
Subject: f77 unformatted file reading error
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Dear all,

I am totally new to IDL, but have to use this program to extract binary data.

Need your help.

I have downloaded one file named "bal_flux.bas_smooth35", and tried to read the file as following;

```
IDL> file = 'bal_flux.bas_smooth35'
IDL> openr, lun, file, /f77_unformatted, /get_lun
IDL> nx = 0L & ny = 0L
IDL> readu, lun, nx, ny
%READU: Corrupted f77 unformatted file detected. Unit: 100,
File:>>E:\LAMBERT_DB\MASS_BALANCE\bal_flux.bas_smooth35
% Execution halted at: $MAIN$
```

I am using PC version 6.0.1, and set the "working directory" in "start up" tap in preference menu to the directory that the data are located.

The other guy used the same file to extract the same way. And she was successful. The only difference between hers and mine is that hers is unix version and mine is PC version.

Her code and result looks like the following

```
> IDL> file = 'bal_flux.bas_smooth35'
> IDL> openr, lun, file, /f77_unformatted, /get_lun
> IDL> nx = 0L & ny = 0L
> IDL> readu, lun, nx, ny
> IDL> print, nx, ny
>      1400      1400
> IDL> bal_flux = fltarr(nx, ny)
> IDL> help, bal_flux
> BAL_FLUX      FLOAT      = Array[1400, 1400]
```

Can somebody help on the issue?

Your help is urgent to me.

Thank you.
