
Subject: Re: How does one read in simple binary files?

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Bruce, with IDL, reading binary files is quite simple. For example, your case of a 128x128 image of 2-byte pixels could be handled as:

```
image=intarr(128,128)
openr,1,filename
readu,1,image
close,1
```

and that takes care of it. Your second case could be handled as

```
header=bytarr(100)
image=fltarr(128,128)
openr,1,filename
readu,1,header,image
close,1
```

Hope this helps. In this newsgroup, you'll find people are very helpful on all levels of questions.

Regards,
Jack
