
Subject: Reading GE MRI data off 1/2" tapes
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Problem:

Cannot read General Electric Signa 3.x/4.x MRI data off
9-track 1/2" tapes.

The program I am writing is in Fortran (historical reasons, of course);
I have tried using the Sun f77 topen,tread... routines, but these are
record-oriented and don't work in this case. I've tried opening the
tape device with open(...,form='unformatted') and can read the first
file on tape, the label. But I cannot seem to get past the first file
marker (tried mt, tskip).

These tapes seem to be in a "unique" format, as a third-party program
that is used to read files off of these tapes (sorry, can't remember
the name, the folks I'm consulting for tried using it) doesn't work
with them.

Any pointers, hints, or code, in *whatever* language, would be
greatly appreciated. I am getting desperate, as this project's
deadline has long since passed.

I apologize if this is off-topic for this newsgroup; I'm trying to reach
an audience that is most likely to have experience with reading MRI
data off tapes. Not many of those posting to the Fortran newsgroups.

Thanks!

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