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

Posted by [nunoragil](#) on Mon, 29 Nov 2004 12:45:55 GMT

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andrew.cool@dsto.defence.gov.au (Andrew Cool) wrote in message

news:<c6d70400.0411281810.7b804992@posting.google.com>...

> Craig Markwardt <craigmnet@REMOVEcow.physics.wisc.edu> wrote in message
news:<on8y8mvzv1.fsf@cow.physics.wisc.edu>...

>> nunoragil@yahoo.com (Nuno Gil) writes:

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>>> Hi listers,

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>>> 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 knows if it is possible to send the request and simply get

>>> the entire data in one turn?

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>> Yes, read a byte array instead of a scalar byte. You choose the size

>> of the array you want to read, and if there is less data available,

>> then IDL will only read that much. The number of bytes read is

>> returned in the TRANSFER_COUNT keyword. You can then use that same

>> number to write the data to your file.

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>> Craig

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> Nuno and Craig,

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> I hope you guys have emailed RSI to add your support to the request

> for RSI to intrpduce an http/ftp client into IDL?

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> See my recent post under "Support for getting HTTP/FTP clients into IDL"

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> Cheers,

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> Andrew

> DSTO, Adelaide, South Oz

Craig,

I'm having some problems writing the image.

If you try this link it will download a 16-bit signed Integer tiff

image with 2816 KB:

<http://iceds.ge.ucl.ac.uk/cgi-bin/wcs?REQUEST=GetCoverage↦COVERAGE=srtm&SERVICE=WCS&map=wcs.map&BBOX=46,-25,47,-24&FORMAT=GEOTIFFINT16&CRS=EPSG:4326&RES>

X=0.00083333&RESY=0.00083333

However, if trying to get it via IDL with:

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img=INTARR(1200,1200)
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READU, in, img
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WRITEU,out,img
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I can only get a 2813 KB file and cannot open it properly.

1200x1200 are the number of pixels of the image.

By the way, if I declare the array bigger than this (lets say 2001x2001) the READU issues an "End of file encountered" error.

Thank you and regards,

Nuno
