


# Read ASCII File from NASA Space Physics Data Facility -- OMNI Data

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# OMNI Data



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Paths to Magnetic field, Plasma, Energetic particle data relevant to heliospheric studies and resident at Goddard's Space Physics Data Facility.

OMNI data (spacecraft-interspersed, near-Earth solar wind data)

Low resolution OMNIWeb (1-hour, 1 and 27 days, yearly, 1963 - current)

High resolution OMNIWeb (1-min, 5-min, 1981 - current)

Spacecraft-specific data sets (near 1 AU, including near-Earth)

ACE

Geotail

IMP-8, IMP6&7

Wind

Explorer 33&35, Genesis, ISEE 3, Prognoz, SOHO, GOES

Moon Related Spacecraft

DSCOVR

Deep space data

COHWeb-formatted hourly solar wind field, plasma and proton fluxes

Pioneer

Ulysses

Voyager

Cassini, Helios, Mariner, STEREO

Interfaces for comparing multi-source data

Merged Magnetic field and Plasma 1-min

Magnetic field

Plasma

Energetic particle fluxes

Multi-source spectra of energetic particle fluxes (MSSP)

IMP8/CPME, GOES and ACE/SIS proton fluxes,1-hour

Heliocentric Trajectories for Selected Spacecraft, Planets, and Comets

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- Solar wind magnetic field and plasma data
- Geomagnetic activity indices
- Energetic proton fluxes
- etc.

Figure from nasa website

## open()

- open file and return a file object
- open(filename, mode, encoding=None)

□ filename: gives the pathname of the file to be opened.

Example 1:

```
f = open("omni_test.lst")  
f.close()
```

Example 2:

```
with open("omni_test.lst") as f:  
    # perform file operations
```

### 1. pathname of file

- data and code in the same directory  
"omni\_min\_test.lst",  
"./omni\_min\_test.lst",
- different directory:  
 "../data/omni\_min\_test.lst",  
"/Users/chenwum/Documents/summer\_school/data/omni\_min\_test.lst"

### 2. close the opened file

# open()

- open file and return a corresponding file object
- open(filename, mode, encoding=None)

❑ **mode**: an optional string that specifies the mode in which the file is opened.

- 'r', 'w', 'x', 'a', 'b', 't', '+'

Character	Meaning
'r'	open for reading (default)
'w'	open for writing,
'x'	open for exclusive creation, failing if the file already exists
'a'	open for writing, appending to the end of file if it exists
'b'	binary mode
't'	text mode (default)
'+'	open for updating (reading and writing)

❑ **encoding**: name of the encoding used to decode or encode the file. The default encoding is platform dependent.

- e.g, encoding="utf-8"

```
import locale  
locale.getpreferredencoding(False)
```

More details:

<https://docs.python.org/3/library/functions.html#open>

## read each line of the file

Example 1:

with open("omni\_test.lst") as f:

```
f.readline()          # read one line
```

```
f.readline()          # read the second line
```

```
nLines = 3
```

```
# or read more lines with for loop
```

```
for iLine in range(nLines):
```

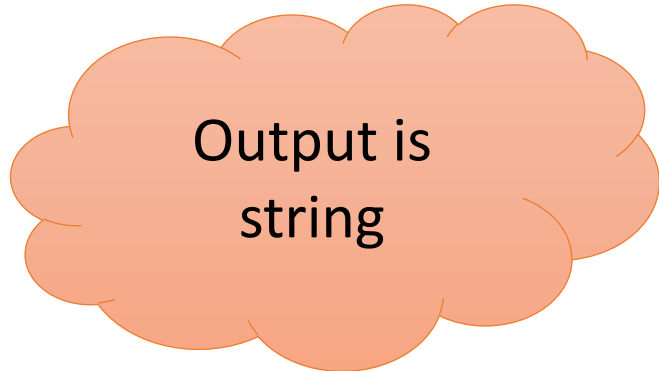
```
    tmp = f.readline()
```

Example 2:

with open("omni\_test.lst") as f:

```
for line in f:
```

```
    print(line)
```

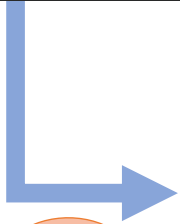


Output is  
string

## read each line of the file

```
1 This is line1
2 This is Line2
3 This is Line3
4 Year Day Hour Minute SYM-H
5 2013 75 0 0 -7
6 2013 75 0 1 -7
7 2013 75 0 2 -7
8 2013 75 0 3 -8
9 2013 75 0 4 -8
10 2013 75 0 5 -7
11 2013 75 0 6 -7
12 2013 75 0 7 -7
13 2013 75 0 8 -8
14 2013 75 0 9 -8
```

This is line1  
This is Line2  
This is Line3  
Year Day Hour Minute SYM-H  
2013 75 0 0 -7  
2013 75 0 1 -7  
2013 75 0 2 -7  
2013 75 0 3 -8  
2013 75 0 4 -8  
2013 75 0 5 -7  
2013 75 0 6 -7  
2013 75 0 7 -7  
2013 75 0 8 -8  
2013 75 0 9 -8



