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Subject: Reading in a binary file in IDL - based on fortran reader?

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I have (quite a complicated) binary file that I need to read in.

I have a fortran reader for it but would like to re-write this in IDL.

I assume for most of the variables I can just use the corresponding one in IDL but how would I define a string of a specific size in IDL?

The data needs to be:

CHARACTER(len=16) :: description

Can I just use the string format code to define a 16 character string like

a=string(", format='(A16)')

Or do I need to do something differently?

Cheers

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