
Subject: Re: Determining machine endian-ness
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Is there a way to determine whether the machine on which IDL is executing is big endian or little endian? I am trying to read a data file which I know contains little-endian data. I need to byte swap this data if IDL is running on a big-endian machine, but not byte-swap if it is running on a little-endian machine.

Thanks to all the replies from someone who did not make the request. I walked in today to a question in my inbox asking about the endian of my system so some data could be generated. Good timing folks!

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