
Subject: Re: Reading gzip compressed files with SOCKET?
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Mon, 07 Apr 2003 19:42:45 GMT
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Wayne Landsman (landsman@mpb.gsfc.nasa.gov) writes:

> I am beginning to think that SOCKET may soon overtake WHERE() as the
> single most important IDL procedure -- it's the one procedure that lets
> IDL have access to the data and information on the Web
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> But I am trying to figure out how to read a gzip compressed file opened
> with SOCKET. Right now I can do this only by transferring all the
> bytes from the unit opened by SOCKET to a local temporary disk file,
> and then opening this file with OPENR,/COMPRESS to read it. So I guess
> I would like either a /COMPRESS keyword to SOCKET or some way to
> decompress an IDL byte array without first having to write it to disk.

Hear, here! (Which seems literally and grammatically more correct to me.)

Cheers,

David

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