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Subject: Compressed TIFF images

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IDL's tiff\_read function does not support compressed TIFF files, however LZW compression seems to be pretty common with all image processors (Photoshop, xv, etc.). I would like the general ability to read such files without the additional step of decompressing first with another program.

Has anyone written an extension to the tiff\_read function that interprets LZW compression? If not, what is a good source for the LZW compression algorithm and is there a strong reason why it is not already supported or that I should avoid it?

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