
Subject: Reading from process pipes in IDL?

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I have been trying to read image data from compressed (*.gz) files.

While this is possible with

```
SPAWN, "gunzip "+file+".gz"
```

```
OPENR, I, file, /GETLUN
```

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READU, ....
```

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FREE_LUN, I
```

I would prefer a way similar to PERL's

```
open(FILE, "gzip -cd $file |");
```

```
...
```

since it would not have to decompress/compress to disk.

Is this at all possible with IDL?

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