
Subject: Re: How to read file to fill an array "partially" ?
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 17 Oct 2007 18:31:55 GMT
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mystea writes:

- > 2. A string can't start with a number. for example, if you type
- > junk="3", IDL returns syntax error. The best one can do seems to be
- > junk=" 3".
- >
- > Although I can swallow it and take them as simple facts, I don't feel
- > very comfortable about it. Why is there such inconsistency in the
- > design of format codes? And what can you do if you really want your
- > string starts with a number?

You will have to use single quotes for your numbers:

```
s = '3'
```

Variables that start with a double quote (var = "3) are taken to be octal values.

Cheers,

David

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Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")
