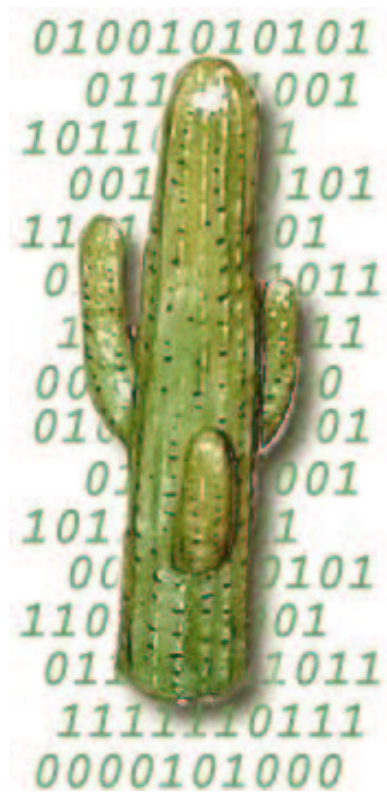

Cactus 4.0

Reference Manual



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Preface

This document will eventually be a complete reference manual for the Cactus Code. However, it is currently under development, so please be patient if you can't find what you need. Please report omissions, errors, or suggestions to and of our contact addresses below, and we will try and fix them as soon as possible.

Overview of documentation

This guide covers the following topics

Part A: CCTK_* Function Reference.

Here all the CCTK_*() Cactus flesh functions which are available to thorn writers are described.

Part B: Util_* Function Reference.

Here all the Util_*() Cactus flesh functions which are available to thorn writers are described.

Other topics to be discussed in separate documents include:

Users' Guide This gives a general overview of the Cactus Computational Tool Kit, including overall design/architecture, how to get/configure/compile/run it, and general discussions of the how to program in Cactus.

Relativity Thorn Guide This will contain details about the arrangements and thorns making up the Cactus Relativity Tool Kit, one of the major motivators, and still the driving force, for the Cactus Code.

Flesh Maintainers Guide This will contain all the gruesome details about the inner workings of Cactus, for all those who want or need to expand or maintain the core of Cactus.

Typographical Conventions

Typewriter	Is currently used for everything you type, for program names, and code extracts.
< ... >	Indicates a compulsory argument.
[...]	Indicates an optional argument.
	Indicates an exclusive or.

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Part A

CCTK_* Functions Reference

In this chapter all CCTK_* Cactus functions are described. These functions are callable from Fortran or C thorns. Note that whereas all functions are available from C, not all are currently available from Fortran.

Chapter A1

Functions Alphabetically

<code>CCTK_Abort</code>	[A15] Causes abnormal Cactus termination
<code>CCTK_ActivatingThorn</code>	[A17] Finds the thorn which activated a particular implementation
<code>CCTK_ActiveTimeLevels</code>	[A18] Returns the number of active timelevels from a group name
<code>CCTK_ActiveTimeLevelsGI</code>	[A18] Returns the number of active timelevels from a group index
<code>CCTK_ActiveTimeLevelsGN</code>	[A18] Returns the number of active timelevels from a group name
<code>CCTK_ActiveTimeLevelsVI</code>	[A18] Returns the number of active timelevels from a variable index
<code>CCTK_ActiveTimeLevelsVN</code>	[A18] Returns the number of active timelevels from a variable name
<code>CCTK_ArrayGroupSize</code>	[A20] Returns a pointer to the local size for a group, given by its group name
<code>CCTK_ArrayGroupSizeI</code>	[A21] Returns a pointer to the local size for a group, given by its group index
<code>CCTK_Barrier</code>	[A22] Synchronizes all processors
<code>CCTK_ClockRegister</code>	[A23] Registers a new named clock with the Flesh.
<code>CCTK_Cmplx</code>	[A24] Turns two real numbers into a complex number (only C)
<code>CCTK_CmplxAbs</code>	[A25] Returns the absolute value of a complex number (only C)
<code>CCTK_CmplxAdd</code>	[A26] Returns the sum of two complex numbers (only C)
<code>CCTK_CmplxConjg</code>	[A27] Returns the complex conjugate of a complex number (only C)
<code>CCTK_CmplxCos</code>	[A28] Returns the Cosine of a complex number (only C) [not yet available]
<code>CCTK_CmplxDiv</code>	[A29] Returns the division of two complex numbers (only C)

CCTK_CmplxExp	[A30] Returns the Exponentiation of a complex number (only C) [not yet available]
CCTK_CmplxImag	[A31] Returns the imaginary part of a complex number (only C)
CCTK_CmplxLog	[A32] Returns the Logarithm of a complex number (only C) [not yet available]
CCTK_CmplxMul	[A33] Returns the multiplication of two complex numbers (only C)
CCTK_CmplxReal	[A34] Returns the real part of a complex number (only C)
CCTK_CmplxSin	[A35] Returns the Sine of a complex number (only C) [not yet available]
CCTK_CmplxSqrt	[A36] Returns the square root of a complex number (only C) [not yet available]
CCTK_CmplxSub	[A37] Returns the subtraction of two complex numbers (only C)
CCTK_CompileDate	[A38] Returns a formatted string containing the date stamp when Cactus was compiled
CCTK_CompileDateTime	[A39] Returns a formatted string containing the datetime stamp when Cactus was compiled
CCTK_CompileTime	[A40] Returns a formatted string containing the time stamp when Cactus was compiled
CCTK_CompiledImplementation	[A41] Return the name of the compiled implementation with given index
CCTK_CompiledThorn	[A42] Return the name of the compiled thorn with given index
CCTK_CoordDir	[A43] Give the direction for a given coordinate name (deprecated)
CCTK_CoordIndex	[A44] Give the grid variable index for a given coordinate (deprecated)
CCTK_CoordRange	[A45] Return the global upper and lower bounds for a given coordinate name on a cctkGH (deprecated)
CCTK_CoordRegisterData	[A46] Register a coordinate as belonging to a coordinate system, with a given name and direction, and optionally with a grid variable (deprecated)
CCTK_CoordRegisterRange	[A47] Saves the global upper and lower bounds for a given coordinate name on a cctkGH (deprecated)
CCTK_CoordRegisterSystem	[A48] Registers a coordinate system with a given dimension (deprecated)
CCTK_CoordSystemDim	[A49] Provides the dimension of a given coordinate system (deprecated)
CCTK_CoordSystemHandle	[A50] Get the handle associated with a registered coordinate system (deprecated)
CCTK_CoordSystemName	[A51] Provides the name of the coordinate system identified by its handle (deprecated)
CCTK_CreateDirectory	[A52] Creates a directory

<code>CCTK_DecomposeName</code>	[A53] Given the full name of a variable/group, separates the name returning both the implementation and the variable/group
<code>CCTK_DisableGroupComm</code>	[A54] Disable the communication for a group
<code>CCTK_DisableGroupCommI</code>	[A55] Disable the communication for a group
<code>CCTK_DisableGroupStorage</code>	[A56] Disable the storage for a group
<code>CCTK_DisableGroupStorageI</code>	[A57] Disable the storage for a group
<code>CCTK_EnableGroupComm</code>	[A58] Enable the communication for a group
<code>CCTK_EnableGroupCommI</code>	[A59] Enable the communication for a group
<code>CCTK_EnableGroupStorage</code>	[A60] Enable the storage for a group
<code>CCTK_EnableGroupStorageI</code>	[A61] Enable the storage for a group
<code>CCTK_Equals</code>	[A62] Check a STRING or KEYWORD parameter for equality with a given string
<code>CCTK_ERROR</code>	[A64] Macro to print a single string as error message to standard error and stop the code
<code>CCTK_Error</code>	[A66] Function to print a single string as error message to standard error and stop the code
<code>CCTK_Exit</code>	[A67] Causes normal Cactus termination
<code>CCTK_FirstVarIndex</code>	[A68] Given a group name returns the first variable index in the group
<code>CCTK_FirstVarIndexI</code>	[A69] Given a group index returns the first variable index in the group
<code>CCTK_FortranString</code>	[A70] Copy the contents of a C string into a Fortran string variable
<code>CCTK_FullName</code>	[A72] Given a variable index, returns the full name of the variable
<code>CCTK_GetClockName</code>	[A73] Given a pointer to a clock <code>cTimerVal</code> structure, returns the name of the clock.
<code>CCTK_GetClockResolution</code>	[A74] Given a pointer to a clock <code>cTimerVal</code> structure, returns the resolution of the clock.
<code>CCTK_GetClockSeconds</code>	[A75] Given a pointer to a clock <code>cTimerVal</code> structure, returns the elapsed time.
<code>CCTK_GetClockValue</code>	[A76] Given the name of a clock, returns a pointer to the corresponding <code>cTimerVal</code> structure within the <code>cTimerData</code> structure.

<code>CCTK_GetClockValueI</code>	[A77] Given the index of a clock, returns a pointer to the corresponding <code>cTimerVal</code> structure within the <code>cTimerData</code> structure.
<code>CCTK_GHExtension</code>	[A78] Get the pointer to a registered extension to the Cactus GH structure
<code>CCTK_GHExtensionHandle</code>	[A79] Get the handle associated with a extension to the Cactus GH structure
<code>CCTK_GridArrayReductionOperator</code>	[A80] The name of the implementation of a grid array reduction operator, or NULL if the handle is invalid
<code>CCTK_GroupbboxGI</code>	[A81] Given a group index, return an array of the bounding box of the group for each face
<code>CCTK_GroupbboxGN</code>	[A81] Given a group name, return an array of the bounding box of the group for each face
<code>CCTK_GroupbboxVI</code>	[A83] Given a variable index, return an array of the bounding box of the variable for each face
<code>CCTK_GroupbboxVN</code>	[A83] Given a variable name, return an array of the bounding box of the variable for each face
<code>CCTK_GroupData</code>	[A85] Given a group index, returns information about the variables held in the group
<code>CCTK_GroupDimFromVarI</code>	[A87] Given a variable index, returns the dimension of all variables in the group associated with this variable
<code>CCTK_GroupDimI</code>	[A88] Given a group index, returns the dimension of variables in that group
<code>CCTK_GroupDynamicData</code>	[A89] Given a group index, returns information about the variables held in the group
<code>CCTK_GroupGhostsizesI</code>	[A90] Given a group index, returns the ghost size array of that group
<code>CCTK_GroupgshGI</code>	[A91] Given a group index, return an array of the global size of the group in each dimension
<code>CCTK_GroupgshGN</code>	[A91] Given a group name, return an array of the global size of the group in each dimension
<code>CCTK_GroupgshVI</code>	[A93] Given a variable index, return an array of the global size of the variable in each dimension
<code>CCTK_GroupgshVN</code>	[A93] Given a variable name, return an array of the global size of the variable in each dimension
<code>CCTK_GroupIndex</code>	[A95] Get the index number for a group name
<code>CCTK_GroupIndexFromVar</code>	[A96] Given a variable name, returns the index of the associated group
<code>CCTK_GroupIndexFromVarI</code>	[A97] Given a variable index, returns the index of the associated group

CCTK_Group1bndGI	[A98] Given a group index, return an array of the lower bounds of the group in each dimension
CCTK_Group1bndGN	[A98] Given a group name, return an array of the lower bounds of the group in each dimension
CCTK_Group1bndVI	[A100] Given a variable index, return an array of the lower bounds of the variable in each dimension
CCTK_Group1bndVN	[A100] Given a variable name, return an array of the lower bounds of the variable in each dimension
CCTK_Group1shGI	[A102] Given a group index, return an array of the local size of the group in each dimension
CCTK_Group1shGN	[A102] Given a group name, return an array of the local size of the group in each dimension
CCTK_Group1shVI	[A104] Given a variable index, return an array of the local size of the variable in each dimension
CCTK_Group1shVN	[A104] Given a variable name, return an array of the local size of the variable in each dimension
CCTK_GroupashGI	[A106] Given a group index, return an array of the local allocated size of the group in each dimension
CCTK_GroupashGN	[A106] Given a group name, return an array of the local allocated size of the group in each dimension
CCTK_GroupashVI	[A108] Given a variable index, return an array of the local allocated size of the variable in each dimension
CCTK_GroupashVN	[A108] Given a variable name, return an array of the local allocated size of the variable in each dimension
CCTK_GroupName	[A110] Given a group index, returns the group name
CCTK_GroupNameFromVarI	[A111] Given a variable index, return the name of the associated group
CCTK_GroupnghostzonesGI	[A112] Given a group index, return an array with the number of ghostzones in each dimension of the group
CCTK_GroupnghostzonesGN	[A112] Given a group name, return an array with the number of ghostzones in each dimension of the group
CCTK_GroupnghostzonesVI	[A114] Given a variable index, return an array with the number of ghostzones in each dimension of the variable's group
CCTK_GroupnghostzonesVN	[A114] Given a group variable, return an array with the number of ghostzones in each dimension of the variable's group
CCTK_GroupSizesI	[A116] Given a group index, returns the size array of that group

<code>CCTK_GroupStorageDecrease</code>	[A117] Decrease the active number of timelevels for a list of groups
<code>CCTK_GroupStorageIncrease</code>	[A118] Increase the active number of timelevels for a list of groups
<code>CCTK_GroupTagsTable</code>	[A119] Given a group name, return the table handle of the group's tags table.
<code>CCTK_GroupTagsTableI</code>	[A120] Given a group index, return the table handle of the group's tags table.
<code>CCTK_GroupTypeFromVarI</code>	[A121] Provides a group's group type index given a variable index
<code>CCTK_GroupTypeI</code>	[A122] Provides a group's group type index given a group index
<code>CCTK_GroupubndGI</code>	[A123] Given a group index, return an array of the upper bounds of the group in each dimension
<code>CCTK_GroupubndGN</code>	[A123] Given a group name, return an array of the upper bounds of the group in each dimension
<code>CCTK_GroupubndVI</code>	[A125] Given a variable index, return an array of the upper bounds of the variable in each dimension
<code>CCTK_GroupubndVN</code>	[A125] Given a variable name, return an array of the upper bounds of the variable in each dimension
<code>CCTK_ImpFromVarI</code>	[A127] Given a variable index, returns the implementation name
<code>CCTK_ImplementationRequires</code>	[A128] Return the ancestors for an implementation
<code>CCTK_ImplementationThorn</code>	[A129] Returns the name of one thorn providing an implementation
<code>CCTK_ImpThornList</code>	[A130] Return the thorns for an implementation
<code>CCTK_INFO</code>	[A131] Macro to print a single string as an information message to screen
<code>CCTK_Info</code>	[A133] Function to print a single string as an information message to screen
<code>CCTK_InfoCallbackRegister</code>	[A134] Register one or more routines for dealing with information messages in addition to printing them to screen
<code>CCTK_InterpGridArrays</code>	[A136] Performs an interpolation on a list of CCTK grid variables, using a chosen external local interpolation operator
<code>CCTK_InterpHandle</code>	[A142] Returns the handle for a given interpolation operator
<code>CCTK_InterpLocalUniform</code>	[A143] Interpolate a list of processor-local arrays which define a uniformly-spaced data grid
<code>CCTK_InterpRegisterOpLocalUniform</code>	[A149] Registers a routine as a <code>CCTK_InterpLocalUniform</code> interpolation operator
<code>CCTK_IsFunctionAliased</code>	[A151] Reports whether an aliased function has been provided

<code>CCTK_IsImplementationActive</code>	[A152] Reports whether an implementation was activated in a parameter file
<code>CCTK_IsImplementationCompiled</code>	[A153] Reports whether an implementation was compiled into a configuration
<code>CCTK_IsThornActive</code>	[A154] Reports whether a thorn was activated in a parameter file
<code>CCTK_IsThornCompiled</code>	[A155] Reports whether a thorn was compiled into a configuration
<code>CCTK_LocalArrayReduceOperator</code>	[A156] Returns the name of a registered reduction operator
<code>CCTK_LocalArrayReduceOperatorImplementation</code>	[A157] Provide the implementation which provides an local array reduction operator
<code>CCTK_LocalArrayReductionHandle</code>	[A158] Returns the handle of a given local array reduction operator
<code>CCTK_MaxDim</code>	[A159] Get the maximum dimension of any grid variable
<code>CCTK_MaxGFDim</code>	[A160] Get the maximum dimension of all grid functions
<code>CCTK_MaxTimeLevels</code>	[A161] Gives the maximum number of timelevels for a group
<code>CCTK_MaxTimeLevelsGI</code>	[A162] Gives the maximum number of timelevels for a group
<code>CCTK_MaxTimeLevelsGN</code>	[A163] Gives the maximum number of timelevels for a group
<code>CCTK_MaxTimeLevelsVI</code>	[A164] Gives the maximum number of timelevels for a variable
<code>CCTK_MaxTimeLevelsVN</code>	[A165] Gives the maximum number of timelevels for a variable
<code>CCTK_MyProc</code>	[A166] Get the local processor number
<code>CCTK_nProcs</code>	[A167] Get the total number of processors used
<code>CCTK_NullPointer</code>	[A168] Returns a C-style NULL pointer value
<code>CCTK_NumCompiledImplementations</code>	[A169] Return the number of implementations compiled in
<code>CCTK_NumCompiledThorns</code>	[A170] Return the number of thorns compiled in
<code>CCTK_NumGridArrayReductionOperators</code>	[A171] The number of grid array reduction operators registered
<code>CCTK_NumGroups</code>	[A172] Get the number of groups of variables compiled in the code
<code>CCTK_NumIOMethods</code>	[A173] Returns the total number of I/O methods registered with the flesh
<code>CCTK_NumLocalArrayReduceOperators</code>	[A174] The number of local reduction operators registered
<code>CCTK_NumReductionArraysGloballyOperators</code>	[A175] The number of global array reduction operators registered

<code>CCTK_NumTimeLevels</code>	[A176] Returns the number of active timelevels from a group name (deprecated)
<code>CCTK_NumTimeLevelsGI</code>	[A176] Returns the number of active timelevels from a group index (deprecated)
<code>CCTK_NumTimeLevelsGN</code>	[A176] Returns the number of active timelevels from a group name (deprecated)
<code>CCTK_NumTimeLevelsVI</code>	[A176] Returns the number of active timelevels from a variable index (deprecated)
<code>CCTK_NumTimeLevelsVN</code>	[A176] Returns the number of active timelevels from a variable name (deprecated)
<code>CCTK_NumTimerClocks</code>	[A178] Returns the number of clocks in a <code>cTimerData</code> structure.
<code>CCTK_NumVars</code>	[A179] Get the number of grid variables compiled in the code
<code>CCTK_NumVarsInGroup</code>	[A180] Provides the number of variables in a group from the group name
<code>CCTK_NumVarsInGroupI</code>	[A181] Provides the number of variables in a group from the group index
<code>CCTK_OutputGH</code>	[A182] Conditional output of all variables on a GH by all I/O methods
<code>CCTK_OutputVar</code>	[A183] Output of a single variable by all I/O methods
<code>CCTK_OutputVarAs</code>	[A184] Output of a single variable as an alias by all I/O methods
<code>CCTK_OutputVarAsByMethod</code>	[A185] Output of a single variable as an alias by a single I/O method
<code>CCTK_OutputVarByMethod</code>	[A186] Output of a single variable by a single I/O method
<code>CCTK_ParallelInit</code>	[A187] Initializes the parallel subsystem
<code>CCTK_ParameterData</code>	[A188] Get parameter properties for given parameter/thorn pair
<code>CCTK_ParameterGet</code>	[A189] Get the data pointer to and type of a parameter's value
<code>CCTK_ParameterLevel</code>	[A190] Return the parameter checking level
<code>CCTK_ParameterQueryTimesSet</code>	[A191] Return number of times a parameter has been set
<code>CCTK_ParameterSet</code>	[A192] Sets the value of a parameter
<code>CCTK_ParameterSetNotifyRegister</code>	[A194] Registers a parameter set operation notify callback
<code>CCTK_ParameterSetNotifyUnregister</code>	[A196] Unregisters a parameter set operation notify callback
<code>CCTK_ParameterValString</code>	[A197] Get the string representation of a parameter's value
<code>CCTK_ParameterWalk</code>	[A199] Walk through the list of parameters

<code>CCTK_PARAMWARN</code>	[A200] Prints a warning from parameter checking, and possibly stops the code
<code>CCTK_PointerTo</code>	[A201] Returns a pointer to a Fortran variable.
<code>CCTK_PrintGroup</code>	[A202] Prints a group name from its index
<code>CCTK_PrintString</code>	[A203] Prints a Cactus string to screen (from Fortran)
<code>CCTK_PrintVar</code>	[A204] Prints a variable name from its index
<code>CCTK_QueryGroupStorage</code>	[A205] Queries storage for a group given by its group name
<code>CCTK_QueryGroupStorageB</code>	[A206] Queries storage for a group given by its group name or index
<code>CCTK_QueryGroupStorageI</code>	[A207] Queries storage for a group given by its group index
<code>CCTK_ReduceArraysGlobally</code>	[A208] Reduces a list of local arrays globally
<code>CCTK_ReduceGridArrays</code>	[A212] Reduces a list of local arrays (new grid array reduction API)
<code>CCTK_ReduceLocalArrays</code>	[A216] Reduces a list of local arrays (new local array reduction API) Returns the address of a variable passed in by reference from a Fortran routine
<code>CCTK_ReductionHandle</code>	[A220] Get the handle for a registered reduction operator
<code>CCTK_RegexMatch</code>	[A221] Perform a regular expression match of string against pattern
<code>CCTK_RegisterBanner</code>	[A222] Register a banner for a thorn
<code>CCTK_RegisterGHExtension</code>	[A223] Register the name of an extension to the Cactus GH
<code>CCTK_RegisterGHExtensionInitGH</code>	[A224] Register a routine for providing initialisation for an extension to the Cactus GH
<code>CCTK_RegisterGHExtensionScheduleTraverseGH</code>	[A225] Register a GH extension schedule traversal routine
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<code>CCTK_RegisterGHExtensionSetupGH</code>	[A226] Register a routine for setting up an extension to the Cactus GH
<code>CCTK_RegisterIOMethod</code>	[A228] Registers a new I/O method
<code>CCTK_RegisterIOMethodOutputGH</code>	[A229] Registers an I/O method's routine for conditional output
<code>CCTK_RegisterIOMethodOutputVarAs</code>	[A230] Registers an I/O method's routine for unconditional output
<code>CCTK_RegisterIOMethodTimeToOutput</code>	[A231] Register a routine for deciding if it is time to output for an IO method

<code>CCTK_RegisterIOMethodTriggerOutput</code>	[A232] Register a routine for dealing with trigger output for an IO method
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<code>CCTK_RegisterReduceArraysGloballyOperator</code>	[A234] Register a function as providing a global array reduction operation
<code>CCTK_RegisterReductionOperator</code>	[A235] Register a function as providing a reduction operation
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<code>CCTK_SchedulePrintTimesToFile</code>	[A237] Output the timing results for a certain schedule item to a file
<code>CCTK_SetupGH</code>	[A239] Sets up a CCTK grid hierarchy
<code>CCTK_SyncGroup</code>	[A240] Synchronize the ghost zones for a group of variables (identified by the group name)
<code>CCTK_SyncGroupI</code>	[A242] Synchronize the ghost zones for a group of variables (identified by the group index)
<code>CCTK_SyncGroupsI</code>	[A244] Synchronize the ghost zones for a list of groups of variables (identified by their group indices)
<code>CCTK_TerminateNext</code>	[A246] Causes a Cactus simulation to terminate after the next iteration
<code>CCTK_TerminationReached</code>	[A247] Returns true if <code>CCTK.TerminateNext</code> has been called.
<code>CCTK_ThornImplementation</code>	[A248] Returns the implementation provided by the thorn
<code>CCTK_Timer</code>	[A249] Fills a timer <code>cTimerData</code> structure with current values of all clocks of a timer with a given name.
<code>CCTK_TimerCreate</code>	[A250] Create a timer with a given name, returns a timer index.
<code>CCTK_TimerCreateData</code>	[A251] Allocates a timer <code>cTimerData</code> structure.
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<code>CCTK_TimerDestroy</code>	[A253] Reclaims resources for a timer with a given name.
<code>CCTK_TimerDestroyData</code>	[A254] Reclaims resources of a timer <code>cTimerData</code> structure.
<code>CCTK_TimerDestroyI</code>	[A255] Reclaims resources for a timer with a given index.
<code>CCTK_TimerI</code>	[A256] Fills a timer <code>cTimerData</code> structure with current values of all clocks of a timer with a given index.
<code>CCTK_TimerReset</code>	[A257] Initialises the timer with a given name.
<code>CCTK_TimerResetI</code>	[A258] Initialises the timer with a given index.

CCTK_TimerStart	[A259] Initialises the timer with a given name.
CCTK_TimerStartI	[A260] Initialises the timer with a given index.
CCTK_TimerStop	[A261] Gets current values for all clocks of the timer with a given name.
CCTK_TimerStopI	[A262] Gets current values for all clocks of the timer with a given index.
CCTK_TraverseString	[A265] Traverse through all variables and/or groups whose names appear in the given string.
CCTK_VarDataPtr	[A266] Returns the data pointer for a grid variable
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CCTK_VarDataPtrI	[A268] Returns the data pointer for a grid variable from the variable index
CCTK_VarIndex	[A269] Get the index for a variable
CCTK_VarName	[A270] Given a variable index, returns the variable name
CCTK_VarTypeI	[A271] Provides variable type index from the variable index
CCTK_VarTypeSize	[A272] Provides variable type size in bytes from the variable type index
CCTK_VError	[A273] Prints a formatted string with a variable argument list as error message to standard error and stops the code
CCTK_VInfo	[A274] Prints a formatted string with a variable argument list as an information message to screen
CCTK_VWarn	[A275] Prints a formatted string with a variable argument list as a warning message to standard error and possibly stops the code
CCTK_WARN	[A277] Macro to print a single string as a warning message to standard error and possibly stop the code
CCTK_Warn	[A279] Function to print a single string as a warning message to standard error and possibly stop the code
CCTK_WarnCallbackRegister	[A280] Register one or more routines for dealing with warning messages in addition to printing them to standard error

Chapter A2

Full Description of Functions

CCTK_Abort

Abnormal Cactus termination.

Synopsis

```
C          #include "cctk.h"

          int dummy = CCTK_Abort(const cGH *cctkGH, int exitcode);

Fortran    #include "cctk.h"

          subroutine CCTK_Abort (dummy, cctkGH, exitcode)
             integer          dummy
             CCTK_POINTER     cctkGH
             integer          exitcode
          end subroutine CCTK_Abort
```

Result

The function never returns, and hence never produces a result.

Parameters

GH (\neq NULL) Pointer to a valid Cactus grid hierarchy.
exitcode Exit code that is passed to the operating system

Discussion

This routine causes an immediate, abnormal Cactus termination. It never returns to the caller.

See Also

CCTK_Exit [A67]	Exit the code cleanly
CCTK_ERROR [A64]	Macro to print a single string as error message and stop the code
CCTK_VError [A273]	Prints a formatted string with a variable argument list as error message to standard error and stops the code
CCTK_VWarn [A275]	Prints a formatted string with a variable argument list as a warning message to standard error and possibly stops the code
CCTK_WARN [A277]	Macro to print a single string as a warning message and possibly stop the code

Errors

The function never returns, and hence never reports an error.

Examples

```
C          #include "cctk.h"
          CCTK_Abort (cctkGH);

Fortran    #include "cctk.h"
          integer dummy
```

```
call CCTK_Abort (dummy, cctkGH)
```

CCTK_ActivatingThorn

Finds the thorn which activated a particular implementation.

Synopsis

```
C          #include "cctk.h"

          const char *thorn = CCTK_ActivatingThorn(const char *name);
```

Result

thorn Name of activating thorn, or NULL if inactive

Parameters

name Implementation name

See Also

CCTK_CompiledImplementation [\[A41\]](#) Return the name of the compiled implementation with given index

CCTK_CompiledThorn [\[A42\]](#) Return the name of the compiled thorn with given index

CCTK_ImplementationRequires [\[A128\]](#) Return the ancestors for an implementation

CCTK_ImplementationThorn [\[A129\]](#) Returns the name of one thorn providing an implementation.

CCTK_ImpThornList [\[A130\]](#) Return the thorns for an implementation

CCTK_IsImplementationActive [\[A152\]](#) Reports whether an implementation was activated in a parameter file

CCTK_IsImplementationCompiled [\[A153\]](#) Reports whether an implementation was compiled into a configuration

CCTK_IsThornActive [\[A154\]](#) Reports whether a thorn was activated in a parameter file

CCTK_IsThornCompiled [\[A155\]](#) Reports whether a thorn was compiled into a configuration

CCTK_NumCompiledImplementations [\[A169\]](#) Return the number of implementations compiled in

CCTK_NumCompiledThorns [\[A170\]](#) Return the number of thorns compiled in

CCTK_ThornImplementation [\[A248\]](#) Returns the implementation provided by the thorn

Errors

NULL The implementation is inactive, or an error occurred.

CCTK_ActiveTimeLevels

Returns the number of active time levels for a group.

Synopsis

```
C          #include "cctk.h"

          int timelevels = CCTK_ActiveTimeLevels(const cGH *cctkGH,
                                                  const char *groupname);

          int timelevels = CCTK_ActiveTimeLevelsGI(const cGH *cctkGH,
                                                  int groupindex);

          int timelevels = CCTK_ActiveTimeLevelsGN(const cGH *cctkGH,
                                                  const char *groupname);

          int timelevels = CCTK_ActiveTimeLevelsVI(const cGH *cctkGH,
                                                  int varindex);

          int timelevels = CCTK_ActiveTimeLevelsVN(const cGH *cctkGH,
                                                  const char *varname);

Fortran    #include "cctk.h"

          subroutine CCTK_ActiveTimeLevels(timelevels, cctkGH, groupname)
             integer      timelevels
             CCTK_POINTER  cctkGH
             character*(*) groupname
          end subroutine CCTK_ActiveTimeLevels

          subroutine CCTK_ActiveTimeLevelsGI(timelevels, cctkGH, groupindex)
             integer      timelevels
             CCTK_POINTER  cctkGH
             integer      groupindex
          end subroutine CCTK_ActiveTimeLevelsGI

          subroutine CCTK_ActiveTimeLevelsGN(timelevels, cctkGH, groupname)
             integer      timelevels
             CCTK_POINTER  cctkGH
             character*(*) groupname
          end subroutine CCTK_ActiveTimeLevelsGN

          subroutine CCTK_ActiveTimeLevelsVI(timelevels, cctkGH, varindex)
             integer      timelevels
             CCTK_POINTER  cctkGH
             integer      varindex
          end subroutine CCTK_ActiveTimeLevelsVI

          subroutine CCTK_ActiveTimeLevelsVN(timelevels, cctkGH, varname)
             integer      timelevels
             CCTK_POINTER  cctkGH
             character*(*) varname
```

```
end subroutine CCTK_ActiveTimeLevelsVN
```

Result

`timelevels` The currently active number of timelevels for the group.

Parameters

`GH` (\neq NULL) Pointer to a valid Cactus grid hierarchy.
`groupname` Name of the group.
`groupindex` Index of the group.
`varname` Name of a variable in the group.
`varindex` Index of a variable in the group.

Discussion

This function returns the number of timelevels for which storage has been activated, which is always equal to or less than the maximum number of timelevels which may have storage provided by `CCTK_MaxTimeLevels`.

See Also

`CCTK_MaxTimeLevels` [[A161](#)] Return the maximum number of active timelevels.
`CCTK_NumTimeLevels` [[A176](#)] Deprecated; same as `CCTK_ActiveTimeLevels`.
`CCTK_GroupStorageDecrease` [[A117](#)] Base function, overloaded by the driver, which decreases the number of active timelevels, and also returns the number of active timelevels.
`CCTK_GroupStorageIncrease` [[A118](#)] Base function, overloaded by the driver, which increases the number of active timelevels, and also returns the number of active timelevels.

Errors

`timelevels < 0` Illegal arguments given.

CCTK_ArrayGroupSize

Returns a pointer to the processor-local size for variables in a group, specified by its name, in a given dimension.

Synopsis

```
C          #include "cctk.h"
          int *size = CCTK_ArrayGroupSize(const cGH *cctkGH,
                                          int dir,
                                          const char *groupname);
```

Result

NULL A NULL pointer is returned if the group index or the dimension given are invalid.

Parameters

GH (\neq NULL)	Pointer to a valid Cactus grid hierarchy.
dir (≥ 0)	Which dimension of array to query.
groupname	Name of the group.

Discussion

For a CCTK_ARRAY or CCTK_GF group, this routine returns a pointer to the processor-local size for variables in that group in a given direction. The direction is counted in C order (zero being the lowest dimension).

This function returns a pointer to the result for technical reasons; so that it will efficiently interface with Fortran. This may change in the future. Consider using CCTK_GroupgshGN instead.

See Also

CCTK_GroupgshGN [A91]	Returns an array with the array size in all dimensions.
...	There are many related functions which grab information from the GH, but many are not yet documented.

CCTK_ArrayGroupSizeI

Returns a pointer to the processor-local size for variables in a group, specified by its index, in a given dimension.

Synopsis

```
C      #include "cctk.h"
      int *size = CCTK_ArrayGroupSizeI(const cGH *cctkGH,
                                      int dir,
                                      int groupi);
```

Result

NULL A NULL pointer is returned if the group index or the dimension given are invalid.

Parameters

GH (\neq NULL)	Pointer to a valid Cactus grid hierarchy.
dir (≥ 0)	Which dimension of array to query.
groupi	The group index.

Discussion

For a CCTK_ARRAY or CCTK_GF group, this routine returns a pointer to the processor-local size for variables in that group in a given direction. The direction is counted in C order (zero being the lowest dimension).

This function returns a pointer to the result for technical reasons; so that it will efficiently interface with Fortran. This may change in the future. Consider using CCTK_GroupgshGI instead.

