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Subject: Re: routine for GRIB data  
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news:[86fe0ca1.0107022006.5d36b49a@posting.google.com](mailto:86fe0ca1.0107022006.5d36b49a@posting.google.com)...  
> I am looking for a IDL routine which can read the GRIB format data  
> file. The data I would like to read now is the NCEP reanalysis data  
> (monthly mean UFLUX and VFLUX). I appreciate for your cooperation.  
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I use the NetCDF ncep files. They are large, but IDL handles the NetCDF nicely.

Below is an example piece of code that will print out file information from a NCEP NetCDF file.

The ftp site is:  
[archive.cdc.noaa.gov](http://archive.cdc.noaa.gov)

and data on pressure levels can be found at:  
[/Datasets/archive0/ncep.reanalysis/pressure/](http://Datasets/archive0/ncep.reanalysis/pressure/)

Note: archive0 is for a certain time period, also check archive1,archive2 etc...

Cheers,  
bob stockwell  
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; open and read the (HUGE) netcdf file
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Filename =' put file name here!!'
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Cdfid = NCDF_OPEN( Filename )
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glob = NCDF_INQUIRE(Cdfid)
print
print,'_____ glob _____'
help,glob,st
print
print
print,'_____ info _____'
print,' ',i,' : ','name',' : ','size'
names = strarr(glob.ndims)
sizes = lonarr(glob.ndims)
for i = 0,glob.ndims-1 do begin
  NCDF_DIMINQ, Cdfid, i, Name, Size
  names(i) = name
  sizes(i) = size
  print,i,' : ',name,' : ',size
endfor
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help,Cdfid
print
print, '_____ Variables _____'
for i=0,glob.nvars-1 do begin
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; Get information about the variable
info = ncdf_varinq(cdfid, i)
FmtStr = '(A," (,A," ) Dimension Ids = [ ", 10(I0," "),$)'
print, FORMAT=FmtStr, info.name,info.datatype, info.dim[*]
print, ']'
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; Get attributes associated with the variable
for j=0,info.natts-1 do begin
  attname = ncdf_attname(cdfid,i,j)
  ncdf_attget,cdfid,i,attname,attvalue
  print,' Attribute ', attname, '=', string(attvalue)
endfor
endfor
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levelid = NCDF_VARID(Cdfid, 'level')
NCDF_VARGET, Cdfid,levelid, level
help,level
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levelid = NCDF_VARID(Cdfid, 'lon')
NCDF_VARGET, Cdfid,levelid, lon
help,lon
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levelid = NCDF_VARID(Cdfid, 'lat')
NCDF_VARGET, Cdfid,levelid, lat
help,lat
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levelid = NCDF_VARID(Cdfid, 'time')
NCDF_VARGET, Cdfid,levelid, time
help,time
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NCDF_CLOSE, Cdfid
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end
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