
Subject: Re: BINARY FILES

Posted by [John-David T. Smith](#) on Fri, 13 Oct 2000 07:00:00 GMT

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David Fanning wrote:

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> mohamed nur (mohamed_nur@my-deja.com) writes:
>
>> I've been dealing with binary files and every case i had to know before
>> hand the dimensions of the array to setup an IDL variable of the said
>> dimesions and read the unformatted data into.
>>
>> But is it possible or is there a method (in IDL 5.2/5.3) to read it in
>> with no knowledge of the dimensions of the array.
>
> A free Second Edition IDL Programming Techniques book
> to the first person who can find the simple word I
> embedded in this binary sequence:
>
> 0110100000000011001
> 00000000000011001000
> 00000000111011000000
> 00000110100100000000
> 0011001001010001011
> 0000100011011000010
>
```

Hmm... all ascii letters at any offset:

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0:hH
1:Ja
2:XF
3:
4:Qa
5:ddvid
6:El
7:
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Offset 5 looks promising. Do we get extra points for detecting typos?
Does the german Ja or spanish El count?

JD

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