
Subject: Re: Zipped Files

Posted by [Robbie](#) on Fri, 15 Dec 2006 01:49:16 GMT

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David,

Generally not. Just about every data converter in IDL requests a filename. None of them take a filehandle or string as the data source. If they did then the solution would be much simpler.

Recent versions of windows support "compressed (zipped) directories", but you can only see them in explorer. I think that there may be software out there which mucks about with the filesystem driver to trick other applications into thinking that compressed directories are really there.

This is one of *those* features which makes IDL 10x harder than any other language. It almost had me re-implementing IDLffXML* just so I could feed a string into the XML parser.

Arrrrgh..... Now you share my frustration.

Robbie

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