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Subject: IDL to write GrADS netCDF (SDF)

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Hi,

I'm trying to write a netCDF file that is compatible with the GrADS software, so that the netCDF file can be read using the sdfopen command in GrADS.

I can write a binary file in IDL (using WRITEU) and generate a GrADS control file (in ASCII), and I can write a netCDF file in IDL. The problem is, I cannot seem to write a fully compatible netCDF file using IDL that can then be read in using the GrADS sdfopen command.

Does anyone have a simple IDL procedure that I can work from as an example please?

I've seen various examples here <http://www.unidata.ucar.edu/software/netcdf/examples/programs/> but they don't quite do it.

I know that I can convert binary files to netCDF using tools like xconv, but ideally I'd like to just write an SDF (self describing format) netCDF file directly from IDL (especially as the data I have are currently saved in IDL .sav files).

Any help would be greatly appreciated!

Rich

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