
Subject: Re: read ascii

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file_lines() is very useful in this situation - then you can avoid all that looping and EOF stuff. The next problem is that when you read a string it takes the whole line - not just the part that looks like a string to you. So the error comes when you try to read the time and it's at the start of a new line. I'd start like this:

```
n=file_lines('test.dat')
s=strarr(n)
openr,1,'test.dat'
readf,1,s
close,1
```

and then chop up the lines with strmid() and convert to the types you need.

cheers,
Greg
