

# grads\_2Interface

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Converts a GRADS readable dataset to the data model.

Module for reading a GRADS compatible raster file and exporting it to the data model (or netCDF-file by using GRADS functions) that is consisting of the following files: files numpy data array, coordinate metadata xml file and NCML NetCDF XML file. Data is considered as grid, therefore the shape of the output numpy array is: (variable, time, z, lat, lon). This program was particularly written to convert GRAPES GRIB raster files. Find more information in the documentation.

## Modules

[dateutil](#)

[grads.ganum](#)

[logging](#)

[xml.dom.minidom](#)

[numpy](#)

[signal](#)

[sys](#)

[termios](#)

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## Classes

[ControlModelGrads](#)

[ModelGradsRead](#)

### class **ControlModelGrads**

Control class for model '[ModelGradsRead](#)'. This class is providing all available functions for reading data

Methods defined here:

**\_\_init\_\_**(self, infile\_, option\_)

Constructor for new control instance of specific file.

INPUT\_PARAMETERS:

infile - name of data file with filename extension (string)

option - Parser.options arguments

COMMENTS:

Suffixes will be automatically assigned and must respect the declarations in the module 'interface\_Settings'.

**completeDataModelManually**(self)

Complete missing data and metadata manually

**printGradsMetadata**(self)

Read GRADS readable file and print metadata on screen

**testGradsFunctionality**(self)

Test GRADS functionality by testing its functions and creating a NetCDF file automatically

**writeGradsMetadata**(self)

Get metadata from a GRADS readable file and write metadata to coordinate metadata file and NCML XML file according to the specifications of the data interface

**writeGradsNumpyData**(self)

Read GRADS file and save data as numpy data array according to the specifications of the data interface

### class **ModelGradsRead**

This class contains functions to handle read operations on GRADS data and is controlled by the class '[ControlModelGrads](#)'.

This class was in particularly written to handle GRAPES GRIB data.

Methods defined here:

**\_\_del\_\_**(self)

Destructor

**\_\_init\_\_**(self, infile\_)

Constructor.

INPUT\_PARAMETERS:

infile - name of GRADS file name with filename extension (string)

**choseSpecificData**(self, pGradsData\_, dataTime\_)

Optional: Extract those datasets that fall within the wanted timestamp

Define time stamp in list `dataTime`. `dataTime[0]` is start value, `dataTime[1]` end value, as time units since reference time.

Example: `nt = 97` values; first (1st) value first day 0h00, half hour steps, 96th value: second day 23h30, 97th value third day 0h00

Time intervall has for example to consist of 24 hours, so 47 values!

position numbers (start value = 1, not 0!!!), not index numbers of arrays; needed for dimension setting

`DATASTART = 25 #12h00 first day`

`DATASTOP = 72 #11h30 second day`

#### **completeDataVariables(self)**

Complete missing data variable value modification manually

Example: Scale data values in case that units prefix have to be changed (e.g. from hPa to Pa) due to defined unit in `standard_name` entry.

#### **completeMetadataNcml(self)**

Complete missing data in NCML XML file manually

#### **completeMetadataNumpymeta(self)**

Complete missing data in metadata coordinate XML file manually

#### **grib2NetCdf\_gradsTest(self)**

Test GRADS functionality by testing functions and creating a NetCdf file

#### **printGradsMetadata(self)**

Read GRADS file and print metadata on screen

#### **readGradsFile(self, dataType\_)**

Reads a GRADS file and returns GRADS data as numpy array.

Argument '`dataType`' defines the data type of the resulting numpy array.

#### **writeMetadataNcml(self, noData\_)**

Create new NCML XML file according to the specifications of the data model and complete this file by the metadata that can be extracted out of the GRADS file

#### **writeMetadataNumpymeta(self, dataTime\_)**

Create new metadata coordinate XML file according to the specifications of the data model and complete this file by the metadata that can be extracted out of the GRADS file

#### **writeNumpyData(self, pNumpyData\_)**

Export numpy data array to file

## Functions

### **POINTER(...)**

#### **addressof(...)**

[`addressof`](#)(C instance) -> integer

Return the address of the C instance internal buffer

#### **alignment(...)**

[`alignment`](#)(C type) -> integer

[`alignment`](#)(C instance) -> integer

Return the alignment requirements of a C instance

#### **byref(...)**

[`byref`](#)(C instance[, offset=0]) -> byref-object

Return a pointer lookalike to a C instance, only usable as function argument

#### **date2num(...)**

[`date2num`](#)(dates, units, calendar='standard')

Return numeric time values given datetime objects. The units of the numeric time values are described by the `L{units}` argument and the `L{calendar}` keyword. The datetime objects must be in UTC with no time-zone offset. If there is a time-zone offset in `C{units}`, it will be applied to the returned numeric values.

Like the matplotlib `C{date2num}` function, except that it allows for different units and calendars. Behaves the same if `C{units} = 'days since 0001-01-01 00:00:00'` and `C{calendar} = 'proleptic_gregorian'`.

