Subject: Re: Reading HDF5 Variable
Posted by David Fanning on Mon, 14 Feb 2005 21:18:00 GMT

Kenneth Bowman writes:

> I think the short answer is "no".
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> At the risk of starting a flame war, the netCDF interface (about 25
> functions) seems to have been written by scientists for scientists,
> while the HDF interface appears to have been written by programmers for
> programmers (hundreds(?) of functions).
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> Admittedly, HDF files are more flexible than netCDF files, but the user
> interface is much more complex. The HDF files that I have seen don't
> appear to use any of the features that are not in the netCDF interface.
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> Your best bet is to find some sample code that reads your HDF files.

After I stopped panicking, I realized that the h5_browser
was written in the IDL language. 15 minutes of fooling
around with that got me what I was looking for, although
I am no further ahead with understanding the format. :-(

Cheers,

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