
Subject: Re: converting to array
Posted by [hahn](#) on Wed, 14 Mar 2001 10:32:51 GMT
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davidf@dfanning.com (David Fanning) wrote:

> Norbert Hahn (hahn@hrz.tu-darmstadt.de) writes:
>
>> This is the shortest solution. However, I would read these
>> values into a string, count the words there and then use
>> ReadS to retrieve the data from the string.
>
> Why, for Heaven's sake!?

There are several ways to read numeric data and the method to read them should be base on how they are written.

- 1) If the data is written by a program that I can put my hand on, I usually read the data under format control.
- 2) If the data comes from some unknown source I prefer to read the data into a string at first and analyze that string. This is to prevent program breaks due to wrong data.

I prefer a program break and some meaningful messages over a quietly reading program that calmly digests wrong data.

Norbert
