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Subject: Re: readf help!

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vorticitywolfe@gmail.com wrote:

> Hello,

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> I need a little help with the readf procedure. I have a few large data  
> files that I am trying to make run faster by reading directly from the  
> file into variables rather than reading them as a string and splitting  
> them eventually placing them into their representative files; however,  
> I'm running into a problem with converting the time which is in seconds  
> since 1970 to a long #... I've tried numerous format codes and none  
> have been successful. My data simplified data file is as follows:

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> 001,1137369600,0000000,00.00,00002.22,-00.3,009.3,09.4\*27AE

> 001,1137369601,0000000,00.00,00002.22,-00.3,009.2,09.4\*9AA9

> 001,1137369602,0000000,00.00,00002.32,-00.3,009.3,09.4\*1DA3

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> My program looks like this:

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> openr, lun, fname, /GET\_LUN

> for i=0l, vs-1 do begin

> readf, lun, a,b,c,d,e,f,g,h

> print,a,long(b),c,d,e,f,g,h

> endfor

> FREE\_LUN, lun

> end

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> My output looks like this:

> 1.00000 1137369600 0.000000 0.000000 2.22000

> -0.300000 9.30000 9.40000

> 1.00000 1137369600 0.000000 0.000000 2.22000

> -0.300000 9.20000 9.40000

> 1.00000 1137369600 0.000000 0.000000 2.32000

> -0.300000 9.30000 9.40000

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> See how the seconds do not increment, but everything else does. This  
> leads me to believe that it is something wrong with the formatting. Can  
> anyone help or explain how to overcome this? Thanks! Jon

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You should make the variable b of type long or double, you get limited  
precision beacuse you b is of type float (I guess).

Ciao,

Paolo

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