@param dates: A datetime object or a sequence of datetime objects. The datetime objects should not include a time-zone offset.

@param units: a string of the form `C{'B{time units} since B{reference time}'}` describing the time units. `B{C{time units}}` can be days, hours, minutes or seconds. `B{C{reference time}}` is the time origin. A valid choice

would be `units=C{'hours since 1800-01-01 00:00:00 -6:00'}`.

@param calendar: describes the calendar used in the time calculations. All the values currently defined in the U{CF metadata convention <<http://cf-pcmdi.llnl.gov/documents/cf-conventions/>>} are supported. Valid calendars C{'standard', 'gregorian', 'proleptic\_gregorian', 'no leap', '365\_day', '360\_day', 'julian', 'all\_leap', '366\_day'}. Default is C{'standard'}, which is a mixed Julian/Gregorian calendar.

@return: a numeric time value, or an array of numeric time values.

The maximum resolution of the numeric time values is 1 second.

## get\_errno(...)

## ioctl(...)

[`ioctl`](#)(fd, opt[, arg[, mutate\_flag]])

Perform the requested operation on file descriptor fd. The operation is defined by opt and is operating system dependent. Typically these codes are retrieved from the fcntl or termios library modules.

The argument arg is optional, and defaults to 0; it may be an int or a buffer containing character data (most likely a string or an array).

If the argument is a mutable buffer (such as an array) and if the mutate\_flag argument (which is only allowed in this case) is true then the buffer is (in effect) passed to the operating system and changes made by the OS will be reflected in the contents of the buffer after the call has returned. The return value is the integer returned by the ioctl system call.

If the argument is a mutable buffer and the mutable\_flag argument is not passed or is false, the behavior is as if a string had been passed. This behavior will change in future releases of Python.

If the argument is an immutable buffer (most likely a string) then a copy of the buffer is passed to the operating system and the return value is a string of the same length containing whatever the operating system put in the buffer. The length of the arg buffer in this case is not allowed to exceed 1024 bytes.

If the arg given is an integer or if none is specified, the result value is an integer corresponding to the return value of the ioctl call in the C code.

## main()

Main function.

This function represents the user interface and is called when the program is executed. Start the program by executing it with the following statement in your shell: `grads_2Interface.py --help`

## num2date(...)

[`num2date`](#)(times,units,calendar='standard')

Return datetime objects given numeric time values. The units of the numeric time values are described by the C{units} argument and the C{calendar} keyword. The returned datetime objects represent UTC with no time-zone offset, even if the specified C{units} contain a time-zone offset.

Like the matplotlib C{num2date} function, except that it allows for different units and calendars. Behaves the same if C{units = 'days since 001-01-01 00:00:00'} and C{calendar = 'proleptic\_gregorian'}.

@param times: numeric time values. Maximum resolution is 1 second.

@param units: a string of the form C{'B{time units} since B{reference time}'} describing the time units. B{C{time units}} can be days, hours, minutes or seconds. B{C{reference time}} is the time origin. A valid choice would be `units=C{'hours since 1800-01-01 00:00:00 -6:00'}`.

@param calendar: describes the calendar used in the time calculations. All the values currently defined in the U{CF metadata convention <<http://cf-pcmdi.llnl.gov/documents/cf-conventions/>>} are supported. Valid calendars C{'standard', 'gregorian', 'proleptic\_gregorian', 'no leap', '365\_day', '360\_day', 'julian', 'all\_leap', '366\_day'}. Default is C{'standard'}, which is a mixed Julian/Gregorian calendar.

@return: a datetime instance, or an array of datetime instances.

The datetime instances returned are 'real' python datetime objects if the date falls in the Gregorian calendar (i.e. C{calendar='proleptic\_gregorian'}, or C{calendar = 'standard'} or C{'gregorian'} and the date is after 1582-10-15). Otherwise, they are 'phony' datetime objects which support some but not all the methods of 'real' python datetime objects. This is because the python datetime module cannot use the C{'proleptic\_gregorian'} calendar, even before the switch

occured from the Julian calendar in 1582. The datetime instances do not contain a time-zone offset, even if the specified C{units} contains one.

**pointer(...)**

**resize(...)**

Resize the memory buffer of a ctypes instance

**set\_conversion\_mode(...)**

[set\\_conversion\\_mode](#)(encoding, errors) -> (previous-encoding, previous-errors)

Set the encoding and error handling ctypes uses when converting between unicode and strings. Returns the previous values.