See Also

CCTK_GroupgshGI	[A91]	Returns an array with the array size in all dimensions.
...		There are many related functions which grab information from the GH, but many are not yet documented.

CCTK_Barrier

Synchronizes all processors at a given execution point. This routine synchronizes all processors in a parallel job at a given point of execution. No processor will continue execution until all other processors have called `CCTK_Barrier`. Note that this is a collective operation – it must be called by all processors otherwise the code will hang.

Synopsis

C `int istat = CCTK_Barrier(const cGH *cctkGH)`

Fortran `subroutine CCTK_Barrier (istat, cctkGH)`
 `integer itat`
 `CCTK_POINTER_TO_CONST cctkGH`

CCTK_ClockRegister

Registers a named timer clock with the Flesch.

Synopsis

```
C          int err = CCTK_ClockRegister(name, functions)
```

Parameters

```
const char * name
```

The name the clock will be given

```
const cClockFuncs * functions
```

The structure holding the function pointers that define the clock

Discussion

The `cClockFuncs` structure contains function pointers defined by the clock module to be registered.

Errors

A negative return value indicates an error.

CCTK_Cmplx

Turns two real numbers into a complex number

Synopsis

```
C          CCTK_COMPLEX cmpno = CCTK_Cmplx( CCTK_REAL realpart, CCTK_REAL imagpart)
```

Parameters

<code>cmpno</code>	The complex number
<code>realpart</code>	The real part of the complex number
<code>imagpart</code>	The imaginary part of the complex number

Examples

```
C          cmpno = CCTK_Cmplx(re,im);
```

CCTK_CmplxAbs

Absolute value of a complex number

Synopsis

```
C          CCTK_COMPLEX absval = CCTK_CmplxAbs( CCTK_COMPLEX inval)
```

Parameters

absval	The computed absolute value
realpart	The complex number who absolute value is to be returned

Examples

```
C          absval = CCTK_CmplxAbs(inval);
```

CCTK_CmplxAdd

Sum of two complex numbers

Synopsis

```
C          CCTK_COMPLEX addval = CCTK_CmplxAdd( CCTK_COMPLEX inval1, CCTK_COMPLEX inval2)
```

Parameters

<code>addval</code>	The computed added value
<code>inval1</code>	The first complex number to be summed
<code>inval2</code>	The second complex number to be summed

Examples

```
C          addval = CCTK_CmplxAdd(inval1,inval2);
```

CCTK_CmplxConjg

Complex conjugate of a complex number

Synopsis

```
C          CCTK_COMPLEX conjgval = CCTK_CmplxConjg( CCTK_COMPLEX inval)
```

Parameters

<code>conjval</code>	The computed conjugate
<code>inval</code>	The complex number to be conjugated

Examples

```
C          conjgval = CCTK_CmplxConjg(inval);
```

CCTK_CmplxCos

Cosine of a complex number

Synopsis

```
C          CCTK_COMPLEX cosval = CCTK_CmplxCos( CCTK_COMPLEX inval)
```

Parameters

<code>cosval</code>	The computed cosine
<code>inval</code>	The complex number to be cosined

Discussion

NOT YET AVAILABLE

Examples

```
C          cosval = CCTK_CmplxCos(inval);
```


CCTK_CmplxDiv

Division of two complex numbers

Synopsis

```
C          CCTK_COMPLEX divval = CCTK_CmplxDiv( CCTK_COMPLEX inval1, CCTK_COMPLEX inval2)
```

Parameters

<code>divval</code>	The divided value
<code>inval1</code>	The enumerator
<code>inval1</code>	The denominator

Examples

```
C          divval = CCTK_CmplxDiv(inval1,inval2);
```

CCTK_CmplxExp

Exponent of a complex number

Synopsis

```
C          CCTK_COMPLEX expval = CCTK_CmplxExp( CCTK_COMPLEX inval)
```

Parameters

<code>expval</code>	The computed exponent
<code>inval</code>	The complex number to be exponented

Discussion

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Examples

```
C          expval = CCTK_CmplxExp(inval);
```

CCTK_CmplxImag

Imaginary part of a complex number

Synopsis

```
C          CCTK_REAL imval = CCTK_CmplxImag( CCTK_COMPLEX inval)
```

Parameters

<code>imval</code>	The imaginary part
<code>inval</code>	The complex number

Discussion

The imaginary part of a complex number $z = a + bi$ is b .

Examples

```
C          imval = CCTK_CmplxImag(inval);
```

CCTK_CmplxLog

Logarithm of a complex number

Synopsis

```
C          CCTK_COMPLEX logval = CCTK_CmplxLog( CCTK_COMPLEX inval)
```

Parameters

logval	The computed logarithm
inval	The complex number

Discussion

NOT YET AVAILABLE

Examples

```
C          logval = CCTK_CmplxLog(inval);
```

CCTK_CmplxMul

Multiplication of two complex numbers

Synopsis

C `CCTK_COMPLEX mulval = CCTK_CmplxMul(CCTK_COMPLEX inval1, CCTK_COMPLEX inval2)`

Parameters

<code>mulval</code>	The product
<code>inval1</code>	First complex number to be multiplied
<code>inval2</code>	Second complex number to be multiplied

Discussion

The product of two complex numbers $z_1 = a_1 + b_1i$ and $z_2 = a_2 + b_2i$ is $z = (a_1a_2 - b_1b_2) + (a_1b_2 + a_2b_1)i$.

Examples

C `mulval = CCTK_CmplxMul(inval1,inval2);`

CCTK_CmplxReal

Real part of a complex number

Synopsis

```
C          CCTK_REAL reval = CCTK_CmplxReal( CCTK_COMPLEX inval)
```

Parameters

<code>reval</code>	The real part
<code>inval</code>	The complex number

Discussion

The real part of a complex number $z = a + bi$ is a .

Examples

```
C          reval = CCTK_CmplxReal(inval);
```

CCTK_CmplxSin

Sine of a complex number

Synopsis

```
C          CCTK_COMPLEX sinval = CCTK_CmplxSin( CCTK_COMPLEX inval)
```

Parameters

<code>sinval</code>	The computed sine
<code>inval</code>	The complex number to be Sined

Discussion

NOT YET AVAILABLE

Examples

```
C          sinval = CCTK_CmplxSin(inval);
```

CCTK_CmplxSqrt

Square root of a complex number

Synopsis

```
C          CCTK_COMPLEX sqrtval = CCTK_CmplxSqrt( CCTK_COMPLEX inval)
```

Parameters

expval	The computed square root
inval	The complex number to be square rooted

Discussion

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Examples

```
C          sqrtval = CCTK_CmplxSqrt(inval);
```


CCTK_CmplxSub

Subtraction of two complex numbers

Synopsis

C `CCTK_COMPLEX subval = CCTK_CmplxSub(CCTK_COMPLEX inval1, CCTK_COMPLEX inval2)`

Parameters

`addval` The computed subtracted value
`inval1` The complex number to be subtracted from
`inval2` The complex number to subtract

Discussion

If $z_1 = a_1 + b_1i$ and $z_2 = a_2 + b_2i$ then

$$z_1 - z_2 = (a_1 - a_2) + (b_1 - b_2)i$$

Examples

C `subval = CCTK_CmplxSub(inval1,inval2);`

CCTK_CompileDate

Returns a formatted string containing the date stamp when Cactus was compiled

Synopsis

```
C          #include "cctk.h"

          const char *compile_date = CCTK_CompileDate ();
```

Result

`compile_date` formatted string containing the date stamp

See Also

CCTK_CompileTime [\[A40\]](#) Returns a formatted string containing the time stamp when Cactus was compiled

CCTK_CompileDateTime [\[A39\]](#) Returns a formatted string containing the datetime stamp when Cactus was compiled

CCTK_CompileDateTime

Returns a formatted string containing the datetime stamp when Cactus was compiled

Synopsis

```
C          #include "cctk.h"

          const char *compile_datetime = CCTK_CompileDateTime ();
```

Result

`compile_datetime`
formatted string containing the datetime stamp

Discussion

If possible, the formatted string returned contains the datetime in a machine-processable format as defined in ISO 8601 chapter 5.4.

See Also

<code>CCTK_CompileDate</code> [A38]	Returns a formatted string containing the date stamp when Cactus was compiled
<code>CCTK_CompileTime</code> [A40]	Returns a formatted string containing the time stamp when Cactus was compiled

CCTK_CompileTime

Returns a formatted string containing the time stamp when Cactus was compiled

Synopsis

```
C          #include "cctk.h"

          const char *compile_time = CCTK_CompileTime ();
```

Result

`compile_time` formatted string containing the time stamp

See Also

CCTK_CompileDate [\[A38\]](#) Returns a formatted string containing the date stamp when Cactus was compiled

CCTK_CompileDateTime [\[A39\]](#) Returns a formatted string containing the datetime stamp when Cactus was compiled

CCTK_CompiledImplementation

Return the name of the compiled implementation with given index.

Synopsis

```
C          #include "cctk.h"

          const char *imp = CCTK_CompiledImplementation(int index);
```

Result

imp Name of the implementation

Parameters

index Implementation index, with $0 \leq \text{index} < \text{numimpls}$, where `numimpls` is returned by `CCTK_NumCompiledImplementations`.

See Also

<code>CCTK_ActivatingThorn</code> [A17]	Finds the thorn which activated a particular implementation
<code>CCTK_CompiledThorn</code> [A42]	Return the name of the compiled thorn with given index
<code>CCTK_ImplementationRequires</code> [A128]	Return the ancestors for an implementation
<code>CCTK_ImplementationThorn</code> [A129]	Returns the name of one thorn providing an implementation.
<code>CCTK_ImpThornList</code> [A130]	Return the thorns for an implementation
<code>CCTK_IsImplementationActive</code> [A152]	Reports whether an implementation was activated in a parameter file
<code>CCTK_IsImplementationCompiled</code> [A153]	Reports whether an implementation was compiled into a configuration
<code>CCTK_IsThornActive</code> [A154]	Reports whether a thorn was activated in a parameter file
<code>CCTK_IsThornCompiled</code> [A155]	Reports whether a thorn was compiled into a configuration
<code>CCTK_NumCompiledImplementations</code> [A169]	Return the number of implementations compiled in
<code>CCTK_NumCompiledThorns</code> [A170]	Return the number of thorns compiled in
<code>CCTK_ThornImplementation</code> [A248]	Returns the implementation provided by the thorn

Errors

NULL Error.

CCTK_CompiledThorn

Return the name of the compiled thorn with given index.

Synopsis

```
C          #include "cctk.h"

          const char *thorn = CCTK_CompiledThorn(int index);
```

Result

thorn Name of the thorn

Parameters

index Thorn index, with $0 \leq \text{index} < \text{numthorns}$, where `numthorns` is returned by `CCTK_NumCompiledThorns`.

See Also

`CCTK_ActivatingThorn` [\[A17\]](#) Finds the thorn which activated a particular implementation

`CCTK_CompiledImplementation` [\[A41\]](#) Return the name of the compiled implementation with given index

`CCTK_ImplementationRequires` [\[A128\]](#) Return the ancestors for an implementation

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Errors

NULL Error.

CCTK_CoordDir

Give the direction for a given coordinate.

All the CCTK_Coord* APIs are deprecated, and will probably be phased out fairly soon. New code should use the APIs provided by the CoordBase thorn instead (this lives in the CactusBase arrangement).

Synopsis

C `int dir = CCTK_CoordDir(const char * coordname, const char * systemname)`
Fortran `call CCTK_CoordDir(dir , coordname, systemname)`

integer dir
character*(*) coordname
character*(*) systemname

Parameters

dir The direction of the coordinate
coordname The name assigned to this coordinate
systemname The name of the coordinate system

Discussion

The coordinate name is independent of the grid function name.

Examples

C `direction = CCTK_CoordDir("xdir","cart3d");`
Fortran `call CCTK_COORDDIR(direction,"radius","spher3d")`

CCTK_CoordIndex

Give the grid variable index for a given coordinate.

All the CCTK_Coord* APIs are deprecated, and will probably be phased out fairly soon. New code should use the APIs provided by the CoordBase thorn instead (this lives in the CactusBase arrangement).

Synopsis

C `int index = CCTK_CoordIndex(int direction, const char * coordname, const char * systemname);`

Fortran `call CCTK_CoordIndex(index , direction, coordname, systemname)`

```
integer index
integer direction
character(*) coordname
character(*) systemname
```

Parameters

<code>index</code>	The coordinates associated grid variable index
<code>direction</code>	The direction of the coordinate in this coordinate system
<code>coordname</code>	The name assigned to this coordinate
<code>systemname</code>	The coordinate system for this coordinate

Discussion

The coordinate name is independent of the grid variable name. To find the index, the coordinate system name must be given, and either the coordinate direction or the coordinate name. The coordinate name will be used if the coordinate direction is given as less than or equal to zero, otherwise the coordinate name will be used.

Examples

C `index = CCTK_CoordIndex(-1,"xdir","cart3d");`

C `call CCTK_COORDINDEX(index,one,"radius","spher2d")`

CCTK_CoordRange

Return the global upper and lower bounds for a given coordinate.

All the CCTK_Coord* APIs are deprecated, and will probably be phased out fairly soon. New code should use the APIs provided by the CoordBase thorn instead (this lives in the CactusBase arrangement).

Synopsis

C `int ierr = CCTK_CoordRange(const cGH * cctkGH, CCTK_REAL * lower, CCTK_REAL * upper, i`

Fortran `call CCTK_CoordRange(ierr , cctkGH, lower, upper, direction, coordname, systemname)`

```
integer ierr
CCTK_POINTER cctkGH
CCTK_REAL lower
CCTK_REAL upper
integer direction
character(*) coordname
character(*) systemname
```

Parameters

<code>ierr</code>	Error code
<code>cctkGH</code>	pointer to CCTK grid hierarchy
<code>lower</code>	Global lower bound of the coordinate (POINTER in C)
<code>upper</code>	Global upper bound of the coordinate (POINTER in C)
<code>direction</code>	Direction of coordinate in coordinate system
<code>coordname</code>	Coordinate name
<code>systemname</code>	Coordinate system name

Discussion

The coordinate name is independent of the grid function name. The coordinate range is registered by `CCTK_CoordRegisterRange`. To find the range, the coordinate system name must be given, and either the coordinate direction or the coordinate name. The coordinate direction will be used if is given as a positive value, otherwise the coordinate name will be used.

Examples

C `ierr = CCTK_CoordRange(cctkGH, &xmin, &xmax, -1, "xdir", "mysystem");`

Fortran `call CCTK_COORDRANGE(ierr, cctkGH, Rmin, Rmax, -1, "radius", "sphersystem")`

CCTK_CoordRegisterData

Define a coordinate in a given coordinate system.

All the CCTK_Coord* APIs are deprecated, and will probably be phased out fairly soon. New code should use the APIs provided by the CoordBase thorn instead (this lives in the CactusBase arrangement).

Synopsis

C `int ierr = CCTK_CoordRegisterData(int direction, const char * gvname, const char * coordname, const char * systemname)`

Fortran `call CCTK_CoordRegisterData(ierr , direction, gvname, coordname, systemname)`

```
integer ierr
integer direction
character(*) gvname
character(*) coordname
character(*) systemname
```

Parameters

ierr	Error code
direction	Direction of coordinate in coordinate system
gvname	Name of grid variable associated with coordinate
coordname	Name of this coordinate
systemname	Name of this coordinate system

Discussion

There must already be a coordinate system registered, using CCTK_CoordRegisterSystem.

Examples

C `ierr = CCTK_CoordRegisterData(1,"coordthorn::myx","x2d","cart2d");`

Fortran `two = 2
call CCTK_COORDREGISTERDATA(ierr,two,"coordthorn::mytheta","spher3d")`

CCTK_CoordRegisterRange

Assign the global maximum and minimum values of a coordinate on a given grid hierarchy.

All the CCTK_Coord* APIs are deprecated, and will probably be phased out fairly soon. New code should use the APIs provided by the CoordBase thorn instead (this lives in the CactusBase arrangement).

Synopsis

C	<code>int ierr = CCTK_CoordRegisterRange(const cGH * cctkGH, CCTK_REAL min, CCTK_REAL max, i</code>
Fortran	<code>call CCTK_CoordRegisterRange(ierr , cctkGH, min, max, direction, coordname, systemname</code>
	<code>integer ierr</code>
	<code>CCTK_POINTER cctkGH</code>
	<code>CCTK_REAL min</code>
	<code>CCTK_REAL max</code>
	<code>integer direction</code>
	<code>character*(*) coordname</code>
	<code>character*(*) systemname</code>

Parameters

<code>ierr</code>	Error code
<code>dimension</code>	Pointer to CCTK grid hierarchy
<code>min</code>	Global minimum of coordinate
<code>max</code>	Global maximum of coordinate
<code>direction</code>	Direction of coordinate in coordinate system
<code>coordname</code>	Name of coordinate in coordinate system
<code>systemname</code>	Name of this coordinate system

Discussion

There must already be a coordinate registered with the given name, with CCTK_CoordRegisterData. The coordinate range can be accessed by CCTK_CoordRange.

Examples

C	<code>ierr = CCTK_CoordRegisterRange(cctkGH,-1.0,1.0,1,"x2d","cart2d");</code>
Fortran	<code>min = 0</code>
	<code>max = 3.1415d0/2.0d0</code>
	<code>two = 2</code>
	<code>call CCTK_COORDREGISTERRANGE(ierr,min,max,two,"coordthorn::mytheta","spher3d")</code>

CCTK_CoordRegisterSystem

Assigns a coordinate system with a chosen name and dimension.

All the CCTK_Coord* APIs are deprecated, and will probably be phased out fairly soon. New code should use the APIs provided by the CoordBase thorn instead (this lives in the CactusBase arrangement).

Synopsis

C	<code>int ierr = CCTK_CoordRegisterSystem(int dimension, const char * systemname)</code>
Fortran	<code>call CCTK_CoordRegisterSystem(ierr , dimension, systemname)</code>
	<code>integer ierr</code>
	<code>integer dimension</code>
	<code>character*(*) systemname</code>

Parameters

<code>ierr</code>	Error code
<code>dimension</code>	Dimension of coordinate system
<code>systemname</code>	Unique name assigned to coordinate system

Examples

C	<code>ierr = CCTK_CoordRegisterSystem(3,"cart3d");</code>
Fortran	<code>three = 3</code> <code>call CCTK_COORDREGISTERSYSTEM(ierr,three,"sphersystem")</code>

CCTK_CoordSystemDim

Give the dimension for a given coordinate system.

All the CCTK_Coord* APIs are deprecated, and will probably be phased out fairly soon. New code should use the APIs provided by the CoordBase thorn instead (this lives in the CactusBase arrangement).

Synopsis

C	<code>int dim = CCTK_CoordSystemDim(const char * systemname)</code>
Fortran	<code>call CCTK_CoordSystemDim(dim , systemname)</code>
	<code>integer dim</code>
	<code>character*(*) systemname</code>

Parameters

<code>dim</code>	The dimension of the coordinate system
<code>systemname</code>	The name of the coordinate system

Examples

C	<code>dim = CCTK_CoordSystemDim("cart3d");</code>
Fortran	<code>call CCTK_COORDSYSTEMDIM(dim,"spher3d")</code>

CCTK_CoordSystemHandle

Returns the handle associated with a registered coordinate system.

All the CCTK_Coord* APIs are deprecated, and will probably be phased out fairly soon. New code should use the APIs provided by the CoordBase thorn instead (this lives in the CactusBase arrangement).

Synopsis

C	<code>int handle = CCTK_CoordSystemHandle(const char * systemname)</code>
Fortran	<code>call CCTK_CoordSystemHandle(handle , systemname)</code>
	<code>integer handle</code>
	<code>character*(*) systemname</code>

Parameters

<code>handle</code>	The coordinate system handle
<code>systemname</code>	Name of the coordinate system

Examples

C	<code>handle = CCTK_CoordSystemHandle("my coordinate system");</code>
Fortran	<code>call CCTK_CoordSystemHandle(handle,"my coordinate system")</code>

Errors

negative	A negative return code indicates an invalid coordinate system name.
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CCTK_CoordSystemName

Returns the name of a registered coordinate system.

All the CCTK_Coord* APIs are deprecated, and will probably be phased out fairly soon. New code should use the APIs provided by the CoordBase thorn instead (this lives in the CactusBase arrangement).

Synopsis

```
C          const char * systemname = CCTK_CoordSystemName( int handle)
```

Parameters

<code>handle</code>	The coordinate system handle
<code>systemname</code>	The coordinate system name

Discussion

No Fortran routine exists at the moment.

Examples

```
C          systemname = CCTK_CoordSystemName(handle);  
          handle = CCTK_CoordSystemHandle(systemname);
```

Errors

NULL	A NULL pointer is returned if an invalid handle was given.
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CCTK_CreateDirectory

Create a directory with required permissions

Synopsis

C `int ierr = CCTK_CreateDirectory(int mode, const char * pathname)`

Fortran `call CCTK_CreateDirectory(ierr , mode, pathname)`

integer ierr
integer mode
character*(*) pathname

Parameters

ierr Error code
mode Permission mode for new directory as an octal number
pathname Directory to create

Discussion

To create a directory readable by everyone, but writeable only by the user running the code, the permission mode would be 0755. Alternatively, a permission mode of 0777 gives everyone unlimited access; the user's `umask` setting should cut this down to whatever the user's normal default permissions are anyway.

Note that (partly for historical reasons and partly for Fortran 77 compatability) the order of the arguments is the opposite of that of the usual Unix `mkdir(2)` system call.

Examples

C `ierr = CCTK_CreateDirectory(0755, "Results/New");`

Fortran `call CCTK_CREATEDIRECTORY(ierr,0755, "Results/New")`

Errors

1	Directory already exists
0	Directory successfully created
-1	Memory allocation failed
-2	Failed to create directory
-3	Some component of pathname already exists but is not a directory

CCTK-DecomposeName

Given the full name of a variable/group, separates the name returning both the implementation and the variable/group

Synopsis

```
C          int istat = CCTK-DecomposeName( const char * fullname, char ** imp, char ** name)
```

Parameters

<code>istat</code>	Status flag returned by routine
<code>fullname</code>	The full name of the group/variable
<code>imp</code>	The implementation name
<code>name</code>	The group/variable name

Discussion

The implementation name and the group/variable name must be explicitly freed after they have been used.

No Fortran routine exists at the moment.

Examples

```
C          istat = CCTK-DecomposeName("evolve::scalars",imp,name)
```

CCTK_DisableGroupComm

Turn communications off for a group of grid variables

Synopsis

```
C          int istat = CCTK_DisableGroupComm( cGH * cctkGH, const char * group)
```

Parameters

`cctkGH` pointer to CCTK grid hierarchy

Discussion

Turning off communications means that ghost zones will not be communicated during a call to `CCTK_SyncGroup`. By default communications are all off.

CCTK_DisableGroupCommI

Turn communications off for a group of grid variables.

Synopsis

C `int istat = CCTK_DisableGroupCommI(cGH * cctkGH, int group);`

Result

0 The Group has been disabled.

Parameters

`cctkGH` pointer to CCTK grid hierarchy
`group` number of group of grid variables to turn off

Discussion

Turning off communications means that ghost zones will not be communicated during a call to `CCTK_SyncGroup`. By default communications are all off.

See Also

`CCTK_DisableGroupComm` [\[A54\]](#) Turn communications off for a group of grid variables.
`CCTK_EnableGroupCommI` [\[A59\]](#) Turn communications on for a group of grid variables.
`CCTK_EnableGroupComm` [\[A58\]](#) Turn communications on for a group of grid variables.

CCTK_DisableGroupStorage

Free the storage associated with a group of grid variables

Synopsis

```
C          int istat = CCTK_DisableGroupStorage( cGH * cctkGH, const char * group)
```

Parameters

cctkGH pointer to CCTK grid hierarchy

CCTK_DisableGroupStorageI

Deallocates memory for a group based upon its index

Synopsis

```
C          int  CCTK_DisableGroupStorageI(const cGH *GH, int group);
```

Result

0	The group previously had storage
1	The group did not have storage to disable storage
-1	The decrease storage routine was not overloaded

Parameters

GH	pointer to grid hierarchy
group	index of the group to deallocate storage for

Discussion

The disable group storage routine should deallocate memory for a group and return the previous status of that memory. This default function checks for the presence of the newer GroupStorageDecrease function, and if that is not available it flags an error. If it is available it makes a call to it, passing -1 as the timelevel argument, which is supposed to mean disable all timelevels, i.e. preserving this obsolete behaviour.

CCTK_EnableGroupComm

Turn communications on for a group of grid variables

Synopsis

```
C          int istat = CCTK_EnableGroupComm( cGH * cctkGH, const char * group)
```

Parameters

`cctkGH` pointer to CCTK grid hierarchy

Discussion

Grid variables with communication enabled will have their ghost zones communicated during a call to `CCTK_SyncGroup`. In general, this function does not need to be used, since communication is automatically enabled for grid variables who have assigned storage via the `schedule.ccl` file.

CCTK_EnableGroupCommI

Turn communications on for a group of grid variables.

Synopsis

```
C          int istat = CCTK_EnableGroupCommI(cGH * cctkGH, int group);
```

Result

0 The Group has been enabled.

Parameters

cctkGH pointer to CCTK grid hierarchy
group number of the group of grid variables to turn on

Discussion

Grid variables with communication enabled will have their ghost zones communicated during a call to `CCTK_SyncGroup`. In general, this function does not need to be used, since communication is automatically enabled for grid variables who have assigned storage via the `schedule.ccl` file.

See Also

CCTK_DisableGroupComm [\[A54\]](#) Turn communications off for a group of grid variables.
CCTK_DisableGroupCommI [\[A55\]](#) Turn communications off for a group of grid variables.
CCTK_EnableGroupComm [\[A59\]](#) Turn communications on for a group of grid variables.

CCTK_EnableGroupStorage

Assign the storage for a group of grid variables

Synopsis

C `int istat = CCTK_EnableGroupStorage(cGH * cctkGH, const char * group);`

Result

0 The Storage has been enabled.

Parameters

`cctkGH` pointer to CCTK grid hierarchy
`group` name of the group to allocate storage for

Discussion

In general this function does not need to be used, since storage assignment is best handled by the Cactus scheduler via a thorn's `schedule.ccl` file.

CCTK_EnableGroupStorageI

Assign the storage for a group of grid variables

Synopsis

C `int istat = CCTK_EnableGroupStorageI(cGH * cctkGH, int group);`

Result

0 The Storage has been enabled.

Parameters

`cctkGH` pointer to CCTK grid hierarchy
`group` Index of the group to allocate storage for

Discussion

In general this function does not need to be used, since storage assignment is best handled by the Cactus scheduler via a thorn's `schedule.ccl` file.

CCTK_Equals

Checks a STRING or KEYWORD parameter for equality with a given string

Synopsis

C `#include "cctk.h"`
 `int status = CCTK_Equals(const char* parameter, const char* value)`

Fortran `integer status`
 `CCTK_POINTER parameter`
 `character*(*) value`
 `status = CCTK_Equals(parameter, value)`

Result

1 if the parameter is (case-independently) equal to the specified value
0 if the parameter is (case-independently) not equal to the specified value

Parameters

parameter The string or keyword parameter to compare; Cactus represents this as a `CCTK_POINTER` pointing to the string value.
value The value against which to compare the string or keyword parameter. This is typically a string literal (see the examples below).

Discussion

This function compares a Cactus parameter of type STRING or KEYWORD against a given string value. The comparison is performed case-independently, returning a 1 if the strings are equal, and zero if they differ.

Note that in Fortran code, STRING or KEYWORD parameters are passed as C pointers, and can not be treated as normal Fortran strings. Thus `CCTK_Equals` should be used to check the value of such a parameter. See the examples below for typical usage.

See Also

`Util_StrCmpi` [\[B15\]](#) compare two C-style strings case-independently

Errors

null pointer If either argument is passed as a null pointer, `CCTK_Equals()` aborts the Cactus run with an error message. Otherwise, there are no error returns from this function.

Examples

C `#include "cctk.h"`
 `#include "cctk_Arguments.h"`
 `#include "cctk_Parameters.h"`

 `/*`
 `* assume this thorn has a string or keyword parameter my_parameter`

Fortran

```

*/
void MyThorn_some_function(CCTK_ARGUMENTS)
{
    DECLARE_CCTK_ARGUMENTS;
    DECLARE_CCTK_PARAMETERS;

    if (CCTK_Equals(my_parameter, "option A")) {
        CCTK_VInfo(CCTK_THORNSTRING, "using option A");
    }
}

#include "cctk.h"
#include "cctk_Arguments.h"
#include "cctk_Functions.h"
#include "cctk_Parameters.h"

!
! assume this thorn has a string or keyword parameter  my_parameter
!
subroutine MyThorn_some_routine(CCTK_ARGUMENTS)
    implicit none
    DECLARE_CCTK_ARGUMENTS
    DECLARE_CCTK_FUNCTIONS
    DECLARE_CCTK_PARAMETERS

    if (CCTK_Equals(my_parameter, "option A") /= 0) then
        call CCTK_INFO("using option A")
    end if
end subroutine MyThorn_some_routine

```

CCTK_ERROR

Macro to print a single string as error message and stop the code

Synopsis

```
C          #include <cctk.h>

          CCTK_ERROR(const char *message);

Fortran    #include "cctk.h"

          call CCTK_ERROR(message)
          character*(*) message
```

Parameters

message The error message to print

Discussion

This macro can be used by thorns to print a single string as error message to `stderr`. `CCTK_ERROR(message)` expands to a call to a `CCTK_Error()` which is equivalent to `CCTK_VError()`, but without the variable-number-of-arguments feature (so it can be used from Fortran).¹ The macro automatically includes details about the origin of the warning (the thorn name, the source code file name and the line number where the macro occurs).

To include variables in the error message from C, you can use the routine `CCTK_VError` which accepts a variable argument list. To include variables from Fortran, a string must be constructed and passed in a `CCTK_ERROR` macro.

See Also

<code>CCTK_Abort</code> [A15]	Abort the code
<code>CCTK_Exit</code> [A67]	Exit the code cleanly
<code>CCTK_VError</code> [A273]	prints an error message with a variable argument list
<code>CCTK_VWarn</code> [A275]	Prints a formatted string with a variable argument list as a warning message to standard error and possibly stops the code
<code>CCTK_WARN</code> [A277]	Macro to print a single string as a warning message and possibly stop the code

Examples

```
C          #include <cctk.h>

          CCTK_ERROR("Divide by 0");

Fortran    #include "cctk.h"

          integer      myint
```

¹Some code calls this function directly. For reference, the function is:
`void CCTK_Error(int line_number, const char* file_name, const char* thorn_name,
 const char* message)`

```
CCTK_REAL      myreal
character*200 message

write(message, '(A32, G12.7, A5, I8)')
&      'Your error message, including ', myreal, ' and ', myint
call CCTK_ERROR(message)
```

CCTK_Error

Function to print a single string as error message and stop the code

Synopsis

```
C          #include <cctk.h>

          void CCTK_Error(int line_number, const char* file_name,
                        const char* thorn_name, const char* message)

Fortran    #include "cctk.h"

          call CCTK_Error(line_number, file_name, thorn_name, message)
          integer line_number
          character*(*) file_name, thorn_name, message
```

Parameters

<code>line_number</code>	The line number in the originating source file where the <code>CCTK_VError</code> call occurred. You can use the standardized <code>__LINE__</code> preprocessor macro here.
<code>file_name</code>	The file name of the originating source file where the <code>CCTK_VError</code> call occurred. You can use the standardized <code>__FILE__</code> preprocessor macro here.
<code>thorn_name</code>	The thorn name of the originating source file where the <code>CCTK_VError</code> call occurred. You can use the <code>CCTK_THORNSTRING</code> macro here (defined in <code>cctk.h</code>).
<code>message</code>	The error message to print

Discussion

The macro `CCTK_ERROR` automatically includes the line number, file name and the name of the originating thorn in the info message. It is recommended that the macro `CCTK_ERROR` is used to print a message rather than calling `CCTK_Error` directly.

See Also

<code>CCTK_Abort</code> [A15]	Abort the code
<code>CCTK_Exit</code> [A67]	Exit the code cleanly
<code>CCTK_VError</code> [A273]	prints an error message with a variable argument list
<code>CCTK_VWarn</code> [A275]	Prints a formatted string with a variable argument list as a warning message to standard error and possibly stops the code
<code>CCTK_WARN</code> [A277]	Macro to print a single string as a warning message and possibly stop the code

CCTK_Exit

Exit the code cleanly

Synopsis

C `int istat = CCTK_Exit(cGH * cctkGH, int value)`

Fortran `call CCTK_Exit(istat , cctkGH, value)`

integer istat
CCTK_POINTER cctkGH
integer value

Parameters

cctkGH pointer to CCTK grid hierarchy

value the return code to exit with

Discussion

This routine causes an immediate, regular termination of Cactus. It never returns to the caller.

See Also

CCTK_Abort [A15]	Abort the code
CCTK_ERROR [A64]	Macro to print a single string as error message and stop the code
CCTK_VError [A273]	Prints a formatted string with a variable argument list as error message to standard error and stops the code
CCTK_VWarn [A275]	Prints a formatted string with a variable argument list as a warning message to standard error and possibly stops the code
CCTK_WARN [A277]	Macro to print a single string as a warning message and possibly stop the code

CCTK_FirstVarIndex

Given a group name, returns the first variable index in the group.

Synopsis

```
C          #include "cctk.h"
          int first_varindex = CCTK_FirstVarIndex(const char* group_name);

Fortran    #include "cctk.h"
          integer first_varindex
          character*(*) group_name
          call CCTK_FirstVarIndex(first_varindex, group_name)
```

Result

`first_varindex` (≥ 0)
The first variable index in the group.

