
Subject: Re: Dynamically create variable from header when reading in ascii data
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If you're not running IDL 8+ yet (in which case the hash approach isn't available), you might also use `create_struct` to generate structure elements with the tag name set to the `col_titles` value and the tag contents set to the data values. If you've initialized the structure (defined first tag), repeated calls to `create_struct` will then append each new variable to the structure, which may then be passed back to the calling procedure as a single entity.
