
Subject: Re: routine to translate DEC microvax Floating point...

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Did you try this keyword for OPEN?

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VAX_FLOAT

The opened file contains VAX format floating point values. This keyword implies little endian byte ordering for all data contained in the file, and supersedes any setting of the SWAP_ENDIAN, SWAP_IF_BIG_ENDIAN, or SWAP_IF_LITTLE_ENDIAN keywords.

The default setting for this keyword is FALSE. Under VMS, starting the VAX_FLOAT option to the IDL command at startup has the effect of changing this default and making it TRUE. See Command Line Options for details on this qualifier. You can change this setting at runtime using the VAX_FLOAT function.

Warning - Please read Note On IEEE to VAX Format Conversion before using this feature.

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Brian
