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Subject: Re: Size limit on ASCII output files?

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 29 Aug 2001 20:02:51 GMT

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Barry Lesht (bmlesht@anl.gov) writes:

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> I was just trying to generate an ASCII file using Printf and found that
> my system seems to limit the size of the output file to 64K (65536
> characters). The file I produced was incomplete; changing the output
> format results in a different incomplete file, but one still 65536
> characters long. I was doing this interactively using:
>
> IDL> OpenW, lun, 'output.dat', /Get_LUN
> IDL> ulim = N_Elements(t)-1
> IDL> FOR i=0, ulim, DO Printf, t(i), v1(i), v2(i), v3(i), v4(i),
> Format='(5f10.5)'
> IDL> Close, lun
> IDL> Free_LUN, lun
> IDL> Spawn, 'ls -l output.dat'
> -rw-r--r--  1 blesht  user    65536 Aug 29 14:11 sedmodin.dat
>
> The vectors are several thousand elements long. I'm using IDL5.4 under
> IRIX6.5.12. Does anyone know if this is an IDL problem that can be
> addressed with some option or keyword I haven't found or a unix (IRIX)
> related problem? Thanks.
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Uh, I'd make your loop index a long integer. :-)

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FOR l=0L, ulim, etc.
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Cheers,

David

P.S. Let's just say after you have been bitten by this snake three or four times, you tend to remember. :-)

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