
Subject: what is the most convenient way to read an image generated by ENVI in IDL

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Hi, there,

After some operations in ENVI, I output the resulting image using the format '.img'. It's an multispectral image.

The '.hdr' head file is like this:

ENVI

```
description = {  
  image [Fri Oct 18 11:01:10 2002]}  
samples = 116  
lines   = 261  
bands   = 4  
header offset = 0  
file type = ENVI Standard  
data type = 4  
interleave = bsq  
sensor type = Unknown  
byte order = 0
```

My question is: how can I read this file using IDL functions?

Now I am doing this using the following:

```
imgdata = READ_BINARY('test.img', DATA_TYPE = 4, DATA_DIMS = [116, 261,  
4]).
```

But I need to specify the data type and dimensions of the image. How can I read it more generally that I need to specify nothing? Is there other functions in IDL?

Any suggestion will be appreciated.

Regards,

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