
Subject: Re: IDL: problem on reading ncdf file with short type data

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 01 Apr 2010 12:26:18 GMT

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Kwang. Jae LEE writes:

```
> -- from 'ncdump -h commend' , data type is 'short'
> short pres(time, lat, lon) ;
>
>
> -- right after 'NCDF_VARGET commend' data type shown
> IDL> help, data
> DATA      INT      = Array[144, 73, 372]
>
> data is stored as interger type not short type
```

SHORT is netCDF terminology for an INT. It's like calling the large cat that was seen in one of the local parks around here a "cougar" as opposed to a "mountain lion". If someone called it a "cougar", you would know that person grew up in the Eastern US. But you would still know to get the kids inside. :-)

Cheers,

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