
Subject: Re: How to check if a file is indeed a NetCDF file?

Posted by [R.Bauer](#) on Mon, 19 Apr 1999 07:00:00 GMT

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Paul van Delst wrote:

> Hello,

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> In trying to read NetCDF data files in IDL, I've discovered that the
> NCDF_OPEN crashes on me if the file I ask it to open is not a nCDF file.

> It crashes somewhat gracefully in that it tells me that NCDF_OPEN

> couldn't open the file and the error # is 19. Does anyone out there know

> how to use the IDL NCDF library to determine whether or not a file is in

> NetCDF format? The fact that the most obvious solution (i.e. NCDF_OPEN

> *returns* an error # rather than falling in a heap) doesn't work like I

> would expect doesn't make me too hopeful.

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> Any info appreciated.

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You will found 'CDF' if it's a netCDF File.

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