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Subject: Re: NetCDF and empty variables  
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renaud.dussurget@gmail.com writes:

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> I have found a simple way to deal with this, however I don't really  
> like it...  
> IDL>cmd = 'NCDF_VarGet, ncid, varId, data  
> IDL>res= EXECUTE(cmd)  
> % Array dimensions must be greater than 0.  
>  
> And then in the code, write something like this  
> IF (res EQ 0) THEN data = -1  
>  
> Does anyone has a better solution???
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I doubt there are better solutions. IDL makes it extremely difficult to deal with errors coming from all the scientific dataset routines. It is a problem without good solutions. :-(

Cheers,

David

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

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