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Subject: Re: read an irregularly structured ascii file.  
Posted by [wlandsman](#) on Tue, 25 Sep 2012 20:38:47 GMT  
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On Tuesday, September 25, 2012 2:35:44 PM UTC-4, (unknown) wrote:

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--Wayne

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pro rdkur,file,teff,logg,flux,wave
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close,1  
openr,1,file  
str = ''  
nmod = 221  
teff = fltarr(nmod)  
logg = fltarr(nmod)  
wave = fltarr(1221)  
f = fltarr(1221)  
flux = fltarr(1221,nmod)  
j = 0  
test = ''  
while test ne "END" do begin  
    readf,1,str  
    test = strtrim(gettok(str,' '),2)  
endwhile  
readf,1,wave  
while not eof(1) do begin  
    readf,1,str  
    dum = gettok(str,' ')  
    teff[j] = float(gettok(str,' '))  
    dum = gettok(str,' ')  
    logg[j] = float(gettok(str,' '))  
    readf,1,f  
    flux[0,j] = f  
    readf,1,f  
    j = j+1  
endwhile
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endwhile
j = j-1
flux = flux[:,0:j]
teff= teff[0:j]
logg = logg[0:j]
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return
end
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Subject: Re: read an irregularly structured ascii file.  
Posted by [Russell Ryan](#) on Tue, 25 Sep 2012 21:46:26 GMT  
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On Tuesday, September 25, 2012 4:38:48 PM UTC-4, wlandsman wrote:

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> flux = flux[* ,0:j]
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> teff= teff[0:j]
>
> logg = logg[0:j]
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>
> return
>
> end
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Wayne,

I'd hoped an astronomer would chime in. Don't feel bad, I was helping a friend debug a code that used these files, and I explained his code was working because I recognized the numbers....

It looks like I came up with something similar (ie. a bunch of calls to gettok). It's kinda slow, about 12 for my test file, but I think it's fairly robust to a changing file format. I'll play around with your ideas...

Thanks!  
Russell

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