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Subject: Re: Error in reading large Fortran unformatted files

Posted by [OM](#) on Sun, 20 Feb 2011 15:10:27 GMT

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On Feb 18, 7:15 pm, Nigel Wade <nmw-n...@ion.le.ac.uk> wrote:

> On 18/02/11 15:14, OM wrote:

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>> So I take it the only viable solution you can think of is as suggested

>> by Ken - to break down the file into manageable bits?

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> I don't know of any other. I think it would be easier to write, and to

> read back, as 1024 records. Programming the loop parameters would be

> simpler.

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> I've had a play with a little FORTRAN program, compiled using gfortran,

> which writes files >2GB. It seems the first 32bit word is always

> 2147483657, regardless of the length of the record actually output.

> Maybe this is some special flag to the FORTRAN I/O library to indicate a

> large record, I don't know. I'm not about to load a file that size into

> a binary editor to look at it.

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> Also, the file is actually 8bytes longer than it should be for a single

> record. So it may be that FORTRAN is actually splitting the record into

> two, and it knows this because of that special record length indicator.

> Presumably IDL doesn't understand this new "feature" of the GNU FORTRAN

> compiler, and fails to read the file.

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> Nigel Wade

Well, thanks everybody. I was hoping there's some way around this, but

I guess I was wrong... :/

Ofer.

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