
Subject: Breaking files

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Hello,

I have a code that is designed to read and process text files with this format:

```
=xxx  
id = 1  
a = ...  
b = ...  
c = ...
```

It starts by reading the data in using `file_lines` and a string array:

```
infile = '/path/filename'  
n = file_lines(infile)  
data = strarr(n)  
openr, inunit, infile, /get_lun  
readf, inunit, data
```

... and ends by exporting stuff to another text file.

Now I need to deal with input text files that have a slightly different format:

```
=xxx  
id = 1  
a = ...  
b = ...  
c = ...  
=xxx  
id = 2  
a = ...  
b = ...  
c = ...  
=xxx  
id = 3  
a = ...  
b = ...  
c = ...
```

They are just multiple files appended together. I was wondering if there is a simple way of breaking this new big file into multiple files with the old format so I don't have to change my code considerably (maybe using the "`=xxx`" lines to indicate where each file

starts).

Sorry if this is too obvious. I'm new to IDL.

Thank you.
