Subject: Re: transfering data files
Posted by davidf on Tue, 10 Aug 1999 07:00:00 GMT

Kenneth Mankoff (mankoff@nagik.cs.colorado.edu) writes:

>   Next question: (which i can figure out with a little trial and
> error)... If the files are created (fully) on the Intel laptop, is the
> swap_endian keyword still needed?
>   What happens if i have a file transfered from the Sun to the Dell
> (i.e. /swap_endian needed to open it), and i update _only part of the
> file_ with an OPENU command. Will the file now still be in "big endian",
> or will the SUN part of the file be "big" and the updated Intel part of
> the file be "little"?

Yikes! I wouldn't be doing that. :-(

As long as you are opening the files up anyway,
take my advice and write them out using the XDR
format. Then you can completely forget about
byte order and you can update any part or all
of the file as you wish. :-)

Cheers,

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