
Subject: Re: Reading string array
Posted by [Alex Schuster](#) on Thu, 19 Mar 1998 08:00:00 GMT
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Neil Winrow wrote:

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> I have the following problem:
>
> openr,10,filnam
> dataTitle = make_array(7,/string)
> for i=1,30 do readf,10,a      ;read the header information
> readf,10,dataTitle
> close,10
>
> The piece of code above is supposed to read over the header information
> in the data file, and read in the following column titles into
> dataTitle:
>
> X      Y      Z      FLUX  MAXL  MAXM  IMIN
>
> But this doesn't work, is there some obvious mistake I'm making with my
> code.
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IDL has to know how long the individual strings are. You can use
READF, 10, dataTitle, format='(7A7)'
assuming that each string is seven characters long.

Another thing, I recomend using the GET_LUN keyword with OPEN, so you
don't have to hardcode the unit number.

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OPENR, unit, filename, /GET_LUN
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FREE_LUN, unit
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