
Subject: Re: Format codes for comma separated data
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OK, I got it but I'm not sure it makes sense.

for the simple example above the format code:

```
IDL> readf, lun, dat, format='(2(A,x), 4(I,x))'
```

```
% End of input record encountered on file unit: 101.
```

```
% Execution halted at: $MAIN$
```

does not work, while the code:

```
IDL> readf, lun, dat, format='(2(A2,x), 4(I,x))'
```

does work

```
IDL> help, dat, /str
```

```
** Structure <1eaa8c4>, 6 tags, length=32, data length=32, refs=1:
```

A	STRING	'a,'
B	STRING	'b,'
C	INT	0
D	INT	1
E	INT	2
F	INT	3

So if you don't specify the length of the first string it takes everything?!?!?

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