
Subject: Implied do loops in IDL
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I have a need for implied do loops in IDL but they appear to be unsupported.
My need occurs when reading data from a file.

Here is an example:

In FORTRAN, the file was written as:

```
write(unit) n, (data(i), i = 1, n)
```

and read as:

```
read(unit) n, (data(i), i=1, n)
```

In this example, n is not generally fixed for every file record.
It seems that the only way to read such files is with implied do's.

Note that I am trying to avoid calling a FORTRAN routine at this point. Does anyone know if "native" IDL can handle such reads and writes?

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