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Subject: connecting to a server to retrieve data (optimizing)

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Hi listers,

I'm fetching some data from the web with the following routine. This does the trick but it gets very slow, for it reads the data on the server and writes it locally bit by bit in a loop.

Does anyone know if it is possible to send the request and simply get the entire data in one turn?

If not, can I read the data bit by bit and append it inside a variable instead of first writing it all to the disk in a file and then reading that same file afterwards?

Regards

Nuno

```
FUNCTION getCoverage, coverage, xMin, xMax, yMin, yMax, format
```

```
    getRequest='GET /cgi-bin/wcs?REQUEST=GetCoverage&COVERAGE='+coverage+'&a  
mp;SERVICE=WCS&'+
```

```
$  
'map=wcs.map&BBOX='+xMin+', '+yMin+', '+xMax+', '+yMax+'&am p;FORMAT='+format+  
$  
'&CRS=EPSG:4326&RESX=0.000833333&RESY=0.000833333'
```

```
    host = 'iced.sge.ucl.ac.uk'  
    port = 80  
    SOCKET, unit, host, port, /GET_LUN
```

```
    PRINTF, unit, getRequest  
    WIDGET_CONTROL, /HOURLASS
```

```
    OPENW, img, 'c:\temp.tif', /GET_LUN  
    byte_in = 0B
```

```
    WHILE EOF(unit) EQ 0 DO BEGIN  
        READU, unit, byte_in  
        WRITEU, img, byte_in  
    ENDWHILE
```

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    FREE_LUN, unit, img  
    CLOSE, /ALL  
    RETURN, READ_TIFF ('c:\temp.tif', GEOTIFF = imgGeoTags)
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END
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