
Subject: Re: converting ieee-float-format to pw-wave-float-format

Posted by [peter](#) on Wed, 24 Aug 1994 15:38:27 GMT

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SLAMECZKA,MICHAEL (SLAMECZKA@EZINFO.VMSMAIL.ETHZ.CH) wrote:

: Hi everybody!!

: My problem is the following:

: I have an 4 byte float in the ieee-format and should convert it into the
: pw_wave-format.

There's a difference?

: To do so, I had to shift the byte by 2, that means:
: byte1 byte2 byte3 byte4 had to be shifted:

: --> byte3 byte4 byte1 byte2

: in pw_wave I do the following

: readu,1,flo
: print,flo ---> byte3 byte4 byte1 byte2
: print,float(flo,0) ---> floaatingpointnumber

Ah, maybe you need to byteswap your data (did you transfer it from one CPU type to another?) Try the BYTEORDER command. From your description, I think you need BYTEORDER, /LSWAP.

: now my problem realy starts:
: the result is only one quarter of the originally number, that means, if I had
: a 10 then i get as result in pw_wave 2.5!!!

Never seen this!

: thanks a lot

Hope this helps,

Peter

Subject: converting ieee-float-format to pw-wave-float-format

Posted by [SLAMECZKA](#) on Thu, 25 Aug 1994 11:40:01 GMT

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In <Cv1q43.JJ4@hpl.hp.com> peter@hpl.hp.com writes:
> SLAMECZKA,MICHAEL (SLAMECZKA@EZINFO.VMSMAIL.ETHZ.CH) wrote:
> : I have an 4 byte float in the ieee-format and should convert it into the
> : pw_wave-format.

> There's a difference?

Yes there had to be a difference. Every computer has its own format to save floats into a byte array and that programm produces an output in the ieee-format.

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Sorry, BYTEORDER does not produce the right output, I have tried all the 'input keywords'.

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> : the result is only one quarter of the original number, that means, if I had
> : a 10 then i get as result in pw_wave 2.5!!!
> Never seen this!
> : thanks a lot
> Hope this helps,
> Peter

your solution Peter does not help,

is anybody out there, who has a better solution?

Thanks in advance

Michael
