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Subject: Re: How can I read data file with tab delimiter?  
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The best routine I have found for this purpose is DDREAD.PRO,  
available as part of Fred Knight's library at

[ftp://ftp.rsinc.com/pub/user\\_contrib/knight](ftp://ftp.rsinc.com/pub/user_contrib/knight)

From the online documentation:

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; This routine reads data in formatted (or unformatted) rows and columns.  
; The name stands for Data Dump Read. By default, comments are  
; skipped and the number of columns is sensed. Many options  
; exist, e.g., selecting rows and columns, reading binary data,  
; and selecting non-default data type and delimiters.
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It also reads TAB delimited files. The best thing is that you don't  
have to know the number of rows and columns in advance - DDREAD figures it out.

Do yourself a favor and get it.

Cheers,  
Liam.

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