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Subject: Reading large Ascii files

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Hello,

I am trying to read a single row from a large file. The amount of numbers per row is about 12500. So in IDL i have the following lines;

```
readf,lun,format='(500F8.3)',ch1_val_s
```

so that i only read 500 values at a time and it gives me the error;

% Input line is too long for input buffer of 32767 characters.

From what i can gather, IDL is trying to read the whole line first before it puts it into the array. Can anybody suggest a way round this please.

Thanks

Isa Usman

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