Subject: Re: gzipped files
Posted by davidf on Thu, 16 Apr 1998 07:00:00 GMT

Dallas Masters (dallas@lanl.gov) writes:

> How can I pass the piped output (LUN) to READ_BMP, READ_GIF, READ_TIFF?
> These procedures take file names as inputs, not LUNs. Is there a way
> around this?
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> Why did RSI not make all I/O routines take either one flavor or all
> flavors: file name string or LUN? LUNs would make IDL much easier to
> hack.

I have the distinct feeling I am missing something obvious
here, by why can't you just unzip the files in some temporary
"data" directory, use FindFile to get all of their names,
and then read and delete them to your hearts content?

Using LUNs to access files would surely be hacker heaven,
but as for me, I'm content to use file *names*.

Cheers,

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