanted to do was to read the entire thing into a
> nice structure array I've prepared. However, when using READF, IDL
> stops when trying to convert a dot to a float (understandably), and I
> haven't managed to solve it with a format code. I have thought about
> using STRSPLIT and WHERE to replace them, but then I have to go one
> line at a time, and I was rather hoping to make something a little
> more elegant.
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> Does anyone see a way around these dots?

No. :-)

Cheers,

David

P.S. Let's just say, when inelegant is the ONLY way,
it is usually elegant enough. :-)

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