
Subject: Help with IDLnetURL

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All,

I am trying to use the IDLnetURL class to retrieve data from an HTTP site. The documentation on the host says it will return either a Zip file containing the data or a Text file named CAA_Error.log.x, depending on whether an error occurred or not. The problem is that IDL changes the filename of the saved file to 'idl.dat', or to whatever I specify with the FILENAME keyword. Is there any way to determine which file type has been retrieved and to name it accordingly?

The scheme they give is this:

url = ' http://caa.estec.esa.int/caa_query/?key1=value1&key2=va lue2&...'

So, what I am doing is:

```
oURL = Obj_New('IDLnetURL')
```

```
oURL -> SetProperty, URL_SCHEME='http', URL_HOST='caa.estec.esa.int'
```

[Widget to get input from user (i.e. username, password, etc.)]

```
oURL -> SetProperty, URL_PATH='caa_query/?key1=value1&key2=value2&...'
```

```
fname_returned = oURL -> Get()
```
