
Subject: Re: A very simple FORMAT question
Posted by [Chris Lee](#) on Fri, 23 Apr 2004 11:18:34 GMT
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> In article <4086EE70.9070707@ya.com.spam>, "Unknown" <andry@ya.com.spam>
> wrote:
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>> Hi all,
>> ----- test.datos -----
>> |020922 10:00:00 | 339| 348| 63| 356| 400| 88| |020922
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>> -----
>> SPAWN, "wc -l "+ flnm+ " | awk '{print $1}'", lineas
>> ...
>> READF, 1, data, format= '(1x,i6,3(1x,i2),4x,7(1x,i6))'
> Hi,
>
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Aha, L'inspiration, or something.

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READF, 1, data, format= '(1x,i6,3(1x,i2),4x,6(1x,i6))'
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does NOT work

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READF, 1, data, format= '((1x,i6,3(1x,i2),4x,6(1x,i6)))'
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does work fine (note the extra brackets).

It's not an IDL bug either, Fortran (at least the Intel and f77 compiler) both have the same behaviour. I do think it's bizzare that the everything after the repeat statement (i.e 3(1x,i2)) is repeated in the READ, but not the bit before it.

Chris.
