Subject: reading data-files from archive?
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Hi,

I'm a complete and utter newbie to IDL, so please bear with me:

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?

Background: we're doing tomography here, and expect to create some PB
of data each year, starting late 2008/early 2009. Unfortunately the
only system able to deal with that much data (dCache) is only well
suited for files between 100MB and 2GB, i.e. too big for a single
slice, and too small for a stack of slices. Using archives would be
one way around this limitation...

Any pointers appreciated

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