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Posted by [Liam Gumley](#) on Fri, 17 Dec 1999 08:00:00 GMT  
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> along.

I'm guessing that most people who read TIFF, JPEG, and GIF images from disk actually want to \*display\* the images in IDL. Hence, I wrote a procedure which makes it rather easy.

SHOWIMAGE displays images in GIF, BMP, PICT, TIFF, or JPEG format (the format is detected automatically), e.g.

```
IDL> file = filepath('rose.jpg', subdir='examples/data')  
IDL> showimage, file
```

Check it out at:

<http://cimss.ssec.wisc.edu/~gumley/imagetools.html>

Note that IDL 5.2 is required, to allow automatic detection of image format (i.e. the query\_gif, query\_bmp etc. functions in IDL 5.2 are used).

Cheers,  
Liam.

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edward.s.meinel@aero.org wrote:

> Does anyone know the rhyme or reason for the calling methods for the  
> built-in IDL READ\_\* procedures? Sometimes it is:  
>

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Thanks,

Ben

```
;+
; NAME:
; ReadImage
;
; PURPOSE:
; This function returns the 2 or 3 plane image specified by the file
keyword.
; The utility of this function is that the user doesn't need to remember
which
; image reading procedures are actually functions. The user can
optionally
; query the image only, or return the query structure and the image.
The _extra
; keyword is applied each of the applicable image input procedures that
have keywords.
;
; CATEGORY:
; Input/Output
;
; CALLING SEQUENCE:
; Result = ReadImage()
;
;
; INPUTS:
; All inputs are optional keywords. If file is not specified the user
is prompted to selected one
;
;
; KEYWORD PARAMETERS:
; File: A string specifying the location of the image. If not provided,
the user
; is prompted to select a file.
; Query: Set this keyword to a named variable that, on output, will
contain the info
; structure returned from the QUERY_IMAGE function.
; JustQuery: Set this keyword to a non zero scalar to simply return the
Query structure.
; In this case, Image is returned as -1.
```

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; Red, Green ,Blue: Set these keywords to named variables that, on
output, contain
; the red, green and blue color vectors stored with the image. If the
image
; has no color vectors stored these values are undefined.
; ColorTable: Set this keyword to a named variable that, on output
contains the
; the 3,n color table array. This feature is available for JPEG images
only. If the image
; have a defined colortable stored, this value is undefined.
; _Extra: This keyword allows the user to set any of the many different
keywords
; for each image type. See documentation fpor each image type for
keywords
; that can be passed.
; Cancel: This keyword is set to 1 if the user cancels the
dialog_pickfile prompted, it is set to
; 0 (zero) otherwise.
;
;
; OUTPUTS:
; The ReadImage function returns the image specified by the file
keyword. If the JUSTQUERY
; keyword is set, the user cancels the Dialog_PickFile prompted, or an
error occurs then
; the fuction returns -1.
;
;
; COMMON BLOCKS:
; None.
;
; SIDE EFFECTS:
; None known.
;
; RESTRICTIONS:
; Requires the function ParseFileName.
;
;
; EXAMPLE:
; The following returns the image 'c:/images/image.tif', the red, green,
and blue
; color tables associated with the image (if any.) Also returned are
the GeoTiff structure
; (if the image is GeoTiff format) and the Info Structure returned by
the
; function QUERY_TIFF.
;
;
; Result = ReadImage( File='c:/images/image.tif', Red = Red, Green =
Green, Blue = Blue,$
; Query= Query, GeoTiff = GeoTiff)

```

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;
;
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```
FUNCTION ReadImage, File=File, $
  Query = Query, _Extra = _Extra, $
  Red=Red, Green = Green, Blue = Blue, ColorTable = ColorTable,$
  JustQuery = JustQuery, cancel = cancel
```

```
Image = -1
Query = -1
Cancel = 1
```

```
If n_elements(JustQuery) EQ 0 Then JustQuery = 0
if n_elements(File) EQ 0 Then File = Dialog_PickFile()
```

```
if File EQ " Then Begin
  Return, Image
EndIf
```

```
FileName = StrLowerCase(ParseFileName(File[0]))
```

```
Extension = FileName[2]
```

```
Case Extension of
```

```
'bmp': Result = Query_BMP(File, Query)
'dcm': Result = Query_DICOM(File, Query)
'gif': Result = Query_GIF(File, Query)
'jpg': Result = Query_JPEG(File,Query)
'pic': Result = Query_PICT(File, Query)
'png': Result = Query_PNG(File, Query)
'ppm': Result = Query_PPM(File,Query)
'pgm': Result = Query_PPM(File,Query)
```

```
'srf': Result = Query_SRF(File, Query)
'tif': Result = Query_TIFF(File, Query)
```

EndCase

If Result EQ 0 Then Return, Image

Cancel = 0

```
If (JustQuery NE 0) Then Begin
  Return, Image
EndIf
```

Case Extension of

```
'bmp': Image = Read_BMP(File, Red, Green, Blue, Ihdr, _Extra = _Extra)
'dcm': Image = Read_DICOM(File, Red, Green, Blue, _Extra = _Extra)
'gif': Read_GIF, File, Image, Red, Green, Blue, _Extra = _Extra
'jpg': Read_JPEG, File, Image, ColorTable, _Extra = _Extra
'pic': Read_PICT, File, Image, Red, Green, Blue
'png': Image = Read_PNG(File, Red, Green, Blue, _Extra = _Extra)
'ppm': Read_PPM, File, Image, _Extra = _Extra
'pgm': Read_PPM, File, Image, _Extra = _Extra
'srf': Read_SRF, File, Image, Red, Green, Blue
'tif': Image = Read_TIFF(File, Red, Green, Blue, _Extra = _Extra)
```

EndCase

Cancel = 0

Return, Image

End

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