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Subject: Re: reading unformatted binary data (WRITEU) with FORTRAN routine  
Posted by [kucera](#) on Thu, 11 Aug 1994 22:04:00 GMT

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In article <11AUG199413273078@stars.gsfc.nasa.gov>, kucera@stars.gsfc.nasa.gov (Terry Kucera) writes...

> Well, this is sort of a FORTRAN question, but it has an IDL angle,  
> so maybe someone here can help me.  
> I've stored an array of floating points in an unformatted binary data file  
> using WRITEU in IDL. Can anyone tell me how to read the data back using  
> FORTRAN? Terry Kucera

Thanks for the replies. We have found that the following works (on our DEC Alpha, anyway)

In IDL: open the file with OPENW,unit,'filename',/segmented & WRITEU,data

Then in FORTRAN,

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OPEN(UNIT=15,FILE='filename',STATUS='OLD',READONLY,  
      1 access='sequential',form='unformatted')
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READ(15) DATA
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where DATA has been defined ahead of time, of course.

Terry

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