
Subject: Reading gzip compressed files with SOCKET?
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I am beginning to think that SOCKET may soon overtake WHERE() as the single most important IDL procedure -- it's the one procedure that lets IDL have access to the data and information on the Web

But I am trying to figure out how to read a gzip compressed file opened with SOCKET. Right now I can do this only by transferring all the bytes from the unit opened by SOCKET to a local temporary disk file, and then opening this file with OPENR,/COMPRESS to read it. So I guess I would like either a /COMPRESS keyword to SOCKET or some way to decompress an IDL byte array without first having to write it to disk.

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