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Posted by [Evilio del Rio](#) on Fri, 27 Feb 1998 08:00:00 GMT

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Hi Robert,

I think that you don't need such a feature. You can do it with the
STRING() function and array printing:

```
out = [ 'x = '+STRING(X),$  
       'y = '+STRING(Y,FORMAT='(G9.3)'),$  
;..etc  
       'a string']  
;...  
out = [out,STRING(morestuff,/PRINT)]  
;...  
print,out,FORMAT='(A)'
```

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> be used. Anyway, just my \$0.02 (for today :-)

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IMHO, the /* */ construct is not so good and arises some unadvertised problems (nesting, continuation lines, pointer syntax). If what you want is to comment blocks while you are editing a program, maybe you will be interested in using some editor like emacs or jed that can do this (and many other things) interactively.

Cheers,

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"Anywhere you choose,/ Anyway, you're gonna lose"- Mike Oldfield

Subject: Re: PRINT request for RSI
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> PRINT UNTIL LABEL
>
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>   'a string'
>
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Seems like you want to print the same thing all the time, because you are coding it into your program. What I do in these cases is write the text into an ASCII file, read this into a string array and then print it. You can also use this approach to define "tokens" that are replaced by actual values when output. I'll attach a lengthy program that uses this method - perhaps you'll find it useful.

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> That's something I have wanted sometimes as well. It wouldn't
> even have to be so fancy as to take care of nesting etc.
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;----- --
;+
; NAME:
;   WRITEGTE
;
; PURPOSE:
;   Convert a data set (or data file) to NASA's GTE format.
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; Allows for flexible handling of header information.
;
;
; CATEGORY:
;   Data Input/Output
;
; CALLING SEQUENCE:
;   WRITEGTE,{(DATA,HEADER,UNITS)|FILENAME=FILENAME }[,keywords]
;
; INPUTS:
;   DATA, HEADER, UNITS --> data array, variable name list and unit
;   name list containing the data to be converted. If DATA contains
;   less than 2 elements, an input file must be provided with the
;   keyword parameter FILENAME.
;
; KEYWORD PARAMETERS:
;   FILENAME --> If no DATA is passed in the DATA parameter
;   (togetehr with the appropriate HEADER and UNITS information),
;   the data from this file will be read and converted into
;   GTE format. The file format is not entirely flexible: Although
;   the READDATA parameters SKP1, SKP2, AUTOSKIP and DELIM can
;   be used, WRITEGTE expects the UNITS declaration always in
;   the line immediately following the variable names (e.g. if
;   the variable names (HEADER) are in line 2 (i.e. SKP1=1), UNITS
;   must be in line 3).
;   After program execution, the parameters DATA, HEADER, and UNITS
;   contain the respective information of the data set read by FILENAME.
;
;   OUTFILE --> Name of the output file to be generated. Default is
;   'mydata.gte'.
;
;   SKP1, SKP2, AUTOSKIP, DELIM --> input parameters for the READDATA
;   routine which is called if no DATA is passed.
;
;   DESCFILE --> Name of a "descriptor" file which contains the
;   structure information of the GTE header *and* the comments section.
;   Default is 'gte_def.header'. This file is a simple ASCII file
;   which contains 'tokens' identified with leading '$$' (token
;   names must terminate with a blank or the end of a line). Each
;   token may be repeated several times but must be unique in it's
;   name and not contained in another token (e.g. $$VAR and $$VARIABLE
;   will both be replaced with the cotents of VAR). Otherwise, the user
;   may choose tokennames at will, and these will be replaced with
;   the tokenvalues supplied in TOKENVALUES or prompted interactively.
;   There are a few special tokens:
;   $$FILENAME = adds the filename of the output file without path
;   information
;   $$SYSDATE = adds the system date in the form YYYY/MM/DD
;   $$VARIABLE_NAMES = generates a comma seperated list of variable

