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Subject: Re: reading in a csv file  
Posted by [R.Bauer](#) on Sat, 12 Mar 2005 17:31:24 GMT  
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FSD wrote:

> Hello All;  
> I am trying to read in a .csv file with IDL and I am finding that  
> it  
> is not a trivial thing to do. In Perl, it would take 3 seconds to read in.  
> Has anyone written a generic procedure to do this? Any help would be  
> appreciated.  
> Thanks  
> FSD

there are several routines, solutions available. `read_data_file` is from our library.

if data is not of type string mixed with numbers  
`x=read_data_file(file)`

if it is mixed or you like type dependent reading  
`x=read_data_file(file,/vstruct)`

[http://www.fz-juelich.de/icg/icg-i/idl\\_icglib/idl\\_source/idl\\_html/dbase\\_read\\_data\\_file\\_dbase.pro.html](http://www.fz-juelich.de/icg/icg-i/idl_icglib/idl_source/idl_html/dbase_read_data_file_dbase.pro.html)

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a IDL library at ForschungsZentrum Juelich  
[http://www.fz-juelich.de/icg/icg-i/idl\\_icglib/idl\\_lib\\_intro.html](http://www.fz-juelich.de/icg/icg-i/idl_icglib/idl_lib_intro.html)

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