
Subject: Re: reading in a long line of data
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Fri, 09 May 2008 14:37:37 GMT
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Spon writes:

- > Surely, this is equivalent to $(1800720 * 4)$ bytes, or $(1800720 * 4 * 8)$ bits, or $(1800720 * 13)$ ASCII chars, and therefore massively bigger
- > than the buffer. Yet IDL has no problem doing this. What am I missing?
- > Does the buffer only come into play with ReadF?

Apparently so.

- > How come?

You've got me. Maybe Karl or someone else from ITTVIS can shed some light on this. To be fair, it is usually some kind of programming error that causes this problem to surface. But I would like to understand it, since it comes up from time to time.

Cheers,

David

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Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")
