Subject: Re: How to read a file in zip or gz format using IDL?
Posted by j.tan on Fri, 05 Aug 1994 12:33:55 GMT

Hi, everyone,

I really appreciate all the advice I received since I posted my original
question, either through private e-mails or appearing in here. What a friendly
newsgroup!

However, the advice to use 'spawn' would not help me since I am using IDL for
Windows, in which the keyword of "unit" in spawn command is forbidden. I know
"spawn 'gzip -c .....' unit=lun" can be used in Unix as the manual tells me.
In MS-DOS, the "spawn" is limited to the output of line number, not as the
file unit in Unix.

Well, I will try to convert that ASCII file to binary format so IDL can read
quick, at least for the time being.

All the best,

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