In article <5lv0b4$4it$1@news.dal.ca>,
 sritcey@is.dal.ca (Stephen Ritcey) writes:
> When I first read David's message I assumed that he meant using
> something like
>
>   a = assoc (unit, fltarr (a_not_impossibly_large_number), $
>   offset = get_me_where_I_want_to_be)
>
> And now 'walk' through the file, repeatedly re-assoc-ing with larger and
> larger offsets. Now I agree that doing this 'manually' is a pain, but it
> is workable if the format of the data file is such that it make sense to
> take 'chunks' like this.

Not at all that complicated :-)
Just use
a = assoc (unit, fltarr (a_not_impossibly_large_number))
and use a as an array:
  first=a(0)
  second=a(1)
etc. I use this in my Speckle Code.

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