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Subject: Re: Error in reading large Fortran unformatted files

Posted by [OM](#) on Wed, 16 Feb 2011 13:16:09 GMT

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There's really not much to it...

I do it all from the command line:

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f='name_of_file'
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d=FLTARR(1024,1024,1024)
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OPENR, 1, f, /F77_UNFORMATTED
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READU, 1, d
```

At that point I get the error. Again, for 512 this worked fine.

Ofer.

On Feb 16, 3:11 pm, Paulo Penteado <pp.pente...@gmail.com> wrote:

> Can you show the IDL code you are using to read the file?

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> On Feb 16, 10:00 am, OM <metu...@gmail.com> wrote:

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>> Hello everyone,

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>> I'm new to this group, but I hope I won't look too silly...

>> I've recently started doing calculations in Fortran that result in

>> files containing an  $n^3$  real (single precision) array. As long as  $n$

>> was up to 512, everything worked fine, and I could read the result

>> file with IDL just fine. As long as I switched to  $n=1024$ , though...

>> (array sizes must be powers of 2, for the FFT that is yet to come).

>> I can open the file, and I can assign an array of the proper size, but

>> as soon as I try to read the file into the array, I get the error:

>> % READU: Corrupted f77 unformatted file detected. Unit: 2

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>> I checked, and according to here (<http://www.physics.nyu.edu/grierlab/>

>> [idl\\_html\\_help/files10.html](#)) the size of the file should be within

>> limits (it's too big for 32 bit systems, but I made sure that I'm

>> running a 64 bit version of IDL on a 64 bit machine). It's not a

>> question of endianness, since I'm running the same Fortran code on the

>> same dataset, and the only thing that changes is the size of the grid.

>> Just to be sure of that point, I also made sure I can read the result

>> file correctly with Fortran and tried opening the file with the /

>> SWAP\_ENDIAN and /SWAP\_IF\_LITTLE\_ENDIAN keywords (not at the same time,

>> of course), and I still get the same error.

>> I'm out of ideas by this point... I'll really appreciate any kind of

>> help.

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>> Thanks,

>> Ofer.

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