
Subject: Reading files

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I'm trying to read a file, which is formed by words and numbers are follow

```
name      0.2  4.1  6.0
othename  1.6  3.2  5.2
...
etc  etc ...
```

Usually I have been using the routine readcol, which works just fine, though it's limited at max 25 column (and it's not so fast for very large array od data).

I was thinking to use

```
matrix=fltarr(size)
openr,1,'myfile'
readf,1,matrix
close,1
```

but of course it get stuck because the first row is actually a string.
Any idea how to do?

Question number two. I want to read different files, named
file1,file2,file3 etc ...

Is there any way I can use a counter something like

```
for i=1,3 do begin
readcol,'file"$i"'
```

thanks in advance!
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