
Subject: Re: Use IDL6.0 to read Fortran 90 written data
Posted by [Nianming Zuo](#) on Wed, 08 Aug 2007 03:52:58 GMT
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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

On 8 7 , 8 39 , Paul van Delst <Paul.vanDe...@noaa.gov> wrote:

> 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)

>

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>> Both are in MS Windows XP(sp2) OS system.
>
>> 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 lookee at:
>
> http://groups.google.com/group/comp.lang.idl-pvwave/browse\_thread/...
>
> (Crikey that's a long link)
>
> cheers,
>
> paulv-      -

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