
Subject: Re: IDL routine for compress raster-8 image? (lossless)

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robijn@Strw.LeidenUniv.NL (Frank Robijn) writes:

> In article <D3Kxyp.LI2@ireq.hydro.qc.ca>,

> Gilles Ratel 8720 <ratel@ireq-ccfm.hydro.qc.ca> wrote:

>> [...]

>> I have a code in C language, but it is not possible to use CALL_EXTERNAL

>> because the maximum data with DLL is 64 kB.

>> [...]

> Really? I don't have a PC version at hand, but I can't imagine why you can't
> address >64K of data. IDL passes a pointer to the data memory, and I assume
> IDL uses Windows functions to allocate memory, which allows for 4Gb of
> data (in principle). Where's the problem then?

Unfortunately, IDL for Windows only supports 16bit DLL's. Therefore, your address space for exchanging a single chunk of data is limited to a 64kB block. Inside your DLL you can of course allocate much larger arrays using FAR or HUGE memory models.

It would be a good question to RSI's development team if support of 32bit DLL's is planned for Windows 95. Or, even better, IDL for OS/2.

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