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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Mon, 09 Apr 2007 13:45:31 GMT

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Use FILE\_LINES to determine the number of rows in the file.

Cheers,

David

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Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

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Posted by [Christopher Thom](#) on Mon, 09 Apr 2007 19:12:21 GMT

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Quoth David Fanning:

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Since you know the number of columns, you could also use "readcol.pro" in the idlastro library, to read your data. It will read up to 25 columns of data of a specified data type.

<http://idlastro.gsfc.nasa.gov/ftp/pro/misc/readcol.pro>

cheers

chris

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