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Subject: Re: Reading binary files made by Python  
Posted by [Maarten\[1\]](#) on Tue, 11 Jul 2006 07:14:28 GMT  
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Rick Towler wrote:

> FWIW, I would consider XDR if you can do that from the Python side. It  
> is \*much\* easier to use than HDF, CDF, etc. and sounds like it is  
> exactly what you are looking for. The only potential issue is that I  
> don't think MATLAB reads it so if that is a requirement I would go back  
> to your original approach.

Yes, that is probably even better, and part of the standard python  
library:

<http://docs.python.org/lib/module-xdrlib.html>

I usually work with hierarchical data sets, or data that is best stored  
in that way, hence my suggestion to use HDF.

Maarten

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