Parameters

`group_name` (\neq NULL in C)
For C, this is a non-NULL pointer to the character-string name of the group. For Fortran, this is the character-string name of the group. In both cases this should be of the form "implementation::group".

Discussion

If the group contains $N > 0$ variables, and V is the value of `first_varindex` returned by this function, then the group's variables have variable indices $V, V + 1, V + 2, \dots, V + N - 1$.

See Also

<code>CCTK_FirstVarIndexI()</code>	Given a group index, returns the first variable index in the group.
<code>CCTK_GroupData()</code>	Get “static” information about a group (including the number of variables in the group).
<code>CCTK_GroupDynamicData()</code>	Get “dynamic” information about a group.

Errors

-1	Group name is invalid.
-2	Group has no members.

CCTK_FirstVarIndexI

Given a group index, returns the first variable index in the group.

Synopsis

```
C          #include "cctk.h"
            int first_varindex = CCTK_FirstVarIndexI(int group_index)

Fortran    #include "cctk.h"
            integer first_varindex, group_index
            call CCTK_FirstVarIndexI(first_varindex, group_index)
```

Result

`first_varindex` (≥ 0)
The first variable index in the group.

Parameters

`group_index` (≥ 0)
The group index, e.g. as returned by `CCTK_GroupIndex()`.

Discussion

If the group contains $N > 0$ variables, and V is the value of `first_varindex` returned by this function, then the group’s variables have variable indices $V, V + 1, V + 2, \dots, V + N - 1$.

See Also

<code>CCTK_FirstVarIndex()</code>	Given a group name, returns the first variable index in the group.
<code>CCTK_GroupData()</code>	Get “static” information about a group (including the number of variables in the group).
<code>CCTK_GroupDynamicData()</code>	Get “dynamic” information about a group.

Errors

-1	Group index is invalid.
-2	Group has no members.

CCTK_FortranString

Copy the contents of a C string into a Fortran string variable

Synopsis

```
C      #include "cctk.h"
      int CCTK_FortranString (char const * c_string,
                             char        * fortran_string,
                             int          fortran_length);

Fortran #include "cctk.h"
        subroutine CCTK_FortranString (string_length, c_string, fortran_string)
            CCTK_INT                string_length
            CCTK_POINTER_TO_CONST    c_string
            character(*)              fortran_string
        end subroutine
```

Parameters

c_string	This is (a pointer to) a standard C-style (NUL-terminated) string. Typically this argument is the name of a Cactus keyword or string parameter.
fortran_string	[This is an output argument] A Fortran character variable into which this function copies the C string (or as much of it as will fit).
fortran_length	The length of the Fortran character variable.

Result

string_length	This function sets this variable to the number of characters in the C string (not counting the terminating NUL character). If this is larger than the declared length of fortran_string then the string was truncated. If this is negative, then an error occurred.
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Discussion

String or keyword parameters in Cactus are passed into Fortran routines as pointers to C strings, which can't be directly used by Fortran code. This subroutine copies such a C string into a Fortran character*N string variable, from where it can be used by Fortran code.

Examples

```
Fortran  # *** this is param.ccl for some thorn ***

        # This example shows how we can use a Cactus string parameter to
        # specify the contents of a Cactus key/value table, or the name of
        # a Fortran output file

        string our_parameters "parameter string"
        {
        ".*" :: "any string acceptable to Util_TableCreateFromString()"
        } "order=3"
```

```
string output_file_name "name of our output file"
{
  "." :: "any valid file name"
} "foo.dat"

c *** this is sample Fortran code in this same thorn ***
#include "util_Table.h"
#include "cctk.h"
#include "cctk_Arguments.h"
#include "cctk_Parameters.h"

      subroutine my_Fortran_subroutine(CCTK_ARGUMENTS)
      DECLARE_CCTK_ARGUMENTS
      DECLARE_CCTK_PARAMETERS

      CCTK_INT :: string_length
      integer  :: status
      integer  :: table_handle

      integer, parameter :: max_string_length = 500
      character*max_string_length :: our_parameters_fstring
      character*max_string_length :: output_file_name_fstring

c
c create Cactus key/value table from  our_parameters  parameter
c
      call CCTK_FortranString(string_length,
$                               our_parameters,
$                               our_parameters_fstring)
      if (string_length .gt. max_string_length) then
        call CCTK_WARN(CCTK_WARN_ALERT, "'our_parameters' string too long!")
      end if
      call Util_TableCreateFromString(table_handle, our_parameters_fstring)

c
c open a Fortran output file named via  output_file_name  parameter
c
      call CCTK_FortranString(string_length,
$                               output_file_name,
$                               output_file_name_fstring)
      if (string_length .gt. max_string_length) then
        call CCTK_WARN(CCTK_WARN_ALERT, "'output_file_name' string too long!")
      end if
      open (unit=9, iostat=status, status='replace',
$          file=output_file_name_fstring)
```

CCTK_FullName

Given a variable index, returns the full name of the variable

Synopsis

```
C          char * fullname = CCTK_FullName( int index)
```

Parameters

implementation The full variable name

index The variable index

Discussion

The full variable name must be explicitly freed after it has been used.

No Fortran routine exists at the moment. The full variable name is in the form
<implementation>::<variable>

Examples

```
C          index = CCTK_VarIndex("evolve::phi");  
          name = CCTK_FullName(index);  
          printf ("Variable name: %s", name);  
          free (name);
```

CCTK_GetClockName

Given a pointer to the `cTimerVal` corresponding to a timer clock returns a pointer to a string that is the name of the clock

Synopsis

```
C          const char * CCTK_GetClockName(val)
```

Parameters

```
const cTimerVal * val
                timer clock value pointer
```

Discussion

Do not attempt to free the returned pointer directly. You must use the string before calling `CCTK.TimerDestroyData` on the containing timer info.

CCTK_GetClockResolution

Given a pointer to the `cTimerVal` corresponding to a timer clock returns the resolution of the clock in seconds.

Synopsis

```
C          double CCTK_GetClockResolution(val)
```

Parameters

```
const cTimerVal * val
    timer clock value pointer
```

Discussion

Ideally, the resolution should represent a good lower bound on the smallest non-zero difference between two consecutive calls of `CCTK_GetClockSeconds`. In practice, it is sometimes far smaller than it should be. Often it just represents the smallest value representable due to how the information is stored internally.

CCTK_GetClockSeconds

Given a pointer to the `cTimerVal` corresponding to a timer clock returns a the elapsed time in seconds between the preceding `CCTK_TimerStart` and `CCTK_TimerStop` as recorded by the requested clock.

Synopsis

```
C          double CCTK_GetClockSeconds(val)
```

Parameters

```
const cTimerVal * val
                timer clock value pointer
```

Discussion

Be aware, different clocks measure different things (proper time, CPU time spent on this process, etc.), and have varying resolution and accuracy.

CCTK_GetClockValue

Given a name of a clock that is in the given `cTimerData` structure, returns a pointer to the `cTimerVal` structure holding the clock's value.

Synopsis

```
C                const cTimerVal * CCTK_GetClockValue(name, info)
```

Parameters

```
const char * name      Name of clock
const cTimerData * info Timer information structure containing clock.
```

Discussion

Do not attempt to free the returned pointer directly.

Errors

A null return value indicates an error.

CCTK_GetClockValueI

Given a index of a clock that is in the given `cTimerData` structure, returns a pointer to the `cTimerVal` structure holding the clock's value.

Synopsis

```
C          const cTimerVal * CCTK_GetClockValue(index, info)
```

Parameters

```
int index      Index of clock
const cTimerData * info
                Timer information structure containing clock.
```

Discussion

Do not attempt to free the returned pointer directly.

Errors

A null return value indicates an error.

CCTK_GHExtension

Get the pointer to a registered extension to the Cactus GH structure

Synopsis

```
C          void * extension = CCTK_GHExtension( const GH * cctkGH, const char * name)
```

Parameters

<code>extension</code>	The pointer to the GH extension
<code>cctkGH</code>	The pointer to the CCTK grid hierarchy
<code>name</code>	The name of the GH extension

Discussion

No Fortran routine exists at the moment.

Examples

```
C          void *extension = CCTK_GHExtension(GH, "myExtension");
```

Errors

NULL	A NULL pointer is returned if an invalid extension name was given.
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CCTK_GHExtensionHandle

Get the handle associated with a extension to the Cactus GH structure

Synopsis

C	<code>int handle = CCTK_GHExtensionHandle(const char * name)</code>
Fortran	<code>call CCTK_GHExtensionHandle(handle , name)</code>
	<code>integer handle</code>
	<code>character*(*) name</code>

Parameters

<code>handle</code>	The GH extension handle
<code>group</code>	The name of the GH extension

Examples

C	<code>handle = CCTK_GHExtension("myExtension") ;</code>
Fortran	<code>call CCTK_GHExtension(handle,"myExtension")</code>

CCTK_GridArrayReductionOperator

The name of the implementation of the registered grid array reduction operator, NULL if none is registered

Synopsis

```
C          #include "cctk.h"

          const char *ga_reduc_imp = CCTK_GridArrayReductionOperator();
```

Result

`ga_reduc_imp` Returns the name of the implementation of the registered grid array reduction operator or NULL if none is registered

Discussion

We only allow one grid array reduction operator currently. This function can be used to check if any grid array reduction operator has been registered.

See Also

<code>CCTK_ReduceGridArrays()</code>	Performs reduction on a list of distributed grid arrays
<code>CCTK_RegisterGridArrayReductionOperator()</code>	Registers a function as a grid array reduction operator of a certain name
<code>CCTK_NumGridArrayReductionOperators()</code>	The number of grid array reduction operators registered

CCTK_GroupbboxGI, CCTK_GroupbboxGN

Given a group index or name, return an array of the bounding box of the group for each face

Synopsis

C	<pre>#include "cctk.h" int status = CCTK_GroupbboxGI(const cGH *cctkGH, int dim, int *bbox, int groupindex); int status = CCTK_GroupbboxGN(const cGH *cctkGH, int dim, int *bbox, const char *groupname);</pre>
Fortran	<pre>call CCTK_GroupbboxGI(status, cctkGH, dim, bbox, groupindex) call CCTK_GroupbboxGN(status, cctkGH, dim, bbox, groupname) integer status CCTK_POINTER cctkGH integer dim integer bbox(dim) integer groupindex character(*) groupname</pre>

Result

0	success
-1	incorrect dimension supplied
-2	data not available from driver
-3	called on a scalar group
-4	invalid group index

Parameters

status	Return value.
cctkGH (\neq NULL)	Pointer to a valid Cactus grid hierarchy.
dim (≥ 1)	Number of dimensions of group.
bbox (\neq NULL)	Pointer to array which will hold the return values.
groupindex	Group index.
groupname	Group's full name.

Discussion

The bounding box for a given group is returned in a user-supplied array buffer.

See Also

CCTK_GroupbboxVI, CCTK_GroupbboxVN

Returns the lower bounds for a given variable.

CCTK_GroupbboxVI, CCTK_GroupbboxVN

Given a variable index or name, return an array of the bounding box of the variable for each face

Synopsis

C	<pre>#include "cctk.h" int status = CCTK_GroupbboxVI(const cGH *cctkGH, int dim, int *bbox, int varindex); int status = CCTK_GroupbboxVN(const cGH *cctkGH, int dim, int *bbox, const char *varname);</pre>
Fortran	<pre>call CCTK_GroupbboxVI(status, cctkGH, dim, bbox, varindex) call CCTK_GroupbboxVN(status, cctkGH, dim, bbox, varname) integer status CCTK_POINTER cctkGH integer dim integer bbox(dim) integer varindex character(*) varname</pre>

Result

0	success
-1	incorrect dimension supplied
-2	data not available from driver
-3	called on a scalar group
-4	invalid variable index

Parameters

status	Return value.
cctkGH (\neq NULL)	Pointer to a valid Cactus grid hierarchy.
dim (≥ 1)	Number of dimensions of variable.
bbox (\neq NULL)	Pointer to array which will hold the return values.
varindex	Group index.
varname	Group's full name.

Discussion

The bounding box for a given variable is returned in a user-supplied array buffer.

See Also

CCTK_GroupbboxGI, CCTK_GroupbboxGN

Returns the upper bounds for a given group.

CCTK_GroupData

Given a group index, returns information about the group and its variables.

Synopsis

```
C          #include "cctk.h"
          int status = CCTK_GroupData(int group_index, cGroup* group_data_buffer);
```

Result

0 success

Parameters

`group_index` The group index for which the information is desired.
`group_data_buffer` (\neq NULL) Pointer to a `cGroup` structure in which the information should be stored. See the "Discussion" section below for more information about this structure.

Discussion

The `cGroup` structure² contains (at least) the following members:³

```
int grouptype;      /* group type, as returned by CCTK_GroupTypeNumber() */
int vartype;        /* variable type, as returned by CCTK_VarTypeNumber() */
int disttype;       /* distribution type, */
                   /* as returned by CCTK_GroupDistribNumber() */
int dim;            /* dimension (rank) of the group */
                   /* e.g. 3 for a group of 3-D variables */
int numvars;        /* number of variables in the group */
int numtimelevels;  /* maximum number of time levels for this group's variables */
int vectorgroup;    /* 1 if this is a vector group, 0 if it's not */
int vectorlength;   /* vector length of group */
                   /* (i.e. number of vector elements) */
                   /* (it is numvars = vectorlength * num_basevars, */
                   /* where num_basevars is the number of */
                   /* variables that have been given names in the */
                   /* interface.ccl) */
                   /* 1 if this isn't a vector group */
int tagstable;      /* handle to the group's tags table; */
                   /* this is a Cactus key-value table used to store */
                   /* metadata about the group and its variables, */
                   /* such as the variables' tensor types */
```

See Also

"interface.ccl"	Defines variables, groups, tags tables, and lots of other things.
CCTK_GroupDynamicData [A89]	Gets grid-size information for a group's variables.
CCTK_GroupIndex [A95]	Gets the group index for a given group name.
CCTK_GroupIndexFromVar [A96]	Gets the group index for a given variable name.

²`cGroup` is a `typedef` for a structure. It's defined in "cctk.Group.h", which is `#included` by "cctk.h".

³Note that the members are **not** guaranteed to be declared in the order listed here.

<code>CCTK_GroupName</code> [A110]	Gets the group name for a given group index.
<code>CCTK_GroupNameFromVarI</code> [A111]	Gets the group name for a given variable name.
<code>CCTK_GroupTypeI</code> [A122]	Gets a group type index for a given group index.
<code>CCTK_GroupTypeFromVarI</code> [A121]	Gets a group type index for a given variable index.

Errors

-1	<code>group_index</code> is invalid.
-2	<code>group_data_buffer</code> is NULL.

Examples

```
C
#include <stdio.h>
#include "cctk.h"

cGroup group_info;
int group_index, status;

group_index = CCTK_GroupIndex("BSSN_MoL::ADM_BSSN_metric");
if (group_index < 0)
    CCTK_VWarn(CCTK_WARN_ABORT,
    "error return %d trying to get BSSN metric's group index!",
    group_index);                                /*NOTREACHED*/

status = CCTK_GroupData(group_index, &group_info);
if (status < 0)
    CCTK_VWarn(CCTK_WARN_ABORT,
    "error return %d trying to get BSSN metric's group information!",
    status);                                    /*NOTREACHED*/

printf("this group's arrays are %-dimensional and have %d time levels\n",
    group_info.dim, group_info.numtimelevels);
```

CCTK_GroupDimFromVarI

Given a variable index, returns the dimension of all variables in the corresponding group.

Synopsis

C `#include "cctk.h"`

`int dim = CCTK_GroupDimFromVarI(int varindex);`

Fortran `call CCTK_GroupDimFromVarI(dim, varindex)`

Result

positive the dimension of the group

-1 invalid variable index

Parameters

varindex Variable index

Discussion

The dimension of all variables in a group associated with the given variable is returned.

See Also

CCTK_GroupDimI Returns the dimension for a given group

CCTK_GroupDimI

Given a group index, returns the dimension of that group.

Synopsis

C `#include "cctk.h"`

 `int dim = CCTK_GroupDimI(int groupindex);`
Fortran `call CCTK_GroupDimI(dim, groupindex)`

Result

positive the dimension of the group
-1 invalid group index

Parameters

groupindex Group index

Discussion

The dimension of variables in the given group is returned.

See Also

CCTK_GroupDimFromVarI Returns the dimension for a group given by a member variable index

CCTK_GroupDynamicData

Returns the driver's internal data for a given group

Synopsis

```
C          #include "cctk.h"
          int retval = CCTK_GroupDynamicData (const cGH *GH, int group, cGroupDynamicData *data);
```

Result

0	Success
-1	the given pointer to the data structure data is null
-3	the givenGH pointer is invalid
-77	the requested group has zero variables

Parameters

GH	a valid initialized GH structure for your driver
group	the index of the group you're interested in
data	a pointer to a caller-supplied data structure to store the group data

Discussion

This function returns information about the given grid hierarchy. The data structure used to store the information in is of type `cGroupDynamicData`. The members of this structure that are set are:

- `dim`: The number of dimensions in this group.
- `lsh`: The (process-)local size.
- `ash`: The (process-)local allocated size.
- `gsh`: The global grid size.
- `lbnd`: The lowest index of the local grid as seen on the global grid. (These use zero based indexing.)
- `ubnd`: The largest index of the local grid as seen on the global grid. (These use zero based indexing.)
- `nghostzones`: The number of ghostzones for each dimension.
- `bbox`: Values indicating whether these are inter-process boundaries (0) or physical boundaries (1).
- `activetimelevels`: The number of active time levels.

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CCTK_GroupGhostsizesI

Given a group index, return a pointer to an array containing the ghost sizes of the group in each dimension.

Synopsis

```
C          #include "cctk.h"

          CCTK_INT **ghostsizes = CCTK_GroupGhostsizesI(int groupindex);
```

Result

non-NULL	a pointer to the ghost size array
NULL	invalid group index

Parameters

groupindex	Group index
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Discussion

The ghost sizes in each dimension for a given group are returned as a pointer reference.

See Also

CCTK_GroupDimI	Returns the dimension for a group.
CCTK_GroupSizesI	Returns the size arrays for a group.

CCTK_GroupgshGI, CCTK_GroupgshGN

Given a group index or name, return an array of the global size of the group in each dimension

Synopsis

C	<pre>#include "cctk.h" int status = CCTK_GroupgshGI(const cGH *cctkGH, int dim, int *gsh, int groupindex); int status = CCTK_GroupgshGN(const cGH *cctkGH, int dim, int *gsh, const char *groupname);</pre>
Fortran	<pre>call CCTK_GroupgshGI(status, cctkGH, dim, gsh, groupindex) call CCTK_GroupgshGN(status, cctkGH, dim, gsh, groupname) integer status CCTK_POINTER cctkGH integer dim integer gsh(dim) integer groupindex character*(*) groupname</pre>

Result

0	success
-1	incorrect dimension supplied
-2	data not available from driver
-3	called on a scalar group
-4	invalid group name

Parameters

cctkGH (\neq NULL)	Pointer to a valid Cactus grid hierarchy.
dim (≥ 1)	Number of dimensions of group.
gsh (\neq NULL)	Pointer to array which will hold the return values.
groupindex	Index of the group.
groupname	Name of the group.

Discussion

The global size in each dimension for a given group is returned in a user-supplied array buffer.

See Also

CCTK_GroupgshVI, CCTK_GroupgshVN
Returns the global size for a given variable.

CCTK_GroupplshGI, CCTK_GroupplshGN
Returns the local size for a given group.

CCTK_GroupplshVI, CCTK_GroupplshVN
Returns the local size for a given variable.

CCTK_GrouppashGI, CCTK_GrouppashGN
Returns the local allocated size for a given group.

CCTK_GrouppashVI, CCTK_GrouppashVN
Returns the local allocated size for a given variable.

CCTK_GroupgshVI, CCTK_GroupgshVN

Given a variable index or its full name, return an array of the global size of the variable in each dimension

Synopsis

```
C          #include "cctk.h"

          int status = CCTK_GroupgshVI(const cGH *cctkGH,
                                      int dim,
                                      int *gsh,
                                      int varindex);

          int status = CCTK_GroupgshVN(const cGH *cctkGH,
                                      int dim,
                                      int *gsh,
                                      const char *varname);

Fortran    call CCTK_GroupgshVI(status, cctkGH, dim, gsh, varindex)

          call CCTK_GroupgshVN(status, cctkGH, dim, gsh, varname)

          integer          status
          CCTK_POINTER     cctkGH
          integer          dim
          integer          gsh(dim)
          integer          varindex
          character*(*)    varname
```

Result

0	success
-1	incorrect dimension supplied
-2	data not available from driver
-3	called on a scalar group
-4	invalid variable index

Parameters

status	Return value.
cctkGH (\neq NULL)	Pointer to a valid Cactus grid hierarchy.
dim (≥ 1)	Number of dimensions of variable.
gsh (\neq NULL)	Pointer to array which will hold the return values.
varindex	Variable index.
varname	Variable's full name.

Discussion

The global size in each dimension for a given variable is returned in a user-supplied array buffer.

See Also

CCTK_GroupgshGI, CCTK_GroupgshGN
Returns the global size for a given group.

CCTK_GrouplshGI, CCTK_GrouplshGN
Returns the local size for a given group.

CCTK_GrouplshVI, CCTK_GrouplshVN
Returns the local size for a given variable.

CCTK_GrouppashGI, CCTK_GrouppashGN
Returns the local size for a given group.

CCTK_GrouppashVI, CCTK_GrouppashVN
Returns the local size for a given variable.

CCTK_GroupIndex

Get the index number for a group name

Synopsis

C `int index = CCTK_GroupIndex(const char * groupname)`

Fortran `call CCTK_GroupIndex(index , groupname)`

integer index
character*(*) groupname

Parameters

groupname The name of the group

Discussion

The group name should be the given in its fully qualified form, that is `<implementation>::<group>` for a public or protected group, and `<thornname>::<group>` for a private group.

Examples

C `index = CCTK_GroupIndex("evolve::scalars");`

Fortran `call CCTK_GroupIndex(index,"evolve::scalars")`

CCTK_GroupIndexFromVar

Given a variable name, returns the index of the associated group

Synopsis

C `int groupindex = CCTK_GroupIndexFromVar(const char * name)`
Fortran `call CCTK_GroupIndexFromVar(groupindex , name)`

 `integer groupindex`
 `character*(*) name`

Parameters

`groupindex` The index of the group
`name` The full name of the variable

Discussion

The variable name should be in the form `<implementation>::<variable>`

Examples

C `groupindex = CCTK_GroupIndexFromVar("evolve::phi") ;`
Fortran `call CCTK_GROUPINDEXFROMVAR(groupindex,"evolve::phi")`

CCTK_GroupIndexFromVarI

Given a variable index, returns the index of the associated group

Synopsis

C `int groupindex = CCTK_GroupIndexFromVarI(int varindex)`
Fortran `call CCTK_GroupIndexFromVarI(groupindex , varindex)`

`integer groupindex`
 `integer varindex`

Parameters

`groupindex` The index of the group
`varindex` The index of the variable

Examples

C `index = CCTK_VarIndex("evolve::phi");`
 `groupindex = CCTK_GroupIndexFromVarI(index);`

Fortran `call CCTK_VARINDEX("evolve::phi")`
 `CCTK_GROUPINDEXFROMVARI(groupindex,index)`

CCTK_Group1bndGI, CCTK_Group1bndGN

Given a group index or name, return an array of the lower bounds of the group in each dimension

Synopsis

C	<pre>#include "cctk.h" int status = CCTK_Group1bndGI(const cGH *cctkGH, int dim, int *lbnd, int groupindex); int status = CCTK_Group1bndGN(const cGH *cctkGH, int dim, int *lbnd, const char *groupname);</pre>
Fortran	<pre>call CCTK_Group1bndGI(status, cctkGH, dim, lbnd, groupindex) call CCTK_Group1bndGN(status, cctkGH, dim, lbnd, groupname) integer status CCTK_POINTER cctkGH integer dim integer lbnd(dim) integer groupindex character(*) groupname</pre>

Result

0	success
-1	incorrect dimension supplied
-2	data not available from driver
-3	called on a scalar group
-4	invalid group index

Parameters

status	Return value.
cctkGH (\neq NULL)	Pointer to a valid Cactus grid hierarchy.
dim (≥ 1)	Number of dimensions of group.
lbnd (\neq NULL)	Pointer to array which will hold the return values.
groupindex	Group index.
groupname	Group's full name.

Discussion

The lower bounds in each dimension for a given group is returned in a user-supplied array buffer.

See Also

CCTK_Group1bndVI, CCTK_Group1bndVN

Returns the lower bounds for a given variable.

CCTK_GroupubndGI, CCTK_GroupubndGN

Returns the upper bounds for a given group.

CCTK_GroupubndVI, CCTK_GroupubndVN

Returns the upper bounds for a given variable.

CCTK_Group1bndVI, CCTK_Group1bndVN

Given a variable index or name, return an array of the lower bounds of the variable in each dimension

Synopsis

C	<pre>#include "cctk.h" int status = CCTK_Group1bndVI(const cGH *cctkGH, int dim, int *lbnd, int varindex); int status = CCTK_Group1bndVN(const cGH *cctkGH, int dim, int *lbnd, const char *varname);</pre>
Fortran	<pre>call CCTK_Group1bndVI(status, cctkGH, dim, lbnd, varindex) call CCTK_Group1bndVN(status, cctkGH, dim, lbnd, varname) integer status CCTK_POINTER cctkGH integer dim integer lbnd(dim) integer varindex character(*) varname</pre>

Result

0	success
-1	incorrect dimension supplied
-2	data not available from driver
-3	called on a scalar group
-4	invalid variable index

Parameters

status	Return value.
cctkGH (\neq NULL)	Pointer to a valid Cactus grid hierarchy.
dim (≥ 1)	Number of dimensions of variable.
lbnd (\neq NULL)	Pointer to array which will hold the return values.
varindex	Group index.
varname	Group's full name.

Discussion

The lower bounds in each dimension for a given variable is returned in a user-supplied array buffer.

See Also

CCTK_Group1bndGI, CCTK_Group1bndGN

Returns the lower bounds for a given group.

CCTK_GroupubndGI, CCTK_GroupubndGN

Returns the upper bounds for a given group.

CCTK_GroupubndVI, CCTK_GroupubndVN

Returns the upper bounds for a given variable.

CCTK_Group1shGI, CCTK_Group1shGN

Given a group index or name, return an array of the local size of the group in each dimension

Synopsis

```

C           #include "cctk.h"

               int status = CCTK_Group1shGI(const cGH *cctkGH,
                                             int dim,
                                             int *lsh,
                                             int groupindex);

               int status = CCTK_Group1shGN(const cGH *cctkGH,
                                             int dim,
                                             int *lsh,
                                             const char *groupname);

Fortran     call CCTK_Group1shGI(status, cctkGH, dim, lsh, groupindex)

               call CCTK_Group1shGN(status, cctkGH, dim, lsh, groupname)

               integer      status
               CCTK_POINTER cctkGH
               integer      dim
               integer      lsh(dim)
               integer      groupindex
               character(*) groupname
    
```

Result

0	success
-1	incorrect dimension supplied
-2	data not available from driver
-3	called on a scalar group
-4	invalid group name

Parameters

cctkGH (\neq NULL)	Pointer to a valid Cactus grid hierarchy.
dim (≥ 1)	Number of dimensions of group.
lsh (\neq NULL)	Pointer to array which will hold the return values.
groupindex	Index of the group.
groupname	Name of the group.

Discussion

The local size in each dimension for a given group is returned in a user-supplied array buffer.

See Also

CCTK_GroupgshGI, CCTK_GroupgshGN
Returns the global size for a given group.

CCTK_GroupgshVI, CCTK_GroupgshVN
Returns the global size for a given variable.

CCTK_GrouplshVI, CCTK_GrouplshVN
Returns the local size for a given variable.

CCTK_GrouppashGI, CCTK_GrouppashGN
Returns the local allocated size for a given group.

CCTK_GrouppashVI, CCTK_GrouppashVN
Returns the local allocated size for a given variable.

CCTK_Group1shVI, CCTK_Group1shVN

Given a variable index or its full name, return an array of the local size of the variable in each dimension

Synopsis

C	<pre>#include "cctk.h" int status = CCTK_Group1shVI(const cGH *cctkGH, int dim, int *lsh, int varindex); int status = CCTK_Group1shVN(const cGH *cctkGH, int dim, int *lsh, const char *varname);</pre>
Fortran	<pre>call CCTK_Group1shVI(status, cctkGH, dim, lsh, varindex) call CCTK_Group1shVN(status, cctkGH, dim, lsh, varname) integer status CCTK_POINTER cctkGH integer dim integer lsh(dim) integer varindex character(*) varname</pre>

Result

0	success
-1	incorrect dimension supplied
-2	data not available from driver
-3	called on a scalar group
-4	invalid variable index

Parameters

status	Return value.
cctkGH (\neq NULL)	Pointer to a valid Cactus grid hierarchy.
dim (≥ 1)	Number of dimensions of variable.
lsh (\neq NULL)	Pointer to array which will hold the return values.
varindex	Variable index.
varname	Variable's full name.

Discussion

The local size in each dimension for a given variable is returned in a user-supplied array buffer.

See Also

CCTK_GroupgshGI, CCTK_GroupgshGN
Returns the global size for a given group.

CCTK_GroupgshVI, CCTK_GroupgshVN
Returns the global size for a given variable.

CCTK_GrouplshGI, CCTK_GrouplshGN
Returns the local size for a given group.

CCTK_GrouppashGI, CCTK_GrouppashGN
Returns the local allocated size for a given group.

CCTK_GrouppashVI, CCTK_GrouppashVN
Returns the local allocated size for a given variable.

CCTK_GroupashGI, CCTK_GroupashGN

Given a group index or name, return an array of the local allocated size of the group in each dimension

Synopsis

C	<pre>#include "cctk.h" int status = CCTK_GroupashGI(const cGH *cctkGH, int size, int *ash, int groupindex); int status = CCTK_GroupashGN(const cGH *cctkGH, int size, int *ash, const char *groupname);</pre>
Fortran	<pre>call CCTK_GroupashGI(status, cctkGH, size, ash, groupindex) call CCTK_GroupashGN(status, cctkGH, size, ash, groupname) integer status CCTK_POINTER cctkGH integer size integer ash(size) integer groupindex character(*) groupname</pre>

Result

0	success
-1	incorrect dimension supplied
-2	data not available from driver
-3	called on a scalar group
-4	invalid group name

Parameters

cctkGH (\neq NULL)	Pointer to a valid Cactus grid hierarchy.
size (≥ 1)	Size of output array, should be at least dimension of group.
ash (\neq NULL)	Pointer to array which will hold the return values.
groupindex	Index of the group.
groupname	Name of the group.

Discussion

The local allocated size in each dimension for a given group is returned in a user-supplied array buffer.

See Also

CCTK_GroupgshGI, CCTK_GroupgshGN
Returns the global size for a given group.

CCTK_GroupgshVI, CCTK_GroupgshVN
Returns the global size for a given variable.

CCTK_GrouplshGI, CCTK_GrouplshGN
Returns the local size for a given group.

CCTK_GrouplshVI, CCTK_GrouplshVN
Returns the local size for a given variable.

CCTK_GrouppashVI, CCTK_GrouppashVN
Returns the local allocated size for a given variable.

CCTK_GroupashVI, CCTK_GroupashVN

Given a variable index or its full name, return an array of the local allocated size of the variable in each dimension

Synopsis

C	<pre>#include "cctk.h" int status = CCTK_GroupashVI(const cGH *cctkGH, int size, int *ash, int varindex); int status = CCTK_GroupashVN(const cGH *cctkGH, int size, int *ash, const char *varname);</pre>
Fortran	<pre>call CCTK_GroupashVI(status, cctkGH, size, ash, varindex) call CCTK_GroupashVN(status, cctkGH, size, ash, varname) integer status CCTK_POINTER cctkGH integer size integer ash(size) integer varindex character(*) varname</pre>

Result

0	success
-1	incorrect dimension supplied
-2	data not available from driver
-3	called on a scalar group
-4	invalid variable index

Parameters

status	Return value.
cctkGH (\neq NULL)	Pointer to a valid Cactus grid hierarchy.
size (≥ 1)	Size of output array, should be at least dimension of group.
ash (\neq NULL)	Pointer to array which will hold the return values.
varindex	Variable index.
varname	Variable's full name.

Discussion

The local allocated size in each dimension for a given variable is returned in a user-supplied array buffer.

See Also

CCTK_GroupgshGI, CCTK_GroupgshGN
Returns the global size for a given group.
CCTK_GroupgshVI, CCTK_GroupgshVN
Returns the global size for a given variable.
CCTK_GroupplshGI, CCTK_GroupplshGN
Returns the local size for a given group.
CCTK_GroupplshVI, CCTK_GroupplshVN
Returns the local size for a given variable.
CCTK_GrouppashGI, CCTK_GrouppashGN
Returns the local allocated size for a given group.

CCTK_GroupName

Given a group index, returns the group name

Synopsis

```
C          char * name = CCTK_GroupName( int index)
```

Parameters

<code>name</code>	The group name
<code>index</code>	The group index

Discussion

The group name must be explicitly freed after it has been used.
No Fortran routine exists at the moment.

