
Subject: Unknown data type

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Hello,

The files I want to read haven't any typical format. Each file has information in the first line (like number of rows and columns), but anything about data type;

So, I followed the tips of David. I carried out a "trial read" using

```
Data_type=integer ; I assume all the files are integer
ON_IOERROR, bad
OPENR,lun, arq, /GET_lun
test = make_array(nc, nl,/integer)
READU, lun, test ; reading the file into an integer array
GOTO, Ok
bad: data_type=byte ; if the file couldn't be read into an integer
array
Ok: FREE_LUN, lun
```

As I told you first, I have only two possible data types: byte and integer. So, using it, I could solve the problem.

Thanks David and others,
Julio
