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Subject: Re: idl readf error

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Sat, 14 Feb 2009 15:08:55 GMT

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Vince Hradil writes:

> Of course that's all relative. If I have to spend 2 days to figure  
> out how to read in a file that takes 2 seconds to parse (instead of  
> the normal 10 seconds) then I don't think it's worth it. Like wise if  
> I read a file 5 seconds faster as part of a 2 hour simulation run, I  
> don't think it's worth.  
>  
> Just sayin'...

I hear you. I use your method most of the time myself,  
just for the reason you mention: it takes me about 10 times  
as long to get the format statement right. But, my ASCII files  
are a couple of hundred lines, not a couple of hundred thousand  
lines.

> I guess what I what I really want to know is whether the accuracy (in  
> terms of round-off errors, or anything else) is any different in the  
> two approaches. I'm guessing not.

I don't think so, either.

Cheers,

David

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

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