Examples

```
C          index = CCTK_GroupIndex("evolve::scalars");  
          name = CCTK_GroupName(index);  
          printf ("Group name: %s", name);  
          free (name);
```

CCTK_GroupNameFromVarI

Given a variable index, return the name of the associated group

Synopsis

```
C          char * group = CCTK_GroupNameFromVarI( int varindex)
```

Parameters

<code>group</code>	The name of the group
<code>varindex</code>	The index of the variable

Examples

```
C          index = CCTK_VarIndex("evolve::phi");  
          group = CCTK_GroupNameFromVarI(index) ;
```

CCTK_GroupnghostzonesGI, CCTK_GroupnghostzonesGN

Given a group index or name, return an array with the number of ghostzones in each dimension of the group

Synopsis

C	<pre>#include "cctk.h" int status = CCTK_GroupnghostzonesGI(const cGH *cctkGH, int dim, int *nghostzones, int groupindex) int status = CCTK_GroupnghostzonesGN(const cGH *cctkGH, int dim, int *nghostzones, const char *groupname)</pre>
Fortran	<pre>call CCTK_GroupnghostzonesGI(status, cctkGH, dim, nghostzones, groupindex) call CCTK_GroupnghostzonesGN(status, cctkGH, dim, nghostzones, groupname) integer status CCTK_POINTER cctkGH integer dim integer nghostzones(dim) integer groupindex character(*) groupname</pre>

Result

0	success
-1	incorrect dimension supplied
-2	data not available from driver
-3	called on a scalar group

Parameters

status	Return value.
cctkGH (\neq NULL)	Pointer to a valid Cactus grid hierarchy.
dim (≥ 1)	Number of dimensions of group.
nghostzones (\neq NULL)	Pointer to array which will hold the return values.
groupindex	Group index.
groupname	Group name.

Discussion

The number of ghostzones in each dimension for a given group is returned in a user-supplied array buffer.

See Also

CCTK_GroupnghostzonesVI, CCTK_GroupnghostzonesVN

Returns the number of ghostzones for a given variable.

CCTK_GroupnghostzonesVI, CCTK_GroupnghostzonesVN

Given a variable index or its full name, return an array with the number of ghostzones in each dimension of the variable

Synopsis

C	<pre>#include "cctk.h" int status = CCTK_GroupnghostzonesVI(const cGH *cctkGH, int dim, int *nghostzones, int varindex) int status = CCTK_GroupnghostzonesVN(const cGH *cctkGH, int dim, int *nghostzones, const char *varname)</pre>
Fortran	<pre>call CCTK_GroupnghostzonesVI(status, cctkGH, dim, nghostzones, varindex) call CCTK_GroupnghostzonesVN(status, cctkGH, dim, nghostzones, varname) integer status CCTK_POINTER cctkGH integer dim integer nghostzones(dim) integer varindex character(*) varname</pre>

Result

0	success
-1	incorrect dimension supplied
-2	data not available from driver
-3	called on a scalar group

Parameters

status	Return value.
cctkGH (\neq NULL)	Pointer to a valid Cactus grid hierarchy.
dim (≥ 1)	Number of dimensions of group.
nghostzones (\neq NULL)	Pointer to array which will hold the return values.
varindex	Variable index.
varname	Variable's full name.

Discussion

The number of ghostzones in each dimension for a given variable is returned in a user-supplied array buffer.

See Also

CCTK_GroupnghostzonesGI, CCTK_GroupnghostzonesGN

Returns the number of ghostzones for a given group.

CCTK_GroupSizesI

Given a group index, return a pointer to an array containing the sizes of the group in each dimension.

Synopsis

```
C          #include "cctk.h"

          CCTK_INT **ghostsizes = CCTK_GroupSizesI(int groupindex);
```

Result

non-NULL	a pointer to the size array
NULL	invalid group index

Parameters

groupindex	Group index
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Discussion

The sizes in each dimension for a given group are returned as a pointer reference.

See Also

CCTK_GroupDimI	Returns the dimension for a group.
CCTK_GroupGhostsizesI	Returns the size arrays for a group.

CCTK_GroupStorageDecrease

Decrease the number of timelevels allocated for the given variable groups.

Synopsis

C `int numTL = CactusDefaultGroupStorageDecrease (const cGH *GH, int n_groups, const int *`

Result

The new total number of timelevels with storage enabled for all groups queried or modified.

Parameters

GH	pointer to grid hierarchy
n_groups	Number of groups
groups	list of group indices to reduce storage for
timelevels	number of time levels to reduce storage for for each group
groups	list of group indices to allocate storage for
status	optional return array which, if not NULL, will, on return, contain the number of timelevels which were previously allocated storage for each group

Discussion

The decrease group storage routine decreases the memory allocated to the specified number of timelevels for each listed group, returning the previous number of timelevels enabled for that group in the status array, if that is not NULL. It never increases the number of timelevels enabled, i.e., if it is asked to reduce to more timelevels than are enabled, it does not change the storage for that group.

There is a default implementation which checks for the presence of the older Disable-GroupStorage function, and if that is not available it flags an error. If it is available it makes a call to it, and puts its return value in the status flag for the group. Usually, a driver has overloaded the default implementation.

A driver should replace the appropriate GV pointers on the cGH structure when it changes the storage state of a GV.

CCTK_GroupStorageIncrease

Increases the number of timelevels allocated for the given variable groups.

Synopsis

C `int numTL = CactusDefaultGroupStorageIncrease (const cGH *GH, int n_groups, const int *`

Result

The new total number of timelevels with storage enabled for all groups queried or modified.

Parameters

GH	pointer to grid hierarchy
n_groups	Number of groups
groups	list of group indices to allocate storage for
timelevels	number of time levels to allocate storage for for each group
groups	list of group indices to allocate storage for
status	optional return array which, if not NULL, will, on return, contain the number of timelevels which were previously allocated storage for each group

Discussion

The increase group storage routine increases the allocated memory to the specified number of timelevels of each listed group, returning the previous number of timelevels enabled for that group in the status array, if that is not NULL. It never decreases the number of timelevels enabled, i.e., if it is asked to enable less timelevels than are already enabled it does not change the storage for that group.

There is a default implementation which checks for the presence of the older EnableGroupStorage function, and if that is not available it flags an error. If it is available it makes a call to it, and puts its return value in the status flag for the group. Usually, a driver has overloaded the default implementation.

A driver should replace the appropriate GV pointers on the cGH structure when it changes the storage state of a GV.

CCTK_GroupTagsTable

Given a group name, return the table handle of the group's tags table.

Synopsis

```
C           #include "cctk.h"
              int table_handle = CCTK_GroupTagsTable(const char* group_name);

Fortran     #include "cctk.h"
              integer table_handle
              character*(*) group_name
              call CCTK_VarIndex(table_handle, group_name)
```

Result

table_handle The table handle of the group's tags table.

Parameters

group_name The character-string name of group. This should be given in its fully qualified form, that is `implementation::group_name` or `thorn_name::group_name`.

See Also

CCTK_GroupData [\[A85\]](#) This function returns a variety of “static” information about a group (“static” in the sense that it doesn’t change during a Cactus run).

CCTK_GroupDynamicData [\[A89\]](#) This function returns a variety of “dynamic” information about a group (“dynamic” in the sense that a driver can (and often does) change this information during a Cactus run).

Errors

-1 no group exists with the specified name

CCTK_GroupTagsTableI

Given a group name, return the table handle of the group's tags table.

Synopsis

```
C           #include "cctk.h"
              int table_handle = CCTK_GroupTagsTableI(int group_index);

Fortran     #include "cctk.h"
              integer table_handle
              integer group_index
              call CCTK_VarIndex(table_handle, group_index)
```

Result

table_handle The table handle of the group's tags table.

Parameters

group_index The group index of the group.

See Also

CCTK_GroupData [A85]	This function returns a variety of “static” information about a group (“static” in the sense that it doesn’t change during a Cactus run).
CCTK_GroupDynamicData [A89]	This function returns a variety of “dynamic” information about a group (“dynamic” in the sense that a driver can (and often does) change this information during a Cactus run).
CCTK_GroupIndex [A95]	Get the group index for a specified group name.
CCTK_GroupIndexFromVar [A96]	Get the group index for the group containing the variable with a specified name.
CCTK_GroupIndexFromVarI [A97]	Get the group index for the group containing the variable with a specified variable index.

Errors

-1 no group exists with the specified name

CCTK_GroupTypeFromVarI

Provides a group's group type index given a variable index

Synopsis

C `int type = CCTK_GroupTypeFromVarI(int index)`

Fortran `call CCTK_GroupTypeFromVarI(type , index)`

`integer type`

`integer index`

Parameters

`type` The group's group type index

`group` The variable index

Discussion

The group's group type index indicates the type of variables in the group. Either scalars, grid functions or arrays. The group type can be checked with the Cactus provided macros for `CCTK_SCALAR`, `CCTK_GF`, `CCTK_ARRAY`.

Examples

C `index = CCTK_GroupIndex("evolve::scalars")`
 `array = (CCTK_ARRAY == CCTK_GroupTypeFromVarI(index));`

Fortran `call CCTK_GROUPTYPEFROMVARI(type,3)`

CCTK_GroupTypeI

Provides a group's group type index given a group index

Synopsis

```
C          #include "cctk.h"
          int group_type = CCTK_GroupTypeI(int group);
```

Result

-1 -1 is returned if the given group index is invalid.

Parameters

group Group index.

Discussion

A group's group type index indicates the type of variables in the group. The three group types are scalars, grid functions, and grid arrays. The group type can be checked with the Cactus provided macros for `CCTK_SCALAR`, `CCTK_GF`, `CCTK_ARRAY`.

See Also

`CCTK_GroupTypeFromVarI` [[A121](#)] This function takes a variable index rather than a group index as its argument.

CCTK_GroupubndGI, CCTK_GroupubndGN

Given a group index or name, return an array of the upper bounds of the group in each dimension

Synopsis

```

C          #include "cctk.h"

          int status = CCTK_GroupubndGI(const cGH *cctkGH,
                                         int dim,
                                         int *ubnd,
                                         int groupindex);

          int status = CCTK_GroupubndGN(const cGH *cctkGH,
                                         int dim,
                                         int *ubnd,
                                         const char *groupname);

Fortran    call CCTK_GroupubndGI(status, cctkGH, dim, ubnd, groupindex)

          call CCTK_GroupubndGN(status, cctkGH, dim, ubnd, groupname)

          integer      status
          CCTK_POINTER cctkGH
          integer      dim
          integer      ubnd(dim)
          integer      groupindex
          character(*) groupname
    
```

Result

0	success
-1	incorrect dimension supplied
-2	data not available from driver
-3	called on a scalar group
-4	invalid group index

Parameters

status	Return value.
cctkGH (\neq NULL)	Pointer to a valid Cactus grid hierarchy.
dim (≥ 1)	Number of dimensions of group.
ubnd (\neq NULL)	Pointer to array which will hold the return values.
groupindex	Group index.
groupname	Group's full name.

Discussion

The upper bounds in each dimension for a given group is returned in a user-supplied array buffer.

See Also

CCTK_Group1bndGI, CCTK_Group1bndGN

Returns the lower bounds for a given group.

CCTK_Group1bndVI, CCTK_Group1bndVN

Returns the lower bounds for a given variable.

CCTK_GroupubndVI, CCTK_GroupubndVN

Returns the upper bounds for a given variable.

CCTK_GroupubndVI, CCTK_GroupubndVN

Given a variable index or name, return an array of the upper bounds of the variable in each dimension

Synopsis

C	<pre>#include "cctk.h" int status = CCTK_GroupubndVI(const cGH *cctkGH, int dim, int *ubnd, int varindex); int status = CCTK_GroupubndVN(const cGH *cctkGH, int dim, int *ubnd, const char *varname);</pre>
Fortran	<pre>call CCTK_GroupubndVI(status, cctkGH, dim, ubnd, varindex) call CCTK_GroupubndVN(status, cctkGH, dim, ubnd, varname) integer status CCTK_POINTER cctkGH integer dim integer ubnd(dim) integer varindex character(*) varname</pre>

Result

0	success
-1	incorrect dimension supplied
-2	data not available from driver
-3	called on a scalar group
-4	invalid variable index

Parameters

status	Return value.
cctkGH (\neq NULL)	Pointer to a valid Cactus grid hierarchy.
dim (≥ 1)	Number of dimensions of variable.
ubnd (\neq NULL)	Pointer to array which will hold the return values.
varindex	Group index.
varname	Group's full name.

Discussion

The upper bounds in each dimension for a given variable is returned in a user-supplied array buffer.

See Also

CCTK_Group1bndGI, CCTK_Group1bndGN

Returns the lower bounds for a given group.

CCTK_Group1bndVI, CCTK_Group1bndVN

Returns the lower bounds for a given variable.

CCTK_GroupubndGI, CCTK_GroupubndGN

Returns the upper bounds for a given group.

CCTK_ImpFromVarI

Given a variable index, returns the implementation name

Synopsis

```
C          char * implementation = CCTK_ImpFromVarI( int index)
```

Parameters

<code>implementation</code>	The implementation name
<code>index</code>	The variable index

Discussion

No Fortran routine exists at the moment

Examples

```
C          index = CCTK_VarIndex("evolve::phi");  
          implementation = CCTK_ImpFromVarI(index);
```

CCTK_ImplementationRequires

Return the ancestors for an implementation.

Synopsis

```
C          #include "cctk.h"

          uStringList *imps = CCTK_ImplementationRequires(const char *imp);
```

Result

imps (not documented)

Parameters

imp (not documented)

See Also

CCTK_ActivatingThorn [A17]	Finds the thorn which activated a particular implementation
CCTK_CompiledImplementation [A41]	Return the name of the compiled implementation with given index
CCTK_CompiledThorn [A42]	Return the name of the compiled thorn with given index
CCTK_ImplementationThorn [A129]	Returns the name of one thorn providing an implementation.
CCTK_ImpThornList [A130]	Return the thorns for an implementation
CCTK_IsImplementationActive [A152]	Reports whether an implementation was activated in a parameter file
CCTK_IsImplementationCompiled [A153]	Reports whether an implementation was compiled into a configuration
CCTK_IsThornActive [A154]	Reports whether a thorn was activated in a parameter file
CCTK_IsThornCompiled [A155]	Reports whether a thorn was compiled into a configuration
CCTK_NumCompiledImplementations [A169]	Return the number of implementations compiled in
CCTK_NumCompiledThorns [A170]	Return the number of thorns compiled in
CCTK_ThornImplementation [A248]	Returns the implementation provided by the thorn

Errors

(not documented)

CCTK_ImplementationThorn

Returns the name of one thorn providing an implementation.

Synopsis

```
C          #include "cctk.h"

          const char *thorn = CCTK_ImplementationThorn(const char *name);
```

Result

thorn Name of the thorn or NULL

Parameters

name Name of the implementation

See Also

CCTK_ActivatingThorn	[A17]	Finds the thorn which activated a particular implementation
CCTK_CompiledImplementation	[A41]	Return the name of the compiled implementation with given index
CCTK_CompiledThorn	[A42]	Return the name of the compiled thorn with given index
CCTK_ImplementationRequires	[A128]	Return the ancestors for an implementation
CCTK_ImpThornList	[A130]	Return the thorns for an implementation
CCTK_IsImplementationActive	[A152]	Reports whether an implementation was activated in a parameter file
CCTK_IsImplementationCompiled	[A153]	Reports whether an implementation was compiled into a configuration
CCTK_IsThornActive	[A154]	Reports whether a thorn was activated in a parameter file
CCTK_IsThornCompiled	[A155]	Reports whether a thorn was compiled into a configuration
CCTK_NumCompiledImplementations	[A169]	Return the number of implementations compiled in
CCTK_NumCompiledThorns	[A170]	Return the number of thorns compiled in
CCTK_ThornImplementation	[A248]	Returns the implementation provided by the thorn

Errors

NULL Error.

CCTK_ImpThornList

Return the thorns for an implementation.

Synopsis

```
C          #include "cctk.h"

          t_sktree *thorns = CCTK_ImpThornList(const char *name);
```

Result

thorns (not documented)

Parameters

name Name of implementation

Discussion

(not documented)

See Also

CCTK_ActivatingThorn [A17]	Finds the thorn which activated a particular implementation
CCTK_CompiledImplementation [A41]	Return the name of the compiled implementation with given index
CCTK_CompiledThorn [A42]	Return the name of the compiled thorn with given index
CCTK_ImplementationRequires [A128]	Return the ancestors for an implementation
CCTK_ImplementationThorn [A129]	Returns the name of one thorn providing an implementation.
CCTK_IsImplementationActive [A152]	Reports whether an implementation was activated in a parameter file
CCTK_IsImplementationCompiled [A153]	Reports whether an implementation was compiled into a configuration
CCTK_IsThornActive [A154]	Reports whether a thorn was activated in a parameter file
CCTK_IsThornCompiled [A155]	Reports whether a thorn was compiled into a configuration
CCTK_NumCompiledImplementations [A169]	Return the number of implementations compiled in
CCTK_NumCompiledThorns [A170]	Return the number of thorns compiled in
CCTK_ThornImplementation [A248]	Returns the implementation provided by the thorn

Errors

(not documented)

CCTK_INFO

Macro to print a single string as an information message to screen

Synopsis

C `#include <cctk.h>`

`CCTK_INFO(const char *message);`

Fortran `#include "cctk.h"`

`call CCTK_INFO(message)`
 `character*(*) message`

Parameters

message The string to print as an info message

Discussion

This macro can be used by thorns to print a single string as an info message to screen. The macro `CCTK_INFO(message)` expands to a call to the underlying function `CCTK_Info`: `CCTK_Info(CCTK_THORNSTRING, message)`

So the macro automatically includes the name of the originating thorn in the info message. It is recommended that the macro `CCTK_INFO` is used to print a message rather than calling `CCTK_Info` directly.

To include variables in an info message from C, you can use the routine `CCTK_VInfo` which accepts a variable argument list. To include variables from Fortran, a string must be constructed and passed in a `CCTK_INFO` macro.

See Also

<code>CCTK_ERROR</code> [A64]	macro to print an error message with a single string argument and stop the code
<code>CCTK_VError</code> [A273]	prints a formatted string with a variable argument list as error message and stops the code
<code>CCTK_VInfo()</code> [A274]	prints a formatted string with a variable argument list as an info message to screen
<code>CCTK_VWarn</code> [A275]	prints a warning message with a variable argument list
<code>CCTK_WARN</code> [A277]	macro to print a warning message with a single string argument and possibly stop the code

Examples

C `#include <cctk.h>`

`CCTK_INFO("Output is disabled");`

Fortran `#include "cctk.h"`

`integer myint`

```
real          myreal
character*200 message

write(message, '(A32, G12.7, A5, I8)')
&      'Your info message, including ', myreal, ' and ', myint
call CCTK_INFO(message)
```


CCTK_Info

Function to print a single string as an information message to screen

Synopsis

```
C          #include <cctk.h>

          CCTK_Info(const char *thorn, const char *message);

Fortran    #include "cctk.h"

          call CCTK_INFO(thorn, message)
          character*(*) thorn, message
```

Parameters

message The string to print as an info message

Discussion

The macro CCTK_INFO automatically includes the name of the originating thorn in the info message. It is recommended that the macro CCTK_INFO is used to print a message rather than calling CCTK_Info directly.

See Also

CCTK_ERROR [A64]	macro to print an error message with a single string argument and stop the code
CCTK_VError [A273]	prints a formatted string with a variable argument list as error message and stops the code
CCTK_VInfo() [A274]	prints a formatted string with a variable argument list as an info message to screen
CCTK_VWarn [A275]	prints a warning message with a variable argument list
CCTK_WARN [A277]	macro to print a warning message with a single string argument and possibly stop the code

Examples

```
C          #include <cctk.h>

          CCTK_INFO("Output is disabled");

Fortran    #include "cctk.h"

          integer      myint
          real          myreal
          character*200 message

          write(message, '(A32, G12.7, A5, I8)')
          &      'Your info message, including ', myreal, ' and ', myint
          call CCTK_INFO(message)
```

CCTK_InfoCallbackRegister

Register one or more routines for dealing with information messages in addition to printing them to screen

Synopsis

```
C          #include <cctk.h>

          CCTK_InfoCallbackRegister(void *data, cctk_infofunc callback);
```

Parameters

data The void pointer holding extra information about the registered call back routine
callback The function pointer pointing to the call back function dealing with information messages. The definition of the function pointer is:

```
typedef void (*cctk_infofunc)(const char *thorn,
                              const char *message,
                              void *data);
```

The argument list is the same as those in `CCTK_Info()` (see the discussion of `CCTK_INFO()` page [A131](#)) except an extra void pointer to hold the information about the call back routine.

Discussion

This function can be used by thorns to register their own routines to deal with information messages. The registered function pointers will be stored in a pointer chain. When `CCTK_VInfo()` is called, the registered routines will be called in the same order as they get registered in addition to dumping warning messages to `stderr`.

The function can only be called in C.

See Also

<code>CCTK_VInfo()</code>	prints a formatted string with a variable argument list as an info message to screen
<code>CCTK_WarnCallbackRegister</code>	Register one or more routines for dealing with warning messages in addition to printing them to standard error

Examples

```
C          /*DumpInfo will dump information messages to a file*/

          void DumpInfo(const char *thorn,
                        const char *message,
                        void *data)
          {
            DECLARE_CCTK_PARAMETERS
            FILE *fp;
            char *str = (char *)malloc((strlen(thorn)
```

```
        +strlen(message)
        +100)*sizeof(char));

/*info_dump_file is a string set in the parameter file*/

if((fp = fopen (info_dump_file, "a"))==0)
{
    fprintf(stderr, "fatal error: can not open the file %s\n",info_dump_file);
    return;
}

sprintf(str, "\n[INFO]\nThorn->%s\nMsg->%s\n",thorn,message);

fprintf(fp, "%s", str);
free(str);
fclose(fp);
}

...

/*data = NULL; callback = DumpInfo*/

CCTK_InfoCallbackRegister(NULL,DumpInfo);
```


- cctkGH** (\neq NULL)
Pointer to a valid Cactus grid hierarchy.
- N.dims** (≥ 1)
Number of dimensions in which to interpolate. This must be \leq the dimensionality of the coordinate system defined by **coord_system_handle**. The default case is that it's $=$; see the discussion of the **interpolation_hyperslab_handle** parameter-table entry for the $<$ case.
- local_interp_handle** (≥ 0)
Handle to the local interpolation operator as returned by **CCTK_InterpHandle**.
- param_table_handle** (≥ 0)
Handle to a key-value table containing zero or more additional parameters for the interpolation operation. The table is allowed to be modified by the local and/or global interpolation routine(s).
- coord_system_handle** (≥ 0)
Cactus coordinate system handle defining the mapping between (usually floating-point) coordinates and integer grid subscripts, as returned by **CCTK_CoordSystemHandle**.
- N.interp_points** (≥ 0)
The number of interpolation points requested by this processor.
- interp_coords_type_code**
One of the **CCTK_VARIABLE_*** type codes, giving the data type of the interpolation-point coordinate arrays pointed to by **interp_coords[]**. All interpolation-point coordinate arrays must be of the same data type. (In practice, this data type will almost always be **CCTK_REAL** or one of the **CCTK_REAL*** types.)
- interp_coords** (\neq NULL)
(Pointer to) an array of **N.dims** pointers to 1-D arrays giving the coordinates of the interpolation points requested by this processor. These coordinates are with respect to the coordinate system defined by **coord_system_handle**.
- N.input_arrays** (≥ 0)
The number of input variables to be interpolated. If **N.input_arrays** is zero then no interpolation is done; such a call may be useful for setup, interpolator querying, etc. Note that if the parameter table entry **operand_indices** is used to specify a nontrivial (e.g. one-to-many) mapping of input variables to output arrays, only the unique set of input variables should be given here.
- input_array_variable_indices** (\neq NULL)
(Pointer to) an array of **N.input_arrays** CCTK grid variable indices (as returned by **CCTK_VarIndex**) specifying the input grid variables for the interpolation. For any element with an index value of -1 in the grid variable indices array, that interpolation is skipped. This may be useful if the main purpose of the call is e.g. to do some query or setup computation.
- N.output_arrays** (≥ 0)
The number of output arrays to be returned from the interpolation. If **N.output_arrays** is zero then no interpolation is done; such a call may be useful for setup, interpolator querying, etc. Note that **N.output_arrays** may differ from **N.input_arrays**, e.g. if the **operand_indices** parameter-table entry is used to specify a nontrivial (e.g. many-to-one) mapping of input variables to output arrays. If such a mapping is specified, only the unique set of output arrays should be given in the **output_arrays** argument.
- output_array_type_codes** (\neq NULL)
(Pointer to) an array of **N.output_arrays** **CCTK_VARIABLE_*** type codes giving the data types of the 1-D output arrays pointed to by **output_arrays[]**.
- output_arrays** (\neq NULL)
(Pointer to) an array of **N.output_arrays** pointers to the (user-supplied) 1-D output arrays for the interpolation. If any of the pointers in the **output_arrays** array is

NULL, then that interpolation is skipped. This may be useful if the main purpose of the call is e.g. to do some query or setup computation.

Discussion

This function interpolates a list of CCTK grid variables (in a multiprocessor run these are generally distributed over processors) on a list of interpolation points. The grid topology and coordinates are implicitly specified via a Cactus coordinate system. The interpolation points may be anywhere in the global Cactus grid. In a multiprocessor run they may vary from processor to processor; each processor will get whatever interpolated data it asks for. The routine `CCTK_InterpGridArrays` does not do the actual interpolation itself but rather takes care of whatever interprocessor communication may be necessary, and – for each processor’s local patch of the domain-decomposed grid variables – calls `CCTK_InterpLocalUniform` to invoke an external local interpolation operator (as identified by an interpolation handle).

Additional parameters for the interpolation operation of both `CCTK_InterpGridArrays` and `CCTK_InterpLocalUniform` can be passed in via a handle to a key/value options table. All interpolation operators should check for a parameter table entry with the key `suppress_warnings` which – if present – indicates that the caller wants the interpolator to be silent in case of an error condition and only return an appropriate error code. One common parameter-table option, which a number of interpolation operators are likely to support, is `order`, a `CCTK_INT` specifying the order of the (presumably polynomial) interpolation (1=linear, 2=quadratic, 3=cubic, etc). As another example, a table might be used to specify that the local interpolator should take derivatives, by specifying

```
const CCTK_INT operand_indices[N_output_arrays];  
const CCTK_INT operation_codes[N_output_arrays];
```

Also, the global interpolator will typically need to specify some options of its own for the local interpolator.⁴ These will overwrite any entries with the same keys in the `param_table_handle` table. Finally, the parameter table can be used to pass back arbitrary information by the local and/or global interpolation routine(s) by adding/modifying appropriate key/value pairs.

Note that `CCTK_InterpGridArrays` is a collective operation, so in the multiprocessor case you *must* call this function in parallel on *each* processor, passing identical arguments except for the number of interpolation points, the interpolation coordinates, and the output array pointers. You may (and typically will) specify a different set of interpolation points on each processor’s call – you may even specify an empty set on some processors. The interpolation points may be “owned” by any processors (this function takes care of all interprocessor-communication issues), though it may be more efficient to have most or all of the interpolation points “owned” by the current processor.

In the multiprocessor case, the result returned by `CCTK_InterpGridArrays` is guaranteed to be the same on all processors. (All current implementations simply take the minimum of the per-processor results over all processors; this gives a result which is 0 if all processors succeeded, or which is the most negative error code encountered by any processor otherwise.)

The semantics of `CCTK_InterpGridArrays` are mostly independent of which Cactus driver is being used, but an implementation will most likely depend on, and make

⁴ It is the caller’s responsibility to ensure that the specified local interpolator supports any optional parameter-table entries that `CCTK_InterpGridArrays` passes to it. Each thorn providing a `CCTK_InterpLocalUniform` interpolator should document what options it requires from the global interpolator.

use of, driver-specific internals. For that reason, `CCTK_InterpGridArrays` is made an overloadable function. The Cactus flesh will supply only a dummy routine for it which – if called – does nothing but print a warning message saying that it wasn't overloaded by another thorn, and stop the code. So one will always need to compile in and activate a driver-specific thorn which provides an interpolation routine for CCTK grid variables and properly overloads `CCTK_InterpGridArrays` with it at startup.

Details of the operation performed, and what (if any) inputs and/or outputs are specified in the parameter table, depend on which driver-specific interpolation thorn and interpolation operator (provided by a local interpolation thorn) you use. See the documentation on individual interpolator thorns (e.g. `PUGHInterp` in the `CactusPUGH` arrangement, `CarpetInterp` in the `Carpet` arrangement, `LocalInterp` in the `CactusBase` arrangement, and/or `AEILocalInterp` in the `AEIThorns` arrangement) for details.

Note that in a multiprocessor Cactus run, it's the user's responsibility to choose the interprocessor ghost-zone size (`driver::ghost_size`) large enough so that the local interpolator never has to off-center its molecules near interprocessor boundaries. (This ensures that the interpolation results are independent of the interprocessor decomposition, at least up to floating-point roundoff errors.) If the ghost-zone size is too small, the interpolator should return the `CCTK_ERROR_INTERP_GHOST_SIZE_TOO_SMALL` error code.

See Also

<code>CCTK_InterpHandle()</code>	Get the interpolator handle for a given character-string name.
<code>CCTK_InterpLocalUniform()</code>	Interpolate a list of processor-local arrays which define a uniformly-spaced data grid

Errors

The following list of error codes indicates specific error conditions. For the complete list of possible error return codes you should refer to the `ThornGuide`'s chapter of the corresponding interpolation thorn(s) you are using. To find the numerical values of the error codes (or more commonly, to find which error code corresponds to a given numerical value), look in the files `cctk_Interp.h`, `util_ErrorCodes.h`, and/or `util_Table.h` in the `src/include/` directory in the Cactus flesh.

<code>CCTK_ERROR_INTERP_POINT_OUTSIDE</code>	one or more of the interpolation points is out of range (in this case additional information about the out-of-range point may be reported through the parameter table; see the <code>Thorn Guide</code> for whatever thorn provides the local interpolation operator for further details)
<code>CCTK_ERROR_INTERP_GRID_TOO_SMALL</code>	one or more of the dimensions of the input arrays is/are smaller than the molecule size chosen by the interpolator (based on the parameter-table options, e.g. the interpolation order)
<code>CCTK_ERROR_INTERP_GHOST_SIZE_TOO_SMALL</code>	for a multi-processor run, the size of the interprocessor boundaries (the <i>ghostzone</i> size) is smaller than the molecule size chosen by the interpolator (based on the parameter-table options, e.g. the interpolation order). This error code is also returned if a processor's chunk of the global

	grid is smaller than the actual molecule size.
UTIL_ERROR_BAD_INPUT	one or more of the input arguments is invalid (e.g. NULL pointer)
UTIL_ERROR_NO_MEMORY	unable to allocate memory
UTIL_ERROR_BAD_HANDLE	parameter table handle is invalid
other error codes	this function may also return any error codes returned by the <code>Util.Table*</code> routines used to get parameters from (and/or set results in) the parameter table

Examples

Here's a simple example to do quartic 3-D interpolation of a real and a complex grid array, at 1000 interpolation points:

C

```
#include "cctk.h"
#include "util_Table.h"

#define N_DIMS          3
#define N_INTERP_POINTS 1000
#define N_INPUT_ARRAYS  2
#define N_OUTPUT_ARRAYS 2

const cGH *GH;
int operator_handle, coord_system_handle;

/* interpolation points */
CCTK_REAL interp_x[N_INTERP_POINTS],
            interp_y[N_INTERP_POINTS],
            interp_z[N_INTERP_POINTS];
const void *interp_coords[N_DIMS];

/* input and output arrays */
CCTK_INT input_array_variable_indices[N_INPUT_ARRAYS];
static const CCTK_INT output_array_type_codes[N_OUTPUT_ARRAYS]
    = { CCTK_VARIABLE_REAL, CCTK_VARIABLE_COMPLEX };
void *output_arrays[N_OUTPUT_ARRAYS];
CCTK_REAL  output_for_real_array  [N_INTERP_POINTS];
CCTK_COMPLEX output_for_complex_array[N_INTERP_POINTS];

operator_handle = CCTK_InterpHandle("generalized polynomial interpolation");
if (operator_handle < 0)
{
    CCTK_WARN(CCTK_WARN_ABORT, "can't get operator handle!");
}

coord_system_handle = CCTK_CoordSystemHandle("cart3d");
if (coord_system_handle < 0)
{
    CCTK_WARN(CCTK_WARN_ABORT, "can't get coordinate-system handle!");
}

interp_coords[0] = (const void *) interp_x;
interp_coords[1] = (const void *) interp_y;
```



```
interp_coords[2] = (const void *) interp_z;
input_array_variable_indices[0] = CCTK_VarIndex("my_thorn::real_array");
input_array_variable_indices[1] = CCTK_VarIndex("my_thorn::complex_array");
output_arrays[0] = (void *) output_for_real_array;
output_arrays[1] = (void *) output_for_complex_array;

if (CCTK_InterpGridArrays(GH, N_DIMS,
                        operator_handle,
                        Util_TableCreateFromString("order=4"),
                        coord_system_handle,
                        N_INTERP_POINTS, CCTK_VARIABLE_REAL,
                        interp_coords,
                        N_INPUT_ARRAYS, input_array_variable_indices,
                        N_OUTPUT_ARRAYS, output_array_type_codes,
                        output_arrays) < 0)
{
    CCTK_WARN(CCTK_WARN_ABORT, "error return from interpolator!");
}
```

CCTK_InterpHandle

Return the handle for a given interpolation operator

Synopsis

C `int handle = CCTK_InterpHandle(const char * operator)`

Fortran `call CCTK_InterpHandle(handle , operator)`

integer handle
character*(*) operator

Parameters

handle Handle for the interpolation operator

operator Name of interpolation operator

Examples

C `handle = CCTK_InterpHandle("my interpolation operator");`

Fortran `call CCTK_InterpHandle(handle,"my interpolation operator")`

Errors

negative A negative value is returned for invalid/unregistered interpolation operator names.

