
Subject: Re: IDL Grib Routines

Posted by [Fabzi](#) on Wed, 14 Aug 2013 17:22:10 GMT

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Hi Chip,

On 08/14/2013 06:57 PM, Chip Helms wrote:

> Worst case scenario, I can convert the files to netcdf and then open
> them, but that is a rather time consuming process.

This is what we decided to do. NetCDF is in many ways easier than GRIB.
Several tools also propose a NCDF4 compression "on the fly" which is
more time consuming but on the long term actually quite efficient since
you have to do it once and only once and you spare disk space.

We use NCL for this, with the command:

```
ncl_convert2nc fnl_file.grib -cl 5 -nc4c
```
