Format Description for USAP RVDAS Gravimeter

Data

Data is received from the RVDAS system via RS-232 serial connections. A time tag is added at the beginning of each line of data in the form,

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yy+dd:hh:mm:ss.sss [data stream from instrument]
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where

yy = two-digit year ddd = day of year
hh = 2 digit hour of the day mm = 2 digit minute
ss.sss = seconds

All times are reported in UTC.

The delimiters that separate fields in the raw data files are often spaces and commas but can be other characters such as : = @. Occasionally no delimiter is present. Care should be taken when reprocessing the data that the field's separations are clearly understood.

In the sections below a sample data string is shown, followed by a table that lists the data contained in the string.*.*

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Underway Data /rvdas/uw

Gravimeter (grv1)

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15+056:14:21:21.153 01:025268 00
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Field	Data	Format	Unit
1	RVDAS time tag	yy+ddd:hh:mm:ss.sss	UTC
2	01:	xx:	01
3	Gravity Count*	xxxxxx	Flit Count
4	Error Flag	xx	numeric

Error Flag

00 = All well, 01 = CPS malfunction, 02 = Sensor Malfunction, 03 = CPS and sensor Malfunction

A gravity tie is taken at the start of the cruise and applied throughout the cruise. There is no accounting for drift after the pre-cruise gravity time. The post cruise gravity tie is available by requesting it from ethq@usap.gov.