CCTK_InterpLocalUniform

Interpolate a list of processor-local arrays which define a uniformly-spaced data grid

The computation is optimized for the case of interpolating a number of arrays at a time; in this case the same interpolation coefficients can be used for all the arrays.

Synopsis

```
C      #include "util_ErrorCodes.h"
      #include "cctk.h"
      int status
      = CCTK_InterpLocalUniform(int N_dims,
                                int operator_handle,
                                int param_table_handle,
                                const CCTK_REAL coord_origin[],
                                const CCTK_REAL coord_delta[],
                                int N_interp_points,
                                int interp_coords_type_code,
                                const void *const interp_coords[],
                                int N_input_arrays,
                                const CCTK_INT input_array_dims[],
                                const CCTK_INT input_array_type_codes[],
                                const void *const input_arrays[],
                                int N_output_arrays,
                                const CCTK_INT output_array_type_codes[],
                                void *const output_arrays[]);

Fortran  call CCTK_InterpLocalUniform(status,
      .      N_dims,
      .      operator_handle,
      .      param_table_handle,
      .      coord_origin,
      .      coord_delta,
      .      N_interp_points,
      .      interp_coords_type_code,
      .      interp_coords,
      .      N_input_arrays,
      .      input_array_dims,
      .      input_array_type_codes,
      .      input_arrays,
      .      N_output_arrays,
      .      output_array_type_codes,
      .      output_arrays)
integer      status
integer      operator_handle, param_table_handle
integer      N_dims, N_interp_points, N_input_arrays, N_output_arrays
CCTK_REAL    coord_origin(N_dims), coord_delta(N_dims)
integer      interp_coords_type_code
CCTK_POINTER interp_coords(N_dims)
CCTK_INT     input_array_dims(N_dims), input_array_type_codes(N_input_arrays)
CCTK_POINTER input_arrays(N_input_arrays)
CCTK_INT     output_array_type_codes(N_output_arrays)
```

CCTK_POINTER output_arrays(N_output_arrays)

Result

0 success

Parameters

N.dims (≥ 1) Number of dimensions in which to interpolate. Note that this may be less than the number of dimensions of the input arrays if the storage is set up appropriately. For example, we might want to interpolate along 1-D lines or in 2-D planes of a 3-D input array; here **N.dims** would be 1 or 2 respectively. For details, see the section on “Non-Contiguous Input Arrays” in the Thorn Guide for thorn AEILocalInterp.

operator_handle (≥ 0)
Handle to the interpolation operator as returned by **CCTK_InterpHandle**.

param_table_handle (≥ 0)
Handle to a key-value table containing additional parameters for the interpolator.
One common parameter-table option, which a number of interpolation operators are likely to support, is **order**, a **CCTK_INT** specifying the order of the (presumably polynomial) interpolation (1=linear, 2=quadratic, 3=cubic, etc).
See the Thorn Guide for the AEILocalInterp thorn for other parameters.

coord_origin ($\neq \text{NULL}$)
(Pointer to) an array giving the coordinates of the data point with integer array subscripts 0, 0, ..., 0, or more generally (if the actual array bounds don't include the all-zeros-subscript point) the coordinates which this data point would have if it existed. See the “Discussion” section below for more on how **coord_origin[]** is actually used.

coord_delta ($\neq \text{NULL}$)
(Pointer to) an array giving the coordinate spacing of the data arrays. See the “Discussion” section below for more on how **coord_delta[]** is actually used.

N_interp_points (≥ 0)
The number of points at which interpolation is to be done.

interp_coords_type_code
One of the **CCTK_VARIABLE_*** type codes, giving the data type of the 1-D interpolation-point-coordinate arrays pointed to by **interp_coords[]**. (In practice, this data type will almost always be **CCTK_REAL** or one of the **CCTK_REAL*** types.)

interp_coords ($\neq \text{NULL}$)
(Pointer to) an array of **N.dims** pointers to 1-D arrays giving the coordinates of the interpolation points. These coordinates are with respect to the coordinate system defined by **coord_origin[]** and **coord_delta[]**.

N_input_arrays (≥ 0)
The number of input arrays to be interpolated. Note that if the parameter table entry **operand_indices** is used to specify a 1-to-many mapping of input arrays to output arrays, only the unique set of input arrays should be given here.

- `input_array_dims` (\neq NULL)
 (Pointer to) an array of `N_dims` integers giving the dimensions of the `N_dims`-D input arrays. By default all the input arrays are taken to have these dimensions, with `[0]` the most contiguous axis and `[N_dims-1]` the least contiguous axis, and array subscripts in the range $0 \leq \text{subscript} < \text{input_array_dims}[\text{axis}]$. See the discussion of the `input_array_strides` optional parameter (passed in the parameter table) for details of how this can be overridden.
- `input_array_type_codes` (\neq NULL)
 (Pointer to) an array of `N_input_arrays` `CCTK_VARIABLE_*` type codes giving the data types of the `N_dims`-D input arrays pointed to by `input_arrays[]`.
- `input_arrays` (\neq NULL)
 (Pointer to) an array of `N_input_arrays` pointers to the `N_dims`-D input arrays for the interpolation. If any `input_arrays[in]` pointer is NULL, that interpolation is skipped.
- `N_output_arrays` (≥ 0)
 The number of output arrays to be returned from the interpolation.
- `output_array_type_codes` (\neq NULL)
 (Pointer to) an array of `N_output_arrays` `CCTK_VARIABLE_*` type codes giving the data types of the 1-D output arrays pointed to by `output_arrays[]`.
- `output_arrays` (\neq NULL)
 (Pointer to) an array of `N_output_arrays` pointers to the (user-supplied) 1-D output arrays for the interpolation. If any `output_arrays[out]` pointer is NULL, that interpolation is skipped.

Discussion

`CCTK_InterpLocalUniform` is a generic API for interpolating processor-local arrays when the data points' *xyz* coordinates are *linear* functions of the integer array subscripts *ijk* (we're describing this for 3-D, but the generalization to other numbers of dimensions should be obvious). The `coord_origin[]` and `coord.delta[]` arguments specify these linear functions:

```
x = coord_origin[0] + i*coord.delta[0]
y = coord_origin[1] + j*coord.delta[1]
z = coord_origin[2] + k*coord.delta[2]
```

The (x, y, z) coordinates are used for the interpolation (i.e. the interpolator may internally use polynomials in these coordinates); `interp_coords[]` specifies coordinates in this same coordinate system.

Details of the operation performed, and what (if any) inputs and/or outputs are specified in the parameter table, depend on which interpolation operator you use. See the Thorn Guide for the `AEILocalInterp` thorn for further discussion.

See Also

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| <code>CCTK_InterpHandle()</code> | Get the interpolator handle for a given character-string name. |
| <code>CCTK_InterpGridArrays()</code> | Interpolate a list of Cactus grid arrays |

<code>CCTK_InterpRegisterOpLocalUniform()</code>	Register a <code>CCTK_InterpLocalUniform</code> interpolation operator
<code>CCTK_InterpLocalNonUniform()</code>	Interpolate a list of processor-local arrays, with non-uniformly spaced data points.

Errors

To find the numerical values of the error codes (or more commonly, to find which error code corresponds to a given numerical value), look in the files `cctk_Interp.h`, `util_ErrorCodes.h`, and/or `util_Table.h` in the `src/include/` directory in the Cactus flesh.

<code>CCTK_ERROR_INTERP_POINT_OUTSIDE</code>	one or more of the interpolation points is out of range (in this case additional information about the out-of-range point may be reported through the parameter table; see the Thorn Guide for the <code>AEIInterp</code> thorn for further details)
<code>CCTK_ERROR_INTERP_GRID_TOO_SMALL</code>	one or more of the dimensions of the input arrays is/are smaller than the molecule size chosen by the interpolator (based on the parameter-table options, e.g. the interpolation order)
<code>UTIL_ERROR_BAD_INPUT</code>	one or more of the inputs is invalid (e.g. <code>NULL</code> pointer)
<code>UTIL_ERROR_NO_MEMORY</code>	unable to allocate memory
<code>UTIL_ERROR_BAD_HANDLE</code>	parameter table handle is invalid
other error codes	this function may also return any error codes returned by the <code>Util_Table*</code> routines used to get parameters from (and/or set results in) the parameter table

Examples

Here's a simple example of interpolating a `CCTK_REAL` and a `CCTK_COMPLEX` 10×20 2-D array, at 5 interpolation points, using cubic interpolation.

Note that since C allows arrays to be initialized only if the initializer values are compile-time constants, we have to declare the `interp_coords[]`, `input_arrays[]`, and `output_arrays[]` arrays as non-`const`, and set their values with ordinary (run-time) assignment statements. In C++, there's no restriction on initializer values, so we could declare the arrays `const` and initialize them as part of their declarations.

```
C
#define N_DIMS    2
#define N_INTERP_POINTS  5
#define N_INPUT_ARRAYS   2
#define N_OUTPUT_ARRAYS  2

/* (x,y) coordinates of data grid points */
#define X_ORIGIN    ...
#define X_DELTA     ...
#define Y_ORIGIN    ...
#define Y_DELTA     ...
const CCTK_REAL origin[N_DIMS] = { X_ORIGIN, Y_ORIGIN };
const CCTK_REAL delta [N_DIMS] = { X_DELTA,  Y_DELTA  };
```

```
/* (x,y) coordinates of interpolation points */
const CCTK_REAL interp_x[N_INTERP_POINTS];
const CCTK_REAL interp_y[N_INTERP_POINTS];
const void *interp_coords[N_DIMS];          /* see note above */

/* input arrays */
/* ... note Cactus uses Fortran storage ordering, i.e.\ X is contiguous */
#define NX    10
#define NY    20
const CCTK_REAL    input_real    [NY][NX];
const CCTK_COMPLEX input_complex[NY][NX];
const CCTK_INT input_array_dims[N_DIMS] = { NX, NY };
const CCTK_INT input_array_type_codes[N_INPUT_ARRAYS]
    = { CCTK_VARIABLE_REAL, CCTK_VARIABLE_COMPLEX };
const void *input_arrays[N_INPUT_ARRAYS];   /* see note above */

/* output arrays */
CCTK_REAL    output_real    [N_INTERP_POINTS];
CCTK_COMPLEX output_complex[N_INTERP_POINTS];
const CCTK_INT output_array_type_codes[N_OUTPUT_ARRAYS]
    = { CCTK_VARIABLE_REAL, CCTK_VARIABLE_COMPLEX };
void *const output_arrays[N_OUTPUT_ARRAYS]; /* see note above */

int operator_handle, param_table_handle;
operator_handle = CCTK_InterpHandle("my interpolation operator");
if (operator_handle < 0)
    CCTK_WARN(CCTK_WARN_ABORT, "can't get interpolation handle!");
param_table_handle = Util_TableCreateFromString("order=3");
if (param_table_handle < 0)
    CCTK_WARN(CCTK_WARN_ABORT, "can't create parameter table!");

/* initialize the rest of the parameter arrays */
interp_coords[0] = (const void *) interp_x;
interp_coords[1] = (const void *) interp_y;
input_arrays[0] = (const void *) input_real;
input_arrays[1] = (const void *) input_complex;
output_arrays[0] = (void *) output_real;
output_arrays[1] = (void *) output_complex;

/* do the actual interpolation, and check for error returns */
if (CCTK_InterpLocalUniform(N_DIMS,
                            operator_handle, param_table_handle,
                            origin, delta,
                            N_INTERP_POINTS,
                            CCTK_VARIABLE_REAL,
                            interp_coords,
                            N_INPUT_ARRAYS,
                            input_array_dims,
                            input_array_type_codes,
                            input_arrays,
                            N_OUTPUT_ARRAYS,
                            output_array_type_codes,
```

```
        output_arrays) < 0)  
CCTK_WARN(CCTK_WARN_ABORT, "error return from interpolator!");
```


CCTK_InterpRegisterOpLocalUniform

Register a CCTK_InterpLocalUniform interpolation operator.

Synopsis

```
C          #include "cctk.h"
          int CCTK_InterpRegisterOpLocalUniform(cInterpOpLocalUniform operator_ptr,
                                                  const char *operator_name,
                                                  const char *thorn_name);
```

Result

handle (≥ 0) A cactus handle to refer to all interpolation operators registered under this operator name.

Parameters

operator_ptr (\neq NULL)
Pointer to the CCTK_InterpLocalUniform interpolation operator. This argument must be a C function pointer of the appropriate type; the typedef can be found in `src/include/cctk_Interp.h` in the Cactus source code.

operator_name (\neq NULL)
(Pointer to) a (C-style null-terminated) character string giving the name under which to register the operator.

thorn_name (\neq NULL)
(Pointer to) a (C-style null-terminated) character string giving the name of the thorn which provides the interpolation operator.

Discussion

Only C functions (or other routines with C-compatible calling sequences) can be registered as interpolation operators.

See Also

CCTK_InterpHandle()	Get the interpolator handle for a given character-string name.
CCTK_InterpLocalUniform()	Interpolate a list of processor-local arrays, with uniformly spaced data points.

Errors

-1	NULL pointer was passed as interpolation operator routine
-2	interpolation handle could not be allocated
-3	Interpolation operator with this name already exists

Examples

```
C          /* prototype for function we want to register */
          int AEILocalInterp_InterpLocalUniform(int N_dims,
```

```
        int param_table_handle,
        /***** coordinate system *****/
        const CCTK_REAL coord_origin[],
        const CCTK_REAL coord_delta[],
        /***** interpolation points *****/
        int N_interp_points,
        int interp_coords_type_code,
        const void *const interp_coords[],
        /***** input arrays *****/
        int N_input_arrays,
        const CCTK_INT input_array_dims[],
        const CCTK_INT input_array_type_codes[],
        const void *const input_arrays[],
        /***** output arrays *****/
        int N_output_arrays,
        const CCTK_INT output_array_type_codes[],
        void *const output_arrays[]);

/* register it! */
CCTK_InterpRegisterOpLocalUniform(AEILocalInterp_InterpLocalUniform,
                                   "generalized polynomial interpolation",
                                   CCTK_THORNSTRING);
```

CCTK_IsFunctionAliased

Reports whether an aliased function has been provided

Synopsis

C `int istat = CCTK_IsFunctionAliased(const char * functionname)`
Fortran `call CCTK_IsFunctionAliased(istat , functionname)`

 `integer istat`
 `character*(*) functionname`

Parameters

`istat` the return status
`functionname` the name of the function to check

Discussion

This function returns a non-zero value if the function given by `functionname` is provided by any active thorn, and zero otherwise.

CCTK_IsImplementationActive

Reports whether an implementation was activated in a parameter file

Synopsis

C `int istat = CCTK_IsImplementationActive(const char * implementationname)`

Fortran `CCTK_IsImplementationActive(istat, implementationname)`

integer istat
character*(*) implementationname

Parameters

istat the return status
implementationname the name of the implementation to check

Discussion

This function returns a non-zero value if the implementation given by `implementationname` was activated in a parameter file, and zero otherwise. See also `CCTK_ActivatingThorn` [\[A17\]](#), `CCTK_CompiledImplementation` [\[A41\]](#), `CCTK_CompiledThorn` [\[A42\]](#), `CCTK_ImplementationRequire` [\[A128\]](#), `CCTK_ImplementationThorn` [\[A129\]](#), `CCTK_ImpThornList` [\[A130\]](#), `CCTK_IsImplementationCompil` [\[A153\]](#), `CCTK_IsThornActive` [\[A154\]](#), `CCTK_NumCompiledImplementations` [\[A169\]](#), `CCTK_NumCompiledTho` [\[A170\]](#), `CCTK_ThornImplementation` [\[A248\]](#).

CCTK_IsImplementationCompiled

Reports whether an implementation was compiled into the configuration

Synopsis

C `int istat = CCTK_IsImplementationCompiled(const char * implementationname)`

Fortran `istat = CCTK_IsImplementationCompiled(implementationname)`

integer istat
character*(*) implementationname

Parameters

`istat` the return status
`implementationname` the name of the implementation to check

Discussion

This function returns a non-zero value if the implementation given by `implementationname` was compiled into the configuration, and zero otherwise. See also `CCTK_ActivatingThorn` [A17], `CCTK_CompiledImplementation` [A41], `CCTK_CompiledThorn` [A42], `CCTK_ImplementationRequire` [A128], `CCTK_ImplementationThorn` [A129], `CCTK_ImpThornList` [A130], `CCTK_IsImplementationActive` [A152], `CCTK_IsThornActive` [A154], `CCTK_IsThornCompiled` [A155], `CCTK_NumCompiledImplementation` [A169], `CCTK_NumCompiledThorns` [A170], `CCTK_ThornImplementation` [A248].

CCTK_IsThornActive

Reports whether a thorn was activated in a parameter file

Synopsis

C	<pre>#include "cctk.h" int status = CCTK_IsThornActive(const char* thorn_name);</pre>
Fortran	<pre>#include "cctk.h" integer status character *(*) thorn_name status = CCTK_IsThornActive(thorn_name)</pre>

Result

status	This function returns a non-zero value if thorn thorn_name was activated in a parameter file, and zero otherwise.
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Parameters

thorn_name	The character-string name of the thorn, for example "SymBase".
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Discussion

This function lets you find out at run-time whether or not a given thorn is active in the current Cactus run.

CCTK_IsThornCompiled

Reports whether a thorn was activated in a parameter file

Synopsis

C `int istat = CCTK_IsThornCompiled(const char * thornname)`

Fortran `istat = CCTK_IsThornCompiled(thornname)`

`integer istat`
 `character*(*) thornname`

Parameters

`istat` the return status

`thornname` the name of the thorn to check

Discussion

This function returns a non-zero value if the implementation given by `thornname` was compiled into the configuration, and zero otherwise.

CCTK_LocalArrayReduceOperator

Returns the name of a registered reduction operator

Synopsis

```
C          #include "cctk.h"

          const char *name = CCTK_LocalArrayReduceOperator(int handle);
```

Result

name Returns the name of a registered local reduction operator of **handle** or NULL if the handle is invalid

Parameters

handle The handle of a registered local reduction operator

Discussion

This function returns the name of a registered reduction operator given its handle. NULL is returned if the handle is invalid

See Also

CCTK_ReduceLocalArrays()	Reduces a list of local arrays (new local array reduction API)
CCTK_LocalArrayReductionHandle()	Returns the handle of a given local array reduction operator
CCTK_RegisterLocalArrayReductionOperator()	Registers a function as a reduction operator of a certain name
CCTK_LocalArrayReduceOperatorImplementation()	Provide the implementation which provides an local array reduction operator
CCTK_NumLocalArrayReduceOperators()	The number of local reduction operators registered

CCTK_LocalArrayReduceOperatorImplementation

Provide the implementation which provides an local array reduction operator

Synopsis

```
C          #include "cctk.h"

          const char *implementation = CCTK_LocalArrayReduceOperatorImplementation(
                                int handle);
```

Result

implementation The name of the implementation implementing the local reduction operator of handle
 handle

Parameters

handle The handle of a registered local reduction operator

Discussion

This function returns the implementation name of a registered reduction operator given its handle or NULL if the handle is invalid

See Also

CCTK_ReduceLocalArrays()	Reduces a list of local arrays (new local array reduction API)
CCTK_LocalArrayReductionHandle()	Returns the handle of a given local array reduction operator
CCTK_RegisterLocalArrayReductionOperator()	Registers a function as a reduction operator of a certain name
CCTK_LocalArrayReduceOperator()	Returns the name of a registered reduction operator
CCTK_NumLocalArrayReduceOperators()	The number of local reduction operators registered

CCTK_LocalArrayReductionHandle

Returns the handle of a given local array reduction operator

Synopsis

```
C          #include "cctk.h"

          int handle = CCTK_LocalArrayReductionHandle(const char *operator);
```

Result

handle The handle corresponding to the local reduction operator

Parameters

operator The reduction operation to be performed. If no matching registered operator is found, a warning is issued and an error returned.

Discussion

This function returns the handle of the local array reduction operator. The local reduction handle is also used in the grid array reduction.

See Also

CCTK_ReduceLocalArrays()	Reduces a list of local arrays (new local array reduction API)
CCTK_RegisterLocalArrayReductionOperator()	Registers a function as a reduction operator of a certain name
CCTK_LocalArrayReduceOperatorImplementation()	Provide the implementation which provides an local array reduction operator
CCTK_LocalArrayReduceOperator()	Returns the name of a registered reduction operator
CCTK_NumLocalArrayReduceOperators()	The number of local reduction operators registered

CCTK_MaxDim

Get the maximum dimension of any grid variable

Synopsis

C `int dim = CCTK_MaxDim()`

Fortran `call CCTK_MaxDim(dim)`

`integer dim`

Parameters

`dim` The maximum dimension

Discussion

Note that the maximum dimension will depend only on the active thorn list, and not the compiled thorn list.

Examples

C `dim = CCTK_MaxDim()`

Fortran `call CCTK_MaxDim(dim)`

CCTK_MaxGFDim

Get the maximum dimension of all grid functions

Synopsis

C `int dim = CCTK_MaxGFDim()`
Fortran `call CCTK_MaxGFDim(dim)`

 `integer dim`

Parameters

`dim` The maximum dimension of all grid functions

Discussion

Note that the maximum dimension will depend only on the active thorn list, and not the compiled thorn list.

Examples

C `dim = CCTK_MaxGFDim();`
Fortran `call CCTK_MaxGFDim(dim)}`

CCTK_MaxTimeLevels

Gives the number of timelevels for a group

Synopsis

C `int numlevels = CCTK_MaxTimeLevels(const char * name)`

Fortran `call CCTK_MaxTimeLevels(numlevels , name)`

`integer numlevels`
 `character*(*) name`

Parameters

name The full group name

numlevels The number of timelevels

Discussion

The group name should be in the form <implementation>::**group**>

Examples

C `numlevels = CCTK_MaxTimeLevels("evolve::phivars");`

Fortran `call CCTK_MAXTIMELEVELS(numlevels,"evolve::phivars")`

CCTK_MaxTimeLevelsGI

Gives the number of timelevels for a group

Synopsis

C	<code>int numlevels = CCTK_MaxTimeLevelsGI(int index)</code>
Fortran	<code>call CCTK_MaxTimeLevelsGI(numlevels , index)</code>
	<code>integer numlevels</code>
	<code>integer index</code>

Parameters

<code>numlevels</code>	The number of timelevels
<code>index</code>	The group index

Examples

C	<code>index = CCTK_GroupIndex("evolve::phivars")</code> <code>numlevels = CCTK_MaxTimeLevelsGI(index);</code>
Fortran	<code>call CCTK_MAXTIMELEVELSGI(numlevels,3)}</code>

CCTK_MaxTimeLevelsGN

Gives the number of timelevels for a group

Synopsis

C `int retval = CCTK_MaxTimeLevelsGN(const char *group);`

Result

The maximum number of timelevels this group has, or -1 if the group name is incorrect.

Parameters

group The variable group's name

Discussion

This function and its relatives return the maximum number of timelevels that the given variable group can have active. This function does not tell you anything about how many time levels are active at the time.

CCTK_MaxTimeLevelsVI

Gives the number of timelevels for a variable

Synopsis

C `int numlevels = CCTK_MaxTimeLevelsVI(int index)`

Fortran `call CCTK_MaxTimeLevelsVI(numlevels , index)`

`integer numlevels`
 `integer index`

Parameters

`numlevels` The number of timelevels

`index` The variable index

Examples

C `index = CCTK_VarIndex("evolve::phi")`
 `numlevels = CCTK_MaxTimeLevelsVI(index);`

Fortran `call CCTK_MAXTIMELEVELSVI(numlevels,3)`

CCTK_MaxTimeLevelsVN

Gives the number of timelevels for a variable

Synopsis

C	<code>int numlevels = CCTK_MaxTimeLevelsVN(const char * name)</code>
Fortran	<code>call CCTK_MaxTimeLevelsVN(numlevels , name)</code>
	<code>integer numlevels</code>
	<code>character*(*) name</code>

Parameters

<code>name</code>	The full variable name
<code>numlevels</code>	The number of timelevels

Discussion

The variable name should be in the form `<implementation>::<variable>`

Examples

C	<code>numlevels = CCTK_MaxTimeLevelsVN("evolve::phi")</code>
Fortran	<code>call CCTK_MAXTIMELEVELSVN(numlevels,"evolve::phi")</code>

CCTK_MyProc

Returns the number of the local processor for a parallel run

Synopsis

C `int myproc = CCTK_MyProc(const cGH * cctkGH)`

Parameters

`cctkGH` pointer to CCTK grid hierarchy

Discussion

For a single processor run this call will return zero. For multiprocessor runs, this call will return $0 \leq \text{myproc} < \text{CCTK_nProcs}(\text{cctkGH})$.

Calling `CCTK_MyProc(NULL)` is safe (it will not crash). Current drivers (PUGH, Carpet) handle this case correctly (i.e. `CCTK_MyProc(NULL)` returns a correct result), but only a “best effort” is guaranteed for future drivers (or future revisions of current drivers).

CCTK_nProcs

Returns the number of processors being used for a parallel run

Synopsis

C	<code>int nprocs = CCTK_nProcs(const cGH * cctkGH)</code>
Fortran	<code>nprocs = CCTK_nProcs(cctkGH)</code>
	<code>integer nprocs</code>
	<code>CCTK_POINTER cctkGH</code>

Parameters

<code>cctkGH</code>	pointer to CCTK grid hierarchy
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Discussion

For a single processor run this call will return one.

Calling `CCTK_nProcs(NULL)` is safe (it will not crash). Current drivers (PUGH, Carpet) handle this case correctly (i.e. `CCTK_nProcs(NULL)` returns a correct result), but only a “best effort” is guaranteed for future drivers (or future revisions of current drivers).

CCTK_NullPointer

Returns a C-style NULL pointer value.

Synopsis

```
Fortran      #include "cctk.h"

               CCTK_POINTER pointer_var

               pointer_var = CCTK_NullPointer()
```

Result

pointer_var a CCTK_POINTER type variable which is initialized with a C-style NULL pointer

Discussion

Fortran doesn't know the concept of pointers so problems arise when a C function is to be called which expects a pointer as one (or more) of its argument(s).

In order to pass a NULL pointer from Fortran to C, a local CCTK_POINTER variable should be used which has been initialized before with `CCTK_NullPointer`.

Note that there is only a Fortran wrapper available for `CCTK_NullPointer`.

See Also

`CCTK_PointerTo()` Returns the address of a variable passed in by reference from a Fortran routine.

Examples

```
Fortran      #include "cctk.h"

               integer      ierror, table_handle
               CCTK_POINTER pointer_var

               pointer_var = CCTK_NullPointer()

               call Util_TableCreate(table_handle, 0)
               call Util_TableSetPointer(ierror, table_handle, pointer_var, "NULL pointer")
```

CCTK_NumCompiledImplementations

Return the number of implementations compiled in.

Synopsis

```
C          #include "cctk.h"

          int numimpls = CCTK_NumCompiledImplementations();
```

Result

numimpls Number of implementations compiled in.

See Also

CCTK_ActivatingThorn [A17]	Finds the thorn which activated a particular implementation
CCTK_CompiledImplementation [A41]	Return the name of the compiled implementation with given index
CCTK_CompiledThorn [A42]	Return the name of the compiled thorn with given index
CCTK_ImplementationRequires [A128]	Return the ancestors for an implementation
CCTK_ImplementationThorn [A129]	Returns the name of one thorn providing an implementation.
CCTK_ImpThornList [A130]	Return the thorns for an implementation
CCTK_IsImplementationActive [A152]	Reports whether an implementation was activated in a parameter file
CCTK_IsImplementationCompiled [A153]	Reports whether an implementation was compiled into a configuration
CCTK_IsThornActive [A154]	Reports whether a thorn was activated in a parameter file
CCTK_IsThornCompiled [A155]	Reports whether a thorn was compiled into a configuration
CCTK_NumCompiledThorns [A170]	Return the number of thorns compiled in
CCTK_ThornImplementation [A248]	Returns the implementation provided by the thorn

CCTK_NumCompiledThorns

Return the number of thorns compiled in.

Synopsis

```
C          #include "cctk.h"

          int numthorns = CCTK_NumCompiledThorns();
```

Result

numthorns Number of thorns compiled in.

See Also

CCTK_ActivatingThorn [A17]	Finds the thorn which activated a particular implementation
CCTK_CompiledImplementation [A41]	Return the name of the compiled implementation with given index
CCTK_CompiledThorn [A42]	Return the name of the compiled thorn with given index
CCTK_ImplementationRequires [A128]	Return the ancestors for an implementation
CCTK_ImplementationThorn [A129]	Returns the name of one thorn providing an implementation.
CCTK_ImpThornList [A130]	Return the thorns for an implementation
CCTK_IsImplementationActive [A152]	Reports whether an implementation was activated in a parameter file
CCTK_IsImplementationCompiled [A153]	Reports whether an implementation was compiled into a configuration
CCTK_IsThornActive [A154]	Reports whether a thorn was activated in a parameter file
CCTK_IsThornCompiled [A155]	Reports whether a thorn was compiled into a configuration
CCTK_NumCompiledImplementations [A169]	Return the number of implementations compiled in
CCTK_ThornImplementation [A248]	Returns the implementation provided by the thorn

CCTK_NumGridArrayReductionOperators

The number of grid array reduction operators registered

Synopsis

```
C          #include "cctk.h"

          int num_ga_reduc = CCTK_NumGridArrayReductionOperators();
```

Result

`num_ga_reduc` The number of registered grid array reduction operators (currently either 1 or 0)

Discussion

This function returns the number of grid array reduction operators. Since we only allow one grid array reduction operator currently, this function can be used to check if a grid array reduction operator has been registered or not.

See Also

<code>CCTK_ReduceGridArrays()</code>	Performs reduction on a list of distributed grid arrays
<code>CCTK_RegisterGridArrayReductionOperator()</code>	Registers a function as a grid array reduction operator of a certain name
<code>CCTK_GridArrayReductionOperator()</code>	The name of the grid reduction operator, or NULL if none is registered

CCTK_NumGroups

Get the number of groups of variables compiled in the code

Synopsis

C `int number = CCTK_NumGroups()`

Fortran `call CCTK_NumGroups(number)`

`integer number`

Parameters

number The number of groups compiled from the thorns `interface.ccl` files

Examples

C `number = CCTK_NumGroups();`

Fortran `call CCTK_NumGroups(number);`

CCTK_NumIOMethods

Find the total number of I/O methods registered with the flesh

Synopsis

C	<code>int num_methods = CCTK_NumIOMethods (void);</code>
Fortran	<code>call CCTK_NumIOMethods (num_methods)</code> <code>integer num_methods</code>

Parameters

<code>num_methods</code>	number of registered IO methods
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Discussion

Returns the total number of IO methods registered with the flesh.

CCTK_NumLocalArrayReduceOperators

The number of local reduction operators registered

Synopsis

```
C          #include "cctk.h"

          int num_ga_reduc = CCTK_NumLocalArrayReduceOperators();
```

Result

num_ga_reduc The number of registered local array operators

Discussion

This function returns the total number of registered local array reduction operators

See Also

CCTK_ReduceLocalArrays()	Reduces a list of local arrays (new local array reduction API)
CCTK_LocalArrayReductionHandle()	Returns the handle of a given local array reduction operator
CCTK_RegisterLocalArrayReductionOperator()	Registers a function as a reduction operator of a certain name
CCTK_LocalArrayReduceOperatorImplementation()	Provide the implementation which provides an local array reduction operator
CCTK_LocalArrayReduceOperator()	Returns the name of a registered reduction operator

CCTK_NumReductionArraysGloballyOperators

The number of global array reduction operators registered, either 1 or 0.

Synopsis

```
C          #include "cctk.h"

          int num_reduc = CCTK_NumReductionArraysGloballyOperators();
```

Result

`num_reduc` The number of registered global array operators

Discussion

This function returns the total number of registered global array reduction operators, it is either 1 or 0 as we do not allow multiple array reductions.

See Also

<code>CCTK_ReduceArraysGlobally()</code>	Reduces a list of arrays globally
<code>CCTK_LocalArrayReductionHandle()</code>	Returns the handle of a given local array reduction operator
<code>CCTK_RegisterReduceArraysGloballyOperator()</code>	Registers a function as a reduction operator of a certain name

CCTK_NumTimeLevels

Returns the number of active time levels for a group (deprecated).

Synopsis

```
C          #include "cctk.h"

            int timelevels = CCTK_NumTimeLevels(const cGH *cctkGH,
                                                const char *groupname);

            int timelevels = CCTK_NumTimeLevelsGI(const cGH *cctkGH,
                                                  int groupindex);

            int timelevels = CCTK_NumTimeLevelsGN(const cGH *cctkGH,
                                                  const char *groupname);

            int timelevels = CCTK_NumTimeLevelsVI(const cGH *cctkGH,
                                                  int varindex);

            int timelevels = CCTK_NumTimeLevelsVN(const cGH *cctkGH,
                                                  const char *varname);

Fortran   #include "cctk.h"

            subroutine CCTK_NumTimeLevels(timelevels, cctkGH, groupname)
               integer      timelevels
               CCTK_POINTER cctkGH
               character*(*) groupname
            end subroutine CCTK_NumTimeLevels

            subroutine CCTK_NumTimeLevelsGI(timelevels, cctkGH, groupindex)
               integer      timelevels
               CCTK_POINTER cctkGH
               integer      groupindex
            end subroutine CCTK_NumTimeLevelsGI

            subroutine CCTK_NumTimeLevelsGN(timelevels, cctkGH, groupname)
               integer      timelevels
               CCTK_POINTER cctkGH
               character*(*) groupname
            end subroutine CCTK_NumTimeLevelsGN

            subroutine CCTK_NumTimeLevelsVI(timelevels, cctkGH, varindex)
               integer      timelevels
               CCTK_POINTER cctkGH
               integer      varindex
            end subroutine CCTK_NumTimeLevelsVI

            subroutine CCTK_NumTimeLevelsVN(timelevels, cctkGH, varname)
               integer      timelevels
               CCTK_POINTER cctkGH
```

```
character*(*) varname  
end subroutine CCTK_NumTimeLevelsVN
```

Result

`timelevels` The currently active number of timelevels for the group.

