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Posted by [Jeremy Bailin](#) on Wed, 09 Sep 2009 03:34:56 GMT

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Posted by [maurya](#) on Wed, 09 Sep 2009 05:23:20 GMT

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Hi,

Using ddread.pro (
<http://www.astro.washington.edu/docs/idl/cgi-bin/getpro/library42.html?DDREAD>),
you can read formatted (or unformatted) rows and columns of a data
file. This will skip the text lines and read the numerical lines.
There are other many options also.

Cheers

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