
Subject: Re: Cut down a big file (W/O delimiters) into several... but I still don't understand

Posted by [Nigel Wade](#) on Tue, 20 Mar 2007 09:16:23 GMT

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> 85 84 76 53 43 40 39 41 33 33 32 32 33 35

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Nowhere in that code do you read the data from the file.

It helps if you do that, so that the data() array actually has some contents.

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Subject: Re: Cut down a big file (W/O delimiters) into several... but I still don't understand

Posted by [R.Bauer](#) on Tue, 20 Mar 2007 10:00:08 GMT

Hi Callahan

Did you thought on using head and tail for that e.g.

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head n -100 file > newfile
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or you can use a simple idl program
which does read partial a whole array of e.g.

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tmp = make_array(28,100,/long)
openr,lun1,file,/get_lun
for i = 0,1 do begin
    readf,lun1,tmp
    openw,lun2,file+strtrim(i,2),transpose(tmp),/get_lun,width=2 8*12
    printf,lun2,tmp
    free_lun,lun2
endfor
free_lun,lun1
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Reimar

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> 90 2000  1  2  96  95  94  96  93  93  76  74  76  81
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> 85  84  76  53  43  40  39  41  33  33  32  32  33  35
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> 90 2000  1  3  35  34  38  35  29  28  30  29  26  23
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a IDL library at ForschungsZentrum Juelich

http://www.fz-juelich.de/icg/icg-i/idl_icglib/idl_lib_intro.html

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