Parameters

`GH` (\neq NULL) Pointer to a valid Cactus grid hierarchy.
`groupname` Name of the group.
`groupindex` Index of the group.
`varname` Name of a variable in the group.
`varindex` Index of a variable in the group.

Discussion

This function returns the number of timelevels for which storage has been activated, which is always equal to or less than the maximum number of timelevels which may have storage provided by `CCTK_MaxTimeLevels`.

This function has been superceded by `CCTK_ActiveTimeLevels` and should not be used any more.

See Also

`CCTK_ActiveTimeLevels` [\[A18\]](#) Returns the number of active time levels for a group.
`CCTK_MaxTimeLevels` [\[A161\]](#) Return the maximum number of active timelevels.
`CCTK_GroupStorageDecrease` [\[A117\]](#) Base function, overloaded by the driver, which decreases the number of active timelevels, and also returns the number of active timelevels.
`CCTK_GroupStorageIncrease` [\[A118\]](#) Base function, overloaded by the driver, which increases the number of active timelevels, and also returns the number of active timelevels.

Errors

`timelevels < 0` Illegal arguments given.

CCTK_NumTimerClocks

Given a `cTimerData` structure, returns its number of clocks.

Synopsis

```
C          int err = CCTK_NumTimerClocks(info)
```

Parameters

```
const cTimerData * info
```

The timer information structure whose clocks are to be counted.

CCTK_NumVars

Get the number of grid variables compiled in the code

Synopsis

C `int number = CCTK_NumVars()`

Fortran `call CCTK_NumVars(number)`

`integer number`

Parameters

number The number of grid variables compiled from the thorn's `interface.ccl` files

Examples

C `number = CCTK_NumVars();`

Fortran `call CCTK_NumVars(number)`

CCTK_NumVarsInGroup

Provides the number of variables in a group from the group name

Synopsis

C `int num = CCTK_NumVarsInGroup(const char * name)`

Fortran `call CCTK_NumVarsInGroup(num , name)`

integer num
character*(*) name

Parameters

num The number of variables in the group

group The full group name

Discussion

The group name should be given in the form <implementation>::<group>

Examples

C `numvars = CCTK_NumVarsInGroup("evolve::scalars")`

Fortran `call CCTK_NUMVARSINGROUP(numvars,"evolve::scalars")`

CCTK_NumVarsInGroupI

Provides the number of variables in a group from the group index

Synopsis

C `int num = CCTK_NumVarsInGroupI(int index)`

Fortran `call CCTK_NumVarsInGroupI(num , index)`

`integer num`

`integer index`

Parameters

`num` The number of variables in the group

`group` The group index

Discussion**Examples**

C `index = CCTK_GroupIndex("evolve::scalars")}`

`firstvar = CCTK_NumVarsInGroupI(index)`

Fortran `call CCTK_NUMVARSINGROUPI(firstvar,3)`

CCTK_OutputGH

Output all variables living on the GH looping over all registered IO methods.

Synopsis

C `int istat = CCTK_OutputGH (const cGH *cctkGH);`
Fortran `call CCTK_OutputGH (istat, cctkGH)`
 `integer istat`
 `CCTK_POINTER cctkGH`

Parameters

`istat` total number of variables for which output was done by all IO methods
`cctkGH` pointer to CCTK grid hierarchy

Discussion

The IO methods decide themselves whether it is time to do output now or not.

Errors

0 it wasn't time to output anything yet by any IO method
-1 if no IO methods were registered

Synopsis

```

Fortran      call CCTK_OutputVar (istat, cctkGH, variable)
               integer istat
               CCTK_POINTER cctkGH
               character*(*) variable

```

istat	return status
cctkGH	pointer to CCTK grid hierarchy
variable	full name of variable to output, with an optional options string in curly braces

The output should take place if at all possible. If the appropriate file exists the data is appended, otherwise a new file is created.

0	for success
negative	for some error condition (e.g. IO method is not registered)

Synopsis

C	<pre> int istat = CCTK_OutputVarAs (const cGH *cctkGH, const char *variable, const char *alias); </pre>
Fortran	<pre> call CCTK_OutputVarAsByMethod (istat, cctkGH, variable, alias) integer istat CCTK_POINTER cctkGH character(*) variable character(*) alias </pre>

istat	return status
cctkGH	pointer to CCTK grid hierarchy
variable	full name of variable to output, with an optional options string in curly braces
alias	alias name to base the output filename on

The output should take place if at all possible. If the appropriate file exists the data is appended, otherwise a new file is created. Uses `alias` as the name of the variable for the purpose of constructing a filename.

positive	the number of IO methods which did output of variable
0	for success
negative	if no IO methods were registered

CCTK_OutputVarAsByMethod

Synopsis

C	<pre>int istat = CCTK_OutputVarAsByMethod (const cGH *cctkGH, const char *variable, const char *method, const char *alias);</pre>
Fortran	<pre>call CCTK_OutputVarAsByMethod (istat, cctkGH, variable, method, alias) integer istat CCTK_POINTER cctkGH character(*) variable character(*) method character(*) alias</pre>

Parameters

istat	return status
cctkGH	pointer to CCTK grid hierarchy
variable	full name of variable to output, with an optional options string in curly braces
method	method to use for output
alias	alias name to base the output filename on

Discussion

Output a variable **variable** using the method **method** if it is registered. Uses **alias** as the name of the variable for the purpose of constructing a filename. The output should take place if at all possible. If the appropriate file exists the data is appended, otherwise a new file is created.

Errors

0	for success
negative	indicating some error (e.g. IO method is not registered)

CCTK_ParallelInit

Initialize the parallel subsystem

Synopsis

```
C          int istat = CCTK_ParallelInit( cGH * cctkGH)
```

Parameters

`cctkGH` pointer to CCTK grid hierarchy

Discussion

Initializes the parallel subsystem.

CCTK_ParameterData

Get parameter properties for given parameter/thorn pair.

Synopsis

```
C          #include "cctk.h"

          const cParamData *paramdata = CCTK_ParameterData (const char *name,
                                                             const char *thorn);
```

Result

paramdata Pointer to parameter data structure

Parameters

name Parameter name
thorn Thorn name (for private parameters) or implementation name (for restricted parameters)

Discussion

The thorn or implementation name must be the name of the place where the parameter is originally defined. It is not possible to pass the thorn or implementation name of a thorn that merely declares the parameter as used.

See Also

CCTK_ParameterGet [A189]	Get the data pointer to and type of a parameter's value
CCTK_ParameterLevel [A190]	Return the parameter checking level
CCTK_ParameterQueryTimesSet [A191]	Return number of times a parameter has been set
CCTK_ParameterSet [A192]	Sets the value of a parameter
CCTK_ParameterValString [A197]	Get the string representation of a parameter's value
CCTK_ParameterWalk [A199]	Walk through list of parameters

Errors

NULL No parameter with that name was found.

CCTK_ParameterGet

Get the data pointer to and type of a parameter's value.

Synopsis

```
C          #include "cctk.h"

          const void *paramval = CCTK_ParameterGet (const char *name,
                                                    const char *thorn,
                                                    int *type);
```

Result

paramval Pointer to the parameter value

Parameters

name Parameter name

thorn Thorn name (for private parameters) or implementation name (for restricted parameters)

type If not NULL, a pointer to an integer which will hold the type of the parameter

Discussion

The thorn or implementation name must be the name of the place where the parameter is originally defined. It is not possible to pass the thorn or implementation name of a thorn that merely declares the parameter as used.

See Also

CCTK_ParameterData [[A188](#)] Get parameter properties for given parameter/thorn pair

CCTK_ParameterLevel [[A190](#)] Return the parameter checking level

CCTK_ParameterQueryTimesSet [[A191](#)] Return number of times a parameter has been set

CCTK_ParameterSet [[A192](#)] Sets the value of a parameter

CCTK_ParameterValString [[A197](#)] Get the string representation of a parameter's value

CCTK_ParameterWalk [[A199](#)] Walk through list of parameters

Errors

NULL No parameter with that name was found.

CCTK_ParameterLevel

Return the parameter checking level.

Synopsis

```
C          #include "cctk.h"

          int level = CCTK_ParameterLevel (void);
```

Result

level Parameter checking level now being used.

See Also

CCTK_ParameterData	[A188]	Get parameter properties for given parameter/thorn pair
CCTK_ParameterGet	[A189]	Get the data pointer to and type of a parameter's value
CCTK_ParameterQueryTimesSet	[A191]	Return number of times a parameter has been set
CCTK_ParameterSet	[A192]	Sets the value of a parameter
CCTK_ParameterValString	[A197]	Get the string representation of a parameter's value
CCTK_ParameterWalk	[A199]	Walk through list of parameters

CCTK_ParameterQueryTimesSet

Return number of times a parameter has been set.

Synopsis

```
C          #include "cctk.h"

          int nset = CCTK_ParameterQueryTimesSet (const char *name,
                                                  const char *thorn);
```

Result

nset Number of times the parameter has been set.

Parameters

name Parameter name

thorn Thorn name (for private parameters) or implementation name (for restricted parameters)

Discussion

The number of times that a parameter has been set is 0 if the parameter was not set in a parameter file. The number increases when `CCTK_ParameterSet` is called.

The thorn or implementation name must be the name of the place where the parameter is originally defined. It is not possible to pass the thorn or implementation name of a thorn that merely declares the parameter as used.

See Also

<code>CCTK_ParameterData</code> [A188]	Get parameter properties for given parameter/thorn pair
<code>CCTK_ParameterGet</code> [A189]	Get the data pointer to and type of a parameter's value
<code>CCTK_ParameterLevel</code> [A190]	Return the parameter checking level
<code>CCTK_ParameterSet</code> [A192]	Sets the value of a parameter
<code>CCTK_ParameterValString</code> [A197]	Get the string representation of a parameter's value
<code>CCTK_ParameterWalk</code> [A199]	Walk through list of parameters

Errors

-1 No parameter with that name exists.

CCTK_ParameterSet

Sets the value of a parameter.

Synopsis

```
C          #include "cctk.h"

          int ierr = CCTK_ParameterSet (const char *name,
                                         const char *thorn,
                                         const char *value);

Fortran    call CCTK_ParameterSet (ierr, name, thorn, value)
          CCTK_INT ierr
          character*(*) name
          character*(*) thorn
          character*(*) value
```

Result

ierr Error code

Parameters

name Parameter name

thorn Thorn name (for private parameters) or implementation name (for restricted parameters)

value The new (stringified) value for the parameter parameter

Discussion

The thorn or implementation name must be the name of the place where the parameter is originally defined. It is not possible to pass the thorn or implementation name of a thorn that merely declares the parameter as used.

While setting a new parameter value is immediately reflected in Cactus' database, the value of the parameter is not changed immediately in the routine that sets the new value: It is updated only the next time a routine is entered (or rather, when the `DECLARE_CCTK_PARAMETERS` is encountered the next time). It is therefore advisable to set the new parameter value in a routine scheduled at a time earlier to when the new value is required.

See Also

CCTK_ParameterData [\[A188\]](#) Get parameter properties for given parameter/thorn pair

CCTK_ParameterLevel [\[A190\]](#) Return the parameter checking level

CCTK_ParameterQueryTimesSet [\[A191\]](#) Return number of times a parameter has been set

CCTK_ParameterSetNotifyRegister [\[A194\]](#) Registers a parameter set operation notify callback

CCTK_ParameterSetNotifyUnregister [\[A196\]](#) Unregisters a parameter set operation notify callback

CCTK_ParameterValString [\[A197\]](#) Get the string representation of a parameter's value

CCTK_ParameterWalk [\[A199\]](#)

Walk through list of parameters

Errors

ierr

0 success

−1 parameter is out of range

−2 parameter was not found

−3 trying to steer a non-steerable parameter

−6 not a valid integer or float

−7 tried to set an accumulator parameter directly

−8 tried to set an accumulator parameter directly

−9 final value of accumulator out of range

CCTK_ParameterSetNotifyRegister

Registers a parameter set operation notify callback

Synopsis

```
C          #include "cctk.h"

          int handle =
            CCTK_ParameterSetNotifyRegister (cParameterSetNotifyCallbackFn callback,
                                             void *data,
                                             const char *name,
                                             const char *thorn_regex,
                                             const char *param_regex)

Fortran    call CCTK_ParameterSetNotifyRegister (handle, callback, data,
          .
          integer      handle
          external     callback
          integer      callback
          CCTK_POINTER data
          character(*) name
          character(*) thorn_regex
          character(*) param_regex
```

Result

0	success
-1	another callback has already been registered under the given name
-2	memory allocation error
-3	invalid regular expression given for thorn_regex / param_regex

Parameters

callback	Function pointer of the notify callback to be registered
data	optional user-defined data pointer to associate with the notify callback
name	Unique name under which the notify callback is to be registered
thorn_regex	Optional regular expression string to match a thorn name in a full parameter name
param_regex	Optional regular expression string to match a parameter name in a full parameter name

Discussion

Declaring a parameter steerable at runtime in its `param.ccl` definition requires a thorn writer to add extra logic to the code which checks if a parameter value has changed, either periodically in a scheduled function, or by direct notification from the flesh's parameter set routine `CCTK_ParameterSet()`.

With `CCTK_ParameterSetNotifyRegister()` thorns can register a callback function which in turn is automatically invoked by `CCTK_ParameterSet()` whenever a parameter is being steered. Each callback function gets passed the triple of thorn name, parameter name, and (stringified) new parameter value (as passed to `CCTK_ParameterSet()`),

plus an optional callback data pointer defined by the user at registration time. When a callback function is registered with `CCTK_ParameterSetNotify()`, the calling routine may also pass an optional regular expression string for both a thorn name and a parameter name to match against in a parameter set notification; leave them empty or pass a NULL pointer to get notified about changes of *any* parameter.

Registered notification callbacks would be invoked by `CCTK_ParameterSet()` only *after* initial parameter setup from the parfile, and – in case of recovery – only *after* all parameters have been restored from the checkpoint file. The callbacks are then invoked just *before* the parameter is set to its new value so that they can still query its old value if necessary.

See Also

`CCTK_ParameterSet` [[A192](#)] Sets the value of a parameter
`CCTK_ParameterSetNotifyUnregister` [[A196](#)] Unregisters a parameter set operation notify callback

Examples

```
C      #include <stdio.h>

      #include "cctk.h"

      static void ParameterSetNotify (void *unused,
                                     const char *thorn,
                                     const char *parameter,
                                     const char *new_value)
      {
        printf ("parameter set notification: %s::%s is set to '%s'\n",
               thorn, parameter, new_value);
      }

      void RegisterNotifyCallback (void)
      {
        /* we are interested only in this thorn's parameters
           so pass the thorn name in the 'thorn_regex' argument */
        if (CCTK_ParameterSetNotifyRegister (ParameterSetNotify, NULL, CCTK_THORNSTRING,
                                             CCTK_THORNSTRING, NULL))
        {
          CCTK_VWarn (0, __LINE__, __FILE__, CCTK_THORNSTRING,
                     "Couldn't register parameter set notify callback");
        }
      }
```

CCTK_ParameterSetNotifyUnregister

Unregisters a parameter set operation notify callback

Synopsis

```
C          #include "cctk.h"

          int ierr = CCTK_ParameterSetNotifyUnregister (const char *name);
Fortran    call CCTK_ParameterSetNotifyUnregister (ierr, name)
          integer      ierr
          character*(*) name
```

Result

0	success
-1	no callback was registered under the given name

Parameters

name	Unique name under which the notify callback was registered
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Discussion

Notify callbacks should be unregistered when not needed anymore.

See Also

CCTK_ParameterSet	[A192]	Sets the value of a parameter
CCTK_ParameterSetNotifyRegister	[A194]	Registers a parameter set operation notify callback

Examples

```
Fortran    #include "cctk.h"

          call CCTK_ParameterSetNotifyUnregister (CCTK_THORNSTRING)
```


CCTK_ParameterValString

Get the string representation of a parameter's value.

Synopsis

```
C          #include "cctk.h"

          char *valstring = CCTK_ParameterValString (const char *name,
                                                    const char *thorn);

Fortran    subroutine CCTK_ParameterValString (nchars, name, thorn, value)
           integer      nchars
           character*(*) name
           character*(*) thorn
           character*(*) value
           end subroutine
```

Result

valstring Pointer to parameter value as string. *The memory for this string must be released with a call to `free()` after it has been used.*

Parameters

name Parameter name

thorn Thorn name (for private parameters) or implementation name (for restricted parameters)

nchars On exit, the number of characters in the stringified parameter value, or `-1` if the parameter doesn't exist

value On exit, contains as many characters of the stringified parameter value as fit into the Fortran string provided. You should check for truncation by comparing **nchars** against the length of your Fortran string.

Discussion

In C, the string **valstring** must be freed afterwards.

The thorn or implementation name must be the name of the place where the parameter is originally defined. It is not possible to pass the thorn or implementation name of a thorn that merely declares the parameter as used.

Real variables are formatted according to the C `"%.20g"` format.

See Also

<code>CCTK_ParameterData</code> [A188]	Get parameter properties for given parameter/thorn pair
<code>CCTK_ParameterGet</code> [A189]	Get the data pointer to and type of a parameter's value
<code>CCTK_ParameterLevel</code> [A190]	Return the parameter checking level
<code>CCTK_ParameterQueryTimesSet</code> [A191]	Return number of times a parameter has been set
<code>CCTK_ParameterSet</code> [A192]	Sets the value of a parameter
<code>CCTK_ParameterWalk</code> [A199]	Walk through list of parameters

Errors

NULL No parameter with that name was found.

CCTK_ParameterWalk

Walk through the list of parameters.

Synopsis

```
C      #include "cctk.h"
      %
      int istat = CCTK_ParameterWalk (int first,
                                     const char *origin,
                                     char **fullname,
                                     const cParamData **paramdata);
```

Result

istat Zero for success, positive if parameter was not found, negative if initial startpoint was not set.

Parameters

origin Thorn name, or NULL for all thorns.
fullname Address of a pointer that will point to the full parameter name. This name must be freed after use.
paramdata Address of a pointer that will point to the parameter data structure.

Discussion

Gets parameters in order, restricted to ones from **origin**, or all if **origin** is NULL. Starts with the first parameter if **first** is true, otherwise gets the next one. Can be used for generating full help file, or for walking the list and checkpointing.

See Also

CCTK_ParameterData [A188]	Get parameter properties for given parameter/thorn pair
CCTK_ParameterGet [A189]	Get the data pointer to and type of a parameter's value
CCTK_ParameterLevel [A190]	Return the parameter checking level
CCTK_ParameterQueryTimesSet [A191]	Return number of times a parameter has been set
CCTK_ParameterSet [A192]	Sets the value of a parameter
CCTK_ParameterValString [A197]	Get the string representation of a parameter's value

Errors

negative The initial startpoint was not set.

CCTK_PARAMWARN

Prints a warning from parameter checking, and possibly stops the code

Synopsis

C = CCTK_PARAMWARN(const char * message)

Fortran call CCTK_PARAMWARN(, message)

 character*(*) message

Parameters

message The warning message

Discussion

The call should be used in routines registered at the schedule point CCTK_PARAMCHECK to indicate that there is parameter error or conflict and the code should terminate. The code will terminate only after all the parameters have been checked.

Examples

C CCTK_PARAMWARN("Mass cannot be negative");

Fortran call CCTK_PARAMWARN("Inside interpolator")

CCTK_PointerTo

Returns a pointer to a Fortran variable.

Synopsis

```
Fortran      #include "cctk.h"

              CCTK_POINTER addr, var

              addr = CCTK_PointerTo(var)
```

Result

addr the address of variable *var*

Parameters

var variable in the Fortran context from which to take the address

Discussion

Fortran doesn't know the concept of pointers so problems arise when a C function is to be called which expects a pointer as one (or more) of its argument(s).

To obtain the pointer to a variable in Fortran, one can use `CCTK_PointerTo()` which takes the variable itself as a single argument and returns the pointer to it.

Note that there is only a Fortran wrapper available for `CCTK_PointerTo`.

See Also

`CCTK_NullPointer()` Returns a C-style NULL pointer value.

Examples

```
Fortran      #include "cctk.h"

              integer      ierror, table_handle
              CCTK_POINTER addr, var

              addr = CCTK_PointerTo(var)

              call Util_TableCreate(table_handle, 0)
              call Util_TableSetPointer(ierror, table_handle, addr, "variable")
```

CCTK_PrintGroup

Prints a group name from its index

Synopsis

C = CCTK_PrintGroup(int index)
Fortran call CCTK_PrintGroup(, index)

 integer index

Parameters

index The group index

Discussion

This routine is for debugging purposes for Fortran programmers.

Examples

C CCTK_PrintGroup(1)
Fortran call CCTK_PRINTGROUP(1)

CCTK_PrintString

Prints a Cactus string

Synopsis

C = CCTK_PrintString(char * string)
Fortran call CCTK_PrintString(, string)
 CCTK_STRING string

Parameters

string The string to print

Discussion

This routine can be used to print Cactus string variables and parameters from Fortran.

Examples

C CCTK_PrintString(string_param)
Fortran call CCTK_PRINTSTRING(string_param)

CCTK_PrintVar

Prints a variable name from its index

Synopsis

C = CCTK_PrintVar(int index)
Fortran call CCTK_PrintVar(, index)

 integer index

Parameters

index The variable index

Discussion

This routine is for debugging purposes for Fortran programmers.

Examples

C CCTK_PrintVar(1)
Fortran call CCTK_PRINTVAR(1)

CCTK_QueryGroupStorage

Query storage for a group given by its group name

Synopsis

C	<code>int istat = CCTK_QueryGroupStorage(const cGH * cctkGH, const char * groupname)</code>
Fortran	<code>call CCTK_QueryGroupStorage(istat , cctkGH, groupname)</code>
	<code>integer istat</code>
	<code>CCTK_POINTER cctkGH</code>
	<code>character*(*) groupname</code>

Parameters

<code>cctkGH</code>	pointer to CCTK grid hierarchy
<code>groupname</code>	the group to query, given by its full name
<code>istat</code>	the return code

Discussion

This routine queries whether the variables in a group have storage assigned. If so it returns true (a positive value), otherwise false (zero).

Errors

negative	A negative error code is returned for an invalid group name.
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CCTK_QueryGroupStorageB

Synopsis

C `int storage = CCTK_QueryGroupStorageB(const cGH * cctkGH, int groupindex, const char *`

Parameters

`cctkGH` pointer to CCTK grid hierarchy
`groupindex` the group to query, given by its index
`groupname` the group to query, given by its full name
`istat` the return code

Discussion

This routine queries whether the variables in a group have storage assigned. If so it returns true (a positive value), otherwise false (zero).

The group can be specified either through the group index `groupindex`, or through the group name `groupname`. The groupname takes precedence; only if it is passed as NULL, the group index is used.

Errors

`negative` A negative error code is returned for an invalid group name.

CCTK_QueryGroupStorageI

Query storage for a group given by its group index

Synopsis

C `int istat = CCTK_QueryGroupStorageI(const cGH * cctkGH, int groupindex)`
Fortran `call CCTK_QueryGroupStorageI(istat , cctkGH, groupindex)`

`integer istat`
 `cctkGH`
 `integer groupindex`

Parameters

`cctkGH` pointer to CCTK grid hierarchy
`groupindex` the group to query, given by its index
`istat` the return code

Discussion

This routine queries whether the variables in a group have storage assigned. If so it returns true (a positive value), otherwise false (zero).

Errors

negative A negative error code is returned for an invalid group name.

CCTK_ReduceArraysGlobally

Performs global reduction on a list of arrays

The computation is optimized for the case of reducing a number of grid arrays at a time; in this case all the interprocessor communication can be done together.

Synopsis

```
C          #include "cctk.h"

          int CCTK_ReduceArraysGlobally(const cGH *GH,
                                         int dest_proc,
                                         int local_reduce_handle,
                                         int param_table_handle,
                                         int N_input_arrays,
                                         const void * const input_arrays[],
                                         int input_dims,
                                         const CCTK_INT input_array_dims[],
                                         const CCTK_INT input_array_type_codes[],
                                         int M_output_values,
                                         const CCTK_INT output_value_type_codes[],
                                         void* const output_values[]);

Fortran    call CCTK_ReduceArraysGlobally(status,
      .      GH,
      .      dest_proc,
      .      local_reduce_handle,
      .      param_table_handle,
      .      N_input_arrays,
      .      input_arrays,
      .      input_dims,
      .      input_array_dims,
      .      input_array_type_codes,
      .      M_output_values,
      .      output_value_type_codes,
      .      output_values)
integer    status
CCTK_POINTER_TO_CONST GH
integer    dest_proc,
integer    local_reduce_handle
integer    param_table_handle
integer    N_input_arrays
CCTK_INT   input_arrays(N_input_arrays)
integer    input_dims
CCTK_INT   input_array_dims(input_dims)
CCTK_INT   input_array_type_codes(N_input_arrays)
integer    M_output_values
CCTK_INT   output_value_type_codes(M_output_values)
CCTK_POINTER output_values(M_output_values)
```

Result

0 success
 < 0 indicates an error condition

Parameters

cctkGH (\neq NULL)
 Pointer to a valid Cactus grid hierarchy.

dest_processor The destination processor. -1 will distribute the result to all processors.

local_reduce_handle (≥ 0)
 Handle to the local reduction operator as returned by `CCTK_LocalArrayReductionHandle()`. It is the caller's responsibility to ensure that the specified reducer supports any optional parameter-table entries that `CCTK_ReduceGridArrays()` passes to it. Each thorn providing a `CCTK_ReduceGridArrays()` reducer should document what options it requires from the local reducer.

param_table_handle (≥ 0)
 Handle to a key-value table containing zero or more additional parameters for the reduction operation. The table can be modified by the local and/or global reduction routine(s).

 Also, the global reducer will typically need to specify some options of its own for the local reducer. These will override any entries with the same keys in the `param_table_handle` table. The discussion of individual table entries below says if these are modified in this manner.

 Finally, the `param_table_handle` table can be used to pass back arbitrary information by the local and/or global reduction routine(s) by adding/modifying appropriate key/value pairs.

N_input_arrays (≥ 0)
 The number of input arrays to be reduced. If `N_input_arrays` is zero, then no reduction is done; such a call may be useful for setup, reducer querying, etc. If the `operand_indices` parameter table entry is used to specify a nontrivial (eg 1-to-many) mapping of input arrays to output values, only the unique set of input arrays should be given here.

input_arrays (Pointer to) an array of `N_input_arrays` local arrays specifying the input arrays for the reduction.

input_dims (≥ 0)
 The number of dimensions of the input arrays

input_array_dims (≥ 0)
 (Pointer to) an array of size `input_dims` containing the dimensions of the arrays to be reduced.

input_array_type_codes (≥ 0)
 (Pointer to) an array of `input_dims` `CCTK_VARIABLE_*` type codes giving the data types of the arrays to be reduced.

M_output_values (≥ 0)
 The number of output values to be returned from the reduction. If `N_input_arrays` == 0 then no reduction is done; such a call may be useful for setup, reducer querying, etc. Note that `M_output_values` may differ from `N_input_arrays`, eg if the `operand_indices` parameter table entry is used to specify a nontrivial (eg many-to-1) mapping of input arrays to output values, If such a mapping is specified, only the unique set of output values should be given here.

`output_value_type_codes`

(Pointer to) an array of `M.output_values` `CCTK_VARIABLE_*` type codes giving the data types of the output values pointed to by `output_values[]`.

`output_values`

(Pointer to) an array of `M.output_values` pointers to the (caller-supplied) output values for the reduction. If `output_values[out]` is NULL for some index or indices `out`, then that reduction is skipped. (This may be useful if the main purpose of the call is (eg) to do some query or setup computation.) These pointers may (and typically will) vary from processor to processor in a multiprocessor Cactus run. However, any given pointer must be either NULL on all processors, or non-NULL on all processors.

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Discussion

This function reduces a list of CCTK local arrays globally. This function does not perform the actual reduction, it only handles interprocessor communication. The actual reduction is performed by the local reduction implementation, that is passed arguments and parameters from the grid array reduction implementation.

Note that `CCTK_ReduceArraysGlobally` is a collective operation, so in the multiprocessor case you *must* call this function in parallel on *each* processor, passing identical arguments.

See Also

`CCTK_LocalArrayReductionHandle()`

Returns the handle of a given local array reduction operator

`CCTK_RegisterGridArrayReductionOperator()`

Registers a function as a grid array reduction operator of a certain name

`CCTK_GridArrayReductionOperator()`

The name of the grid reduction operator, or NULL if the handle is invalid

`CCTK_GridArrayReductionOperator()`

The number of grid array reduction operators registered

Examples

Here's a simple example to perform grid array reduction of two grids arrays of different types.

C

```
#include "cctk.h"
#include "util_Table.h"

#define N_INPUT_ARRAYS 2
#define M_OUTPUT_VALUES 2
const cGH *GH;                                /* input */

/* create empty parameter table */
const int param_table_handle = Util_CreateTable(UTIL_TABLE_FLAGS_CASE_INSENSITIVE);
/* input arrays and output values */
const CCTK_INT input_array_variable_indices[N_INPUT_ARRAYS]
    = { CCTK_VarIndex("my_thorn::real_array"), /* no error checking */
        CCTK_VarIndex("my_thorn::complex_array") }; /* here */
```

```
const CCTK_INT output_value_type_codes[M_OUTPUT_VALUES]
    = { CCTK_VARIABLE_REAL, CCTK_VARIABLE_COMPLEX };
void *const output_numbers[M_OUTPUT_VALUES]
    = { (void *) output_for_real_values,
        (void *) output_for_complex_values };

const int status
    = CCTK_ReduceGridArrays(GH,
                           0,
                           param_table_handle,
                           N_INPUT_ARRAYS, input_array_variable_indices,
                           M_OUTPUT_VALUES, output_value_type_codes,
                           output_values);

Util_TableDestroy(param_table_handle);
```

CCTK_ReduceGridArrays

Performs reduction on a list of distributed grid arrays

The computation is optimized for the case of reducing a number of grid arrays at a time; in this case all the interprocessor communication can be done together.

Synopsis

```
C          #include "cctk.h"

          int status = CCTK_ReduceGridArrays(const cGH *GH,
                                             int dest_processor,
                                             int local_reduce_handle,
                                             int param_table_handle,
                                             int N_input_arrays,
                                             const CCTK_INT input_array_variable_indices[],
                                             int M_output_values,
                                             const CCTK_INT output_value_type_codes[],
                                             void* const output_values());

Fortran    call CCTK_ReduceGridArrays(status,
          .      GH,
          .      dest_processor,
          .      local_reduce_handle,
          .      param_table_handle,
          .      N_input_arrays,
          .      input_array_variable_indices,
          .      M_output_values,
          .      output_value_type_codes,
          .      output_values)
          integer      status
          CCTK_POINTER_TO_CONST GH
          integer      dest_processor
          integer      local_reduce_handle
          integer      param_table_handle
          integer      N_input_arrays
          CCTK_INT      input_array_variable_indices(N_input_arrays)
          integer      M_output_values
          CCTK_INT      output_value_type_codes(M_output_values)
          CCTK_POINTER  output_values(M_output_values)
```

Result

0 success
< 0 indicates an error condition

Parameters

cctkGH (\neq NULL) Pointer to a valid Cactus grid hierarchy.
dest_processor The destination processor. -1 will distribute the result to all processors.

local_reduce_handle (≥ 0)

Handle to the local reduction operator as returned by `CCTK_LocalArrayReductionHandle()`. It is the caller's responsibility to ensure that the specified reducer supports any optional parameter-table entries that `CCTK_ReduceGridArrays()` passes to it. Each thorn providing a `CCTK_ReduceGridArrays()` reducer should document what options it requires from the local reducer.

param_table_handle (≥ 0)

Handle to a key-value table containing zero or more additional parameters for the reduction operation. The table can be modified by the local and/or global reduction routine(s).

Also, the global reducer will typically need to specify some options of its own for the local reducer. These will override any entries with the same keys in the `param_table_handle` table. The discussion of individual table entries below says if these are modified in this manner.

Finally, the `param_table_handle` table can be used to pass back arbitrary information by the local and/or global reduction routine(s) by adding/modifying appropriate key/value pairs.

N_input_arrays (≥ 0)

The number of input arrays to be reduced. If `N_input_arrays` is zero, then no reduction is done; such a call may be useful for setup, reducer querying, etc. If the `operand_indices` parameter table entry is used to specify a nontrivial (eg 1-to-many) mapping of input arrays to output values, only the unique set of input arrays should be given here.

input_array_variable_indices

(Pointer to) an array of `N_input_arrays` Cactus variable indices (as returned by `CCTK_VarIndex()`) specifying the input grid arrays for the reduction. If `input_array_variable_indices[in] == -1` for some index or indices `in`, then that reduction is skipped. (This may be useful if the main purpose of the call is (eg) to do some query or setup computation.)

M_output_values (≥ 0)

The number of output values to be returned from the reduction. If `N_input_arrays == 0` then no reduction is done; such a call may be useful for setup, reducer querying, etc. Note that `M_output_values` may differ from `N_input_arrays`, eg if the `operand_indices` parameter table entry is used to specify a nontrivial (eg many-to-1) mapping of input arrays to output values. If such a mapping is specified, only the unique set of output values should be given here.

output_value_type_codes

(Pointer to) an array of `M_output_values` `CCTK_VARIABLE_*` type codes giving the data types of the output values pointed to by `output_values[]`.

output_values

(Pointer to) an array of `M_output_values` pointers to the (caller-supplied) output values for the reduction. If `output_values[out]` is `NULL` for some index or indices `out`, then that reduction is skipped. (This may be useful if the main purpose of the call is (eg) to do some query or setup computation.) These pointers may (and typically will) vary from processor to processor in a multiprocessor Cactus run. However, any given pointer must be either `NULL` on all processors, or non-`NULL` on all processors.

