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Subject: ingesting GRIB files?

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Hi,

I need to access some data in a GRIB format file.

I got "wgrib" from a NOAA website so I can inventory my data file and cut chunks out OK.

Now I need to use IDL and make some pretty pictures.

My plan is to :

- a. use wgrib to figure out what I need from the GRIB file
- b. use wgrib to write out what I need as a binary file
- c. slurp the binary file into IDL and plot it

My question is:

Is there an easier way to get GRIB data into IDL directly?  
(ie, avoiding the intermediate binary file)

Any hints on reading GRIB files generally?

Thanks!

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