
Subject: Re: web/ftp access in IDL (and in VM)
Posted by [Wayne Landsman](#) on Fri, 20 Aug 2004 00:56:50 GMT
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> ----- Original Message -----

From: "Andrew Cool" <andrew.cool@dsto.defence.gov.au>

> "R.G. Stockwell" <noemail@please.com> wrote in message
news:<[kC6Tc.373\\$7A1.21311@news.uswest.net](mailto:kC6Tc.373$7A1.21311@news.uswest.net)>...

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>> So, has anyone used IDL to open (as a client) some type of connection to
>> a server, and list files, download selected files, etc? Any problems

that

>> you've run into, is this a viable solution to accessing data remotely?

>> I could just put a directory listing on a web page, but I like the idea
of

>> a data analyzing widget that the user could run, to create figures, do
simple

>> processing, etc.

> You can certainly use Sockets to ftp data from a remote site.

> I've done this to read Topex data from

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ftp://podaac.jpl.nasa.gov/pub/sea_surface_height/topex_poseidon/mgdrb/data/
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Besides Andrew Cool's suggestion you can also look at Dominic Zarro's OO
implementation of IDL sockets at
<http://orpheus.nascom.nasa.gov/~zarro/idl/sockets.html>

And for simple http access from a Web server you could try my program
webget.pro at <http://idlastro.gsfc.nasa.gov/ftp/pro/sockets/webget.pro>

--Wayne Landsman
