
Subject: Re: Ascii-import

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 10 Sep 2002 13:58:22 GMT

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Thomas Jordi (tschordi@giub.unibe.ch) writes:

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> Thanks to both of you. As the ascii_read didn't work I first posted,
> then thought.
> This is how i finally resolved it (with w eq filename):
>
> OPENR, unit10, w, /GET_LUN
> buf=""
> count=0
> WHILE (NOT EOF(unit10)) DO BEGIN
>     READF, unit10, buf
>     count=count+1
> ENDWHILE
> CLOSE, unit10 & FREE_LUN, unit10
> img=STRARR(count)
> OPENR, unit9, w, /GET_LUN
> READF, unit9, img
> CLOSE, unit9 & FREE_LUN, unit9
>
> some sort of countrows...
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That's pretty much it. :-)

You don't need to use the CLOSE statement, by the way.
FREE_LUN will both close and free the logical unit number.
CLOSE is only required for those logical unit numbers you
assign directly, not those you obtain with GET_LUN or the
GET_LUN keyword.

Cheers,

David

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