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Subject: Re: plot structured data II  
Posted by [davidf](#) on Mon, 12 Mar 2001 15:05:48 GMT  
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Cheers,

David

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And sometimes you are using structures entirely inappropriately, like when you really want an array instead, but are using `read_ascii` to get it out of file. You might try crafting your own formatted read and avoid `read_ascii` altogether, reading it directly into a 15xn array. It's really pretty simple.

`Read_ascii` is best for multi-variable plots, not higher dimensional data. If you are really stuck with a structure of fields with columns of data the same length, and you'd like to convert it to a 2d array, try:

```

for i=0,n_tags(st)-1 do $
  if n_elements(a) eq 0 then a=1#st.(i) else a=[a,1#st.(i)]

```

But really, a better solution is to use the correct data type in the first place.

Good luck,

JD

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 Posted by [dw](#) on Wed, 14 Mar 2001 09:55:24 GMT  
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< Dirk

Hi Dirk,

I got some help from Dave Fanning yesterday because I was trying to extract  
an image from a structure so I could plot it.  
In my particular case Dave suggested:

```
info.thisWindow->GetProperty, Image_Data=snapshot
```

and then you can use

```
Write_JPEG, filename, snapshot, True=1
```

to write the jpeg.

Here the display window object is in the 'info' structure and named  
"thisWindow"

Don't know if this is helpful for you?  
Dorthe

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