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Posted by [ahs\[1\]](#) on Fri, 17 Jun 2005 12:33:11 GMT

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Posted by [R.Bauer](#) on Sun, 19 Jun 2005 08:20:56 GMT

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How large and what kind of format?

reading a large file at once is extremly fast. See my example at the "Fast editing text" thread.

cheers

Reimar

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a IDL library at ForschungsZentrum Juelich  
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