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Subject: Re: More WIN/UNIX -> MAC transitions  
Posted by [Mark Hadfield](#) on Fri, 25 Aug 2000 07:00:00 GMT  
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"Ben Tupper" <pemaquidriver@tidewater.net> wrote in message  
news:39A511E9.20F7C838@tidewater.net...

(referring to the capability to read text files platform-independently on  
IDL 5.4)

> I wonder if that capability> is via READ\_ASCII() or using the more general  
READF  
> procedure?

READF.

> I haven't explored using READ\_ASCII() since I have needed to  
> extract tidbits out of the header for this particular data set.

They claim READ\_ASCII is much faster in 5.4 too. I can't confirm that  
because I seldom use it. Perhaps I should...

P.S. I hope I am not violating the 5.4 beta confidentiality agreement with  
any of this. I got a "What's New in 5.4" sheet with my maintenance renewal  
in the mail the other day so I presume new features in 5.4 are more-or-less  
public.

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