

Re: variable size record length file parsing

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I need help parsing a file that will have variable sized record lengths.

It depends on the format of the file and how the records are separated.

Each line is between 280-320 chars long and ends with an "X" then a CR/LF. Here is an example of a few lines from the file:

You pretty much only have two options: using Line Input and working with a line at a time or reading the file into a byte array (completely or in chunks) and searching for CRLF yourself, which is pretty much what Line Input is doing.

Users love delimited, non-fixed-width files because they're easy to work with for them. As a programmer, I despise them. Fixed-width files rock.

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