
Subject: Re: the last line of a large file
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Hi,

If you are sure it is the last line that you want to omit, you could do something like:

```
nbOfLines = FILE_LINES(YourFileName)
```

```
for i = 0, nbOfLines - 2 do begin  
  readf, in_unit, input_line  
endfor
```

Jean

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> Hi,  
>  
> I am processing a large file with data in the same format till the  
> last line. In the last line, it states how many records are included  
> in this file.  
>  
> So the structure of my program is:  
>  
> while not eof(in_unit) do begin  
>   readf, in_unit, input_line  
>   if( input_line ne 'last line') then begin  
>     .....  
>   else  
>     ....  
>   endif  
> endwhile  
>  
> Do I have to use 'if/then' to test whether every input_line is the  
> last line of the file? Since there are many data records in the file,  
> repeat calls to 'if/then' can be time consuming. But if I don't do the  
> test, the program will be halted when it read in the last line.  
>  
> A Easy way I can think of is to delete the last line, but sometime we  
> are not supposed to change the input files.  
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