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Posted by [Nianming Zuo](#) on Wed, 08 Aug 2007 10:07:53 GMT
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Dear all,

I am keeping penetrating the said problem.

Although the endian-ness test is swap=1, it doesn't seem that the garbage is aroused by the byteorder.

In c program, I try to write 1(int) + 80*4(float) + 1(int) bytes to "gccfile.dat" ((1+80*4+1)*4 bytes). Then I tried to read this file by IDL 6.0.

openr, lun, 'gccfile.dat',/GET_LUN ; Normal

For the INT parameters, by use of,
num = long(1) ! so it is 4 bytes.
readu, lun, num

For float parameters, by use of
mat = fltarr(80,40)
readu, lun, mat

Unfortunately, in matrix "mat", the first 138 data are right, but the else are garbage!

BTW, the file size of "gccfile.dat" should be ((1+80*4+1)*4 bytes, but the actual size is 1290 bytes. What are the extra 2 bytes ?

I am keeping fighting it.....

cheers,

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Mark,

Thank you for your replay and your recommendation.

Finally I found the crux of the matter. It was caused by the different way to treat " fwrite(fp, "w") " sentence on Linux/Unix and MS Windows. (Initially, my program was developped on Linux and currently to transfer it)

On MS Windows, when I use IDL6.0 to read (openr, readu) data generated by gcc3.4.2 (Mingw32), it produces large values and prompts " Program caused arithmetic error: Floating underflow " , so I suspected it is caused by gcc (transferred from Linux), then I used SWAP_ENDIAN . Perhaps it is a unreasonale trial.

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Good news!
