
Subject: Re: FTP downloading in IDL

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Sat, 21 Jul 2012 21:25:05 GMT

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JBT writes:

> So, does anyone know a working solution to download a file from an FTP server, please? Your help is much appreciated!

I had no trouble whatsoever accessing this file. Here is the code I used. Windows 7 64-bit OS, IDL 7.1.2.

```
oUrl = OBJ_NEW('IDLnetUrl', URL_SCHEME='ftp', $
    URL_HOST='ftp.ngdc.noaa.gov', $
    URL_Port=21, $
    URL_USERNAME='anonymous', URL_PASSWORD='', $
    URL_PATH='STP/GEOMAGNETIC_DATA/INDICES/KP_AP/2008')
void = oURL -> Get(FILENAME='C:\IDL\test\file_2008')
```

The file was retrieved nearly instantaneously.

I've gotten this CCurlException error quite a bit working with Google static maps. It is essential that the directory where the file will be saved actually exists and is writeable when the Get method is called. In my case, the problem has almost always been writing to a particular directory. I always give it an absolute file name, but I'm not sure if that is a learned behavior or not. :-)

Cheers,

David

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Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming: <http://www.idlcoyote.com/>

Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")
