
Subject: Re: .idl data format

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Mon, 15 Jul 2002 15:28:24 GMT

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Andreas Ernst (aernst@ix.urz.uni-heidelberg.de) writes:

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Do they have snipe hunts in Germany?

Go back to your boss and tell him to quit fooling
around and tell you something about what is *in*
these files so you have some chance of reading
them. :-)

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: .idl data format

Posted by [R.Bauer](#) on Mon, 15 Jul 2002 16:32:56 GMT

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Andreas Ernst wrote:

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> Thanks in advance. Andreas

Hallo Andreas,

ohne weitere Angaben ist das schwierig zu beantworten.
In idl gibt es keine Abhängigkeit wie unter Microsoft
zu irgendwelchen Datei-Erweiterungs-Namen.

Ein bisschen mehr musst Du uns schon verraten.

Gruss

Reimar

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a IDL library at ForschungsZentrum Juelich
http://www.fz-juelich.de/icg/icg-i/idl_icglib/idl_lib_intro.html
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Subject: Re: .idl data format
Posted by [hcg](#) on Mon, 15 Jul 2002 16:39:58 GMT
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In article <MPG.179c9807f8cfebe998992c@news.frii.com>, David Fanning
<david@dfanning.com> writes:

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It is likely that the files are in IDL's "save" format and the original poster `_may_` need nothing more than to be told to read up on the restore command.

Hugh

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Posted by [Andreas Ernst](#) on Mon, 15 Jul 2002 17:01:04 GMT
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H C Pumphrey wrote:

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The .idl files are the output of a mhd code called NIRVANA which is a software for numerical simulations in astrophysics. They contain structured mesh data which has been transformed into a single logically-rectangular grid in the 'IDL field format', as it is called in the documentation. Any suggestions

how to make this data visible with IDL?

Thanks in advance. Andreas
