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Subject: Mosaicking a folder of TIFF files that includes 1-D horizontal strips

Posted by [Adam Erickson](#) on Mon, 27 Jul 2015 22:11:19 GMT

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Posted by [markb77](#) on Tue, 28 Jul 2015 09:14:09 GMT

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Posted by [Adam Erickson](#) on Tue, 28 Jul 2015 17:14:53 GMT

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Posted by [Adam Erickson](#) on Tue, 28 Jul 2015 18:20:30 GMT

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Posted by [Bahjat A](#) on Sun, 02 Aug 2015 18:50:38 GMT  
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Posted by [Bahjat A](#) on Fri, 07 Aug 2015 12:21:02 GMT

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Posted by [Adam Erickson](#) on Thu, 20 Aug 2015 01:21:46 GMT  
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Hi Bahjat,

Sorry for the slow reply. I haven't done this in pure IDL, but if you are working with GeoTIFF files without ENVI, then I recommend using the Coyote Graphics (cg) library function `cgGeoMosaic`: <https://www.idlcoyote.com/programs/cggeomosaic.pro>

I also recommend reading the GeoTIFF specification to learn what the fields represent. Basically, you need to remap the images from raster space into projection space by using the model tie point and pixel scale tags, along with the matrix dimensions. This would need to be applied iteratively on each image in the folder, using something like the `reform()` function, then appended

to a single new large array. Re-projecting is different, as you'd probably use `congrid()` for resampling/interpolation too. Depending on the mosaic size (total array dimensions multiplied by the bit depth and number of bands), use a file format designed to handle it. If you had less RAM than the final mosaic size, things get tricky, as you'd need to write the images out in chunks to an HDF5 file, for example.

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Many thanks for your input, and these helpful suggestions.

Actually, I am aware of cgGeoMosaic, but as my images are in JP2000, I would like to avoid the geotiff conversion.

However, it is maybe the only way to go through this issue!!

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