
Subject: Re: HDF vs HDF-EOS?

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David Fanning wrote:

> Folks,

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> Does anyone know off-hand how you can programmatically tell the

> difference between an HDF file and an HDF-EOS file? I'd like

> to know when to use the EOS_* routines and when to use the HDF_*

> routines.

That's the wrong question, because HDF-EOS files are HDF files, just in a particular format. The question you probably want the answer to is "How do I tell whether an HDF file is an HDF-EOS file?".

The simplest way I can think of is to look for an HDF file attribute named "HDFEOSVersion". It should contain a string like "HDFEOS_V2.9".
