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Posted by [R.Bauer](#) on Wed, 23 Feb 2000 08:00:00 GMT

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PRO error_pointlun,file

OPENR, IUN, file, /GET_LUN

POINT_LUN, IUN, 0

```
s=STRARR(2)
READF,iun,s
PRINT,s
```

```
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```
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FREE_LUN,iun

END

File Attachments

- 1) [test.unix](#), downloaded 115 times
 - 2) [test.dos](#), downloaded 118 times
 - 3) [error_pointlun.pro](#), downloaded 142 times
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Subject: Re: point_lun

Posted by [John-David T. Smith](#) on Wed, 23 Feb 2000 08:00:00 GMT

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Craig Markwardt wrote:

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It depends on how it was written. Even DOS C programs will happily convert each newline in your output to a carriage return/newline pair, unless told not to with some kind of BINARY mode. All formatted windows/dos output will reflect this conversion, unless it is somehow disabled. Many FTP programs will do this to, for example (unless in binary mode).

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Subject: Re: point_lun
Posted by [Martin Schultz](#) on Fri, 25 Feb 2000 08:00:00 GMT
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Hallo Reimar!

since I was looking at a similar issue yesterday night, I came across

some statements about this in the online help. Look for "reading files:Windows platform" in the help index. It basically confirms what Craig said.

If nothing else helps and you **really** need to read these ASCII files platform-independently, you'll probably have to resort to reading it as binary unformatted into your own buffer, filter all CR's (13B) in case there are any, and break the lines at the line feeds (10B). This still leaves out the Mac World, where they use only CR as far as I know...

Viele Gruesse,
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for i=0,n-1 do readf,un,lin

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