
Subject: Re: Extracting info from the ASCII file with IDL
Posted by [penteado](#) on Thu, 18 Nov 2010 16:55:40 GMT
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On Nov 18, 2:40 pm, Gray <grayliketheco...@gmail.com> wrote:
> Use READCOL from the NASA IDL astronomy library to read the first
> column. Then do n_elements(uniq(data,sort(data))).

Or use the built in read_ascii(). Like:

```
IDL> a=((read_ascii('unascii.txt')).(0))[0,*]  
IDL> print,n_elements(uniq(a[sort(a)]))  
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```
