
Subject: Re: readcol procedure

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shih I Chun (icshih@astro.soton.ac.uk) writes:

- > READCOL is a procedure in the IDL Astronomy Library. I usually use it to
- > read ASCII files for further analysis.
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- > The program also indicates the amount of lines in the file. My question
- > then is how to retrieve this information so that I can use it in my
- > own program?

I'd do what READCOL does and call NUMLINES. :-)

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num_lines = numlines(filename)
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Cheers,

David

P.S. Let's just say this particular idea must have been
invented a couple of times now. :-)

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