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Subject: Re: How to read a file in zip or gz format usin

Posted by [chase](#) on Fri, 05 Aug 1994 15:33:32 GMT

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>>>> > "Thomas" == Thomas Oettli <oet@sma.ch> writes:

Thomas> No problem, I had a similiar problem some time ago, here is  
Thomas> the data read procedure I used,

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Thomas> FUNCTION GET_RC, f
Thomas> ; Return reference coordinates
Thomas> coords = { x_ref:fltarr(305,269), y_ref:fltarr(305,269) }
Thomas> spawn, ['gunzip','-c',f], UNIT=lun, /NOSHELL
Thomas> readu, lun, coords
Thomas> free_lun, lun return, coords
Thomas> END
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I have tried this in the past but have experienced problems with the IDL prematurely losing the pipe. This seems to happen when I try to do other file I/O before I finish using pipe created by the spawn command.

Has anyone else experienced difficulties with using UNIX pipes created with spawn?

Chris

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