
Subject: Re: Reading large Ascii files

Posted by [Isa Usman](#) on Tue, 30 Oct 2001 16:48:31 GMT

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Martin,

I decided to run your code on my machine with the only change being the file path and it is giving me a buffer error. This means that probably the problem is machine specific. See below

Thanks

Isa

{ x86 Win32 Windows 5.3.1 Feb 23 2000}

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IDL> .COMPILE "D:\Idl readfile\Programs\ascii_io_large_test.pro"
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% Compiled module: ASCII_IO_LARGE_TEST.
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IDL> ascii_io_large_test
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% Format fills output buffer. Re-write as multiple I/O statements.
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% Execution halted at: ASCII_IO_LARGE_TEST 11 D:\Idl
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readfile\Programs\ascii_io_large_test.pro
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```
% $MAIN$
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"Martin Downing" <martin.downing@ntlworld.com> wrote in message
news:ojzD7.29678\$GA.3999822@news2-win.server.ntlworld.com...

> Isa,

> I cant reproduce your problem,

> here is the output I get from the code below which does output/input of

> 12500 floats in one line

> print, !version

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> { x86 Win32 Windows Microsoft Windows 5.5 Beta Jun 20 2001 32 64}

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> IDL> ascii_io_large_test

> values read incorrectly = 0

> line length read = 100000

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> regards

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> Martin

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> pro ascii_io_large_test

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> fn = !fpaths.tmp + "aio_test.txt"
>
> ; create output
> a = findgen(12500)/1000
>
> ; write test file
> openw, lun, fn, /get_lun, width = 500000L
> ; write two lines worth
> printf, lun, a, format='(12500F8.3)'
> printf, lun, a, format='(12500F8.3)'
> close, lun
>
> ; define input variables
> b= fltarr(12500)
> line = ""
>
> ; read test file
> openr, lun, fn, /get_lun;, width = 10000L
> readf,lun,format='(12500F8.3)',b
> readf,lun,line
> close , lun
>
> ; analyse data
> ids = where(a ne b, count)
> print, "values read incorrectly =", count
> print,"line length read =", strlen(line)
>
> end
> =====
> --
> -----
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>
> "Isa Usman" <I.Usman@rl.ac.uk> wrote in message
> news:9rma6a$gbk@newton.cc.rl.ac.uk...
>> Hello,
>>
>> I am trying to read a single row from a large file. The amount of numbers
> per
>> row is about 12500. So in IDL i have the following lines;
>>
>> readf,lun,format='(500F8.3)',ch1_val_s
>>
>> so that i only read 500 values at a time and it gives me the error;
>>

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>> % Input line is too long for input buffer of 32767 characters.
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>> From what i can gather, IDL is trying to read the whole line first
before
> it
>> puts it into the array. Can anybody suggest a way round this please.
>>
>> Thanks
>>
>> Isa Usman
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