
Subject: Re: File pointer problem on PC-IDL
Posted by [landsman](#) on Thu, 18 Mar 1999 08:00:00 GMT
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In article <7cpol7\$4h\$1@nnrp1.dejanews.com>, Peter Mason <menakkis@my-dejanews.com> writes...

> landsman@stars.gsfc.nasa.gov (Wayne Landsman) wrote:

> <...>

>> Basically, then internal file position is getting screwed up. I open a
>> binary file, read 2880 bytes, and find myself located 4095 bytes into the
>> file.

> <...>

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> Wayne, don't ask me why, but ask your remote user to include the switch
> /NOAUTOMODE in the OPEN call.

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Peter, thanks for the info. The IDL documentation certainly gives the impression that the Windows-only /NOAUTOMODE and /BINARY keywords to OPEN have an effect only when *writing* to a file. I guess my example shows that one has to be aware of flipping between "text" mode and "binary" mode, even when reading a existing file opened with OPENR.

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