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Subject: Re: gzipped files

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dlhopols@knmi.nl wrote:

> mph406@biomed.abdn.ac.uk wrote:

>> read them into an array (which I can already do when unzipped

>> manually from

>> the system prompt) and then re-zip the files, all within a .pro.

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> SPAWN,command,unit = lun

I think the previous question 'zip-unzip' in a .pro file meant that idl program zip-unzip an image file without the help of system commands. Image files are huge, compression is necessary, zcat (for UNIX) or winzip, pczip (for PC) are good shortcuts, but it at least not elegant to launch a system command, any way I don't like it. I am wondering whether there are functions already written in IDL to do the basic compression(lossless encoding) to reduce the image file size.

Thanks

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