Subject: Re: How to skip some bytes?

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Gang Chen (gang@cochise.biosci.arizona.edu) writes:

- > I am new to IDL, but I am trying to write a program. I want to read an
- > unformatted data into a 3-D array, but I need to skip some bytes at the
- > beginning of the data set. How can I do that with READU? Or is there
- > another way to do it?

How many bytes to you want to skip?

Suppose you have a 512 byte header and the data was a (30,40,50) floating point array. You might write something like this:

header = BytArr(512) data = FltArr(30, 40, 50) OpenR, lun, 'myfile.dat', /Get\_Lun ReadU, lun, header, data Free Lun, lun

You can find additional information about reading and writing data as well as many other programming tips on my Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming web page:

http://www.dfanning.com/

Cheers,

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