
Subject: Re: Processing about 10,000 tif files

Posted by [Helder Marchetto](#) on Tue, 19 May 2015 22:12:52 GMT

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On Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at 12:03:23 AM UTC+2, Helder wrote:

> On Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at 11:07:39 PM UTC+2, livingw...@gmail.com wrote:

>> Dear Gurus,

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>> I have RGB images in tif format and want to do simple arithmetic calculations.

>> A big obstacle to me is number of files to be processed, about 10,000 images.

>> Name of the image files has sequential id such as img_1.tif, img_2.tif,, img_10000.tif.

>> And I have a text file containing image names, coefficients, and offsets.

>> I think reading the text file as an array with three columns and lines matching number of files seems to be successful.

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>> I've tried to read image files with `dialog_pickfile`, but I've learned that the function limits byte length and can't seem to go beyond more than 2,000 files or so.

>> And I've tried to read image files with `file_search`, but it didn't do calculation in sequential order.

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>> Would you give some suggestion how to read image files in order, so that following calculation should be in order from 1 to 10,000?

>> Or a way to do calculation with image name corresponding lines in the text file?

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>> Thanks in advance,

>> Kim

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> I've been there before and I see two ways out of this:

> 1) construct the file array with something like `'img_'+strtrim(indgen(10000)+1,2)+'.tif'`

> 2) use `file_search` and then sort the file array to have the order you wish

> 3) read the text file sequentially and process sequentially

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> Option 2) is not easy because the files don't have a format like `img_00001.tif`, otherwise sorting would be easier.

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> Hope it helps.

> Helder

Brilliant... two ways out in three points. Don't drink and type.

Helder
