
Subject: Extracting info from the ASCII file with IDL
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Hi,
I have a ASCII text file whose entries look like this

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111    AA    25  XX
111    AB    -5  XX
222    AC    25  XX
222    AD    20  XX
222    AE    21  XX
333    AF    88  XX
444    AG    21  XX
444    AH    90  XX
```

and so on.....

In this file the first column represents a unique number refering to an experiment. Any particular experiment was repeated a random number of times, such as experiment 111 was repeated twice, experiment 222 was repeated 3 times, experiment 333 was done only once. I need to know how many unique experiments were done.

To clarify it further, in above example 4 experiments (111, 222, 333 and 444) were done. I need to know this in a file which has 1300 rows. Please help.
