
Subject: Re: How do I get IDL to place a string array into a netcdf file attribute?

Posted by [Peter Thorne](#) on Sun, 02 Jun 2013 00:19:57 GMT

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On Saturday, June 1, 2013 9:19:17 AM UTC-4, Fabien wrote:

> An array of strings is not really an attribute anymore. You should
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> define a new variable (as a string array) for this. Why do you want to
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> keep it as an attribute?
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> Cheers,
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> fab

Thanks. Am trying to make some cf compliant netcdf files for which a large number of integer (short) vectors are flag values of the same dimension as the (much smaller number of) data vectors which are floats. I can write the flag values vectors themselves and the flag values attributes themselves w/o issue but am struggling with how to pass a flag meanings attribute which makes the flag arrays make sense to a user. In one case I have 50+ unique legal flag values which need to be interpretable by a user.

Peter
