
Subject: the last line of a large file
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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.
