
Subject: Re: how to read a data file

Posted by [Peter Clinch](#) on Wed, 03 May 2006 08:05:26 GMT

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nalaka.kodituwakku@gmail.com wrote:

> I am new bee to IDL

>

> I have a data set look like

<snip>

> Can some one tell me how to write IDL code to read this data in a

> formatted way?

Have a look in the User Guide (online of paper). "Getting Started With IDL" includes "Reading and Writing Data".

READF and READ_ASCII are functions to look at.

Pete.

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Subject: Re: how to read a data file

Posted by [nalaka.kodituwakku](#) on Wed, 03 May 2006 20:34:50 GMT

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```
openr, 105, 'sym1.mol2'
```

```
readf, 105, c, l, x, y, z, a, format='(d2, A3, f5.4, f5.4, f5.4, a2)'
```

```
print, c, l, x, y, z, a, format='(d2, a3, f5.4, f5.4, f5.4, a2)'
```

```
close, 105
```

```
free_lun,105
```

```
END
```

Subject: Re: how to read a data file

Posted by [Paul Van Delst\[1\]](#) on Wed, 03 May 2006 20:40:33 GMT

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what are c, l, x, y, z, a ?

what error does IDL spit back at you?

```
> close, 105
> free_lun,105
> END
>
```

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Subject: Re: how to read a data file
Posted by [nalaka.kodituwakku](#) on Wed, 03 May 2006 21:05:44 GMT
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As in the first post i have 6 coloums. I am trying to read the first row. so "c, l, x, y, z, a" are my 6 datas in first row.

The error i get is
READF: Input file conversion error. unit : 105 File sym1.mol2

thank you very much for your time

Nalaka

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Posted by [Paul Van Delst\[1\]](#) on Wed, 03 May 2006 21:50:43 GMT
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```

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Yes, but my point was that you do the following:

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but then use

```

c, l, x, y, z, a

```

to do the reading.

How is IDL to know what type each of those variables are? Maybe it can figure it out from the context, but I doubt it (and wouldn't trust it if it could :o)

What happens if you do something like:

```

cts=INTARR(500) &    c=cts[0]
Lable1=STRARR(500) &  l=Lable1[0]
xvalues = fltarr(500) & x=xvalues[0]
yvalues = fltarr(500) & y=yvalues[0]
zvalues = fltarr(500) & z=zvalues[0]
Atom=STRARR(500) &   a=Atom[0]

```

```

openr, 105, 'sym1.mol2'

```

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readf, 105, c, l, x, y, z, a, format='(d2, A3, f5.4, f5.4, f5.4, a2)'
print, c, l, x, y, z, a, format='(d2, a3, f5.4, f5.4, f5.4, a2)'

```

?

paulv

p.s. I think I got the syntax right, but not sure.

p.p.s. Is "d2" a valid format specifier? Maybe you meant "i2"?

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Subject: Re: how to read a data file
Posted by [nalaka.kodituwakku](#) on Mon, 08 May 2006 14:26:52 GMT
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Thanks guys,

It did work, both i2 and d2 are work too. Still I don't know the
different between them.
thank you very much for your time

Nalaka.
