Subject: Re: IDL and OPENDAP
Posted by Kenneth P. Bowman on Fri, 09 Jul 2010 21:43:12 GMT

In article <MPG.26a1365ffad4c23d9896f2@news.giganews.com>,
 David Fanning <news@dfanning.com> wrote:

> Kenneth P. Bowman writes:
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>> To be more political about this, OPENDAP sounds like a good
>> way for the data aristocrats to distribute data to the
>> yearning masses.
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> I think this is *exactly* the point of it. But, and I
> think this is the best part (at least as it was described
> to me a couple of days ago), the data user doesn't have to
> download the entire netCDF file. They can actually go into
> a file and get just that portion of the file they are
> particularly interested in. For example, you could get
> just a particular time slice in an image cube.

I'm not saying OPENDAP is a bad thing, just that it falls
short of solving the 'data distribution problem'.

Cheers, Ken