Subject: Re: Read large ascii file quickly
Posted by David Fanning on Fri, 07 Jan 2011 15:15:20 GMT

edward.s.meinel@aero.org writes:

> You could try all of the above suggestions; you could even use
> READ_ASCII. But, there is no two ways about it -- reading ascii files
> is slow. Always has been, always will be.

Well, I don't know about that. Reading ill-formed ASCII
files is slow, *because* you have to do it in a loop,
as READ_ASCII does. But, if you have well-formed
ASCII input (usually this means written with some kind
of format statement), I've never found IDL to be slow reading it.

Cheers,

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