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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Sun, 29 Mar 2009 23:40:42 GMT

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Cheers,

David

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Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming: <http://www.dfanning.com/>

Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

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Posted by [R.G. Stockwell](#) on Sun, 29 Mar 2009 23:50:49 GMT

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Good idea, i'll give it a shot, but I should point out that I see the error on my laptop, and on my desktop (both 32 bit windows machines, one is IDL 6.3 the other IDL 6.3, i haven't tried it in IDL 7 yet).  
Very curious.

It seems odd that the array can get allocated. But the read command is what fails. The file is 555,834,208 bytes which doesn't seem too big.

cheers,  
bob

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Posted by [R.G. Stockwell](#) on Mon, 30 Mar 2009 00:00:40 GMT  
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Posted by [ben.bighair](#) on Mon, 30 Mar 2009 01:44:44 GMT  
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Ben

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no I had not. Thanks for the link I'll take a look.  
I actually can read the files now. The problem (which I still don't understand) seems to have to do with a networked drive. IDL must have timed out during the read or something like that.

But now that I moved the files to the local hard drive, they can get read in no problem.

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