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

Posted by [R.Bauer](#) on Fri, 19 Mar 2004 14:26:53 GMT

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Klemens Barfus wrote:

> Hello together,
> 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 ?
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> Thanks for your help in advance !
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> Klemens
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What kind of problems do you have?

You could read the file in binary and test if 10b is followed by 13b.
if this is true then it is a dos file.

If you don't move a pointer in the file then you should be able to read
it the same way on both platforms.

Otherwise a good trick is to use `get_file()` and `put_file` to make a local
copy into the `/tmp` directory and work on that one.

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a IDL library at ForschungsZentrum Juelich

http://www.fz-juelich.de/icg/icg-i/idl_icglib/idl_lib_intro.html

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