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Subject: Re: HDF\_VD\_WRITE for string data  
Posted by [Brian](#) on Tue, 14 Oct 2008 13:13:26 GMT  
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On Oct 14, 8:44 am, David Fanning <n...@dfanning.com> wrote:

> Brian writes:  
>> I'm attempting to add string data to VDATA. I've been mixing data  
>> types using the HDF\_PACKDATA function (float and long in example  
>> below), but can't get the string type to work. Instead of "Test" I get  
>> a 4 byte value.  
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> I'm guessing that if you applied the String function to  
> those four bytes that the string "Test" would miraculously  
> appear. This is similar to writing secret notes in lemon  
> juice. Hold the blank paper near a flame and your lover's  
> note miraculously appears!!  
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> Cheers,  
>  
> David  
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> --  
> David Fanning, Ph.D.  
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> Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming:<http://www.dfanning.com/>  
> Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

Obviously.

The point of the sample program above is to save v3 as a string, not  
as a byte array, in the HDF file.

BRIAN

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