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Subject: Re: how can I read many columns and rows  
Posted by [wlandsman](#) on Thu, 31 Mar 2016 18:50:44 GMT  
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I would check your assumptions. For example, you previously told us that your array contained 30 columns, 20 rows. But for some reason you dimension your array `fltarr(6,50)`, which has 300 elements instead of 600. Maybe that is why only half the column is being read?

On Thursday, March 31, 2016 at 1:38:05 PM UTC-4, Ali Gamal wrote:

> On Tuesday, March 29, 2016 at 8:21:02 PM UTC+2, Ali Gamal wrote:

>> Hi everyone,

>> I have data file contains 30 column, every column contains 20 row. How can I read this file ?

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> when I run my IDL program

> .....

> `a = fltarr(6, 50)`

> `OPENR, 1, 'H:\a.dat'`

> `READF, 1, a`

> `CLOSE, 1`

> `column5=a[5,*]`

> `print,column5`

> `end`

> .....

> it does not print whole column 6 but it print half of column then repeat it as

> 3910.30

> 3939.00

> 3987.40

> 4052.60

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> 4255.50

> 4316.80

> 4381.10

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> 4505.70

> 4568.90

> 4624.30

> 4680.70

> 4755.30

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> 5308.60

> 5564.50

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> what is the problem
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