
Subject: IDL routine to read MATLAB MAT-files

Posted by [Gordon Farquharson](#) on Tue, 22 Mar 2011 23:09:28 GMT

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Hi All

I've written an IDL routine to read MATLAB MAT-files. I thought that this routine may be useful to others on this list, so I've made the code available at GitHub:

<https://github.com/gordonfarquharson/idl-load-mat>

The routine is by no means complete: for instance, there are several variable types that it does not support. However, the code is written in such a way that it should be easy to extend. Note that the routine does not read the newer HDF5 format MAT-files (see the README file for more information).

If you find problems with the code, please use the tools at GitHub to let me know about it. I don't have a huge amount of time to work on this routine, but I'll see what I can do. Also, if you do extend the program to support a new type, it would be great if you could let me know so that we can incorporate your improvements.

You can checkout a copy of the code using git, or if you are not git-savvy, GitHub allows you to download the code as a compressed tar file or as a ZIP file.

Gordon

Subject: Re: IDL routine to read MATLAB MAT-files

Posted by [Gordon Farquharson](#) on Fri, 25 Mar 2011 23:03:48 GMT

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On Mar 24, 9:45 pm, Gordon Farquharson <gordonfarquhar...@gmail.com> wrote:

> I'm now working on support for MAT-files written on big endian
> machines. I have an initial version working, but want to test it a
> little more before releasing it. As some stage, once I become more
> comfortable with git, I'll be able to make development releases
> available through GitHub, I'm still learning git at the moment.

My development branch is now available on GitHub. It contains a version of the code that supports endian swapping. With this code, one should be able to read big-endian MAT-files (written using a big-endian machine) on a little-endian machine (tested), and visa versa (I

am not able to test reading little-endian MAT-files on a big endian machine).

Gordon

Subject: Re: IDL routine to read MATLAB MAT-files
Posted by [R.G.Stockwell](#) on Fri, 15 Apr 2011 18:52:46 GMT
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> "Gordon Farquharson" wrote in message
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Thanks Gordon,
I work with several Matlab folks, and this will probably turn out to be very useful for me.

cheers,
bob

Subject: Re: IDL routine to read MATLAB MAT-files
Posted by [markb77](#) on Fri, 04 Dec 2015 13:32:17 GMT
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fyi, I have updated the load_mat routine to handle compressed mat files. the updated code is now included with my public IDL library here:

http://www.github.com/superchromix/wmb_lib

Subject: Re: IDL routine to read MATLAB MAT-files
Posted by [alghafisuct](#) on Wed, 23 Dec 2015 10:49:06 GMT
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On Friday, December 4, 2015 at 5:32:21 AM UTC-8, superchromix wrote:

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So if I have .mat file I can convert it to IDL and get it work? Is that what you mean? I have .mat file and I want to use IDL and I'm not good in IDL just learning and I'm using Matlab

Thanks
