
Subject: Re: netCDF-4 support in IDL?

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Fri, 03 Apr 2009 13:52:51 GMT

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Paul van Delst writes:

- > 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.

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. :-)

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.

Cheers,

David

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Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")
