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Subject: Re: READS-string conversion problem??!  
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Hi,

as far as I see, there might be a chance that your day and year variables are no strings.

Try something like:

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filename =  
STRING(year,FORMAT=('I0'))+'_current'+STRING(day,FORMAT=('I0 '))+'.dat'
```

Please read manual on STRING and FORMAT!

HTH,  
Kai

Am 29.11.2011 14:04, schrieb anil:

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> Hi,  
> This might be a very easy task though, I keep missing something and  
> I'm stuck with this type conversion error. My problem is : I have a  
> dataset and in the 6th line of these data, there is some information I  
> want to use to open other files. What I mean is I will gather month-  
> day-year information from this line and by using this I will determine  
> the number of that day for that year( julday(x,y,2002)-  
> julday(1,1,2002) etc..). And then find the files (another data set in  
> the same folder) corresponding to that day. The data set goes like  
> 2002_current211.dat,2002_current218.dat etc.. So I just want to write  
> something like  
> filename=year+'_current'+day+'.dat' which I can not do. Here is the  
> code I have:  
>  
> day3=strmid(b,22,2) ; where b is the 6th line.  
> day2=string(day3)  
> day1=fix(day2)  
> day=intarr(1,1)  
> reads,day1,day  
>  
> I do the same for year and month also  
>  
> numofday=julday(month,day,year)-julday(1,1,year)  
>  
> then when I say :  
> filename=year+.....  
> I always get : % Type conversion error: Unable to convert given STRING
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> to Integer. or  
> % Type conversion error: Unable to convert given STRING to Long.  
>  
> What is missing or wrong? Help please  
> Regards,  
> Anil  
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