Subject: Re: the last line of a large file
Posted by Paul Van Delst[1] on Fri, 10 Aug 2007 14:37:03 GMT

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queiny wrote:
> I think the file_lines works!
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> 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.

Weird. Exactly how many elements are there? Or, how large is the file?

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

Well, that's really not an excuse for poorly designed code, but I guess it's
understandable. As a bloke said recently on another newsgroup:

"I always prefer practical, then elegant, then subtle, or I'd never get anything done at all."

cheers,

paulv

>> 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!
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