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Subject: Re: checking if file is dos textfile or unix textfile ?

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- > following from a question some months ago, this question arised:
- > how can I check if a textfile is dos or unix formatted ? Which way do I
- > have to open it in IDL under windows (older IDL version 5.2.1) ? How do
- > I have to read from the file to check the format ?

Is there some specific file-reading issue you're having? As far as I know, there is no difference between reading DOS-formatted and UNIX-formatted files no matter what OS you're using. As a test, I just read in a DOS-formatted text file on my Linux box without any problems.

There are two UNIX utility programs, dos2unix and unix2dos which convert files back and forth between the formats. If you want to make sure that all of your files are of the same format, just run all of them through the appropriate converter.

-Mike

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