
Subject: Re: Advice on data transfer -- PC to Sun
Posted by [Chris Lee](#) on Tue, 25 May 2004 07:18:36 GMT
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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).

Chris.