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;     names (i.e. the entries of the HEADER field)
;     $$VARIABLE_DEFINITIONS = generates the GTE variable definition
;     block with NAME, UNIT, SCALE (always 1), OFFSET (always 0),
;     MINIMUM, MAXIMUM, MISSING VALUE, DL-coding  for each variable.
;     $$NVAR = inserts the number of variables in the data set
;     $$NCOMMENTS = inserts the number of comment lines in the data set
;     $$NHEADERLINES = inserts the total number of header lines
;
;
;     TOKENNAMES --> A string array with tokennames that shall be set
;     to the corresponding values of TOKENVALUES. All tokens found in the
;     description file that are neither special tokens nor passed in
;     TOKENNAMES will be prompted interactively.
;
;     TOKENVALUES --> A string array containing the values for the tokens
;     passed in TOKENNAMES.
;
;     /TEST --> set this flag to test the formatting of the header. Only
;     5 lines of data will be written.
;
;
; OUTPUTS:
;     A data file that adheres to the NASA GTE specification (if the description
;     file is correct).
;
; SUBROUTINES:
;     pro add_variabledef,text,line,data,header,units
;         constructs the variable definition block and inserts it into the
;         current header
;
;     pro replace_token,text,token,result,data,header,units
;         replace the $$TOKENNAME in the header description with it's value.
;         NOTE: One token can only be replaced once in each line of the header.
;
;     function find_tokens,text
;         compiles a list of all tokens in the description file.
;
; REQUIREMENTS:
;     Uses READDATA and requires a header description file
;
; NOTES:
;
; EXAMPLE:
;     WRITEGTE,file='this.data',skp1=1,skp2=1,delim=' ', $
;         out='thisdata.gte',desc='gtepemt.header', $
;         tokennames=['MISSIONNAME','MISSIONDATE', $
;         'AIRCRAFT'], $
;         tokenvalues=['PEM-Tropics','1996/08/30', $
;         'DC-8' ]

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;
; produces a GTE conform data set of PEM-Tropics data from the file
; this.data .
;
;
; MODIFICATION HISTORY:
; mgs, 05 Jan 1998: VERSION 1.00
;
;
;-
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;-----

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pro add_variabler, text, line, data, header, units

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    nv = n_elements(header)
    vdef = strarr(nv)

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; fake cfact -- should be 1.0 anyway
    cfact = fltarr(nv) + 1.

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for i=0,nv-1 do begin

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    x = data(i,*)
    ind=where(x gt -666,c)
    if (c gt 0) then x = x(ind)
    vdef(i) = "" +header(i)+ ", " +units(i)+ ", " + $
        string(cfact(i),format='(f6.1)')+ $
        ', 0.0, ' + $
        string(min(x))+ $
        ', ' + $
        string(max(x))+ $
        ', -999.99, 0'

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    if(max(x) le -666) then print,header(i),' ONLY MISSING VALUES !!'

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    if(units(i) eq 'X' OR units(i) eq 'unknown') then $
        print,header(i),' : units = ',units(i)

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endfor

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    nlines = n_elements(text)

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    tmptext = [ text(0:line-1), vdef, text(line+1:nlines-1) ]

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text = tmptext

return
end

pro replace_token,text,token,tokenresult,data,header,units

; limitation: each token can only be present once in each line
; (you can however have several tokens in one line, this procedure is
; called for every token !)
; while instead of for loop because number of lines can change

; common block holds number of lines after variable definition block
; (i.e. number of comment lines)
common nlines,ncomment

if (n_elements(ncomment) le 0) then ncomment = -1

i = 0
while (i lt n_elements(text)) do begin
  p = strpos(text(i),'$$'+token)
  if (p ge 0) then begin
    if (strmid(tokenresult,0,1) eq '$') then begin ; special tokens
      ; $1 : variable definition block
      if (tokenresult eq '$1') then begin
        ncomment = n_elements(text) - i - 1
        add_variabler,token,i,data,header,units
        tokenresult = ""
      endif

