Subject: ASCII files with timestamps
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Hi.

Presently learning IDL and need to extract some data from a mostly 3
column ASCII file.

Im essentially using the example from David Fannings webpage:

```
 WHILE (NOT EOF(lun)) DO BEGIN
    READF, lun, p, t, h
    pressure(count) = p
    temperature(count) = t
    humidity(count) = h
    count = count + 1
  ENDWHILE
```

...
BUT every 720 lines my code has a timestamp which screws up the reading
of the file. I get errors about running the skip_lun command in
windows, claiming it doesnt like the gui and I've tried using
conditional logic to skip the reading of the bad line, or even read it
into a seperate string, but the code keeps choking on the 4 column time
stamp.

Any ideas?

Thanks.