
Subject: Re: MWRFITS not writing header
Posted by [wlandsman](#) on Mon, 06 Jun 2016 15:23:55 GMT
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On Monday, June 6, 2016 at 7:28:07 AM UTC-4, Thomas Siegert wrote:

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>  
> Even the minimal example  
>  
> a=lonarr(10,10,10)  
> hdr='COMMENT This is a comment line to put in the header'  
> mwrfits,a,'test.fits',hdr  
>  
> does not include the head in the "test.fits" file.
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You have to include a real FITS header not just a string. There are rules for a FITS header: for example the second line must start with BITPIX and say how many bits per pixel are in the data. You can use

<http://idlastro.gsfc.nasa.gov/ftp/pro/fits/mkhdr.pro>
to create a minimal FITS header given an array

Now two caveats:

1. The documentation for MWRFITS was incorrect (though it is now fixed <http://idlastro.gsfc.nasa.gov/ftp/pro/fits/mwrfits.pro>) which is what probably what led you to think you could supply a string rather than a FITS header.
2. I am not sure why using a FITS header from another file didn't work. Note that this FITS header must be written at the same time as the structure, or else it will be put in a different FITS extension.

--Wayne