      ; $2 : number of comment lines
      if (tokenresult eq '$2') then $
        tokenresult = string(ncomment,format='(i0)')

      ; $3 : total number of header lines
      if (tokenresult eq '$3') then $
        tokenresult = string(n_elements(text),format='(i0)')
      endif

      if (tokenresult ne "") then begin
        ; normal tokens (replacement within line)
        ; split string into part before and after token
        s1 = strmid(text(i),0,p-1)
        p2 = strpos(text(i),' ',p+2) ; position of first blank after token
        if (p2 ge 0) then s2 = " "+strmid(text(i),p2+1,256) else s2 = ""

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    ; re-compose text line
    text(i) = s1 + tokenresult + s2
  endif
endif
i = i+1
endwhile
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return
end
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```
function find_tokens,text
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tokens = ""
for i=0,n_elements(text)-1 do begin
  p = 0
  while (p ge 0) do begin
    p = strpos(text(i),'$$',p)
    if (p ge 0) then begin
      newtoken = str_sep(strupcase(strmid(text(i),p+2,25)), ' ')
      if (newtoken(0) ne "") then $
        tokens = [ tokens, newtoken(0) ]
      p = p+2
    endif
  endwhile
endfor
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if (n_elements(tokens) gt 1) then tokens = tokens(1:n_elements(tokens)-1)
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return,tokens
end
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pro writgte,data,header,units,filename=filename,outfile=outfile , $
  descfile=descfile, $
  delim=delim,skp1=skp1,skp2=skp2,autoskip=autoskip, $
  tokennames=tokennames,tokenvalues=tokenvalues, $
  test=test
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on_error,2
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; default parameters
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if (not keyword_set(outfile)) then outfile = 'mydata.gte'
if (not keyword_set(descfile)) then descfile = 'gte_def.header'

; check if tokenvalues were passed and add default values.
; Since default values will be appended and only the first entry
; for each token is used, defaults are overwritten by command line
; passed arguments
if (n_elements(tokennames) le 0) then begin
    tokennames = '****'
    tokenvalues = '****'
endif
if (n_elements(tokennames) ne n_elements(tokenvalues)) then $
    message,"Number of tokennames <> number of tokenvalues !"

tokennames = [ strupcase(tokennames), $
    "INVESTIGATOR", "PRODUCT", "MISSIONNAME", $
    "MISSIONDATE", "FLIGHTNUMBER", "DATASETTYPE", $
    "AVERAGING_TIME", "SAMPLING_FREQ" ]

tokenvalues = [ tokenvalues, $
    "Daniel J. Jacob and Martin G. Schultz", $
    "Harvard University point model calculation", $
    "PEM-Tropics (A)", $
    '1996/08/30', $
    '0', '0', '0.', '0.' ]

; check if data has been passed or must be read
if (n_elements(data) lt 2 OR n_elements(header) lt 1 OR $
    n_elements(units) lt 1) then begin
    if (not keyword_set(filename)) then $
        message,"WRITEGTE: requires either input data or filename !"

    if (n_elements(delim) le 0) then delim = ' '
    if (n_elements(skip1) le 0) then skip1=1
    if (n_elements(skip2) le 0) then skip2=1

    readdata,filename,data,header,comments=comments,skip1=skip1,skip2=skip2, $
        delim=delim,autoskip=autoskip

    units = extract_comments(comments,skip1+1) ; units must be in line after
        ; variable names
; hope this crashes if attempt is made to read file without unit definitions

; here should be a chance to change the title line, for now we print it only
if (n_elements(comments) ge 2) then title = comments(0) else title=""
print,'Title line extracted from file '+filename

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    print,title
endif

; read description file with comment lines
openr,dlun,descfile,/get_lun
char = "
text = "
while (not eof(dlun)) do begin
    readf,dlun,char
    text = [ text, char ]
endwhile
close,dlun
free_lun,dlun

if (n_elements(text) gt 1) then text = text(1:n_elements(text)-1) $
else print,"No tokens in description file !!"

