
Subject: Re: Reading * symbol out of a string

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In article

<39c8864a-a3f9-4022-8841-82ba2fb23aa2@z5g2000vba.googlegroups.com>,
fugu <daniel.hawellek@gmail.com> wrote:

> Dear all,
>
> I have a string x
>
> X STRING = '*280 948 80 0'
>
> which I am trying to read into variables:
>
> READS, x, stage, lat, lon, wind, press, format =
> '(A1,I3,1x,I3,1x,I3,1x,I4)'
>
> This returns % Type conversion error: Unable to convert given STRING
> to Float.
>
> and the problem seems to be the (ASCII decimal 42 mapped -) * symbol.
>
> I have tried to read it into various formats (replace A by I or F for
> instance), but none works.
>
> Has anyone got an idea, why that is and how to work around it?
>
> Many thanks!
>
> Daniel

Did you do

x = "

to ensure that it was a string before trying to read into it?

Ken Bowman
