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Subject: Re: readu sees unexpected records  
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Thank you guys. The f77\_unformatted fixed the problem. The IDL documentation however says this keyword is UNIX specific (see below), and I am running on a windows XP. So the documentation does not seem quite accurate about this...?

#### F77\_UNFORMATTED

Unformatted variable-length record files produced by UNIX FORTRAN programs contain extra information along with the data in order to allow the data to be properly recovered. This method is necessary because FORTRAN input/output is based on record-oriented files, while UNIX files are simple byte streams that do not impose any record structure. Set the F77\_UNFORMATTED keyword to read and write this extra information in the same manner as f77(1), so that data to be processed by both IDL and FORTRAN. See UNIX-Specific Information for further details.

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Regards, Hjalti

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