Discussion

This function reduces a list of CCTK grid arrays (in a multiprocessor run these are generally distributed over processors). This function does not perform the actual

reduction, it only handles interprocessor communication. The actual reduction is performed by the local reduction implementation, that is passed arguments and parameters from the grid array reduction implementation.

Note that `CCTK_ReduceGridArrays` is a collective operation, so in the multiprocessor case you *must* call this function in parallel on *each* processor, passing identical arguments.

See Also

<code>CCTK_LocalArrayReductionHandle()</code>	Returns the handle of a given local array reduction operator
<code>CCTK_RegisterGridArrayReductionOperator()</code>	Registers a function as a grid array reduction operator of a certain name
<code>CCTK_GridArrayReductionOperator()</code>	The name of the grid reduction operator, or NULL if the handle is invalid
<code>CCTK_GridArrayReductionOperator()</code>	The number of grid array reduction operators registered

Examples

Here's a simple example to perform grid array reduction of two grids arrays of different types.

C

```
#include "cctk.h"
#include "util_Table.h"

#define N_INPUT_ARRAYS 2
#define M_OUTPUT_VALUES 2
const cGH *GH;                                /* input */

/* create empty parameter table */
const int param_table_handle = Util_CreateTable(UTIL_TABLE_FLAGS_CASE_INSENSITIVE);
/* input arrays and output values */
const CCTK_INT input_array_variable_indices[N_INPUT_ARRAYS]
    = { CCTK_VarIndex("my_thorn::real_array"), /* no error checking */
        CCTK_VarIndex("my_thorn::complex_array") }; /* here */
const CCTK_INT output_value_type_codes[M_OUTPUT_VALUES]
    = { CCTK_VARIABLE_REAL, CCTK_VARIABLE_COMPLEX };
void *const output_numbers[M_OUTPUT_VALUES]
    = { (void *) output_for_real_values,
        (void *) output_for_complex_values };

const int status
    = CCTK_ReduceGridArrays(GH,
        0,
        param_table_handle,
        N_INPUT_ARRAYS, input_array_variable_indices,
        M_OUTPUT_VALUES, output_value_type_codes,
        output_values);
```

```
Util_TableDestroy(param_table_handle);
```

CCTK_ReduceLocalArrays

Performs reduction on a list of local grid arrays

Synopsis

```
C          #include "cctk.h"

          int status = CCTK_ReduceLocalArrays(int N_dims, int operator_handle,
                                              int param_table_handle, int N_input_arrays,
                                              const CCTK_INT input_array_dims[],
                                              const CCTK_INT input_array_type_codes[],
                                              const void *const input_arrays[],
                                              int M_output_numbers,
                                              const CCTK_INT output_number_type_codes[],
                                              void *const output_values[]);

Fortran    call CCTK_ReduceLocalArrays(status,
          .          N_dims, operator_handle,
          .          param_table_handle, N_input_arrays,
          .          input_array_dims,
          .          input_array_type_codes,
          .          input_arrays,
          .          M_output_numbers,
          .          output_number_type_codes,
          .          output_values)
integer    status
integer    N_dims
integer    operator_handle
integer    param_table_handle
integer    N_input_arrays
CCTK_INT   input_array_dims(N_dims)
CCTK_INT   input_array_type_codes(N_input_arrays)
CCTK_POINTER input_arrays(N_input_arrays)
integer    M_output_values
CCTK_INT   output_value_type_codes(M_output_values)
CCTK_POINTER output_values(M_output_values)
```

Result

0 success
< 0 indicates an error condition

Parameters

N_dims Number of dimensions of input arrays. This is required to find proper indices for arrays in memory

operator_handle Handle to the local reduction operator as returned by
 CCTK_LocalArrayReductionHandle().

param_table_handle Handle to a key-value table containing zero or more additional parameters for the
 reduction operation. The table can be modified by the local and/or global reduction

routine(s).

The parameter table may be used to specify non-default storage indexing for input or output arrays, and/or various options for the reduction itself. Some reducers may not implement all of these options.

N_input_arrays (≥ 0)

The number of input arrays to be reduced. If **N_input_arrays** is zero, then no reduction is done; such a call may be useful for setup, reducer querying, etc. If the **operand_indices** parameter table entry is used to specify a nontrivial (eg 1-to-many) mapping of input arrays to output values, only the unique set of input arrays should be given here.

input_array_dims

array of input array dimensions (common to all input arrays) and of size **N_dims**

input_array_type_codes

array of input array dimensions (common to all input arrays) and of size **N_input_arrays**

M_output_values (≥ 0)

The number of output values to be returned from the reduction. If **N_input_arrays** == 0 then no reduction is done; such a call may be useful for setup, reducer querying, etc. Note that **M_output_values** may differ from **N_input_arrays**, eg if the **operand_indices** parameter table entry is used to specify a nontrivial (eg many-to-1) mapping of input arrays to output values. If such a mapping is specified, only the unique set of output values should be given here.

output_value_type_codes

(Pointer to) an array of **M_output_values** **CCTK_VARIABLE_*** type codes giving the data types of the output values pointed to by **output_values[]**.

output_values

(Pointer to) an array of **M_output_values** pointers to the (caller-supplied) output values for the reduction. If **output_values[out]** is NULL for some index or indices **out**, then that reduction is skipped. (This may be useful if the main purpose of the call is (eg) to do some query or setup computation.)

Discussion

Sometimes one of the arrays used by the reduction isn't contiguous in memory. So, we use several optional table entries (these should be supported by all reduction operators):

For the input arrays, we use

```
const CCTK_INT input_array_offsets[N_input_arrays];
/* next 3 table entries are shared by all input arrays */
const CCTK_INT input_array_strides      [N_dims];
const CCTK_INT input_array_min_subscripts[N_dims];
const CCTK_INT input_array_max_subscripts[N_dims];
```

Then for input array number *a*, the generic subscripting expression for the 3-D case is

```
data_pointer[offset + i*istride + j*jstride + k*kstride]
```

where

```
data_pointer = input_arrays[a]
offset = input_array_offsets[a]
(istride,jstride,kstride) = input_array_stride[]
```

and where (*i,j,k*) run from **input_array_min_subscripts[]** to **input_array_max_subscripts[]** inclusive.

The defaults are `offset=0`, `stride=determined from input_array_dims[]` in the usual Fortran manner, `input_array_min_subscripts[] = 0`, `input_array_max_subscripts[] = input_array_dims[]-1`. If the stride and max subscript are both specified explicitly, then the `input_array_dims[]` function argument is ignored.

See Also

<code>CCTK_LocalArrayReductionHandle()</code>	Returns the handle of a given local array reduction operator
<code>CCTK_RegisterLocalArrayReductionOperator()</code>	Registers a function as a reduction operator of a certain name
<code>CCTK_LocalArrayReduceOperatorImplementation()</code>	Provide the implementation which provides an local array reduction operator
<code>CCTK_LocalArrayReduceOperator()</code>	Returns the name of a registered reduction operator
<code>CCTK_NumLocalArrayReduceOperators()</code>	The number of local reduction operators registered

Examples

Here's a simple example, written in Fortran 77, to do reduction of a real and a complex local array in 3-D:

Fortran 77

```
c input arrays:
    integer ni, nj, nk
    parameter (ni=..., nj=..., nk=...)
    CCTK_REAL    real_array    (ni,nj,nk)
    CCTK_COMPLEX complex_array(ni,nj,nk)

c output numbers:
    CCTK_REAL    My_real    (M_reduce)
    CCTK_COMPLEX My_complex(M_reduce)

    integer status, dummy
    CCTK_INT input_array_type_codes(2)
    data input_array_type_codes /CCTK_VARIABLE_REAL,
$                                CCTK_VARIABLE_COMPLEX/
    CCTK_INT input_array_dims(3)
    CCTK_POINTER input_arrays(2)
    CCTK_POINTER output_numbers(2)

    input_array_dims(1) = ni
    input_array_dims(2) = nj
    input_array_dims(3) = nk
    output_numbers(1) = Util_PointerTo(My_real)
    output_numbers(2) = Util_PointerTo(My_complex)

    call CCTK_ReduceLocalArrays
$      (status,                ! return code
        3,                    ! number of dimensions
        operator_handle,
```

```

N_reduce,
2,                                ! number of input arrays
input_array_type_codes, input_array_dims, input_arrays,
2,                                ! number of output numbers
output_numbers_type_codes, output_numbers)

if (status .lt. 0) then
  call CCTK_WARN(CCTK_WARN_ABORT, "Error return from reducer!")
end if

```

CCTK_ReductionHandle

Handle for given reduction method

Synopsis

C	<code>int handle = CCTK_ReductionHandle(const char * reduction)</code>
Fortran	<code>handle = CCTK_ReductionHandle(reduction)</code>
	<code>integer handle</code>
	<code>character*(*) reduction</code>

Parameters

<code>handle</code>	handle returned for this method
<code>name</code>	name of the reduction method required

Discussion

Reduction methods should be registered at `CCTK_STARTUP`. Note that integer reduction handles are used to call `CCTK_Reduce` to avoid problems with passing Fortran strings. Note that the name of the reduction operator is case dependent.

Examples

C	<code>handle = CCTK_ReductionHandle("maximum");</code>
Fortran	<code>call CCTK_ReductionHandle(handle,"maximum")</code>

CCTK_RegexMatch

Perform a regular expression match of string against pattern

Synopsis

```
C          success = CCTK_RegexMatch( const char *string, const char *pattern,
                                     const int nmatch, regmatch_t *pmatch)
```

Parameters

<code>string</code>	String to match against
<code>pattern</code>	Regex pattern
<code>nmatch</code>	The size of the pmatch array
<code>pmatch</code>	Array in which to place the matches

Result

0	pattern does not match
1	pattern matches
< 0	indicates an error condition (pattern did not compile as a regular expression)

Discussion

Perform a regular expression match of string against pattern. Also returns the specified number of matched substrings as give by regex. This is a modified form of the example routine given in the SGI man page for regcomp.

Examples

```
C          #define R_BEGIN "(\\[|\\(|\\)?"
          #define R_VALUE "([\\^]:)*"
          #define R_SEP   ":"
          #define R_END   "(\\]|\\)|\\)?"
          #define R_MAYBE(x) "(" x ")"

          int matched;
          const char pattern[] =
              R_BEGIN
              R_VALUE
              R_MAYBE(R_SEP R_VALUE R_MAYBE(R_SEP R_VALUE))
              R_END;

          if( (matched = CCTK_RegexMatch(range, pattern, 8, pmatch)) > 0) {
              CCTK_VInfo(CCTK_THORNSTRING, "'%s' is a valid range specifier",
                          range);
          } else if(!matched) {
              CCTK_VInfo(CCTK_THORNSTRING, "'%s' is not a valid range specifier",
                          range);
          } else {
              CCTK_VInfo(CCTK_THORNSTRING, "invalid pattern '%s'", pattern);
          }
```

CCTK_RegisterBanner

Register a banner for a thorn

Synopsis

C `void = CCTK_RegisterBanner(const char * message)`
Fortran `call CCTK_RegisterBanner(, message)`

 `character*(*) message`

Parameters

message String which will be displayed as a banner

Discussion

The banner must be registered during `CCTK_STARTUP`. The banners are displayed in the order in which they are registered.

Examples

C `CCTK_RegisterBanner("My Thorn: Does Something Useful");`
Fortran `call CCTK_REGISTERBANNER("*** MY THORN ***")`

CCTK_RegisterGHEExtension

Register an extension to the CactusGH

Synopsis

```
C          int istat = CCTK_RegisterGHEExtension( const char * name)
```

CCTK_RegisterGHEExtensionInitGH

Register a function which will initialise a given extension to the Cactus GH

Synopsis

C `int istat = CCTK_RegisterGHEExtensionInitGH(int handle, void * (*func)(cGH *))`

CCTK_RegisterGHExtensionScheduleTraverseGH

Register a GH extension schedule traversal routine

Synopsis

C `int istat = CCTK_RegisterGHExtensionScheduleTraverseGH(int handle, int (*func)(cGH *,c`

CCTK_RegisterGHExtensionSetupGH

Register a function which will set up a given extension to the Cactus GH

Synopsis

C `int istat = CCTK_RegisterGHExtensionSetupGH(int handle, void * (*func)(tFleshConfig *`

CCTK_RegisterGridArrayReductionOperator

Registers a function as a grid array reduction operator of a certain name

Synopsis

```
C          #include "cctk.h"

          int status = CCTK_RegisterGridArrayReductionOperator(
                      cGridArrayReduceOperator operator)
```

Result

0 success
< 0 indicates an error condition

Parameters

operator The function to register as a global reduction function.

Discussion

This function simply registers a function as the grid array reduction. Currently we support a single function as a global reduction function (this can be modified to accomodate more functions if need be).

See Also

CCTK_ReduceGridArrays()	Performs reduction on a list of distributed grid arrays
CCTK_GridArrayReductionOperator()	The name of the grid reduction operator, or NULL if none is registered
CCTK_NumGridArrayReductionOperators()	The number of grid array reduction operators registered

CCTK_RegisterIOMethod

Register a new I/O method

Synopsis

C `int handle = CCTK_RegisterIOMethod(const char * name)`

Fortran `handle = CCTK_RegisterIOMethod(name)`

`integer handle`
 `name`

Parameters

`handle` handle returned by registration

`name` name of the I/O method

Discussion

IO methods should be registered at CCTK_STARTUP.

CCTK_RegisterIOMethodOutputGH

Register a routine for an I/O method which will be called from CCTK_OutputGH.

Synopsis

```
C          int istat = CCTK_RegisterIOMethodOutputGH( int handle, int (* func)(const cGH *))
```

CCTK_RegisterIOMethodOutputVarAs

Register a routine for an I/O method which will provide aliased variable output

Synopsis

C `int istat = CCTK_RegisterIOMethodOutputVarAs(int handle, int (* func)(const cGH *,con`

CCTK_RegisterIOMethodTimeToOutput

Register a routine for an I/O method which will decide if it is time for the method to output.

Synopsis

C `int istat = CCTK_RegisterIOMethodTimeToOutput(int handle, int (* func)(const cGH *,in`

CCTK_RegisterIOMethodTriggerOutput

Register a routine for an I/O method which will handle trigger output

Synopsis

C `int istat = CCTK_RegisterIOMethodTriggerOutput(int handle, int (* func)(const cGH *,i`

CCTK_RegisterLocalArrayReductionOperator

Registers a function as a reduction operator of a certain name

Synopsis

```
C          #include "cctk.h"

          int handle = CCTK_RegisterLocalArrayReductionOperator(
                      cLocalArrayReduceOperator operator, const char *name);
```

Result

handle The handle corresponding to the registered local reduction operator, -1 if an error occurred.

Parameters

operator The function to be registered as a local reduction operator
name The name under which the operator is registered as a local reduction operator

Discussion

This function registers a local array reduction operator. It registers an **operator** under a **name** with the flesh and returns its assigned handle. If another reduction operator exists with the same **name**, an error is returned.

See Also

CCTK_ReduceLocalArrays()	Reduces a list of local arrays (new local array reduction API)
CCTK_LocalArrayReductionHandle()	Returns the handle of a given local array reduction operator
CCTK_LocalArrayReduceOperatorImplementation()	Provide the implementation which provides an local array reduction operator
CCTK_LocalArrayReduceOperator()	Returns the name of a registered reduction operator
CCTK_NumLocalArrayReduceOperators()	The number of local reduction operators registered

CCTK_RegisterReduceArraysGloballyOperator

Registers a function as a reduction operator of a certain name

Synopsis

```
C          #include "cctk.h"

          int handle = CCTK_RegisterReduceArraysGloballyOperator(
                        cReduceArraysGloballyOperator operator, const char *name);
```

Result

handle The handle corresponding to the registered global array reduction operator, -1 if an error occurred.

Parameters

operator The function to be registered as a global array reduction operator
name The name under which the operator is registered as a global array reduction operator

Discussion

This function registers a global array reduction operator. It registers an **operator** under a **name** with the flesh and returns its assigned handle. If another reduction operator exists with the same **name**, an error is returned.

See Also

CCTK_ReduceArraysGlobally() Reduces a list of local arrays globally

CCTK_RegisterReductionOperator

Synopsis

C CCTK_RegisterReductionOperator()

CCTK_SchedulePrintTimes

Output the timing results for a certain schedule item to stdout

Synopsis

```
C          #include "cctk.h"
          int status = CCTK_SchedulePrintTimes(const char *where)
```

Result

Return code of DoScheduleTraverse, or

0 Success.

Parameters

where Name of schedule item, or NULL to print the whole schedule

Discussion

Output the timing results for a certain schedule item to stdout. The schedule item is traversed recursively if it is a schedule group or a schedule bin.

This routine is used to produce the timing output when the parameter `Cactus::cctk_timer_output` is set to **yes**.

See Also

CCTK_SchedulePrintTimesToFile Output the timing results for a certain schedule item to a file

Examples

```
C          Output the timer results for the Analysis bin:
          #include "cctk.h"
          int status = CCTK_SchedulePrintTimes("CCTK_ANALYSIS")
```


CCTK_SchedulePrintTimesToFile

Output the timing results for a certain schedule item to stdout

Synopsis

```
C          #include "cctk.h"
          int status = CCTK_SchedulePrintTimesToFile(const char *where)
```

Result

Return code of DoScheduleTraverse, or

0 Success.

Parameters

where Name of schedule item, or NULL to print the whole schedule
file File to which the results are output; the file must be open for writing

Discussion

Output the timing results for a certain schedule item to a file. The schedule item is traversed recursively if it is a schedule group or a schedule bin.

Note that each processor will output its results. You should either call this routine on only a single processor, or you should pass different files on different processors.

See Also

CCTK_SchedulePrintTimes Output the timing results for a certain schedule item to stdout

Examples

```
C          Output the timer results of processor 3 for the Analysis bin to a file:
          #include <stdio.h>
          #include "cctk.h"
          if (CCTK_MyProc(cctkGH)==3)
          {
              FILE *file = fopen("timing-results.txt", "a");
              int status = CCTK_SchedulePrintTimesToFile("CCTK_ANALYSIS", file)
              fclose(file);
          }
```

CCTK_ScheduleQueryCurrentFunction

Return the cFunctionData of the function currently executing via CCTK_CallFunction.

Synopsis

```
C          #include "cctk.h"
          const cFunctionData *CCTK_ScheduleQueryCurrentFunction(const cGH *GH)
```

Result

Data of last call to CCTK_CallFunction, or
NULL if not within a scheduled function.

Parameters

cctkGH Pointer to a Cactus grid hierarchy.

Discussion

Returns a data structure containing the thorn and routine name of the currently executing function as well as the Cactus bin name. If no function is currently executing, returns NULL. This is intended to be used by thorns providing callable functions to identify their caller when reporting errors.

See Also

CCTK_CallFunction Calls a function depending upon the data passed in the the fdata structure.

Examples

```
C          Output the name of the currently scheduled function:
          #include <stdio.h>
          #include "cctk.h"
          const cFunctionData *fdata = CCTK_ScheduleQueryCurrentFunction(cctkGH);
          printf("scheduled function: %s::%s AT %s\n",
                fdata->thorn, fdata->routine, fdata->where);
```

CCTK_SetupGH

Setup a new GH

Synopsis

C `cGH * cctkGH = CCTK_SetupGH(tFleshConfig config, int convlevel)`

CCTK_SyncGroup

Synchronise the ghostzones for a group of grid variables (identified by the group name)

Synopsis

```
C          #include "cctk.h"
          int status = CCTK_SyncGroup(const cGH* GH, const char* group_name)

Fortran    #include "cctk.h"
          integer status
          CCTK_POINTER GH
          character*(*) group_name
          call CCTK_SyncGroup(status, GH, group_name)
```

Result

0 Success.

Parameters

GH A pointer to a Cactus grid hierarchy.

group_name The full name (Implementation::group or Thorn::group) of the group to be synchronized.

Discussion

Only those grid variables which have communication enabled will be synchronised. This is usually equivalent to the variables which have storage assigned, unless communication has been explicitly turned off with a call to `CCTK_DisableGroupComm`.

Note that an alternative to calling `CCTK_SyncGroup` explicitly from within a thorn, is to use the `SYNC` keyword in a thorns `schedule.ccl` file to indicate which groups of variables need to be synchronised on exit from the routine. This latter method is the preferred method from synchronising variables.

Note that `CCTK_SyncGroup` is a collective operation, so in the multiprocessor case you *must* call this function in parallel on *each* processor, passing the same `group_name` argument.

See Also

`CCTK_SyncGroupI` [\[A242\]](#) Synchronise the ghostzones for a group of grid variables (identified by the group index)

`CCTK_SyncGroupsI` [\[A244\]](#) Synchronise the ghostzones for a list of groups of grid variables (identified by their group indices)

Errors

-1 `group_name` was invalid.

-2 The driver returned an error on syncing the group.

Examples

```
C          #include "cctk.h"
```

```
#include "cctk_Arguments.h"

/* this function synchronizes the ADM metric */
void synchronize_ADM_metric(CCTK_ARGUMENTS)
{
    DECLARE_CCTK_ARGUMENTS      /* defines "magic variable" cctkGH */

    const int status = CCTK_SyncGroup(cctkGH, "ADMBase::metric");
    if (status < 0)
        CCTK_VWarn(CCTK_WARN_ABORT, __LINE__, __FILE__, CCTK_THORNSTRING,
"***** synchronize_ADM_metric():\n"
"        failed to synchronize ADM metric!\n"
"        (CCTK_SyncGroup() returned error code %d)\n"
"        ,
        status);                      /*NOTREACHED*/
}
```

CCTK_SyncGroupI

Synchronise the ghostzones for a group of grid variables (identified by the group index)

Synopsis

```
C          #include "cctk.h"
          int status = CCTK_SyncGroupI(const cGH* GH, int group_index)

Fortran    #include "cctk.h"
          integer status
          CCTK_POINTER GH
          integer group_index
          call CCTK_SyncGroupI(status, GH, group_index)
```

Result

0 Success.

Parameters

GH A pointer to a Cactus grid hierarchy.
group_index The group index of the group to be synchronized.

Discussion

Only those grid variables which have communication enabled will be synchronised. This is usually equivalent to the variables which have storage assigned, unless communication has been explicitly turned off with a call to `CCTK_DisableGroupComm`.

Note that an alternative to calling `CCTK_SyncGroupI` explicitly from within a thorn, is to use the `SYNC` keyword in a thorns `schedule.ccl` file to indicate which groups of variables need to be synchronised on exit from the routine. This latter method is the preferred method from synchronising variables.

Note that `CCTK_SyncGroupI` is a collective operation, so in the multiprocessor case you *must* call this function in parallel on *each* processor, passing the same `group_name` argument.

See Also

CCTK_SyncGroup	[A240]	Synchronise the ghostzones for a group of grid variables (identified by the group name)
CCTK_SyncGroupsI	[A244]	Synchronise the ghostzones for a list of groups of grid variables (identified by their group indices)
CCTK_GroupIndex	[A95]	Gets the group index for a given group name.
CCTK_GroupIndexFromVar	[A96]	Gets the group index for a given variable name.

Errors

-1	<code>group_name</code> was invalid.
-2	The driver returned an error on syncing the group.

Examples

C

```
#include "cctk.h"
#include "cctk_Arguments.h"

/* this function synchronizes the ADM metric */
void synchronize_ADM_metric(CCTK_ARGUMENTS)
{
    DECLARE_CCTK_ARGUMENTS      /* defines "magic variable" cctkGH */

    int group_index, status;

    group_index = CCTK_GroupIndex("ADMBase::metric");
    if (group_index < 0)
        CCTK_VWarn(CCTK_WARN_ABORT, __LINE__, __FILE__, CCTK_THORNSTRING,
"***** synchronize_ADM_metric():\n"
"        couldn't get group index for ADM metric!\n"
"        (CCTK_GroupIndex() returned error code %d)\n"
"        ,
                group_index);                                /*NOTREACHED*/

    status = CCTK_SyncGroupI(cctkGH, group_index);
    if (status < 0)
        CCTK_VWarn(CCTK_WARN_ABORT, __LINE__, __FILE__, CCTK_THORNSTRING,
"***** synchronize_ADM_metric():\n"
"        failed to synchronize ADM metric!\n"
"        (CCTK_SyncGroupI() returned error code %d)\n"
"        ,
                status);                                /*NOTREACHED*/
}
```

CCTK_SyncGroupsI

Synchronise the ghostzones for a list of groups of grid variables (identified by their group indices)

Synopsis

```
C          #include "cctk.h"
          int status = CCTK_SyncGroupsI(const cGH* GH, int num_groups, const int *groups)

Fortran    #include "cctk.h"
          integer status
          CCTK_POINTER GH
          integer num_groups
          integer groups(num_groups)
          call CCTK_SyncGroupsI(status, GH, num_groups, groups)
```

Result

0 Returns the number of groups that have been synchronised.

Parameters

GH A pointer to a Cactus grid hierarchy.
num_groups The number of groups to be synchronised.
groups The group indices of the groups to be synchronized.

Discussion

Only those grid variables which have communication enabled will be synchronised. This is usually equivalent to the variables which have storage assigned, unless communication has been explicitly turned off with a call to `CCTK_DisableGroupComm`.

Note that an alternative to calling `CCTK_SyncGroupsI` explicitly from within a thorn, is to use the `SYNC` keyword in a thorns `schedule.ccl` file to indicate which groups of variables need to be synchronised on exit from the routine. This latter method is the preferred method from synchronising variables.

Note that `CCTK_SyncGroupsI` is a collective operation, so in the multiprocessor case you *must* call this function in parallel on *each* processor, passing the same number of groups in the same order.

See Also

<code>CCTK_SyncGroup</code> [A240]	Synchronise the ghostzones for a single group of grid variables (identified by the group name)
<code>CCTK_SyncGroupI</code> [A242]	Synchronise the ghostzones for a single group of grid variables (identified by the group index)
<code>CCTK_GroupIndex</code> [A95]	Gets the group index for a given group name.
<code>CCTK_GroupIndexFromVar</code> [A96]	Gets the group index for a given variable name.

Examples

```
C          #include "cctk.h"
          #include "cctk_Arguments.h"
```



```

/* this function synchronizes the ADM metric and lapse */
void synchronize_ADM_metric_and_lapse(CCTK_ARGUMENTS)
{
  DECLARE_CCTK_ARGUMENTS      /* defines "magic variable" cctkGH */

  int group_indices[2], status;

  group_indices[0] = CCTK_GroupIndex("ADMBase::metric");
  group_indices[1] = CCTK_GroupIndex("ADMBase::lapse");
  if (group_indices[0] < 0)
    CCTK_VWarn(CCTK_WARN_ABORT, __LINE__, __FILE__, CCTK_THORNSTRING,
"***** synchronize_ADM_metric():\n"
"      couldn't get group index for ADM metric!\n"
"      (CCTK_GroupIndex() returned error code %d)\n"
"      ,
              group_indices[0]);
                                                                    /*NOTREACHED*/
  if (group_indices[1] < 0)
    CCTK_VWarn(CCTK_WARN_ABORT, __LINE__, __FILE__, CCTK_THORNSTRING,
"***** synchronize_ADM_metric_and_lapse():\n"
"      couldn't get group index for ADM lapse!\n"
"      (CCTK_GroupIndex() returned error code %d)\n"
"      ,
              group_indices[1]);
                                                                    /*NOTREACHED*/

  status = CCTK_SyncGroupsI(cctkGH, 2, group_indices);
  if (status != 2)
    CCTK_VWarn(CCTK_WARN_ABORT, __LINE__, __FILE__, CCTK_THORNSTRING,
"***** synchronize_ADM_metric_and_lapse():\n"
"      failed to synchronize ADM metric and lapse!\n"
"      (CCTK_SyncGroupsI() returned error code %d)\n"
"      ,
              status);
                                                                    /*NOTREACHED*/
}

```

CCTK_TerminateNext

Causes a Cactus simulation to terminate after present iteration finishes

Synopsis

C	<pre>#include "cctk.h" void CCTK_TerminateNext (const cGH *cctkGH)</pre>
Fortran	<pre>#include "cctk.h" call CCTK_TerminateNext (cctkGH) CCTK_POINTER_TO_CONST cctkGH</pre>

Parameters

`cctkGH` Pointer to a Cactus grid hierarchy.

Discussion

This function triggers unconditional termination of Cactus after the present iteration. It bypasses all other termination conditions specified in the `Cactus::terminate` keyword parameter.

At this time, the `cctkGH` parameter does nothing.

See Also

`CCTK_TerminationReached` [\[A247\]](#) Returns true if `CCTK_TerminateNext` has been called.

CCTK_TerminationReached

Returns true if CCTK_TerminateNext has been called.

Synopsis

C `#include "cctk.h"`

`void CCTK_TerminationReached (const cGH *cctkGH)`

Fortran `#include "cctk.h"`

`call CCTK_TerminationReached (cctkGH)`
 `CCTK_POINTER_TO_CONST cctkGH`

Parameters

`cctkGH` Pointer to a Cactus grid hierarchy.

Discussion

Returns true if Cactus has been requested to terminate after the present iteration by the CCTK_TerminateNext function.

At this time, the `cctkGH` parameter does nothing.

See Also

`CCTK_TerminateNext` [\[A246\]](#) Causes a Cactus simulation to terminate after the present iteration.

CCTK_ThornImplementation

Returns the implementation provided by the thorn.

Synopsis

```
C          #include "cctk.h"

          const char *imp = CCTK_ThornImplementationThorn(const char *name);
```

Result

imp Name of the implementation or NULL

Parameters

name Name of the thorn

See Also

CCTK_ActivatingThorn [A17]	Finds the thorn which activated a particular implementation
CCTK_CompiledImplementation [A41]	Return the name of the compiled implementation with given index
CCTK_CompiledThorn [A42]	Return the name of the compiled thorn with given index
CCTK_ImplementationRequires [A128]	Return the ancestors for an implementation
CCTK_ImplementationThorn [A129]	Returns the name of one thorn providing an implementation.
CCTK_ImpThornList [A130]	Return the thorns for an implementation
CCTK_IsImplementationActive [A152]	Reports whether an implementation was activated in a parameter file
CCTK_IsImplementationCompiled [A153]	Reports whether an implementation was compiled into a configuration
CCTK_IsThornActive [A154]	Reports whether a thorn was activated in a parameter file
CCTK_IsThornCompiled [A155]	Reports whether a thorn was compiled into a configuration
CCTK_NumCompiledImplementations [A169]	Return the number of implementations compiled in
CCTK_NumCompiledThorns [A170]	Return the number of thorns compiled in

Errors

NULL Error.

CCTK_Timer

Fills a `cTimerData` structure with timer clock info, for the timer specified by name.

Synopsis

```
C          int err = CCTK_Timer(name,info)
```

Parameters

```
const char * name      Timer name
cTimerData * info      Timer clock info pointer
```

Errors

A negative return value indicates an error.

CCTK_TimerCreate

Creates a timer with a given name, returns an index to the timer.

Synopsis

```
C                int index = CCTK_TimerCreate(name)
```

Parameters

```
const char * name
           timer name
```

Errors

```
< 0                A negative return value indicates an error.
```

CCTK_TimerCreateData

Allocates the `cTimerData` structure, which is used to store timer clock info.

Synopsis

```
C          cTimerData * info = CCTK_TimerCreateData()
```

Errors

NULL A null return value indicates an error.

CCTK_TimerCreateI

Creates an unnamed timer, returns an index to the timer.

Synopsis

```
C          int index = CCTK_TimerCreate()
```

Errors

< 0 A negative return value indicates an error.

CCTK_TimerDestroy

Reclaims resources used by the given timer, specified by name.

Synopsis

```
C          int err = CCTK_TimerDestroy(name)
```

Parameters

```
const char * name
           timer name
```

Errors

< 0 A negative return value indicates an error.

CCTK_TimerDestroyData

Releases resources from the `cTimerData` structure, created by `CCTK_TimerCreateData`.

Synopsis

```
C          int err = CCTK_TimerDestroyData(info)
```

Parameters

```
cTimerData * info  
           Timer clock info pointer
```

Errors

```
< 0          A negative return value indicates an error.
```

CCTK_TimerDestroyI

Reclaims resources used by the given timer, specified by index.

Synopsis

```
C          int err = CCTK_TimerDestroyI(index)
```

Parameters

int index timer index

Errors

< 0 A negative return value indicates an error.

CCTK_TimerI

Fills a `cTimerData` structure with timer clock info, for the timer specified by index.

Synopsis

```
C                int err = CCTK_TimerI(index,info)
```

Parameters

```
int index        Timer index
cTimerData * info Timer clock info pointer
```

Errors

```
< 0                A negative return value indicates an error.
```

CCTK_TimerReset

Gets values from all the clocks in the given timer, specified by name.

Synopsis

```
C          int err = CCTK_TimerReset(name)
```

Parameters

```
const char * name
           timer name
```

Errors

< 0 A negative return value indicates an error.

CCTK_TimerResetI

Gets values from all the clocks in the given timer, specified by index.

Synopsis

```
C                int err = CCTK_TimerResetI(index)
```

Parameters

`int index` timer index

Errors

`< 0` A negative return value indicates an error.

CCTK_TimerStart

Initialises all the clocks in the given timer, specified by name.

Synopsis

```
C          int err = CCTK_TimerStart(name)
```

Parameters

```
const char * name
           timer name
```

Errors

```
< 0          A negative return value indicates an error.
```

CCTK_TimerStartI

Initialises all the clocks in the given timer, specified by index.

