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Subject: Re: shell code+ nearest point question
Posted by on Thu, 14 Jun 2012 13:56:13 GMT
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Here is a useful routine for reading tabulated data from a text file: http://www.astro.washington.edu/docs/idl/cgi-bin/getpro/libr ary32.html?RD\_TFILE

With lonlat.data containing the two lines of data you posted, you can do this:

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IDL> print,data
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DATA STRING = Array[3, 2]
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Thank you. It seems useful but did not work on my computer: (...