
Subject: Re: Is_netCDF Function

Posted by [mmiller3](#) on Fri, 26 Mar 2004 14:56:27 GMT

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>>>> > "Kenneth" == Kenneth P Bowman <kpb@null.com> writes:

> To tell if a file is a netCDF file, try opening it and be
> prepared to handle the error.

We check for netcdf files like this:

```
header = bytarr(3)
openr, lun, filename, /get_lun
readu, lun, header
free_lun, lun
if string(header) eq 'CDF' then print, 'I think this might be a netcdf file...'
```

This is based on the file format specs from Unidata

(<http://www.unidata.ucar.edu/packages/netcdf/guidec/guidec-18.html>)

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