
Subject: Re: Reading .xls files

Posted by [Liam E. Gumley](#) on Fri, 04 May 2001 16:12:32 GMT

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Andy Loughe wrote:

> Has anyone figured a way to use IDL for reading Excel spreadsheet data?

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> If so, would you be willing to share your knowledge?

If you save the spreadsheet in SYLK format, you might have some luck with READ_SYLK. The simpler the spreadsheet, the higher your chances of success.

The alternative is to save your spreadsheet data in CSV (comma separated value) format, and then read it in IDL as an ASCII data file.

Cheers,

Liam.

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