
Subject: how to read string data from excel file
Posted by [Adele](#) on Wed, 18 Sep 2013 14:51:32 GMT
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I am using IDLffExcel to read data from excel files. It works fine to get number data, but seems it can not read string data, any suggestions please?

Thanks a lot.

Adele

Subject: Re: how to read string data from excel file
Posted by [kagoldberg](#) on Tue, 24 Sep 2013 02:55:19 GMT
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If it's possible to have Excel output the data as CSV (comma-separated values) then you can read it with `read_csv()` or `read_ascii()`, for example, or a text-file reading script you write yourself. The big warning for CSV is that you have to be careful to avoid commas in your Excel string-type cells, because they would be interpreted as 2 cells.

Subject: Re: how to read string data from excel file
Posted by [Adele](#) on Fri, 27 Sep 2013 19:46:04 GMT
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Thank you very much, but unfortunate it can not be saved as CSV file. the string-type cell showed as XXXXXX in csv file.

On Monday, September 23, 2013 10:55:19 PM UTC-4, kagol...@lbl.gov wrote:

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