; extract tokens and try to fill them with values
tokens = find_tokens(text)
print,'Tokens found in description file : '
for i=0,n_elements(tokens)-1 do print,tokens(i)
print

tokenresults = strarr(n_elements(tokens))
for i=0,n_elements(tokens)-1 do begin
    ; first the easy ones
    if (tokens(i) eq 'FILENAME') then $
        tokenresults(i) = extract_filename(outfile)

    if (tokens(i) eq 'NVAR$') then $
        tokenresults(i) = string(n_elements(header),format='(i0)')

    if (tokens(i) eq 'SYSDATE') then $
        tokenresults(i) = strdate(/short,/sortable)

    if (tokens(i) eq 'VARIABLE_NAMES') then $
        tokenresults(i) = string(header,format='(512(A,;,"))')

    ; use another level of templates for the more complicated ones
    ; the number determines the order in which they will be processed
    if (tokens(i) eq 'VARIABLE_DEFINITIONS') then $
        tokenresults(i) = "$1"

    if (tokens(i) eq 'NCOMMENTS') then $
        tokenresults(i) = "$2"

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if (tokens(i) eq 'NHEADERLINES') then $
    tokenresults(i) = "$3"

; all others: check if entry exists in tokennames, else query
if (tokenresults(i) eq "") then begin
    j = where(tokennames eq tokens(i))
    if (j(0) ge 0) then tokenresults(i) = tokenvalues(j) $
    else begin
        char = ""
        read, char, prompt="Enter value for token "+tokens(i)+" : "
        tokenresults(i) = char
        tokennames = [ tokennames, tokens(i) ]
        tokenvalues = [ tokenvalues, char ]
    endelse
endif
endfor

; now process token replacement into text array
; start with special tokens, then all the rest
ind = where(tokenresults eq '$1')
if (ind(0) ge 0) then $
    replace_token, text, tokens(ind(0)), tokenresults(ind(0)), data, header, units

ind = where(tokenresults eq '$2')
if (ind(0) ge 0) then $
    replace_token, text, tokens(ind(0)), tokenresults(ind(0))

ind = where(tokenresults eq '$3')
if (ind(0) ge 0) then $
    replace_token, text, tokens(ind(0)), tokenresults(ind(0))

for i=0, n_elements(tokens)-1 do $
    replace_token, text, tokens(i), tokenresults(i)

; now we can write the new file
print, 'writing to file '+outfile
openw, unit1, outfile, width=4096, /get_lun

; find index of first photolysis frequency
for i=0, n_elements(header)-1 do begin
    p=strpos(strupcase(header(i)), 'J')
    if (p ge 0) then begin
        ifrc=i
        goto, frcfound
    end
end

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endif
endfor
print,' *** INDEX OF FIRST PHOTLOYSIS FREQ. NOT FOUND !!! ***'
stop
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frfound:

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for i=0,n_elements(text)-1 do $
  printf,unit1,text(i)
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dummy = data(0,*)
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ndat = n_elements(dummy)
if (keyword_set(test)) then ndat = 5
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for i=0,ndat-1 do begin
  dataline = data(*,i)
  dats = string(dataline(0),dataline(1),dataline(2), $
    format="(i4,2(',','f9.1))")
  for j=3,n_elements(header)-1 do $
    if (header(j) eq 'mDENSITY' OR (j ge ifrc)) then $
      dats = dats+','+string(dataline(j),format='(e11.4)') $
    else dats = dats+','+string(dataline(j),format='(f10.2)')
  printf,unit1,dats
endfor
```

```
close,unit1
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```
free_lun,unit1
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```
print,' DONE.'
```

```
return
end
```

File Attachments

1) [writegte.pro](#), downloaded 97 times
