Subject: Re: Indexing problem.. Please help me out!!! Posted by David Fanning on Wed, 05 Sep 2007 03:06:54 GMT

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DirtyHarry writes:

- > First of all, I am really sorry to everyone here. I should have done
- > kind of stuff in other languages such as C++ or Fortran, but I
- > couldn't.

I think this is your problem. You are used to this being difficult, and with IDL it is so dead simple you are confused. :-)

- > What I am trying to do now is to merge 40 files with same format into
- > one file. Fortunately, the format of those file is identical...
- > actually each file is composed of 5 headers and one array
- > (site arr=3Dfltarr(25,365)). I don't need headers at all, and I just
- > ignored them. I prepared for a big array(met_arr =3D fltarr(25,
- > 365*40)) to accommodate the 40 files.

You need to make this a HECK of a lot simpler than you are doing now. I would say something like this, where "files" contains the files you want to open.

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Get the names of the files to read.
files = Dialog Pickfile(/Multi, Filter='*.dat')
; Open a file for writing.
OpenW, fileout, 'bigfile.dat', /Get_Lun, WIDTH=12*25
; Read the data in a loop, and write it into the
 output file.
FOR i=0,N Elements(files)-1 DO BEGIN
 header = StrArr(5)
 data = FltArr(25, 14600)
 OpenR, filein, files[j], /Get_Lun
 ReadF, filein, header, data
 Free Lun, filein
 PrintF, fileout, data
ENDFOR
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Free Lun, fileout

That should pretty much do it. :-)

Cheers,

David

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