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Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming (www.dfanning.com)

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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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I haven't SWAP_ENDIAN_INPLACE in my IDL 5.1 !!!

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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 your tried QUERY_TIFF and inspected the resultant information structure?

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

Cheers,

Andrew

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 monocromatic 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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