
Subject: Re: reading in a long line of data
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 08 May 2008 16:43:50 GMT
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teich@atmsci.msrc.sunysb.edu writes:

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> Hi, I am trying to read in a long line which has around 2520 values
> all in scientific notation (ie 1.2E+02, etc). I tried the following:
>
> x=strarr(2520)
> x[*]='12345678'
> readu,unit,x
>
> Then converting to floating point. This doesn't seem to work since
> the data is in scientific notation. Does anyone have any suggestions?
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I would suggest less fuzzy thinking. :-)

What is a "line" of data? Computers don't do
"around" or "about" anything. They are like
children. They have to be told explicitly.

Cheers,

David

P.S. Do you know anything more exact about this data?
Do you know, for example, if it is really saved in
an unformatted data file?

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