Output is string

1. For **description** of the file (lines 1-3)
  - Skip
2. For **header** of the file (line 4)
  - variable names
3. For **data** of the file
  - Convert to numerical values

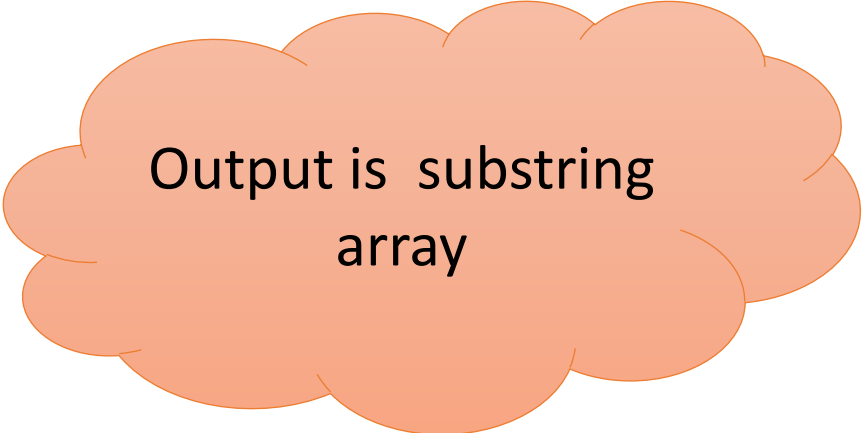
# Split string

Example 1:

```
with open("omni_test.lst") as f:  
    line = f.readline()           # read one line  
    tmp = line.split()
```

Example 2:

```
with open("omni_test.lst") as f:  
    for line in f:  
        tmp = line.split()
```



Output is substring  
array

```
1 This is line1
2 This is Line2
3 This is Line3
4 Year Day Hour Minute SYM-H
5 2013 75 0 0 -7
6 2013 75 0 1 -7
7 2013 75 0 2 -7
8 2013 75 0 3 -8
9 2013 75 0 4 -8
10 2013 75 0 5 -7
11 2013 75 0 6 -7
12 2013 75 0 7 -7
13 2013 75 0 8 -8
14 2013 75 0 9 -8
```

If convert a string to a float data, use  
float()!

with open("omni\_test.lst") as f:

```
# skip 3 lines doing nothing
```

```
for iLine in range(nLines):
```

```
    tmp = f.readline()
```

```
# line 4: read in variables line and
```

```
# convert to variable names
```

```
header = f.readline()
```

```
vars = header.split()
```

```
# read in data line, convert to numerical values
```

```
for line in f:
```

```
    tmp = line.split()
```

```
    year.append(int(tmp[0]))    # convert a string to an integer
```

```
    day.append(int(tmp[1]))
```

```
    hour.append(int(tmp[2]))
```

```
    minute.append(int(tmp[3]))
```

```
    symh.append(int(tmp[-1]))
```



```
with open("omni_min_def_5rROITB6pD.lst") as f:
```

```
    year = []  
    day = []  
    hour = []  
    minute = []  
    symh = []
```

# Create empty lists for  
variables that we want to  
extract

```
for line in f:
```

```
    tmp = line.split()
```

```
    year.append(int(tmp[0]))  
    day.append(int(tmp[1]))  
    hour.append(int(tmp[2]))  
    minute.append(int(tmp[3]))  
    symh.append(int(tmp[-1]))
```

# convert a string to an integer

# add each numerical value to  
the corresponding list in each  
step of the loop

**However, we can try use datetime and dictionary now!**

# datetime

- supplies classes for manipulating dates and times.

## Some important objects:

`datetime.datetime(year, month, day, hour=0, minute=0, second=0)`

`datetime.timedelta(days=0, seconds=0, microseconds=0, milliseconds=0, minutes=0, hours=0, weeks=0)`

Example:

```
import datetime as dt
```

```
# Create with Year, Month, Day, Hour, Minute, Second
```

```
time1 = dt.datetime(2013,1,3, 10,12,30)
```

```
# Create with Year, Day of Year, Hour, Minute, Second
```

```
time2 = dt.datetime(2013,1,1,10,12,30) + dt.timedelta(days = 2)
```

```
print(time1.date())
```

```
lp = time1 == time2      # output is true
```

```
lp = time1>dt.datetime(2013,1,5, 0,0,0) #output is false
```

```
with open("omni_test.lst") as f:
```

```
    # skip 3 lines doing nothing
```

```
    for iLine in range(nLines):
```

```
        tmp = f.readline()
```

```
    # line 4: read in variables line and
```

```
    header = f.readline()
```

```
    vars = header.split()
```

```
    data_dict = {"time":[]}           # create dictionary
```

```
    for var in vars:
```

```
        data_dict[var] = []          # add variables to dictionary:
```

```
for line in f:
```

```
    tmp = line.split()
```

```
    # create datetime with year, day, hour, minute
```

```
    time0 = dt.datetime(int(tmp[0]),1,1,int(tmp[2]),int(tmp[3]),0)\  
                + dt.timedelta(days=int(tmp[1])-1)
```

```
    data_dict["time"].append(time0)
```

```
    for iVar, var in enumerate(vars):
```

```
        data_dict[var].append(int(tmp[iVar]))
```