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Subject: Re: [Urgent] TXT-to-GRIB Converter & NetCDF-to-GRIB Converter for IDL  
Posted by [Mark Hadfield](#) on Mon, 21 Jun 2004 21:59:38 GMT

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Paul Van Delst wrote:

> Ha ha. I was going to suggest the OP look at the Unidata decoders  
> package which contains a grib2nc utility until I realised that was  
> backwards to the request... why \*would\* anyone want to write a grib  
> file? :o)

Because they're very compact?

I've never wanted to write one either, but somebody obviously does  
because there's a library, called gribw, under development to support  
write (and read) access:

<http://wesley.wwb.noaa.gov/gribw.html>

It includes a command-line utility of the same name. The WWW page shows  
an example where a GRIB file is converted to text via 2 calls to wgrib,  
then piped to gribw which recreates the original file. Wow!

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