

## AdiIRC - \$read - # 1

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**\$read(filename, [ntswrp], [matchtext], [N])**

Returns a single line of text from a file.

See also [\\$readn](#).

### Parameters

filename - Filename to read.

[ntswrp] - (optional)

n - Don't evaluate any identifiers in the line.  
t - Treat the first line as a plain text, even if it's a number.  
s - Search for matchtext.  
w - Search for matchtext as a wildmatch.  
r - Search for matchtext as a regular expression.  
p - Treat command | separators as such instead of as plain text.

[matchtext] - Matchtext to search. (optional)

[N] - The Nth line.

### Example

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; Prints a random line from the file 'file.txt'.  
//echo $read(file.txt)
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; Prints line '10' from the file 'file.txt'.  
//echo $read(file.txt, 10)
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; Searches file 'file.txt' for a line beginning with the text 'Hello World' and prints the text following the match value.  
//echo $read(file.txt, s, Hello World)
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; Searches file 'file.txt' for a line matching the wildmatch '*Hello World*' and prints it.  
//echo $read(file.txt, w, *Hello World*)
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