
Subject: READF data containing numbers and strings
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I need to read data from a file which contain lines with mixed variables including strings, for example "1 2 text 3". I tried "READF, int1, int2, str1, int3", but str1 gobbles up the rest of the line, leaving nothing for int3. This happens even if I supply an explicit format like A4 for the string. I can read the entire line into a single string, but then how do I separate the variables? STR_SEP does not work, since the separation character has to be a blank, and there can be multiple blanks between variables. I am hoping there is something simple I am missing (as is usually the case with IDL, simple only after you know the answer)
