Subject: Re: reading data-files from archive?
Posted by Maarten[1] on Mon, 15 Oct 2007 07:38:46 GMT

On Oct 13, 9:58 am, Andrew_Cool <poo...@gmail.com> wrote:
> On Oct 12, 7:03 pm, Sven Utcke <utcke+n...@informatik.uni-hamburg.de>
> wrote:
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>> is IDL capable of reading data out of archive-files? What I mean by
>> that, given a somfile.zip or somefile.arc, could I somehow access the
>> /some/path/to/image.tiff stored inside the somfile.zip? If not, would
>> it be easy to add this functionality?
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> Try the COMPRESS keyword to the Open command??

That will allow transparent reading of gzip files. A gzip file is not
an archive, as the file can only hold a single uncompressed file. zip
files (or tar archive with external compression: .tar.gz, .tar.bz2)
will hold a larger number of files. It is this latter capability the
OP is after. Without shell supprt, I don't think IDL can do this out
of the box. The code would be platform dependent (it would not be too
bad on *nix, I can't comment on running it on Windows).

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