
Subject: Re: NCDF_ATTCOPY and typecasting

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Okay, after doing more researching, I read that ncdump translates byte data into readable string whenever it can. How come it won't do it in my case?

I keep getting:

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solar_irradiance:long_name = 115b, 111b, 108b, 97b, 114b, 32b, 105b,  
114b, 114b, 97b, 100b, 105b, 97b, 110b, 99b, 101b ;
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-Alex

David Fanning wrote:

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> alexzcervantes@gmail.com writes:  
>  
>> Here is a chunk of my code:  
>>  
>> if(natts gt 0) then begin  
>>   FOR index = 0L, natts - 1L DO BEGIN  
>>     ;----Load the attribute name in attribute name array  
>>     maf_attnname = ncdf_attnname(mafncid, mafvarid, index)  
>>     ncdf_attget, mafncid, mafvarid, maf_attnname, attval  
>>     ncdf_attput, cdfid, l2pvarid, maf_attnname, attval, /byte  
>>   ENDFOR  
>> endif  
>>  
>> Everything seems to work except when I have to copy over strings. When  
>> I typecast a string to byte, I get output like this:  
>>  
>> solar_irradiance:_FillValue = -1b ;  
>> solar_irradiance:scale_factor = 1b ;  
>> solar_irradiance:add_offset = 0b ;  
>> solar_irradiance:valid_min = 0b ;  
>> solar_irradiance:valid_max = 0b ;  
>> solar_irradiance:long_name = 115b, 111b, 108b, 97b, 114b, 32b, 105b,  
>> 114b, 114b, 97b, 100b, 105b, 97b, 110b, 99b, 101b ;  
>  
> So, what do you think is wrong?  
>  
> IDL> long_name = [115b, 111b, 108b, 97b, 114b, 32b, 105b, 114b, $  
>           114b, 97b, 100b, 105b, 97b, 110b, 99b, 101b]  
> IDL> print, string(long_name)  
>      solar irradiance  
>  
> Cheers,  
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> David
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> --
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> Sepore ma de ni thui. (Opata Indian saying, meaning "Perhaps thou
> speakest truth.")
