
Subject: Re: .idl data format

Posted by [Andreas Ernst](#) on Mon, 15 Jul 2002 17:01:04 GMT

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H C Pumphrey wrote:

> In article <MPG.179c9807f8cfebe998992c@news.frii.com>, David Fanning
> <david@dfanning.com> writes:
> |> Andreas Ernst (aernst@ix.urz.uni-heidelberg.de) writes:
> |>
> |>> I want to visualize data files with the extension
> |>> .idl with IDL. How can I do this?
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> |> Do they have snipe hunts in Germany?
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> I recall being very confused when an American friend used "snipe hunt" to
> mean a hunt for a mythical beast, a chase after something that doesn't
> exist, a waste of time etc. I presume that is how David is using it here.
> However in Europe the snipe is a real bird and I think that people may
> once have hunted them. They would be very hard to hit on account of their
> low, fast, ziz-zag flight, mind you.
>
> |> Go back to your boss and tell him to quit fooling
> |> around

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> It is likely that the files are in IDL's "save" format and the original
> poster _may_ need nothing more than to be told to read up on the restore
> command.
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> Hugh
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The .idl files are the output of a mhd code called NIRVANA which is a software for numerical simulations in astrophysics. They contain structured mesh data which has been transformed into a single logically-rectangular grid in the 'IDL field format', as it is called in the documentation. Any suggestions how to make this data visible with IDL?

Thanks in advance. Andreas
