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DOS sequential text files are saved as strings of ASCII characters, just as if they were printed. Furthermore, numeric variables are stored as a string of characters rather than in their internal binary format. The number of characters required by a given variable VAR can be found with:

PRINT LEN (STR\$ (VAR))

The carriage return, along with other separating characters sent out after the data, also need space allocated for them.

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