Subject: Re: Format strings with comma separated lists Posted by Martin Schultz on Tue, 11 May 1999 07:00:00 GMT

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Vapuser	wrote:
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> Well, am I'm surprised!

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- > [...]
- > Apparently, the short answer is you don't need to use format strings
- > on input, provided, I guess, the data is homogeneous and with a
- > constant number of columns(?); IDL understands that you don't want the
- > comma.

Here is an example of why I am really glad that IDL does support format strings:

23.4 12.2 12.1 10.0 56.4 98.4103.2143.9 200.2232.8165.1 99.7

AND believe it or not: those files exist and there are plenty of them ;-)

Also: format strings are probably the easiest way to (safely) convert a file that is written in e.g. 60 lines with 8 numbers per line to an array

of (40,12) [it's just one statement!]

Martin.

puhuu. didn't know that i am that old - i know something about format!

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