
Subject: Re: reading portions of a large binary file
Posted by [oxfordenergyservices](#) on Sat, 08 Jan 2011 15:38:27 GMT
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On Jan 8, 3:00 pm, David Fanning <n...@dfanning.com> wrote:
> geoff writes:
>> if the answer I am looking for is read_binary, then I've found it!
>
> The answer could well be Read_Binary, but the method
> underlying that would be the associated variable method
> of reading the data. See the ASSOC command in IDL.
>

thanks. i used

```
strip=read_binary('bin',data_start=na*4,data_type=4,data_dims=[n2-  
n1+1])
```

which seems to work fine except when na gets too big (my offset is 3 billion or so)

I assume I'll have the same problem in assoc because long ints don't go that high?

i'm assuming this is not possible then for an offset greater than max of long?
