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Subject: Re: Is\_netCDF Function

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In article <MPG.1acd1c3c46279728989715@news.frii.com>,  
David Fanning <david@dfanning.com> wrote:

> Isn't there a function to tell if a file is a netCDF file or not?  
> I've looked everywhere but the right place. :-(

There's the function NCDF\_EXITS, which sounds like it ought to do what  
you want, but it doesn't.

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

```
IDL> id = ncdf_open('.tcshrc')  
% NCDF_OPEN: Unable to open the file ".tcshrc". (NC_ERROR=-51)  
% Execution halted at: $MAIN$
```

Ken

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