
Subject: Re: Advice on data transfer -- PC to Sun
Posted by [Craig Markwardt](#) on Tue, 25 May 2004 15:34:00 GMT
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"Christopher Lee" <cl@127.0.0.1> writes:

> In article <k-bowman-F7F5FF.15023024052004@news.tamu.edu>, "Kenneth
> Bowman" <k-bowman@null.tamu.edu> wrote:
>
>> 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
>
> Is the IDL SAVE format platform independent to
> any extent. I'm guessing the variables themselves are, but is the
> byte-ordering consistent?
>
> The help file says that XDR is used, so I guess so? Of course, I'm not
> encouraging the use of closed formats instead of open ones (NetCDF or
> HDF).

Yes, the IDL SAVE format is platform independent.

Craig

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