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Subject: Re: readcol procedure  
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David Fanning wrote:

> Wayne Landsman (landsman@mpb.gsfc.nasa.gov) writes:  
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>> I have heard a rumor that there may be a standardized way of counting the number of lines in  
a file  
>> in the next release of IDL ;-)  
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> And I hear it even has a name very similar to Riemer's little  
> File\_Line program, which I think is too bad. Something like  
> COUNT\_ROWS really makes more sense to me. :-)  
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> Cheers,  
>  
> David

I don't know at the moment if I should be happy or not.  
It's fine to see that's good routines would be implemented into the idl  
binary but always this is done I got the problem that's all of our  
sources using these routines need changes.  
This happens last time by file\_search. We have had nearly the same  
functionality in our routine but not the same parameters or keywords.  
Internal routines are first called sources with the same name are ignored.

I believe they like to start with FILE\_ because of the other file  
handling routines. I would prefer FILE\_COUNT\_ROWS if possible.  
This gives more sense as the word I have choosen in the past.

I will have a look in the beta at this point. It's fine to be a beta  
tester if such new/old functions are implemented. So I have a bit more  
time to change our library.

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a IDL library at ForschungsZentrum Juelich  
[http://www.fz-juelich.de/icg/icg-i/idl\\_icglib/idl\\_lib\\_intro.html](http://www.fz-juelich.de/icg/icg-i/idl_icglib/idl_lib_intro.html)  
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