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Subject: Re: readu/writeu oddity in xdr files  
Posted by [davidf](#) on Wed, 09 Oct 1996 07:00:00 GMT  
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Kile Baker <kile\_baker@jhuapl.edu> writes:

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> I was sent the following program to read an XDR file.  
>  
> function read_file,filename  
> openr,unit,/get_lun,filename,/xdr  
> time=""  
> filter=""  
> m=0  
> n=0  
> writeu,unit,time  
> writeu,unit,filter  
> writeu,unit,m,n  
> image=fltarr(m,n)  
> writeu,unit,image  
> close,unit  
> return,image  
> end
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You have mistakenly gotten ahold of a beta version of IDL 5.0.  
This completely unpublicized feature will completely revolutionize  
IDL programming. No more do you have to actually type what you  
want IDL to do. In this version, IDL can \*read your mind\* and do  
what you \*thought\* you were typing!

I don't know about the rest of you, but this is going to improve  
my productivity by about 1000%.

David

P.S. This strange thing works on my Mac too. Now how did I get  
ahold of the beta version?!

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