
Subject: Re: reading portions of a large binary file

Posted by [oxfordenergyservices](#) on Sat, 08 Jan 2011 13:17:49 GMT

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On Jan 8, 12:59 pm, geoff <oxfordenergyservi...@gmail.com> wrote:

> Hi

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> I have a large (4GB file) which is basically a large 2-D matrix of
> elevations. I want to read just some portion of this file
> (representing a lat/long box). I could read in the whole file line by
> line (because it is too big for RAM) and just take out the relevant
> bits, or preferably I want it to only read off the disc the relevant
> bits of the file. Is this possible in IDL? I vaguely remember this
> being possible in fortran but can't find it by googling.

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> Thanks

if the answer I am looking for is read_binary, then I've found it!
