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Subject: BSQ to BIL

Posted by [jtmcahill](#) on Fri, 05 Feb 2010 19:46:43 GMT

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Hi,

I'm trying to convert a BSQ to BIL and then make an ISIS .cub file using some of the ENVI Doit functions and a write\_isis command. Converting to BIL appears to work when I run the program below (meaning it is identified as a BIL when I open it in ENVI) but I'm having trouble making an ISIS .cub file out of the product. I realize my mistake may be in ISIS but I want to make sure I've converted it to BIL correctly first.

Second, the write\_isis command isn't being recognized by idl.

I'd appreciate any help with either topic.

```
pro bsq2isis,filename
```

```
envi, /restore_base_save_files
envi_batch_init, log_file='batch.txt'
envi_open_file, filename, r_fid=fid
envi_file_query, fid, dims=dims, nb=nb
  pos = lindgen(nb)
  out_name = out_name
envi_doit, 'convert_doit', $
  fid=fid, pos=pos, dims=dims, $
  o_interleave=1, out_name=filename + '_bil.img', $
  r_fid=r_fid
a=isis_write, r_fid,filename + '_bil.cub'
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end
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Subject: Re: BSQ to BIL

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Mon, 08 Feb 2010 17:48:04 GMT

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Hawaiianite writes:

> Anyway, I'm more concerned with converting the file to BIL format  
> first. I can worry about writing the .cub file later (which I've done  
> before I'm just a bit rusty, obviously). What I don't understand is  
> the above code (with the isis\_write command commented out) makes a  
> file that ENVI says is a BIL when opened and provides a small header  
> file with basic information. How can verify that this is true

If ENVI is happy with it, I'm sure it's true. Here is an article that points to another that shows how I would convert the interleaving of files in IDL. If you did something like that, you are probably OK.

[http://www.dfanning.com/ip\\_tips/where3.html](http://www.dfanning.com/ip_tips/where3.html)

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: BSQ to BIL

Posted by [Maxwell Peck](#) on Mon, 08 Feb 2010 20:10:41 GMT

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The easiest way to check the conversion is to load the converted file into ENVI (the image before the ISIS\_WRITE). If the interleaving in the header is BIL and the image looks 'right' when you open it then it almost certainly is right, the code itself looks fine. If you want to convince yourself I guess you could edit the header and force it to BSQ then try and display it. ENVI uses the header to decide how to load and display the image, it's not just a "info" file so the interleaving has to be correct.

If the ISIS writing commands are IDL commands they almost certainly wont accept the fid keyword properly. It's an easy trap to fall in to when doing IDL/ENVI programming. It's possible it wont even error as fid is just a long integer scalar as far as IDL is concerned.

Max

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Subject: Re: BSQ to BIL

Posted by [jtmcahill](#) on Mon, 08 Feb 2010 20:54:45 GMT

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On Feb 8, 3:10 pm, Maxwell Peck <maxjp...@gmail.com> wrote:

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Ok, thanks for the perspective. I'll look more into loading it into ISIS appropriately now and get back to you.

Thanks,  
Josh

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Subject: Re: BSQ to BIL

Posted by [jtmcahill](#) on Mon, 08 Feb 2010 20:59:27 GMT

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On Feb 8, 3:53 pm, pp <pp.pente...@gmail.com> wrote:

