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Subject: Re: Read Total lines in an ASCII file  
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Mon, 16 Dec 2002 16:48:21 GMT  
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Robert Moss (rmoss4@houston.rr.com) writes:

> What about this then?  
>  
> array = [ TEMPORARY( array ), new\_element ]  
>  
> Pointless?

I don't know how memory is managed in IDL except in the most general terms, but I suspect that done thousands of times, the syntax above will inevitably lead to memory fragmentation. I think getting memory in "chunks", as JD and others recommend, must be more memory efficient in the long run.

Cheers,

David

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