
Subject: Re: big file navigation

Posted by [R.G. Stockwell](#) on Tue, 28 Oct 2003 19:53:09 GMT

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news:bnm487\$1317fk\$1@ID-189398.news.uni-berlin.de...

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Posted by [btt](#) on Tue, 28 Oct 2003 21:33:24 GMT

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Posted by [btt](#) on Fri, 31 Oct 2003 14:00:39 GMT

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Hi again,

What you describe above does work for "normal" sized files, but it doesn't for the "wicked big files" I have in hand. I tried to pull together something like ASSOC - but the limiting code was POINT_LUN.

My example using the 8+GB file with output is below.

Thanks for the ideas, but I think I'll have to break the file into smaller pieces.

Cheers,
Ben

***** Code Starts here *****

PRO Big_File_Test

file = '/Users/Shared/data/VP16/vpr16.stk'

Help, File_Info(file), /str

openR, U, file, /GET_LUN

location = 5000000LL ; five million as starting point

increment = 10LL

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;simply loop through, incrementing the requested location
;by a factor of 10 each time.
While NOT EOF(U) Do Begin
  Print, "Requested location in bytes is...", location
  Point_LUN, U, location
  location = location * increment
EndWhile

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Free_LUN, U
END ;big_File_Test

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***** Code End here *****

+++++++ Output begins here

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IDL> big_file_test
** Structure FILE_INFO, 21 tags, length=64, data length=63:
  NAME      STRING  '/Users/Shared/data/VPR16/vpr16.stk'
  EXISTS    BYTE    1
  READ      BYTE    1
  WRITE     BYTE    1
  EXECUTE   BYTE    0
  REGULAR   BYTE    1
  DIRECTORY BYTE    0
  BLOCK_SPECIAL BYTE  0
  CHARACTER_SPECIAL
    BYTE    0
  NAMED_PIPE BYTE    0
  SETUID     BYTE    0
  SETGID     BYTE    0
  SOCKET     BYTE    0
  STICKY_BIT BYTE    0
  SYMLINK    BYTE    0
  DANGLING_SYMLINK
    BYTE    0
  MODE       LONG    420
  ATIME      LONG64   1067607855
  CTIME      LONG64   1067297307
  MTIME      LONG64   1067297307
  SIZE       LONG64   -10606592
Requested location in bytes is... 5000000
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Requested location in bytes is... 500000000
Requested location in bytes is... 5000000000
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% POINT_LUN: IDL on this platform does not support 64-bit file access: LOCATION.  
% Execution halted at: BIG_FILE_TEST    15  
/Users/ben/pemaquid/lib/grampus/big_file_test.pro  
%                $MAIN$
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----- Output ends here