**set\_errno(...)**

**sizeof(...)**

[sizeof](#)(C type) -> integer

[sizeof](#)(C instance) -> integer

Return the size in bytes of a C instance

## Data

**ALL\_FLOATS** = ['float64', 'double', 'Float64', 'f8', 'float', 'float32', 'Float32', 'f4']  
**ALL\_INTS** = ['byte', 'int8', 'i1', 'ubyte', 'UByte', 'uint8', 'u1', 'short', 'int16', 'Int16', 'i2', 'ushort', 'uint16', 'UInt16', 'u2', 'int', 'int32', 'Int32', 'integer', 'i4', ...]  
**BOOL** = ['bool', 'Bool']  
**BYTE** = ['byte', 'int8', 'i1']  
**COORD\_KEYWORDS** = ['time', 'height', 'elev', 'depth', 'lat', 'latitude', 'lon', 'longitude', '\_id']  
**DATATIMESTEP** = 0.5  
**DECLARATION\_NETCDF\_STATION** = '\_time\_series'  
**DEFAULT\_MODE** = 0  
**DESCRIPTION** = 'Conversion tool of CEOP-AEGIS data model for GRADS readable raster data'  
**DOUBLE** = ['float64', 'double', 'Float64', 'f8']  
**EPILOG** = 'Author: Nicolai Holzer (E-mail: first-name dot last-name @ mailbox.tu-dresden.de)'  
**FILENAME\_DEFAULT\_SETTINGS\_XML** = 'interface\_Settings.xml'  
**FILENAME\_SUFFIX\_NCML** = '\_\_ncml.xml'  
**FILENAME\_SUFFIX\_NETCDF** = '.nc'  
**FILENAME\_SUFFIX\_NUMPYDATA** = '\_\_data.npy'  
**FILENAME\_SUFFIX\_NUMPYXML** = '\_\_coords.xml'  
**FLOAT** = ['float', 'float32', 'Float32', 'f4']  
**GDAL\_DTYPES** = ['byte', 'int8', 'i1', 'short', 'int16', 'Int16', 'i2', 'ushort', 'uint16', 'UInt16', 'u2', 'int', 'int32', 'Int32', 'integer', 'i4', 'uint', 'uint32', 'UInt32', 'unsigned\_integer', ...]  
**HEIGHT** = ['height', 'elev', 'depth']  
**HEIGHT\_UNITS** = ['m', 'l']  
**ID** = ['\_id']  
**INTEGER** = ['int', 'int32', 'Int32', 'integer', 'i4']  
**INTERFACE\_LOGGER\_ROOT** = 'interface'  
**LATITUDE** = ['lat', 'latitude']  
**LATITUDE\_UNITS** = ['degrees\_north']  
**LONG** = ['long', 'int64', 'Int64', 'i8']  
**LONGITUDE** = ['lon', 'longitude']  
**LONGITUDE\_UNITS** = ['degrees\_east']  
**MODEL\_REFERENCE\_TIME\_UNITS** = ['hours since 1970-01-01 00:00:0.0', 'msec since 1970-01-01 00:00:0.0']  
**MODULE\_LOGGER\_ROOT** = 'grads'  
**NETCDF3\_DTYPES** = ['byte', 'int8', 'i1', 'short', 'int16', 'Int16', 'i2', 'int', 'int32', 'Int32', 'integer', 'i4', 'float', 'float32', 'Float32', 'f4', 'float64', 'double', 'Float64', 'f8', ...]  
**NETCDF\_FORMAT** = 'NETCDF3\_CLASSIC'  
**NODATA** = 0  
**NUMPYDATA\_DTYPE** = 'float32'  
**NUMPY\_DTYPES** = ['bool', 'Bool', 'byte', 'int8', 'i1', 'ubyte', 'UByte', 'uint8', 'u1', 'short', 'int16', 'Int16', 'i2', 'ushort', 'uint16', 'UInt16', 'u2', 'int', 'int32', 'Int32', ...]  
**RTLD\_GLOBAL** = 256  
**RTLD\_LOCAL** = 0  
**SHORT** = ['short', 'int16', 'Int16', 'i2']  
**STRING** = ['char', 'string', 'S1']  
**TIME** = ['time']  
**USAGE** = '%prog [options] operation data \n[options]: ...aster data file that is readable by GRADS library'  
**U\_BYTE** = ['ubyte', 'UByte', 'uint8', 'u1']  
**U\_INTEGER** = ['uint', 'uint32', 'UInt32', 'unsigned\_integer', 'u4']  
**U\_LONG** = ['ulong', 'uint64', 'UInt64', 'u8']

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U_SHORT = ['ushort', 'uint16', 'UInt16', 'u2']
VERSION = '%prog version v0.1.3 from 2011-03-28'
__author__ = 'Nicolai Holzer'
__author_email__ = 'first-name dot last-name @ mailbox.tu-dresden.de'
__date__ = '2011-03-28'
__version__ = 'v0.1.3'
cdll = <ctypes.LibraryLoader object>
default_widgets = [<etc.progressBar.Percentage object>, ' ', <etc.progressBar.Bar object>]
environ = {'LANG': 'en_US.UTF-8', 'USERNAME': 'root',
'TER...36:*.spx=00;36:*.xspf=00;36:', 'DISPLAY': ':0.0'}
memmove = <CFunctionType object>
memset = <CFunctionType object>
pydll = <ctypes.LibraryLoader object>
pythonapi = <PyDLL 'None', handle 4f1918 at 88ee6cc>
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