
Subject: Re: reading a Mac text file on Windows

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In article <8h67q1\$85s\$1@nnrp1.deja.com>, Ronn Kling <ronn@rlkling.com> wrote:

> I have an ascii text file that was created on a Mac that now resides on
> Windows. I need to be able to read this into IDL on Windows, but so far
> I have had no luck. (On a Mac the end of line is a linefeed, on Windows
> it is a carriage return/line feed. On Windows, IDL thinks this is a one
> line file). I would like some IDL technique to read this, but if
> someone has some C code that can do it I would be interested.

In addition to David Fanning's suggestions:

* Use BBEdit as your editor on the Mac. BBEdit and its freeware version, BBEdit Lite, can transparently handle Mac, DOS, and unix end of line conventions. I work with all three platforms, and have found that using the unix convention is best. IDL on all three platforms seems to understand unix convention.

* A number of Mac utilities exist that translate between the different conventions. I use DropStrip if I want to convert a whole folder of files, for instance.

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