
Subject: Re: Reading data, without column header
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 11 Apr 2012 12:09:40 GMT
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David

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data=read_ascii(file)
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