
Subject: How to check if a file is indeed a NetCDF file?

Posted by [Paul van Delst](#) on Mon, 19 Apr 1999 07:00:00 GMT

[View Forum Message](#) <> [Reply to Message](#)

Hello,

In trying to read NetCDF data files in IDL, I've discovered that the NCDF_OPEN crashes on me if the file I ask it to open is not a nCDF file. It crashes somewhat gracefully in that it tells me that NCDF_OPEN couldn't open the file and the error # is 19. Does anyone out there know how to use the IDL NCDF library to determine whether or not a file is in NetCDF format? The fact that the most obvious solution (i.e. NCDF_OPEN *returns* an error # rather than falling in a heap) doesn't work like I would expect doesn't make me too hopeful.

Any info appreciated.

paulv

--

Paul van Delst

Space Science and Engineering Center | Ph/Fax: (608) 265-5357, 262-5974

University of Wisconsin-Madison | Email: paul.vandelst@ssec.wisc.edu

1225 W. Dayton St., Madison WI 53706 | Web: <http://airs2.ssec.wisc.edu/~paulv>
