Subject: Re: readcol procedure
Posted by David Fanning on Fri, 13 Sep 2002 15:50:05 GMT

Pavel A. Romashkin (pavel_romashkin@hotmail.com) writes:

> I am sorry to disagree.
> I routinely read large (60k-200k rows) ASCII files with unknown number
> of lines. I always use large arrays to read into and never ever use EOF
> with line by line reading.
> All I have to do is to catch I/O error in case my buffer array is too
> big as my reading approaches the end of file, then look up what size it
> should have actually been, resize the buffer, then read the last portion
> of file only. Reading a file with 80k lines using this method takes
> about 0.1 s.
> Take a look:
> http://www.ainaco.com/idl/idl_library/read_ascii_columns.pro

Wow. You wrote this, Pavel!? :-)

Cheers,

David

P.S. Let's just say part of being an expert is knowing
who to steal code from. I'll be stealing some of this! :-)

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