
Subject: Re: Read Total lines in an ASCII file
Posted by [Paul Van Delst\[1\]](#) on Mon, 16 Dec 2002 17:06:02 GMT
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Robert Moss wrote:

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> Mark Hadfield wrote:  
>> *snip*  
>>  
>> ... IDL arrays *look* like they can be extended,  
>> but in fact every time you extend an IDL array you create a new one.  
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>  
> What about this then?  
>  
> array = [ TEMPORARY( array ), new_element ]  
>  
> Pointless?
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Slow. Especially if your "array" gets biggish. For small files it's a quick and easy method and I use it. When I know I'll be reading large numbers of data, I use the Knight routine DDREAD. Works well.

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