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Subject: Re: Use IDL6.0 to read gcc3.4(Mingw32) written data  
Posted by [Nianming Zuo](#) on Wed, 08 Aug 2007 06:10:28 GMT  
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I am really frustrated by the interface between IDL6.0 and gcc3.4.2(Mingw32).  
The following is the test program.

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// c program, compiled by Mingw32 gcc3.4.2 on MS Windows XP

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <math.h>

#define col 8
#define row 4
#define hit 1

int main()
{
    float mat[row][col][hit];
    int i, j, k;
    FILE *fn;

    for (i=0; i<row; i++)
    {
        for (j=0; j<col; j++){
            for (k=0; k<hit; k++){
                mat[i][j][k] = i + j/2.0 + k/5.0 + (float)i/(j+1);
            }
        }
    }

    fn = fopen("cmat.dat", "w");
    printf("fn = %d", fn);
    if(fn == NULL)
    {
        printf("Can't open cmat.dat to write\n");
        exit(1);
    }
    fwrite(&i, sizeof(int), 1, fn);
    fwrite(mat, sizeof(float), col*row*hit, fn);
    fwrite(&j, sizeof(int), 1, fn);
    fclose(fn);
}
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    exit(0);  
}
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; IDL6.0 program, on the same OS.
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```
device, retain = 2
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; To test whether swap is necessary.
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```
openr, lun, 'cmat.dat', /GET_LUN
```

```
; -- Check the record size
```

```
RecordSize = 10000L * 4L
```

```
RecordSize_Test = 0L
```

```
READU, lun, RecordSize_Test
```

```
IF ( RecordSize_Test NE RecordSize ) THEN $
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```
    Swap = 1 $
```

```
ELSE $
```

```
    Swap = 0
```

```
; -- Close the file
```

```
FREE_LUN, lun
```

```
print, "Swap= ", Swap
```

```
cmat = fltarr(8,4)
```

```
openr, lun, "cmat.dat", /GET_LUN, /swap_endian
```

```
readu, lun, ii
```

```
readu, lun, cmat
```

```
readu, lun, jj
```

```
print, "ii", ii
```

```
print, "cmat", cmat
```

```
print, "jj", jj
```

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end
```

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*****
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Previously, I have easily implemented the interface above on Linux/  
Mandriva 10.2 .

But now it can not be repeated on MS Windows.

The cpu of computer are all Intel P4 .

Thanks,

Tony

On 8 8 , 11 52 , Nianming Zuo <nianm...@gmail.com> wrote:

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> Thank you, Paul, David, Mike, chl and other guys.
> I have read the links (and other related links), and it is really
> helpful for my puzzles.
>
> And now, I have another problem. (The following are on MS Windows
> XP(sp2))
>
> IDL6.0 can not read data saved by gcc3.4. (Mingw32)
>
> in "gccfile.dat", I saved a series of data, including int and float
> type, using
> gf = fopen("gccfile.dat", "w");
> fwrite(NLAM, sizeof(int), 1, gf);
> //repeat this sentence to store several vars,
> NLAM,R,D,H,ALAM0,ALAM1,DLAM , with different type.
>
> Now, I want to read datas in "gccfile.dat", and I have tried many
> methods.
>
> Way 1:
> openr, lun, "gccfile.dat", /GET_LUN
> readu,lun,NLAM,R,D,H,ALAM0,ALAM1,DLAM
> print, NLAM,R,D,H,ALAM0,ALAM1,DLAM
>
> It prints strange data like 3.36641e+038, and prompts:
> % Program caused arithmetic error: Floating underflow
> % Program caused arithmetic error: Floating illegal operand
>
> Way 2: (learn from this forum. THANKS :) )
>
> openr, lun, "gccfile.dat", /GET_LUN, /SWAP_ENDIAN
> readu,lun,NLAM,R,D,H,ALAM0,ALAM1,DLAM
> print, NLAM,R,D,H,ALAM0,ALAM1,DLAM
>
> It still prints the garbage!
>
> I have tested the endian-ness things with (from Paul. Thanks):
>
> openr,lun,'shepp.sgm', /GET_LUN ; "shepp.sgm" is my file.
> ; -- Check the record size
> RecordSize = 10000L * 4L
> RecordSize_Test = 0L
> READU, lun, RecordSize_Test
> IF ( RecordSize_Test NE RecordSize ) THEN $
```

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> Swap = 1 $
> ELSE $
> Swap = 0
>
> ; -- Close the file
> FREE_LUN, lun
>
> print, "Swap", Swap
>
> ; The above Swap turns out 1. So swap is necessary.
>
> Way 3:
>
> openr, lun, "gccfile.dat", /GET_LUN ; Without /SWAP_ENDIAN
> readu, lun, NLAM, R, D, H, ALAM0, ALAM1, DLAM
> NLAM = SWAP_ENDIAN(NLAM)
> print, NLAM, R, D, H, ALAM0, ALAM1, DLAM
>
> Amazingly, NLAM (integer) is wrong, and other vars (float) are right!
>
> I am totally confused by its behaviour!
>
> Additionally, I have tried another ways, and didn't take effect.
> byteorder, NLAM, R, D, H, ALAM0, ALAM1, DLAM, /lswap
>
> One suggested "binread" function, but it doesn't exist in IDL6.0.
>
> Thanks,
>
> Tony
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> On 8 7 , 8 39 , Paul van Delst <Paul.vanDe...@noaa.gov> wrote:
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>> Nianming Zuo wrote:
>>> Dear all,
>
>>> I have suffered file read/write problems between Fortran 90/95 and
>>> IDL 6.0.
>
>>> My Fortran compiler:
>>> Silverfrost ftn95, Compatible for Fortran 77/90/95
>>> http://www.silverfrost.com/12/ftn95/ftn95\_feature\_details.as p
>
>>> IDL 6.0 (Interactive Data Language, RSI)
>
>>> Both are in MS Windows XP(sp2) OS system.

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>
>>> Write data to a file by use of Fortran:
>>> dimension dat(m, n)
>>> !..... Manipulations..., matrix dat(m, n) is float
>>> open(unit=11, file="file.dat", form="unformatted")
>>> write(11) dat
>>> !.....
>>> ! The above are really f77 code, so I guess it is related to Compiler.
>
>>> Read the data above by IDL6.0: (Way 1)
>>> dat = fltarr(m,n)
>>> openr, 1, 'file.dat'
>>> readu, 1, b, dat, b
>
>>> In "readu, 1, b, dat, b", the "b"s are used to skip the record area in
>>> Fortran data format.
>>> Unfortunately, it can not get the right result, and prompts "End of
>>> the file"
>
>>> I have also tried another way in IDL: (Way 2)
>>> dat = fltarr(m,n)
>>> openr, 1, 'file.dat' /f77_unformatted
>>> readu, 1, dat
>
>>> But, it prompts,
>>> "% READU: Corrupted f77 unformatted file detected. "
>
>>> For the above Fortran code, when it is compiled by g77, IDL can read it
>>> by Way 2.
>
>>> So, I doubt that different compilers give different response to the
>>> standard Fortran sentences ?
>>> Since there is no f90_unformatted or f95_unformatted, f77/f90/f95 will
>>> produce the same record for the "open-write" sentence.
>
>>> Now, how can I read ftn95 compiled output data by IDL6.0 ? I have
>>> searched this forum, but without any desirable results.
>
>> Have a lookie at:
>
>> http://groups.google.com/group/comp.lang.idl-pvwave/browse\_thread/...
>
>> (Crikey that's a long link)
>
>> cheers,
>
>> paulv-      -
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