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Subject: Re: Gzip / compression handling?

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Doug Rowland <[rowland@fields.space.umn.edu](mailto:rowland@fields.space.umn.edu)> writes:

- > Does anyone know how to handle compressed files in IDL?
- > Is the /COMPRESS keyword platform-independent?
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- > Maybe more importantly, I want to take a data stream over a network that
- > is compressed with gzip, and uncompress it in memory. Any easy way of
- > doing this? I would like to avoid writing the stream to disk and then
- > reading it back in using the /COMPRESS keyword to OPENR, as that might
- > introduce lots of overhead.

Hi Doug--

I've wanted this functionality from IDL too, but I do not believe the compression routines are available within IDL, nor from the SOCKET routine.

Yours,  
Craig

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