
Subject: Re: A very simple FORMAT question

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wmc@bas.ac.uk wrote:

```
>> ----- test.datos -----
>> |020922 10:00:00 | 339| 348| 63| 356| 400| 88|
>> ----- End data -----
>
>> data= INTARR(11, lines)
>> READF, 1, data, format= '(1x,i6,3(1x,i2),4x,7(1x,i6))'
>
> I count 10 not 11?
> should be 6 not 7(ix,i6)?
```

You are right. It was just a mistyping on the e-mail editor. The original code has the above variables.

```
>
> BTW, you could start of with
>
> spawn,"perl -i -pe 's|/| /g' test.datos"
>
> which would change your : and |'s into spaces, whereupon your
> reading could be simplified.
```

Does it make some difference if I have "|" or ":" instead of space?

On the other side, the data I have come from some other database software and generated by some other people with a lot more data. I am also not supposed to alter the data since after my checking I should pass it to another program (with the original format), pretty picky (I agree).

Thanks again for any input.

Andry
