
Subject: Re: HDF_VD_WRITE for string data
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 14 Oct 2008 12:44:28 GMT
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Cheers,

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Posted by [Brian](#) on Tue, 14 Oct 2008 13:13:26 GMT
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The point of the sample program above is to save v3 as a string, not as a byte array, in the HDF file.

BRIAN

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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 14 Oct 2008 13:29:53 GMT
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Brian writes:

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> The point of the sample program above is to save v3 as a string, not
> as a byte array, in the HDF file.

I'm just suggesting this might be as good as it gets.
Maybe it's smarter than that, but I get *more* cynical
with age, not less. :-(

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