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Subject: ASCII data with 5000 columns

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Hi,

how to read an ASCII datafile with 5000 data columns.

The length of each line is about 56400 characters or longer.

reads, readf don't work because the max stringlength is exceeded.

The only way I know to read is readu.

I separate the numbers in the byte array convert them to string and at last to float.

It's a bit unbelievable that's idl is able to handle more than 2 Giga Byte but only if they are organized by rows and a few columns.

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