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Subject: Re: IDL: problem on reading ncdf file with short type data

Posted by [Maxwell Peck](#) on Thu, 01 Apr 2010 12:24:24 GMT

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As I mentioned previously short is integer. Short just means a 16 bit integer not a 32 bit integer it seems to be read and stored correctly... Unless im missing something here..

What is the value you get from Grads and how does this compare to IDL for the same pixel.

Max

On Apr 1, 10:59 pm, "Kwang. Jae LEE" <iglea...@gmail.com> wrote:

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> still I have problem unsolved on my previous question ' IDL: Wrong
> data type when reading ncdf file in IDL'
>
> using well-know data in meterology
> reading it...
>
> fname = 'pres.sfc.mon.mean.nc'http://www.cdc.noaa.gov/cdc/data.reanalysis2.html
> -----
> id=NCDF_OPEN(file)
> NCDF_VARGET, id, 'pres', data
> NCDF_ATTGET, id, 'pres', 'missing_value', miss
> NCDF_ATTGET, id, 'pres', 'scale_factor', scalef
> NCDF_ATTGET, id, 'pres', 'add_offset', offset
> NCDF_CLOSE, id
>
> data=data*scalef+offset
>
> -----
>
> -- from 'ncdump -h commend' , data type is 'short'
> short pres(time, lat, lon) ;
>
> -- right after 'NCDF_VARGET commend' data type shown
> IDL> help, data
> DATA      INT      = Array[144, 73, 372]
>
> data is stored as interger type not short type
>
> after calc. : data=data*scalef+offset
> data type is changed into float type because scalef is float type. i
> misunderstood it's done.
> but when it was written as ineger type. , real value after point is
> missing.
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> that's why the value I checked from another tool called 'Grads' is  
> different from that by IDL  
> I think there's another option to read short type data in IDL using  
> 'NC commend'  
> I had no problem with float type data  
>  
> any idea????  
>  
> thanks

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Subject: Re: IDL: problem on reading ncdf file with short type data  
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 01 Apr 2010 12:26:18 GMT  
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Kwang. Jae LEE writes:

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> data is stored as interger type not short type

SHORT is netCDF terminology for an INT. It's like calling the large cat that was seen in one of the local parks around here a "cougar" as opposed to a "mountain lion". If someone called it a "cougar", you would know that person grew up in the Eastern US. But you would still know to get the kids inside. :-)

Cheers,

David

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Posted by [Kwang. Jae LEE](#) on Thu, 01 Apr 2010 12:48:52 GMT  
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Thanks  
I'll check again.  
then I did wrong in another point. T\_T

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> Thanks  
> I'll check again.  
> then I did wrong in another point. T\_T

I solved my problem..  
my second question looked too stupid after I solved it.  
so I tried to delete my question, but I didn't know only mine is  
erased, not whole...  
your answer is left without my question, it could seems rude, I didn't  
mean, sorry for that ^^  
I'm also begginer using this board..

thanks all for your help.

regrads

KJ

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Kwang. Jae LEE writes:

> my second question looked too stupid after I solved it.  
> so I tried to delete my question,

Most questions look pretty lame after the answer is  
known. But, I think you will find that hitting the  
SEND button is more effective than just about anything  
I know for forcing the answer front and center in the  
human brain. Feeling lame is more or less normal for  
those of us who continue to hit that SEND button. :-)

Cheers,

David

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