
Subject: Re: Formatted read of text file

Posted by [Vibor Paravic](#) on Sun, 15 Jun 1997 07:00:00 GMT

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Matt Cheselka wrote:

```
> I have a file that contains row and column data like the following:
>
> # I   E E_conv E_bl E_saa Resid_RMS
> # 0 3.512799e-05 3.512799e-05 0.000000e+00 0.000000e+00 3.512799e-05
> 1 1.445887e-05 1.445921e-05 0.000000e+00 0.000000e+00 1.445921e-05
> 2 7.363944e-06 7.364333e-06 0.000000e+00 0.000000e+00 7.364333e-06
> .
> .
> .
>
```

Matthew,

I do not program in IDL but in Pv-Wave I would use the following code:

```
st = DC_READ_FREE(filename, col_1, col_2, col_3, col_4, col_5, col_6,
/col, Resize=[1,2,3,4,5,6], NSkip = 2)
```

you can also add a parameter which tells the function what the delimiter
is in your data
for example

Delim = [','] .. for comma delimited files

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