
Subject: Re: Reading HDF5 Variable

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>> Cool. I tried doing this a while back but I was never successful.
>> Which versions of hdfdumpp and ncgen are you using? If I can simply do
>> that from the command line now, that'd be so much easier.
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> Oopsy - I should've read the subject line closer. I've only done it for
> HDF4 files (v4.1r3). Sorry. When I found out HDF5 was incompatible with
> HDF4 (is that still true?) I avoided HDF5 like the plague and plead
> total ignorance when someone wants to give me a HDF5 file. ;o)
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> However, if the hdfdumpp for HDF5 libraries outputs in CDL, ncgen should
> understand it, right? I just had a quick look at the HDF5 website and
> h5dump doesn't mention CDL, just XML. Bummer. Maybe h5toh4 -> h4dump ->
> ncgen ??
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Yeah, I was working with HDF5 rather than HDF4. While I attempt to avoid HDF5 like the plague some of my scientific colleagues do not. The hdf5 -> hdf4 -> netCDF route isn't one I've thought of before -- maybe I'll give that a try one day.

-Mike
