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Posted by [robparker23](#) on Thu, 04 Jun 2009 17:04:22 GMT

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Subject: Re: IDL/FORTRAN File Reading

Posted by [penteado](#) on Tue, 09 Jun 2009 02:47:06 GMT

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On Jun 4, 2:04 pm, robparke...@gmail.com wrote:

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Posted by [penteado](#) on Tue, 09 Jun 2009 18:30:31 GMT  
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This is untested, since I did not have a sample file to test it with, so there may be some details wrong. But something along those lines should do it:

```
subroutine readuf77(data,filename)
implicit none
double precision, intent(inout), allocatable :: data(:) !where the
read values will be
character(*), intent(in) :: filename
!dummy variables:
double precision :: b,c,e
integer :: f,nlo
real, allocatable :: a(:),tmp(:) !where the values will be read into
!control variables
integer :: un,i,ios,cnt,nhd
logical :: op

!constants
nhd=80 !number of header lines to skip

!find the first available unit and open the file to it
un=7
do
  inquire(unit=un,opened=op)
  if (.not. op) exit !if unit is not open, it should be fine to use
  un=un+1
enddo
open(unit=un,file=filename,action='read',form='unformatted')

if (allocated(data)) deallocate(data)
!read the values
ios=0
cnt=0
do while (ios==0)
  do i=1,nhd; read(unit=un,iostat=ios); enddo !skip the nhd header
lines
  read(unit=un,iostat=ios)b,c,e,f,nlo !read the number of elements (f)
to be read into a
  if (f== -99) exit
  allocate(a(f))
  read(unit=un,iostat=ios)a !read the f values into a
```

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if (cnt==0) then !allocate data for the first time
  allocate(data(f))
  data=a
else
  allocate(tmp(cnt)) !place to keep a copy of data's contents it is
reallocated
  tmp=data
  deallocate(data)
  allocate(data(cnt+f))
  data(1:cnt)=tmp
  deallocate(tmp)
  data(cnt+1:cnt+f)=a
  cnt=cnt+f !update the count of elements read
endif
deallocate(a)
enddo

close(unit=un)

end subroutine readuf77
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