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Subject: Re: The good way to use cdfid's  
Posted by [Fabzou](#) on Mon, 20 Jun 2011 14:18:30 GMT  
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Hi,

Thanks for your reply. In my case, it is not occurring randomly but after a certain number of open/close :

```
IDL> print, !VERSION
{ x86_64 linux unix linux 7.1.1 Aug 21 2009    64    64}
IDL> crash_ncdf
% Compiled module: CRASH_NCDF.
theError =      0
/tmp/sample_hand.nc
% Loaded DLM: NCDF.
theError =    -1005
i =      32766
ncdf_fid = -2147483648
% CRASH_NCDF: NCDF_CLOSE: -2147483648 is not a valid cdfid.
% Execution halted at: CRASH_NCDF      24
/home/fab/disk/IDLWorkspace/ze_Dev/crash_ncdf.pro
%          $MAIN$
```

Well... I've given up using IDL for low-level NCDF tools anyway (post-processing, etc.) but I'll be happy to find a solution to this.

We will switch to CDO, but I now that some very big organizations (e.g. <http://oceancolor.gsfc.nasa.gov/>) use IDL to generate some post-processed products in NCDF format. Probably they a stable version of IDL working...

Fabzou

On 06/20/2011 03:42 PM, Jos de Laat wrote:

```
> pro create_hand_sample, file
>   compile_opt idl2, logical_predicate
>   print, file
>   sample_var = dindgen( 4, 3 )
>   ncid = ncdf_create(file, /Clobber)
>   dimidx = ncdf_dimdef( ncid, 'x', 4 )
>   dimidy = ncdf_dimdef( ncid, 'y', 3 )
>   varid = ncdf_vardef( ncid, 'variable', /double )
>   ncdf_control, ncid, /ENDEF
>   ncdf_varput, ncid, varid, sample_var
```

```
>   ncdf_close, ncid
>
> end
>
> pro crash_ncdf
>   compile_opt idl2, logical_predicate
>
>   catch, theError
>   print, 'theError = ', theError
>   if theError ne 0 then begin
>     Catch, /cancel
>     print, "i = ", i
>     print, "ncdf_fid = ", ncdf_fid
>     message, !ERROR_STATE.msg
>   endif
>
>   file = '/tmp/sample_hand.nc'
>   create_hand_sample, file
>
>   long_iteration = 19000000L
>
>   for i = 0l, long_iteration do begin
>     ncdf_fid = ncdf_open( file, write = 0 )
>     ncdf_close, ncdf_fid
>   endfor
>
>   print, 'Successfully completed first iterations'
>   window, /free
>   wdelete
>
>   for i = 0l, long_iteration do begin
>     ncdf_fid = ncdf_open( file, write = 0 )
>     ncdf_close, ncdf_fid
>   endfor
>
>   print, 'Successfully completed second iterations'
>
> end
```

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