
Subject: Re: how to search if a variable exists in a file
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On 09/28/15 18:25, Xiaohua Pan wrote:

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> Hi all,  
> I am dealing with a set of stations which unfortunately contain  
> different variables (netcdf formate). For example, Some stations have  
> the variables, say 'temperature' and 'pressure', while some stations  
> only have 'temperature'. When I read data with DO loop the stations, I  
> would like to search the variable first, so I can skip those variables  
> not existing to avoid the crash of program. I found a function of  
> file_search(), but can't find a similar function for a variable. Is  
> there anyone know how to do it? Thanks.  
>  
>     DO i_station = 0, n-1 do begin  
>         DO i_var = 0, 1 do begin  
>             ; How to skip the variable if it doesn't exit ???  
>         ENDFOR  
>     ENDFOR
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See:
http://www.exelisvis.com/docs/NCDF_VARID.html
