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Subject: Re: using Cygwin bzip2 function into IDL 7.1 (windows environment)

Posted by [wlandsman](#) on Fri, 24 Aug 2012 20:35:23 GMT

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I've not used CYGWIN, but I assume the notes below apply to any Unix system.

If you just want to compress or decompress a file then call bzip2 with the SPAWN command.

If you want to directly read a .bz2 file, then use the UNIT keyword when calling bzip2 with SPAWN to open a pipe. (My FITS readers will do this when encountering a file with a .bz2 extension.)

--Wayne

On Friday, August 24, 2012 11:08:52 AM UTC-4, negri wrote:

> I instaled the Cygwin package in my PC (windows XP).

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> Now, I would like to use the bzip2 function with IDL (7.1) (inside my

>

> IDL routine). Is it possible (how?) ?

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> Thanks

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