Subject: Re: text file extraction without knowing anything Posted by Michael Galloy on Wed, 19 Oct 2011 20:52:16 GMT

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On 10/19/11 1:54 PM, kisCA wrote:

> Hi there,

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- > I have this file containing text and numbers for a month of
- > measurements I need to extract but the number of lines with the values
- > I need is not regular. So how can I manage to initialize an array I
- > don't know the size?

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> To describe the pattern:

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- > line 1: header with the date I need
- > line 2-5: header with quantity and unit
- > line 6-don't know: values
- > then 26 lines with text

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> Thank you

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> Cheers

The FILE_LINES routine will tell you the number of total lines in the file, n -- so the number of lines with values should be n - 5 - 26.

Mike

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