
Subject: Re: Reading in date & time from csv file
Posted by [justinclouds](#) on Mon, 19 May 2014 15:37:17 GMT
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I changed the code so that time=data.field01

```
IDL> help, data.field01
<Expression>  DOUBLE  = Array[157105]
IDL> print, data.field01[0]
      2014.0000
```

So, I did find a work around by using the readcol function from
<http://idlastro.gsfc.nasa.gov/ftp/pro/misc/readcol.pro>

```
readcol,file,time, FORMAT = 'A', SKIPLINE = 30
year = strmid(time, 0,4)
month = strmid(time, 5,2)
day = strmid(time, 8,2)
hour = strmid(time, 11,2)
minute = strmid(time, 14,2)
second = strmid(time, 17,2)
```

This is working. However, I still don't understand why the READ_CSV cannot do the job. I also tried READ_ASCII with the same results as READ_CSV.

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