
Subject: reads/readf into structures with explicit format
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I was trying to parse a text file into an array of structures, using an explicit format, and found that to make it work as I expected, I had to encapsulate the whole format in extra parentheses:

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[520]> lines=['a 0 9','b 1 3']
[521]> s=replicate({a:'-',b:-1,c:-1},2)
[522]> reads,lines,s,format='(A1,2(1X,I1))'
% READS: End of input data encountered: LINES
% Execution halted at: $MAIN$
[523]> print,s
{ a    0    9}{      0    0   -1}
[524]> reads,lines,s,format='((A1,2(1X,I1)))'
[525]> print,s
{ a    0    9}{ b    1    3}
```

A corresponding difference happens using print with explicit format.

I was not aware that the extra parentheses would make a difference. Is this how it is supposed to work, or is this a bug?
