
Subject: Re: the last line of a large file

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I think the `file_lines` works!

Since the file is very large, I can't have one array to read them all in once. IDL complained and said there are too many elements in the array, so it didn't even let me declare it.

The data files are compiled from multiple sources so they only know how many records they have in the end.

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> lol! Really! What in the world is the point of putting the number of
> lines at the end of the file? That's got to be about the silliest
> thing I've ever heard of. By the time you've actually read to the end
> of the file, you already know how many lines there are!
