The general format of an aipsrc entry is:

```
keyword: value
```

where the keyword, which must begin in column 1, consists of a sequence of alphanumeric characters separated by asterisks or periods, and terminated by a colon. The value consists of everything after the last whitespace character (space or tab) following the colon. Asterisks may be used in the keyword for wildcarding, but note that in reading only the first match found is accepted, so that if the following two entries were present:

```
# Specify printer
printer*paper:      A4
printer.dp1.paper:  A3
```

and a match was requested for 'printer.dp1.paper', the value returned would be 'A4' rather than 'A3'. In fact, the second entry would never be operative. An '#' in the first column indicates a comment line.
The following categories the different groups of aipsrc variables available. The ones marked *aipsmgr* are of no importance to the normal user. Although categories are listed as `tools`, they aren't. The `tool` environemnt is just being used as a convenience for documentation.

Tools

account	AIPS++ account definitions – aipsmgr
aipsview	aipsview resources setup – user
catalog	catalog program details – user
dish	dish startup options - user
help	Help system setup – aipsmgr/(user)
help.popup	Popup help system setup – user
inhale/sneeze	Code distribution system – aipsmgr
initialization	Startup customization - user/site
logger	logger detailing values – user
measures	details for the measures operations – user
measures.comet	details for the comet data handling – user
measures.directory	details for the measures data handling – user
measures.iers	details for the IERS data handling – user
measures.jpl	details for the JPL ephemeris operations – user
printer	Postscript printer definitions – aipsmgr/user
progress	progress meter details – user
system	System resources setup – aipsmgr/user
table	Table System setup – aipsmgr/user
toolmanager	toolmanager program details – user
unused	details for unused program – aipsmgr/programmer
user	Detail user environment – user
viewer	viewer definitions

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