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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 27 Feb 2008 19:12:16 GMT

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Posted by [Stefano Scardigli](#) on Wed, 27 Feb 2008 20:32:01 GMT  
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Posted by [Jean H.](#) on Wed, 27 Feb 2008 21:01:12 GMT  
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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 27 Feb 2008 21:26:30 GMT

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Subject: Re: 16 bit Tiff image  
Posted by [Stefano Scardigli](#) on Wed, 27 Feb 2008 23:03:16 GMT  
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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 27 Feb 2008 23:12:24 GMT

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Posted by [Jean H.](#) on Wed, 27 Feb 2008 23:45:54 GMT  
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Subject: Re: 16 bit Tiff image  
Posted by [Stefano Scardigli](#) on Thu, 28 Feb 2008 06:52:09 GMT  
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On Wed, 27 Feb 2008 16:45:54 -0700, Jean H wrote:

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I haven't SWAP\_ENDIAN\_INPLACE in my IDL 5.1 !!!

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Subject: Re: 16 bit Tiff image  
Posted by [Stefano Scardigli](#) on Thu, 28 Feb 2008 07:01:31 GMT  
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Subject: Re: 16 bit Tiff image

Posted by [Andrew Cool](#) on Thu, 28 Feb 2008 08:09:06 GMT

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My IDL5.3 manuals say that /UNSIGNED is used to read in unsigned 16-bit integer data and convert it to unsigned 32-bit longword arrays. That keyword was obsolete by IDL 5.3.

Are you quite sure of the format of the data in your TIFF file? Have you tried QUERY\_TIFF and inspected the resultant information structure?

Perhaps you could post the TIFF file somewhere for us to investigate?

Cheers,

Andrew

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Subject: Re: 16 bit Tiff image  
Posted by [Stefano Scardigli](#) on Fri, 29 Feb 2008 07:34:48 GMT  
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what a mess =:-O

I'm on IDL 5.1 and I'm working on a remote server via ssh.

I haven't QUERY\_TIFF  
I haven't SWAP\_ENDIAN\_INPLACE

the images I'm dealing with are about 24 Mb each and they seem fine.  
I'm thinking about some problem with multiband image (what is thinking IDL) and the monochromatic mine.

I'm thinking to give up to this IDL.  
I spent a lot of time in compiling GDL and all the other stuff it requires. But I'm still not sure it is working fine.

Any idea?

Thanks to all

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