
Subject: Reading in a string file

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Any hints on how to read a file which is in CSV form where each entry is a text string:

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Into an array for use in a query, e.g.

```
print,stringarray[0]  
-> Quaking Aspen
```

For numerical data I usually do a `array = READ_ASCII(filename,delimiter=",")`
And then `array=array.(0)` so I can have it in a normal array format. For
this data, however, I get an array of NaN

--j
