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Subject: Re: Read Total lines in an ASCII file  
Posted by [wmconnolley](#) on Sun, 15 Dec 2002 15:16:09 GMT  
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James Kuyper <kuyper@saicmodis.com> wrote:  
> wmc@bas.ac.uk wrote:  
>> If you are lucky enough to be running under unix, then  
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>> spawn,'cat filename|wc -l',number\_of\_lines  
  
> spawn 'wc -l filename', number\_of\_lines  
  
> would seem like a simpler way to do it.

It would, until you try it ;-) when you'll discover that your version appends the filename to the line count (if this is \*nix dependent, I retract my sarcasm).

-W.

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