
Subject: Re: Gzip / compression handling?

Posted by [Craig Markwardt](#) on Mon, 23 Sep 2002 23:51:01 GMT

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Doug Rowland <rowland@fields.space.umn.edu> writes:

> I'm using Mac OS X and Solaris. I'm sure what you describe will work, I
> was just hoping for some way that was OS - independent. (At a minimum, I
> would need to be able to do this under Windows. VMS would be a bonus
> but not completely necessary).
>
> Maybe it will boil down to writing separate modules for each platform,
> using your suggestion for unix and unix-like systems.

Hi again Doug--

If you are using Unix, then you might find my seekable pipe library
useful. It will automatically decode compressed files on the fly.
Unfortunately, it insists on writing to a temporary file, so it
doesn't really satisfy one of your original constraints.

Using a straight Unix pipe with "gzcat" is actually a pretty good
option.

Craig

P.S. <http://cow.physics.wisc.edu/~craigm/idl/idl.html>

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