Subject: sec: U Re: need a guicker way to read ascii file w/a structure Posted by Andrew Cool on Wed, 06 Jun 2001 01:20:30 GMT

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Mark Hadfield wrote:
> From: "Lucas Miller" < differentiable@hotmail.com>
>> OK. I've got an ascii file laid out in columns with a string in the
>> first column, like this
snip
>> I don't want to use an
>> explicit format statement because the format varies....
> That's a pity. If the widths of the fields were fixed then an explicit
> format would work.
> Have you considered going to the person who generated the text files and
> suggesting she produce them with fixed widths. While you're at it, ask her
> why she couldn't have done that in the first place.
snip
> Mark Hadfield
Hey Mark, you'd better duck for cover! I can't see anything in Lucas'
post
that suggests a female designed the format of the data file, and yet
jumped in with both feet, using "she" and "her"...;-)
Got a disguise in your top drawer? Groucho Marx glasses with moustache?
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