```
> On Feb 6, 7:00 pm, Maxwell Peck <maxjp...@gmail.com> wrote:
>
>>> a=isis_write, r_fid,filename + '_bil.cub'
>
>> Hi,
>
>> I'm not sure where ISIS_WRITE comes from (it's not an ENVI function as
>> far as I know), or what your actual error is, but it is unlikely it
>> will accept the r_fid keyword. You will probably need to use the
>> ENVI_GET_DATA function to put the band in an IDL variable and output
>> it from that. If there is a lot of data you may need to use tiling
```

>> (all in the ENVI Programmers guide).

>

>> Max

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> This is not directly related to the original question, but if anyone  
> is interested, I have a reader and writer for ISIS cubes. The main  
> reasons I wrote them are the awkward interface of the ISIS routines,  
> their lack of ability to do more complicated things than just reading  
> or writing core bands, and to not need to install ISIS just to read  
> and write cubes from IDL. However, my routines presently only support  
> BSQ.

pp,

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impression ISIS files had to be in BIL format. Are you saying they  
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Josh

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Subject: Re: BSQ to BIL

Posted by [penteado](#) on Fri, 12 Feb 2010 04:13:17 GMT

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[http://www.ppenteado.net/idl/pp\\_setcubeheadervalue.html](http://www.ppenteado.net/idl/pp_setcubeheadervalue.html)

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[http://www.ppenteado.net/idl/pp\\_buffered\\_vector\\_\\_define.html](http://www.ppenteado.net/idl/pp_buffered_vector__define.html)

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Subject: Re: BSQ to BIL

Posted by [jtmcahill](#) on Mon, 15 Feb 2010 16:42:21 GMT

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On Feb 11, 11:13 pm, pp <pp.pente...@gmail.com> wrote:

> On Feb 8, 6:59 pm, Hawaiianite <jtmcah...@gmail.com> wrote:

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Consider me a novice. I find I've been using an older version of IDL for some time and am not familiar with a lot of what you are trying to offer.

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Subject: Re: BSQ to BIL

Posted by [penteado](#) on Mon, 15 Feb 2010 17:04:04 GMT

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- > before init before I try to run pp\_readcube.pro.

No, do not change the file names. Those with \_\_define in their name are files that define classes. The routines with :: in their names are methods of those classes, and that is the way they should be.

First, make sure you have in your IDL path all the source code files:

```
http://www.ppenteado.net/idl/pp_editablecube__define.pro
http://www.ppenteado.net/idl/pp_readcube__define.pro
http://www.ppenteado.net/idl/pp_setcubeheadervalue.pro
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```

Then, what exactly were you trying to do?

This (copied from the file pp\_editablecube\_\_define.html) is one example of how to use it to read, edit and write a cube:

To initialize from the cube CM\_1553510065\_1\_ir.cub:

```
a=obj_new('pp_editablecube',file='CM_1553510065_1_ir.cub')
```

To add a dummy backplane:

```
a-
> getproperty,backplanes=back,backnames=bnames,lines=lines,samples=samples
backplanes=[[backplanes],[[findgen(lines,samples)]]]
backnames=[backnames,'DUMMY']
a->setproperty,backplanes=back,backnames=bnames
```

To remove the first core band:

```
a->getproperty,core=core,wavelengths=waves
core=core[:,*,1:*] & waves=waves[1:*]
a->setproperty,core=core,wavelengths=waves
```

To add lines to the history part of the header:

```
app=['GROUP = testedit','date = '+strcompress(systemtime(),/
remove),'END_GROUP = testdate']
a->headerset,append=app
```

To write the edited cube to 'testedit.cub':  
a->write,'testedit.cub'

Destroy the object when done with it:

obj\_destroy,a

There are more examples, for reading thing from a cube, in the file  
pp\_readcube\_\_define.html.

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Subject: Re: BSQ to BIL

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Mon, 15 Feb 2010 17:21:40 GMT

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Subject: Re: BSQ to BIL

Posted by [penteado](#) on Mon, 15 Feb 2010 19:01:10 GMT

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On Feb 15, 3:21 pm, David Fanning <n...@dfanning.com> wrote:

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> Huh!? Are these anything like widgets? Don't use 'em. ;-)

No, there are not widgets there. Only one the pp\_editablecube class,  
that provides an API for reading, editing and writing a cube. Which

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Subject: Re: BSQ to BIL

Posted by [penteado](#) on Mon, 15 Feb 2010 21:13:30 GMT

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I have noticed that difficulty, too. Even at much more basic things than widgets, such as good programming practices. It seems to me that there is a tendency to keep things frozen into naive, impractical, programming, because that is the way that each generation is thought to do it, and passes it on, unaltered, to the next. Just because they were never thought any better, and made to think that is all that there is to programming.

That particular class happened to be designed that way primarily to be used by much more complicated applications, some with a compound widget that examines a cube's contents (written using Catalyst), others that use it to process and store many cubes into a sav file, in a way that they can be easily used later, even allowing to recreate the ISIS cube files.

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