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Subject: Re: Problem regarding ENVI file opening  
Posted by [Suresh Negi](#) on Tue, 06 Sep 2016 07:57:28 GMT  
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On Monday, September 5, 2016 at 1:38:04 PM UTC+5:30, Helder wrote:  
> On Sunday, September 4, 2016 at 3:30:13 PM UTC+2, Suresh Negi wrote:  
>> On Friday, September 2, 2016 at 6:47:00 PM UTC+5:30, wlandsman wrote:  
>>> On Friday, September 2, 2016 at 1:08:31 AM UTC-4, Suresh Negi wrote:  
>>>> On Thursday, September 1, 2016 at 3:50:10 PM UTC+5:30, Helder wrote:  
>>>> .  
>>>> >  
>>>> > Type this in the command line:  
>>>> > IDL> query\_tiff(file)  
>>>> > or  
>>>> > IDL> query\_tiff('Composite\_image1.tif')  
>>>> >  
>>>> > What does it show?  
>>>> >  
>>>> > Cheers  
>>>>  
>>>> Showing syntax error. can you please give me the script to open ENVI tiff file with full band information.  
>>>> Thank You  
>>>  
>>> What version of IDL do you have? If you have an old version (prior to V8.0 I think) you have to type  
>>>  
>>> IDL> print, query\_tiff('Composite\_image1.tif')  
>>>  
>>> so you don't get a syntax error  
>>  
>> It is showing 0  
>  
> Ok, that's something to start with.  
> You see, if you type this:  
>  
> IDL> print, query\_tiff('thisFileDoesNotExist.tif')  
> 0  
>  
> You will always get zero. If the file exists, then you get something like this:  
> IDL> print, query\_tiff('E:\aRealDirectory\thisFileExists.tif')  
> 1  
>  
> Now here is the catch. This is all described here:  
> [http://www.harrisgeospatial.com/docs/QUERY\\_TIFF.html](http://www.harrisgeospatial.com/docs/QUERY_TIFF.html)  
> and here:  
> [http://www.harrisgeospatial.com/docs/query\\_\\_\\_routines.html](http://www.harrisgeospatial.com/docs/query___routines.html)  
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> And you can do more... once you get a 1 as a response (the file exists!) then you can try this:
>
> IDL> print, query_tiff('E:\aRealDirectory\thisFileExists.tif', moreInfo)
>      1
> IDL> help, moreInfo
> ** Structure <16c13620>, 19 tags, length=152, data length=136, refs=1:
> CHANNELS      LONG      1
> DIMENSIONS    LONG      Array[2]
> HAS_PALETTE   INT       0
> IMAGE_INDEX   LONG      0
> NUM_IMAGES    LONG      1
> PIXEL_TYPE    INT       12
> TYPE          STRING    'TIFF'
> BITS_PER_SAMPLE LONG    16
> ORIENTATION   LONG      1
> PLANAR_CONFIG LONG      1
> PHOTOMETRIC   LONG      1
> POSITION       FLOAT      Array[2]
> RESOLUTION    FLOAT      Array[2]
> UNITS         LONG      2
> TILE_SIZE     LONG      Array[2]
> DESCRIPTION   STRING    ""
> DOCUMENT_NAME STRING    ""
> DATE_TIME     STRING    ""
> VERSION       LONG      42
>
> You see what happened? He got a lot of information from the tiff header! If you want to know
what the dimensions are, then type:
> IDL> print, moreInfo.dimensions
>      1024      1024
> My file has 1024 rows and 1024 columns.
>
> See how it works?
>
> Try the above and see what happens. Remember to put the full path ('E:\aRealDirectory\')
before the file name (an alternative would be to use the CD command, but one thing at a time...).
>
> Try reading the documentation. It IS helpful.
>
> Good luck!

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Thank you very much. Now I can read 3 band tiff in it, but one thing I want to know that is there any difference in reading ENVI COMPOSITE TIFF file in IDL. From that command it is showing 0 but it is opening in ENVI. Please help.