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Subject: Re: netCDF-4 support in IDL?

Posted by [Andy Heaps](#) on Fri, 03 Apr 2009 16:40:08 GMT

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Hi Paul,

I contacted ITT-VIS about this a few weeks back and they have an open feature request number cr43022 to support netCDF4. I gather they hope to look more closely at this after the 7.1 release this summer. It's a non-trivial update as it relies on the HDF5 1.8 release which has hundreds of new API calls. If you email ITT-VIS and ask to be added to the feature request then hopefully they'll move it up on their list of priorities a little.

Cheers  
Andy

David Fanning wrote:

> Paul van Delst writes:

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>> Do any insiders out there know about the status of future support for netCDF-4 in IDL? I  
>> received third/fourth-hand news yesterday that there are no plans for IDL to support  
>> netCDF-4 and I wanted to get some more scoop before contacting ITTVIS directly. I searched  
>> the ng on google but didn't find anything.

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> I have absolutely \*no\* inside information about ITTVIS's  
> plans, but from the perspective of someone on the periphery  
> of a project (not using IDL) that is thinking about supporting  
> netCDF-4, I can certainly understand why they would have no  
> current plans to do so. The lack of tools and good documentation  
> make this a constant frustration to deal with. Not to mention,  
> in our case, a cumbersome scheme for including map information  
> in the file. I think everyone is probably holding their breath,  
> hoping (against reason, I'm sure) that no one wants to use  
> this format. :-)

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> At the very least, I think most companies will wait for things  
> to settle down a bit before tackling the project. This seems  
> reasonable to me.

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> Cheers,

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> David

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