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Subject: Re: Editing data in an existing HDF5 file and rewriting the fixed file, in IDL  
Posted by [Andy Sayer](#) on Thu, 05 Feb 2009 16:53:04 GMT

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On 5 Feb, 16:37, sav...@nsidc.org wrote:

> Andy Sayer <iamandysa...@gmail.com> writes:

>> .....

>> ; Load relevant bits of file ;

>> .....

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>> id = h5f\_open(l2file)

>> id\_g1=h5g\_open(id,"ORACOutput")

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> Andy,

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> I'm not an expert, but are you using an IDL version < 6.2? (that's when the  
> keyword /WRITE was added to the h5f\_open call)

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> id = h5f\_open(l2file, /write)

>

> WRITE

> If set the file is open for both reading and writing. The default is to open  
> the file in read\_only mode.

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> Matt

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Hi,

Thanks very much both--you were indeed correct! Due to a local problem our IDL help has been unavailable recently--we're using IDL 7.0 but the help files I could access were for 6.0, before this keyword was presumably added. As they say the stupid questions are easiest to answer. All appears to be working now.

(In case anyone stumbles upon this later, I found a couple more bugs I needed to fix: my final calls should be h5g\_close and h5f\_close, as opposed to more h5d\_close).

Andy

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