Subject: Re: readcol procedure
Posted by David Fanning on Thu, 12 Sep 2002 15:59:19 GMT
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Liam E. Gumley (Liam.Gumley@ssec.wisc.edu) writes:

> I'm curious: Why does anyone need to count the number of lines in an
> ASCII file? If it's to subsequently read the file, then the EOF function
> can be used instead to tell you where the input file ends, and it
> requires only one pass through the input file. There must be another
> application that I don't know about. Or is it just easier to write code
> that reads an ASCII file with a known number of lines?
>
> Can anyone enlighten me?

It's an aesthetic thing, Liam. That EOF stuff is
just...so...inelegant! :-)

Cheers,

DAvid

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