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Subject: Read ASCII File with tab separator

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Hi everyone,

I'm trying to read an ascii file with tabs as separator. The catch is that when the value equals zero, it is not actually written into the file. Example 1 gives the file as it should look like if zeros were present. Example 2 gives the actual file ('0' 'TAB' have been replaced by 'TAB' only).

I've used the following code for example 1 but can't figure out how to read example 2 without messing the data up.

```
data = fltarr(4,4)
readf, lun, data
```

Thank very much for your help!

EXAMPLE 1:

```
1 0 0 0
2 0 10 10
3 0 12 12
4 0 10 10
```

EXAMPLE 2:

```
1
2 10 10
3 12 12
4 10 10
```

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