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Subject: Re: HDF SDS array access in IDL  
Posted by [davidf](#) on Wed, 28 Oct 1998 08:00:00 GMT  
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William Thompson (thompson@orpheus.nascom.nasa.gov) writes:

> "Dr. G. Scott Lett" <slett@holisticmath.com> writes:  
>  
>> IDL uses a storage scheme like C, not Fortran. The question of  
>> column-majority and row-majority was a source of confusion at RSI for some  
>> time, and this confusion was evident in some of their documentation. Recent  
>> editions should be better.  
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> I completely disagree!!!! IDL uses a storage system like Fortran. The  
> leftmost index is the one that changes most rapidly in the stored array.

Uh, oh. The symantic confusion is upon us! I suggest we  
all learn the mantra "data is stored in row order". It may  
be our only hope. :-)

Cheers,

David

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