Subject: Reading * symbol out of a string
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Dear all,

I have a string x

X   STRING   = '*280 948 80   0'

which I am trying to read into variables:

READS, x, stage, lat, lon, wind, press, format =
'(A1,I3,1x,I3,1x,I3,1x,I4)'

This returns % Type conversion error: Unable to convert given STRING
to Float.

and the problem seems to be the (ASCII decimal 42 mapped -) * symbol.

I have tried to read it into various formats (replace A by I or F for
instance), but none works.

Has anyone got an idea, why that is and how to work around it?

Many thanks!

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