
Subject: Re: opening/reading binary data

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Michael Alf Rawlins wrote:

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> The FORTRAN open and read statements that work for
> this file are:
>   open (13, file = '/usr2/home/rawlins/Global/dem/etopo5.dat',
>   $   access = 'direct', recl = nlonnod*2)
> In IDL I did:
>   IDL>openr,1,'Global/dem/etopo5.dat',f77_unformatted
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Leave out the f77_unformatted keyword. It only applies to FORTRAN unformatted *variable-length* records.

Cheers,
Liam.
