
Subject: Re: [Urgent] TXT-to-GRIB Converter & NetCDF-to-GRIB Converter for IDL
Posted by [R.Bauer](#) on Sat, 19 Jun 2004 07:42:15 GMT

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Dear Minnie

what do you mean by "text file"?

we are using the wgribhop.c which is in the hiphop package of Dominik Brunner. Based on this we have a read_grib/write_ncdf routine.

http://www.fz-juelich.de/icg/icg-i/idl_icglib/idl_source/idl_html/dbase_read_grib_dbase.pro.html

http://www.fz-juelich.de/icg/icg-i/idl_icglib/idl_source/idl_lib_DominikBrunner/wgribhop.c

http://www.fz-juelich.de/icg/icg-i/idl_icglib/idl_source/idl_html/dbase_write_ncdf_dbase.pro.html

For further routines and licensing please have a look at
http://www.fz-juelich.de/icg/icg-i/idl_icglib/idl_lib_intro.html

best regards

Reimar

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a IDL library at ForschungsZentrum Juelich
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Subject: Re: [Urgent] TXT-to-GRIB Converter & NetCDF-to-GRIB Converter for IDL
Posted by [Kenneth P. Bowman](#) on Mon, 21 Jun 2004 13:00:53 GMT
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In article <f2954a2e.0406190004.285f1ac@posting.google.com>,
msyang@satrec.kaist.ac.kr (Minnie) wrote:

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wgrib is a command-line utility that will extract data from grib files
and write it to various file formats. (Why anyone would want to *write*
a grib file is beyond me. ;-)) You can use it within IDL by SPAWNing
calls to wgrib. It has been ported to a number of different platforms.

Ken Bowman

Subject: Re: [Urgent] TXT-to-GRIB Converter & NetCDF-to-GRIB Converter for IDL
Posted by [Paul Van Delst\[1\]](#) on Mon, 21 Jun 2004 14:20:51 GMT
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paulv

Subject: Re: [Urgent] TXT-to-GRIB Converter & NetCDF-to-GRIB Converter for IDL
Posted by [wmconnolley](#) on Mon, 21 Jun 2004 16:19:59 GMT

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Paul Van Delst <paul.vandelst@noaa.gov> wrote:

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grib file? :o)

Its a good question. If you're desperate, and understand perl, you could
try: <http://www.antarctica.ac.uk/met/wmc/grib-grid.html> but don't bother if
you don't know perl well :-)

-W.

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Climate Modeller, British Antarctic Survey | Disclaimer: I speak for myself
I'm a .signature virus! copy me into your .signature file & help me spread!

Subject: Re: [Urgent] TXT-to-GRIB Converter & NetCDF-to-GRIB Converter for IDL
Posted by [Mark Hadfield](#) on Mon, 21 Jun 2004 21:59:38 GMT

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Because they're very compact?

I've never wanted to write one either, but somebody obviously does
because there's a library, called gribw, under development to support
write (and read) access:

<http://wesley.wwb.noaa.gov/gribw.html>

It includes a command-line utility of the same name. The WWW page shows
an example where a GRIB file is converted to text via 2 calls to wgrib,
then piped to gribw which recreates the original file. Wow!

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