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Subject: Reading formatted input with READS

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Hello everybody,

This is my first post so please let me know if I posted it in the wrong place.

My problem is purely that I am not yet familiarized with the IDL formats. I would like to use READS to read what is in between the square brackets below:

```
%M.z 20.37 [~] D 2011A&A...527A..78F
```

```
%M.z 20.37 [0.12] D 2011A&A...527A..78F
```

So, there is two cases, one when it is a STRING and the other, when it is a FLOAT.

Is there a way to read that?

I will appreciate any help.

Thanks

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