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Subject: Re: Splitting JPEG files into RGB components

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Dana Purton (dpurton@utas.edu.au) writes:

> I am attempting to read a JPEG file into IDL and then split it into the  
> three colour  
> components so that each component can be analysed separately. I have  
> been  
> able to read it in and display it on the screen but am finding it  
> difficult to separate it into its red,green,blue components. Is this at  
> all possible with JPEG compression, and if so can anyone give me ome  
> hints on how to go about it?

Assuming you read the JPEG image into IDL like this:

```
READ_JPEG, myfile, image, True=3
```

You can get the RGB components like this:

```
red = image[*,*,0]  
green = image[*,*,1]  
blue = image[*,*,2]
```

Here is a case where you \*want\* that single dimension  
to disappear. :-)

Cheers,

David

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