
Subject: Re: Has anyone worked with ARF files and brought them into IDL successfully?

Posted by [ben.bighair](#) on Sat, 07 Feb 2009 22:03:26 GMT

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On Feb 7, 3:56 pm, David Fanning <n...@dfanning.com> wrote:

> Duppy writes:

>> Smarmy, arrogant comments are not necessary.

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> Sorry, you thought these fell into that category. It's
> just that after 20 some years of answering IDL questions

> whenever I get one that I think "I don't have any IDEA

> how to do that!", it is from an IDL newbie. I don't

> know why that is, but it is almost always the case.

> I always feel just about the opposite of arrogant

> when that happens. :-)

Hi,

I don't think David's reply was all that off-base. Your questions are hard to answer. There are a lot of people on this list, and the ImageJ list you posted to, that are quite prepared to voluntarily assist you. But it seems to me that you are not really helping us help you. Perhaps if you could pose "crisp" questions. Start by explaining what you know about .arf files, what you have tried, how you know it doesn't work, etc. Sometimes, the answer comes to you *before* you ever have to post! Wooohooo!

Given your most recent post, I suggest that you first contact your data vendor for assistance - you are a paying customer after all.

Cheers,
Ben

P.S. I am sure David can find lots of old emails from me that posed "fuzzy" rather than "crisp" questions. We have all been there and share your frustration.
