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Subject: Re: skip the corrupted hdf file and continue the for loop for uncorrupted hdfs

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Brent Fallarcuna writes:

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> I've run this code, wherein I inserted the for loop. The output on the command line says
"MOD17A2.A2000065.h29v07.005.2010162162935.hdf
> Attempt to subscript FILENAME with K is out of range." and it only prints a single value.
>
> Perhaps IDL is confused with my code structure. Is it ok to use for loop within the for loop?
> What I needed is to identify those corrupted files (to re-download them again) and put the
values in my csv output file.
```

Oh, dear. :-(

It is OK to use loops within loops if you have to, but I see no evidence that you have to do so in anything you have told us or in this code. I can't even figure out where the number 637 comes from. Doesn't the size of your loop depend on how many files you have to open?

I would write something along these lines:

```
filelist = file_search('*.*.h29v07.005.*.hdf', Count=count)
array = StrArr(count)
FOR j=0,count-1 DO BEGIN
```

```
    Catch, theError
    IF theError NE 0 THEN BEGIN
        void = cgErrorMsg()
        Print, 'Bad File: ', filename[j]
        Message, /Reset
        Continue
    ENDIF
```

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    thisFile = filelist[j]
    hdf_id = hdf_sd_start(thisFile)
    ...
```

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ENDFOR
```

Cheers,

David

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Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming: <http://www.idlcoyote.com/>  
Sepore ma de ni thue. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

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