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Subject: Re: More WIN/UNIX -> MAC transitions

Posted by [Ben Tupper](#) on Thu, 24 Aug 2000 07:00:00 GMT

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Hello,

I wonder if that capability is via `READ_ASCII()` or using the more general `READF` procedure? I haven't explored using `READ_ASCII()` since I have needed to extract tidbits out of the header for this particular data set. Of course, today, I'm on a Wintel machine. It makes me wish my fingers were platform independent.

Ben

Mark Hadfield wrote:

> If I understand you correctly the problem is to read Windows-format text  
> files into IDL on another platform (Macintosh).  
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> It is claimed in the "What's New" that IDL 5.4 on any platform will be able  
> to read text files using any of the three (Unix,/Windows/Mac) line  
> termination conventions.  
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