
Subject: Reading data, without column header
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Hi

I have a .dat file, which contains 5 columns. I want to read data of the file in to other file for manipulation. I want to read it from second row. Please tell me how to do.

I am using following code, but when i run first time it shows error coz of type mis-match. When i continue with execution it works. Please help mr to avoid his error.

```
data = fltarr(5)
filename = '/scratch/shambhu/cdays.dat'
openr,lun,filename,/get_lun
rows=file_lines(file)
```

```
for j=0, rows-1 do begin
  readf, lun, data
  t = data(0)
  q = data(1)
  Md = data(2)
  h = data(3)
  hplus = data(4)
endfor
free_lun, lun
```

Output:

```
IDL> readf, lun, data
% READF: Input conversion error. Unit: 100
      File: /scratch/shambhu/cdays.dat
% Execution halted at: $MAIN$
IDL> readf, lun, data
IDL> print,data[0]
      289.021
```