Subject: Re: the last line of a large file Posted by Jean H. on Thu, 09 Aug 2007 20:07:16 GMT

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Hi,

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If you are sure it is the last line that you want to omit, you could do something like:
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nbOfLines = FILE LINES(YourFileName)
for i = 0, nbOfLines - 2 do begin
readf, in_unit, input_line
endfor
Jean
> 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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