
Subject: Re: HDF interface

Posted by [R.Bauer](#) on Thu, 29 Nov 2001 08:42:34 GMT

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Daniel Peduzzi wrote:

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> James Kuyper Jr. wrote in message <3C0531B9.10707@gsfc.nasa.gov>...
>> Daniel Peduzzi wrote:
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>>> Using IDL's HDF interface, does anybody know how to remove or rename
>>> SD datasets within an HDF file?
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>>> Dan
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>> HDF isn't good about deleting or renaming things. The best you can do is
>> create a new file by copying all the parts of the old file that you want
>> to keep, while dropping or renaming the parts you want to drop or
>> rename. Very annoying. HDF provides routines for deleting or renaming
>> Vgroups, but not for anything else. HDF_DELDD doesn't actually delete an
>> object from an HDF file, it just removes it from the list of data
>> descriptors. The deleted object still takes up space (which can be
>> released by using the hdfpack routine).
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> Excellent, thanks for the info.
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> Next question: does anyone have a good HDF to NetCDF converter? ;-)
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> Dan
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Dear Dan,

in principle I have one.

I have a read_hdf/write_hdf and a read_ncdf/write_ncdf routine which are uses the same data structure.

But it depends on a static definition of possible attributes for the files.

So I have defined in a definition file how e.g. pi_name, _FillValue is written.

If you are able to see a chance to write a definition like this example for your data you will be able to use a lot of icg-data-structure routines.

For example I show you our definition and the one I am using reading nilu HDF files in our structure.

This is our definition

http://www.fz-juelich.de/icg/icg1/idl_icglib/idl_source/idl_work/rb_lib/def_icg.pro

This is a smaller one which shows what is really necessary.

http://www.fz-juelich.de/icg/icg1/idl_icglib/idl_source/idl_work/rb_lib/def_nilu.pro

This structure is a bit different to our data structure.

To adjust this structure to an ICG-DATA-STRUCTURE I am using a routine

http://www.fz-juelich.de/icg/icg1/idl_icglib/idl_source/idl_html/dbase/download/ad_nilu2icgs.tar.gz
result=ad_nilu2icgs(read_hdf('nilu.hdf',def='def_nilu'))

The following are the routines for read_hdf and write_ncdf

http://www.fz-juelich.de/icg/icg1/idl_icglib/idl_source/idl_html/dbase/download/read_hdf.tar.gz

http://www.fz-juelich.de/icg/icg1/idl_icglib/idl_source/idl_html/dbase/download/write_ncdf.tar.gz

There are more routines available to work with this data structures.

e.g.

icgs_correlate

This function computes the Pearson linear correlation and linear regression

coefficients for two parameters in an ICG structure.

http://www.fz-juelich.de/icg/icg1/idl_icglib/idl_source/idl_html/dbase/download/icgs_correlate.tar.gz

The whole library you'll find here:

http://www.fz-juelich.de/icg/icg1/idl_icglib/idl_lib_intro.html

If you are using the catalogue look for the category: ICG_STRUCT

regards

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a IDL library at ForschungsZentrum Juelich
http://www.fz-juelich.de/icg/icg1/idl_icglib/idl_lib_intro.html

<http://www.fz-juelich.de/zb/text/publikation/juel3786.html>

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read something about linux / windows
<http://www.suse.de/de/news/hotnews/MS.html>
