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Subject: Re: Advice on data transfer -- PC to Sun  
Posted by [K. Bowman](#) on Mon, 24 May 2004 21:02:30 GMT  
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In article <c8tl34\$s3v\$1@news.wrc.xerox.com>,  
jeyadev@wrc.xerox.bounceback.com (Surendar Jeyadev) wrote:

> Not a IDL or Wave question, but this seems to be a forum where  
> others have run into this problem.  
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> For the first time, I have to deal with largish chunks of data  
> produced on a Windows box and written into binary files. I need  
> to move them to my Sun (Solaris 8) box. Any suggestions on what  
> would be the "best" way to do it? Just converting the PC files  
> to ASCII and moving them over is what I have in mind right now.  
> The data is intended to be analysed (on the Sun) using PV-Wave.  
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> thanks

There are lots of options:

1. You should be able to read the existing files. Just fiddle around with the SWAP\_ENDIAN keywords until it works. ;-) That's got to be less painful than rewriting as ASCII.
2. Is this IDL to IDL? In that case, you can rewrite the binary files using /XDR for portability.
3. Rewrite the files as netCDF or HDF, which are portable by definition.

Regards, Ken

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