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Subject: Re: Elementary image question  
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In article <RFINCH.94Jun9081821@venice.water.ca.gov>,  
Ralph Finch <rfinch@water.ca.gov> wrote:  
> I can scan photos using a scanner hooked to a Mac, getting either tiff  
> or pict files. Using imconv, I can convert these to other  
> formats...what format is best to read the image file, on a Sun Sparc,  
> and view with IDL?  
> --

IDL has routines to handle several graphics formats, including TIFF and PICT (TIFF\_READ and READ\_PICT). Regarding the Sun SPARC, there is a READ\_SRF (Sun Raster File) program available which would probably be best to interact with other Sun programs like snapshot. Each of these programs has a corresponding WRITE\_\* program, also. You can find more info on these in the user library section of the online help.

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