Synopsis

```
C          int err = CCTK_TimerStartI(index)
```

Parameters

`int index` timer index

Errors

`< 0` A negative return value indicates an error.

CCTK_TimerStop

Gets values from all the clocks in the given timer, specified by name.

Synopsis

```
C          int err = CCTK_TimerStop(name)
```

Parameters

`int name` timer name

Discussion

Call this before getting the values from any of the timer's clocks.

Errors

`< 0` A negative return value indicates an error.

CCTK_TimerStopI

Gets values from all the clocks in the given timer, specified by index.

Synopsis

```
C          int err = CCTK_TimerStopI(index)
```

Parameters

int index timer index

Discussion

Call this before getting the values from any of the timer's clocks.

Errors

< 0 A negative return value indicates an error.

CCTK_TimerIsRunning

Checks if a Cactus timer is running, given its name. Returns 0 if not (or in case of errors) and 1 if the timer is running.

Synopsis

C `int err = CCTK_TimerIsRunning(name)`
Fortran `call CCTK_TimerIsRunning(isrunning, name)`
 `integer isrunning`
 `character*(*) name`

Parameters

`char* name` timer name

Discussion

Errors are treated as non-running timers: 0 is returned.

CCTK_TimerIsRunningI

Checks if a Cactus timer is running, given its handle. Returns 0 if not (or in case of errors) and 1 if the timer is running.

Synopsis

C `int err = CCTK_TimerIsRunningI(index)`
Fortran `call CCTK_TimerIsRunningI(isrunning , index)`
 `integer isrunning`
 `integer index`

Parameters

`int index` timer index

Discussion

Errors are treated as non-running timers: 0 is returned.

CCTK_TraverseString

Traverse through all variables and/or groups whose names appear in the given string, and call the callback routine with those indices and an optional option string appended to the variable/group name enclosed in square braces. The special keyword "all" in the string can be used to indicate that the callback should be called for all variables/groups.

Synopsis

```
C          int err = CCTK_TraverseString(traverse_string, callback, callback_arg,
                                         selection)
```

Parameters

```
const char * traverse_string
    List of variable and/or group names
void (*callback) (int idx, const char *optstring, void *callback_arg)
    Routine to call for every variable and/or group found. idx is the Cactus variable
    index, optstring is the optional '{ }' enclosed option string after the variable name,
    and callback_arg is the arbitrary argument passed to CCTK_TraverseString.
void *callback_arg
    An arbitrary argument which gets passed to the callback routine
int selection
    Decides whether group and/or variable names are accepted in the string. Possible
    values are: CCTK_VAR, CCTK_GROUP or CCTK_GROUP_OR_VAR.
```

Discussion

Use this to loop over a list of variables passed in by the user.

Result

```
number of variables
    positive for the number of traversed variables
```

Errors

-1	no callback routine was given
-2	option string is not associated with a group or variable
-3	unterminated option string
-4	garbage found at end of option string
-5	invalid token in traversed string found

CCTK_VarDataPtr

Returns the data pointer for a grid variable

Synopsis

C	<code>void * ptr = CCTK_VarDataPtr(const cGH * cctkGH, int timelevel, char * name)</code>
Fortran	<code>call CCTK_VarDataPtr(ptr, cctkGH, timelevel, varname)</code> <code>CCTK_POINTER vardataptr</code> <code>CCTK_POINTER_TO_CONST cctkGH</code> <code>integer timelevel</code> <code>character*(*) varname</code>

Parameters

<code>ptr</code>	a void pointer to the grid variable data
<code>cctkGH</code>	pointer to CCTK grid hierarchy
<code>timelevel</code>	The timelevel of the grid variable
<code>name</code>	The full name of the variable

Discussion

The variable name should be in the form `<implementation>::<variable>`.

Examples

C	<code>myVar = (CCTK_REAL *) (CCTK_VarDataPtr(GH,0,"imp::realvar"))</code>
Fortran	<code>CCTK_REAL, dimension(cctk_ash(1),cctk_ash(2),cctk_ash(3)) :: var</code> <code>CCTK_POINTER myVar</code> <code>pointer (myVar, var)</code> <code>call CCTK_VarDataPtr(myVar,GH,0,"imp::realvar")</code>

CCTK_VarDataPtrB

Returns the data pointer for a grid variable from the variable index or the variable name

Synopsis

```
C          void * ptr = CCTK_VarDataPtrB( const cGH * cctkGH, int timelevel, int index, char * name );
```

Parameters

<code>ptr</code>	a void pointer to the grid variable data
<code>cctkGH</code>	pointer to CCTK grid hierarchy
<code>timelevel</code>	The timelevel of the grid variable
<code>index</code>	The index of the variable
<code>name</code>	The full name of the variable

Discussion

If the name is `NULL` the index will be used, if the index is negative the name will be used.

Examples

```
C          myVar = (CCTK_REAL *) (CCTK_VarDataPtrB(GH,0,CCTK_VarIndex("imp::realvar"),NULL));
```

CCTK_VarDataPtrI

Returns the data pointer for a grid variable from the variable index

Synopsis

C	<code>void * ptr = CCTK_VarDataPtrI(const cGH * cctkGH, int timelevel, int index)</code>
Fortran	<code>call CCTK_VarDataPtrI(ptr, cctkGH, timelevel, index)</code> <code> CCTK_POINTER vardataptr</code> <code> CCTK_POINTER_TO_CONST cctkGH</code> <code> integer timelevel</code> <code> integer index</code>

Parameters

<code>cctkGH</code>	pointer to CCTK grid hierarchy
<code>timelevel</code>	The timelevel of the grid variable
<code>index</code>	The index of the variable

Examples

C	<code>myVar = (CCTK_REAL *) (CCTK_VarDataPtr(GH,0,CCTK_VarIndex("imp::realvar")));</code>
Fortran	<code>CCTK_REAL, dimension(cctk_ash(1),cctk_ash(2),cctk_ash(3)) :: var</code> <code>CCTK_POINTER myVar</code> <code>pointer (myVar, var)</code> <code>call CCTK_VarDataPtr(myVar,GH,0,CCTK_VarIndex("imp::realvar"))</code>

CCTK_VarIndex

Get the index for a variable.

Synopsis

```
C      #include "cctk.h"
      int index = CCTK_VarIndex(const char *varname);

Fortran call CCTK_VarIndex(index, varname)
          integer index
          character*(*) varname
```

Parameters

varname The name of the variable.

Discussion

The variable name should be the given in its fully qualified form, that is `<implementation>::<variable>` for a public or protected variable, and `<thornname>::<variable>` for a private variable. For vector variables, the zero-based component index should be included in square brackets after the variable name.

Errors

-1	no variable of this name exists
-2	failed to catch error code from Util_SplitString
-3	given full name is in wrong format
-4	memory allocation failed

Examples

```
C      index = CCTK_VarIndex("evolve::phi");
      index = CCTK_VarIndex("evolve::vect[0]");

Fortran call CCTK_VarIndex(index,"evolve::phi")
call CCTK_VarIndex(index,"evolve::vect[0]")
```

CCTK_VarName

Given a variable index, returns the variable name

Synopsis

```
C          const char * name = CCTK_VarName( int index)
```

Parameters

name	The variable name
index	The variable index

Discussion

The pointer returned is part of a structure managed by Cactus and so must *not* be freed after use.

No Fortran routine exists at the moment.

Examples

```
C          index = CCTK_VarIndex("evolve::phi");  
          name = CCTK_VarName(index);
```

CCTK_VarTypeI

Provides variable type index from the variable index

Synopsis

C `int type = CCTK_VarTypeI(int index)`

Fortran `call CCTK_VarTypeI(type , index)`

integer type
integer index

Parameters

type The variable type index

group The variable index

Discussion

The variable type index indicates the type of the variable. Either character, int, complex or real. The group type can be checked with the Cactus provided macros for CCTK_VARIABLE_INT, CCTK_VARIABLE_REAL, CCTK_VARIABLE_COMPLEX or CCTK_VARIABLE_CHAR.

Examples

C `index = CCTK_VarIndex("evolve::phi")`
 `real = (CCTK_VARIABLE_REAL == CCTK_VarTypeI(index)) ;`

Fortran `call CCTK_VARTYPEI(type,3)`

CCTK_VarTypeSize

Provides variable type size in bytes from the variable type index

Synopsis

C `#include "cctk.h"`

`int CCTK_VarTypeSize(int vtype);`

Fortran `#include "cctk.h"`

`CCTK_INT size, vtype`
 `call CCTK_VarTypeSize(size, vtype);`

Parameters

`vtype` Variable type index.

Discussion

Given a `CCTK_VARIABLE_*` type code (e.g. `CCTK_VARIABLE_INT`, `CCTK_VARIABLE_REAL`, `CCTK_VARIABLE_COMPLEX`, etc.), this function returns the size in bytes of the corresponding data type (`CCTK_INT`, `CCTK_REAL`, `CCTK_COMPLEX`, etc.).

Errors

-1 `vtype` is not one of the `CCTK_VARIABLE_*` values.

CCTK_VError

Prints a formatted string with a variable argument list as error message and stops the code

Synopsis

```
C          #include <cctk.h>

          void CCTK_VError(int line,
                          const char *file,
                          const char *thorn,
                          const char *format,
                          ...);
```

Parameters

line	The line number in the originating source file where the <code>CCTK_VError</code> call occurred. You can use the standardized <code>__LINE__</code> preprocessor macro here.
file	The file name of the originating source file where the <code>CCTK_VError</code> call occurred. You can use the standardized <code>__FILE__</code> preprocessor macro here.
thorn	The thorn name of the originating source file where the <code>CCTK_VError</code> call occurred. You can use the <code>CCTK_THORNSTRING</code> macro here (defined in <code>cctk.h</code>).
format	The <code>printf</code> -like format string to use for printing the warning message.
...	The variable argument list.

Discussion

This routine can be used by thorns to print a formatted string followed by a variable argument list as error message to `stderr`. After printing the message, Cactus aborts the run (and `CCTK_VError` does *not* return to the caller).

See Also

<code>CCTK_Abort</code> [A15]	Abort the code
<code>CCTK_ERROR</code> [A64]	macro to print an error message with a single string argument
<code>CCTK_Exit</code> [A67]	Exit the code cleanly
<code>CCTK_VWarn</code> [A275]	Possibly prints a formatted string with a variable argument list as warning message and/or stops the code
<code>CCTK_WARN</code> [A277]	macro to print a warning message with a single string argument

Examples

```
C          #include <cctk.h>

          const char *outdir;

          CCTK_VError(__LINE__, __FILE__, CCTK_THORNSTRING,
                      "Output directory '%s' could not be created", outdir);
```

CCTK_VInfo

Prints a formatted string with a variable argument list as an info message to screen

Synopsis

```
C          #include <cctk.h>

          int status = CCTK_VInfo(const char *thorn,
                                const char *format,
                                ...);
```

Result

0 ok

Parameters

thorn	The name of the thorn printing this info message. You can use the <code>CCTK_THORNSTRING</code> macro here (defined in <code>cctk.h</code>).
format	The <code>printf</code> -like format string to use for printing the info message.
...	The variable argument list.

Discussion

This routine can be used by thorns to print a formatted string with a variable argument list as an info message to screen. The message will include the name of the originating thorn, otherwise its semantics is equivalent to `printf`.

See Also

<code>CCTK_INFO</code> [A131]	macro to print an info message with a single string argument
<code>CCTK_ERROR</code> [A64]	macro to print an error message with a single string argument and stop the code
<code>CCTK_VError</code> [A273]	prints a formatted string with a variable argument list as error message and stops the code
<code>CCTK_VWarn</code> [A275]	prints a warning message with a variable argument list
<code>CCTK_WARN</code> [A277]	macro to print a warning message with a single string argument and possibly stop the code

Examples

```
C          #include "cctk.h"

          const char *outdir;

          CCTK_VInfo(CCTK_THORNSTRING, "Output files will go to '%s'", outdir);
```

CCTK_VWarn

Possibly prints a formatted string with a variable argument list as warning message and/or stops the code

Synopsis

```
C          #include <cctk.h>

          int status = CCTK_VWarn(int level,
                                int line,
                                const char *file,
                                const char *thorn,
                                const char *format,
                                ...);
```

Result

0 ok⁵

Parameters

level (≥ 0)	The warning level for the message to print, with level 0 being the severest level and greater levels being less severe.
line	The line number in the originating source file where the <code>CCTK_VWarn</code> call occurred. You can use the standardized <code>__LINE__</code> preprocessor macro here.
file	The file name of the originating source file where the <code>CCTK_VWarn</code> call occurred. You can use the standardized <code>__FILE__</code> preprocessor macro here.
thorn	The thorn name of the originating source file where the <code>CCTK_VWarn</code> call occurred. You can use the <code>CCTK_THORNSTRING</code> macro here (defined in <code>cctk.h</code>).
format	The <code>printf</code> -like format string to use for printing the warning message.
...	The variable argument list.

Discussion

This routine can be used by thorns to print a formatted string followed by a variable argument list as a warning message to `stderr`. If the message’s “warning level” is severe enough, then after printing the message Cactus aborts the run (and `CCTK_VWarn` does *not* return to the caller).

Cactus’s behavior when `CCTK_VWarn` is called depends on the `-W` and `-E` command-line options:

- Cactus prints any warning with a warning level \leq the `-W` level to standard error (any warnings with warning levels $>$ the `-W` level are silently discarded). The default `-W` level is 1, i.e. only level 0 and level 1 warnings will be printed.
- Cactus stops (aborts) the current run for any warning with a warning level \leq the `-E` level. The default `-W` level is 0, i.e. only level 0 warnings will abort the run.

⁵When this function is called, the calling code almost always ignores the return result. However, it’s still useful for this function to be declared as returning a value, rather than having type `void`, since this allows it to be used in C conditional expressions.

Cactus guarantees that the `-W` level \geq the `-E` level ≥ 0 . This implies that a message will always be printed for any warning that's severe enough to halt the Cactus run. It also implies that a level 0 warning is guaranteed (to be printed and) to halt the Cactus run.

The severity level may actually be any integer, and a lot of existing code uses bare "magic number" integers for warning levels, but to help standardize warning levels across thorns, new code should probably use one of the following macros, defined in "cctk_WarnLevel.h" (which is `#included` by "cctk.h"):

```
#define CCTK_WARN_ABORT      0    /* abort the Cactus run */
#define CCTK_WARN_ALERT      1    /* the results of this run will probably */
                                  /* be wrong, but this isn't quite certain, */
                                  /* so we're not going to abort the run */
#define CCTK_WARN_COMPLAIN  2    /* the user should know about this, but */
                                  /* the results of this run are probably ok */
#define CCTK_WARN_PICKY     3    /* this is for small problems that can */
                                  /* probably be ignored, but that careful */
                                  /* people may want to know about */
#define CCTK_WARN_DEBUG     4    /* these messages are probably useful */
                                  /* only for debugging purposes */
```

For example, to provide a warning for a serious problem, which indicates that the results of the run are quite likely wrong, and which will be printed to the screen by default, a level `CCTK_WARN_ALERT` warning should be used.

In any case, the Boolean flesh parameter `cctk.full.warnings` determines whether all the details about the warning origin (processor ID, line number, source file, source thorn) are shown. The default is to print everything.

See Also

<code>CCTK_Abort</code> [A15]	Abort the code
<code>CCTK_ERROR</code> [A64]	macro to print an error message with a single string argument and stop the code
<code>CCTK_Exit</code> [A67]	Exit the code cleanly
<code>CCTK_INFO</code> [A131]	macro to print an info message with a single string argument
<code>CCTK_VInfo()</code> [A274]	prints a formatted string with a variable argument list as an info message to screen
<code>CCTK_VError</code> [A273]	prints a formatted string with a variable argument list as error message and stops the code
<code>CCTK_WARN</code> [A277]	macro to print a warning message with a single string argument

Examples

```
C      #include <cctk.h>

      const char *outdir;

      CCTK_VWarn(CCTK_WARN_ALERT, __LINE__, __FILE__, CCTK_THORNSTRING,
                 "Output directory '%s' could not be created", outdir);
```


CCTK_WARN

Macro to print a single string as a warning message and possibly stop the code

Synopsis

C `#include <cctk.h>`

`CCTK_WARN(int level, const char *message);`

Fortran `#include "cctk.h"`

`call CCTK_WARN(level, message)`
 `integer level`
 `character*(*) message`

Parameters

level The warning level to use; see the description of `CCTK_VWarn()` on page [A274](#) for a detailed discussion of this parameter and the Cactus macros for standard warning levels

message The warning message to print

Discussion

This macro can be used by thorns to print a single string as a warning message to `stderr`.

`CCTK_WARN(level, message)` expands to a call to `CCTK_Warn()` function which is equivalent to `CCTK_VWarn()`, but without the variable-number-of-arguments feature (so it can be used from Fortran).⁶ The macro automatically includes details about the origin of the warning (the thorn name, the source code file name and the line number where the macro occurs).

To include variables in a warning message from C, you can use the routine `CCTK_VWarn` which accepts a variable argument list. To include variables from Fortran, a string must be constructed and passed in a `CCTK_WARN` macro.

See Also

<code>CCTK_Abort</code> [A15]	Abort the code
<code>CCTK_ERROR</code> [A64]	macro to print an error message with a single string argument and stop the code
<code>CCTK_Exit</code> [A67]	Exit the code cleanly
<code>CCTK_INFO</code> [A131]	macro to print an info message with a single string argument
<code>CCTK_VError</code> [A273]	prints a formatted string with a variable argument list as error message and stops the code
<code>CCTK_VInfo()</code> [A274]	prints a formatted string with a variable argument list as an info message to screen

⁶Some code calls this function directly. For reference, the function is:

```
int CCTK_Warn(int level,
              int line_number, const char* file_name, const char* thorn_name,
              const char* message)
```

CCTK_VWarn [[A275](#)] prints a warning message with a variable argument list

Examples

C

```
#include "cctk.h"

CCTK_WARN(CCTK_WARN_ABORT, "Divide by 0");
```

Fortran

```
#include "cctk.h"

integer      myint
real         myreal
character*200 message

write(message, '(A32, G12.7, A5, I8)')
&      'Your warning message, including ', myreal, ' and ', myint
call CCTK_WARN(CCTK_WARN_ALERT, message)
```

CCTK_Warn

Function to print a single string as error message and possibly stop the code

Synopsis

```
C          #include <cctk.h>

          void CCTK_Warn(int level, int line_number, const char* file_name,
                        const char* thorn_name, const char* message)

Fortran    #include "cctk.h"

          call CCTK_Warn(level, line_number, file_name, thorn_name, message)
          integer level, line_number
          character*(*) file_name, thorn_name, message
```

Parameters

<code>level</code> (≥ 0)	The warning level for the message to print, with level 0 being the severest level and greater levels being less severe.
<code>line_number</code>	The line number in the originating source file where the <code>CCTK_VWarn</code> call occurred. You can use the standardized <code>__LINE__</code> preprocessor macro here.
<code>file_name</code>	The file name of the originating source file where the <code>CCTK_VWarn</code> call occurred. You can use the standardized <code>__FILE__</code> preprocessor macro here.
<code>thorn_name</code>	The thorn name of the originating source file where the <code>CCTK_VWarn</code> call occurred. You can use the <code>CCTK_THORNSTRING</code> macro here (defined in <code>cctk.h</code>).
<code>message</code>	The error message to print

Discussion

The macro `CCTK_WARN` automatically includes the line number, file name and the name of the originating thorn in the info message. It is recommended that the macro `CCTK_WARN` is used to print a message rather than calling `CCTK_Warn` directly.

See Also

<code>CCTK_Abort</code> [A15]	Abort the code
<code>CCTK_Exit</code> [A67]	Exit the code cleanly
<code>CCTK_VWarn</code> [A275]	prints an error message with a variable argument list
<code>CCTK_Warn</code> [A275]	Prints a formatted string with a variable argument list as a warning message to standard error and possibly stops the code
<code>CCTK_WARN</code> [A277]	Macro to print a single string as a warning message and possibly stop the code

CCTK_WarnCallbackRegister

Register one or more routines for dealing with warning messages in addition to printing them to standard error

Synopsis

```
C          #include <cctk.h>

          CCTK_WarnCallbackRegister(int minlevel,
                                   int maxlevel,
                                   void *data,
                                   cctk_warnfunc callback);
```

Parameters

<code>minlevel</code>	The minimum warning level to use. You can find a detailed discussion of the Cactus macros for standard warning levels on page A274 . Both <code>minlevel</code> and <code>maxlevel</code> follow that definition.
<code>maxlevel</code>	The maximum warning level to use
<code>data</code>	The void pointer holding extra information about the registered call back routine
<code>callback</code>	The function pointer pointing to the call back function dealing with warning messages. The definition of the function pointer is:

```
typedef void (*cctk_warnfunc)(int level,
                              int line,
                              const char *file,
                              const char *thorn,
                              const char *message,
                              void *data);
```

The argument list is the same as those in `CCTK_Warn()` (see the footnote of `CCTK_WARN()` page [A277](#)) except an extra void pointer to hold the information about the call back routine.

Discussion

This function can be used by thorns to register their own routines to deal with warning messages. The registered function pointers will be stored in a pointer chain. When `CCTK_VWarn()` is called, the registered routines will be called in the same order as they get registered in addition to dumping warning messages to `stderr`.

The function can only be called in C.

See Also

<code>CCTK_InfoCallbackRegister()</code>	Register one or more routines for dealing with information messages in addition to printing them to screen
<code>CCTK_VWarn()</code>	Prints a formatted string with a variable argument list as a warning message to standard error and possibly stops the code

Examples

```
C      /*DumpWarn will dump warning messages to a file*/

void DumpWarn(int level,
               int line,
               const char *file,
               const char *thorn,
               const char *message,
               void *data)
{
    DECLARE_CCTK_PARAMETERS
    FILE *fp;
    char *str = (char *)malloc((strlen(file)+strlen(thorn)+strlen(message)+100);

    /*warn_dump_file is a string set in the parameter file*/

    if((fp = fopen (warn_dump_file, "a"))==0)
    {
        fprintf(stderr, "fatal error: can not open the file %s\n",warn_dump_file);
        return;
    }
    sprintf(str, "\n[WARN]\nLevel->%d\nLine->%d\nFile->%s\nThorn->%s\nMsg->%s\n",
            level,line,file,thorn,message);
    fprintf(fp, "%s", str);
    free(str);
    fclose(fp);
}

...

/*minlevel = 0; maxlevel = 5; data = NULL; callback = DumpWarn*/

CCTK_WarnCallbackRegister(0,5,NULL,DumpWarn);
```

Part B

Util_* Functions Reference

In this chapter all `Util_*`() Cactus utility functions are described. These are low-level functions mainly for more complicated programming, which are used by the rest of Cactus, but don't depend heavily on it. Some of them are callable from Fortran or C, but many are C-only.

Chapter B1

Functions Alphabetically

Here the functions are listed alphabetically within each section.

B1.1 Miscellaneous Functions

- `Util_CurrentDate` [\[B7\]](#) Fills string with current local date
- `Util_CurrentDateTime` [\[B8\]](#) Returns the current datetime in a machine-processable format as defined in ISO 8601 chapter 5.4.
- `Util_CurrentTime` [\[B9\]](#) Fills string with current local time
- `Util_snprintf` [\[B10\]](#) Safely format data into a caller-supplied buffer.
- `Util_vsnprintf` [\[B12\]](#) Safely format data into a caller-supplied buffer.
- `Util_asprintf` [\[B13\]](#) Sprintf with memory allocation. On input the buffer should point to a NULL area of memory.

B1.2 String Functions

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- `Util_TableGetGeneric` [B39] Get the single (1-element array) value, or more generally the first array element of the value, associated with a specified key in a key/value table; the value’s data type is generic
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- `Util_TableItClone` [B47] Creates a new table iterator which is a “clone” (exact copy) of an existing table iterator
- `Util_TableItCreate` [B49] Create a new table iterator
- `Util_TableItDestroy` [B50] Destroy a table iterator
- `Util_TableItQueryIsNotNull` [B51] Query whether a table iterator is *not* in the “null-pointer” state
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<code>Util_TableItSetToNull</code>	[B59] Set a key/value iterator to the “null-pointer” state.
<code>Util_TableQueryFlags</code>	[B60] Query a table’s flags word
<code>Util_TableQueryValueInfo</code>	[B62] Query whether or not a specified key is in the table, and optionally the type and/or number of elements of the value corresponding to this key
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<code>Util_TableQueryNKeys</code>	[B65] Query the number of key/value entries in a table
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<code>Util_TableSet*Array</code>	[B68] This is a family of functions, one for each Cactus data type, to set the value associated with a specified key to be a copy of a specified array
<code>Util_TableSetFromString</code>	[B70] Sets values in a table based on a string argument (interpreted with “parameter-file” semantics)
<code>Util_TableSetGeneric</code>	[B73] Set the value associated with a specified key to be a specified single (1-element array) value, whose data type is generic
<code>Util_TableSetGenericArray</code>	[B75] Set the value associated with a specified key to be a copy of a specified array, whose data type is generic
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<code>Util_TablePrintAllIterators</code>	[B82] Print out all table iterators and their data structures, using a verbose internal format meant for debugging
<code>Util_TablePrintPretty</code>	[B83] Print out a table, using a human-readable format similar to the one accepted by <code>Util_TableCreateFromString</code>

Chapter B2

Full Descriptions of Miscellaneous Functions

Util_CurrentDate

Fills string with current local date

Synopsis

```
C          #include "cctk.h"
          #include "cctk_Misc.h.h"

          int retval = Util_CurrentDate (int len, char *now);
```

Parameters

`len` length of the user-supplied string buffer
`now` user-supplied string buffer to write the date stamp to

Result

`retval` length of the string returned in `now`, or 0 if the string was truncated

See Also

`Util_CurrentTime` [\[B9\]](#) Fills string with current local time
`Util_CurrentDateTime` [\[B8\]](#) Returns the current datetime in a machine-processable format as defined in ISO 8601 chapter 5.4.

Util_CurrentDateTime

Returns the current datetime in a machine-processable format as defined in ISO 8601 chapter 5.4.

Synopsis

```
C          #include "cctk.h"
          #include "cctk_Misc.h.h"

          char *current_datetime = Util_CurrentDateTime ();
```

Result

`current_datetime` Pointer to an allocated formatted string containing the current datetime stamp. The pointer should be freed by the caller.

Discussion

The formatted string returned contains the current datetime in a machine-processable format as defined in ISO 8601 chapter 5.4: "YYYY-MM-DDThh:mm:ss+hh:mm"

See Also

<code>Util_CurrentDate</code> [B7]	Fills string with current local date
<code>Util_CurrentTime</code> [B9]	Fills string with current local time

Util_CurrentTime

Fills string with current local time

Synopsis

```
C
#include "cctk.h"
#include "cctk_Misc.h.h"

int retval = Util_CurrentTime (int len, char *now);
```

Parameters

`len` length of the user-supplied string buffer
`now` user-supplied string buffer to write the time stamp to

Result

`retval` length of the string returned in `now`, or 0 if the string was truncated

See Also

`Util_CurrentDate` [\[B7\]](#) Fills string with current local date
`Util_CurrentDateTime` [\[B8\]](#) Returns the current datetime in a machine-processable format as defined in ISO 8601 chapter 5.4.

Util_snprintf

Safely format data into a caller-supplied buffer.

Synopsis

```
C          #include "util_String.h"
          int count = Util_snprintf(char* buffer, size_t size, const char* format, ...)
```

Result

result_len The number of characters (not including the trailing NUL) that would have been stored in the destination string if **size** had been infinite.

Parameters

buffer A non-NULL pointer to the (caller-provided) buffer.
size The size of the buffer pointed to by **buffer**.
format A (non-NULL pointer to a) C-style NUL-terminated string describing how to format any further arguments
... Zero or more further arguments, with types as specified by the **format** argument.

Discussion

C99 defines, and many systems provide, a C library function **snprintf()**, which safely formats data into a caller-supplied buffer. However, a few systems don't provide this,¹ so Cactus provides its own version, **Util_snprintf()**.²

The interpretation of **format** is the same as that of **printf()**. See the **printf()** documentation on your favorite computer system (notably, on any Unix system, type “**man printf**”) for lots and lots of details.

Util_snprintf() stores at most **size** characters in the destination buffer; the last character it stores is always the terminating NUL character. If **result_len** \geq **size** then the destination string was truncated to fit into the destination buffer.

See Also

Util_vsnprintf [B12] Similar function which takes a `<stdarg.h>` variable argument list.
snprintf() Standard C library function which this function tries to clone.
sprintf() Unsafe and dangerous C library function similar to **snprintf()**, which doesn't check the buffer length.

Errors

< 0 Some sort of error occurred. It's indeterminate what (if anything) has been stored in the destination buffer.

Examples

```
C          #include "util_String.h"
```

¹There's also a related (older) API **sprintf()**. Don't use it – it almost guarantees buffer overflows.

²Contrary to the usual Cactus convention, the “s” in “**Util_snprintf**” is in *lower* case, not upper case.

```
/* some values to be formatted */
char  c = '@';
int    i = 42;
double d = 3.14159265358979323846;
const char s[] = "this is a string to format";

int len;
#define N_BUFFER 100
char buffer[N_BUFFER];

/* safely format the values into the buffer */
Util_snprintf(buffer, N_BUFFER,
               "values are c='%c' i=%d d=%g s=\"%s\"",
               c, i, d, s);

/*
 * same as above example, but now explicitly check for the output
 * being truncated due to the buffer being too small
 */
const int len = Util_snprintf(buffer, N_BUFFER,
                              "values are c='%c' i=%d d=%g s=\"%s\"",
                              c, i, d, s);

if (len >= N_BUFFER)
{
    /*
     * output was truncated (i.e. buffer was too small)
     * ( buffer probably doesn't have all the information we wanted
     * but the code is still "safe", in the sense that buffer is
     * still NUL-terminated, and no buffer-overflow has occurred)
     */
}
```


Util_vsnprintf

Safely format data into a caller-supplied buffer.

Synopsis

```
C      #include "util_String.h"
      int count = Util_vsnprintf(char* buffer, size_t size, const char* format,
                                va_list arg)
```

Discussion

This function is identical to `Util_snprintf`, except that it takes its data arguments in the form of a `va_list` “cookie” (as defined by `<stdarg.h>`, which is already included by `"util_String.h"`), instead of in the form of a variable length argument list.

See Also

<code>Util_snprintf</code> [B10]	Similar function which takes a variable length argument list.
<code>vsnprintf()</code>	Standard C library function which this function tries to clone.
<code>vsprintf()</code>	Unsafe and dangerous C library function similar to <code>vsnprintf()</code> , which doesn’t check the buffer length.
<code><stdarg.h></code>	System header file which defines the <code>va_list</code> “cookie” type and various macros to manipulate it. On most Unix systems the man page for this header file this also includes a mini-tutorial on how to use <code>va_list</code> objects.

Util_asprintf

Sprintf with memory allocation. On input the buffer should point to a NULL area of memory.

Synopsis

```
C          #include "util_String.h"
          int count = Util_asprintf(char** buffer, const char* format,
                                   va_list arg)
```

Parameters

buffer	Buffer to which to print the string. *buffer should be NULL on entry. The routine allocates the memory, so the previous contents of the pointer are lost. On exit the buffer size will be count+1 (i.e the length of the string plus the \0).
format	A (non-NULL pointer to a) C-style NUL-terminated string describing how to format any further arguments
...	Zero or more further arguments, with types as specified by the format argument.

Discussion

This function is identical to **sprintf()**, except that it allocates a buffer large enough to hold the output including the terminating null byte, and returns a pointer to it via the first argument. This pointer should be passed to **free()** to release the allocated storage when it is no longer needed.

See Also

Util_snprintf [B10]	Similar function which takes user supplied buffer.
asprintf()	GNU/BSD C library function which this function tries to clone.
sprintf()	Unsafe and dangerous C library function similar to snprintf() , which doesn't check the buffer length.

Chapter B3

Full Descriptions of String Functions

Util_StrCmpi

Compare two strings, ignoring upper/lower case.

Synopsis

```
C          #include "util_String.h"
          int cmp = Util_StrCmpi(const char *str1, const char *str2);
```

Result

cmp An integer which is:

- < 0 if **str1** < **str2** in lexicographic order ignoring upper/lower case distinctions
- 0 if **str1** = **str2** ignoring upper/lower case distinctions
- > 0 if **str1** > **str2** in lexicographic order ignoring upper/lower case distinctions

Parameters

str1 A non-NULL pointer to a (C-style NUL-terminated) string to be compared.

str2 A non-NULL pointer to a (C-style NUL-terminated) string to be compared.

Discussion

The standard C library `strcmp()` function does a *case-sensitive* string comparison, i.e. `strcmp("cactus", "Cactus")` will find the two strings not equal. Sometimes it's useful to do *case-insensitive* string comparison, where upper/lower case distinctions are ignored. Many systems provide a `strcascmp()` or `strcmpi()` function to do this, but some systems don't, and even on those that do, the name isn't standardised. So, Cactus provides its own version, `Util_StrCmpi()`.

Notice that the return value of `Util_StrCmpi()`, like that of `strcmp()`, is zero (logical "false" in C) for equal strings, and nonzero (logical "true" in C) for non-equal strings. Code of the form

```
if (Util_StrCmpi(str1, str2))
    { /* strings differ */ }
```

or

```
if (!Util_StrCmpi(str1, str2))
    { /* strings are identical apart from case distinctions */ }
```

may be confusing to readers, because the sense of the comparison isn't immediately obvious. Writing an explicit comparison against zero make things clearer:

```
if (Util_StrCmpi(str1, str2) != 0)
    { /* strings differ */ }
```

or

```
if (Util_StrCmpi(str1, str2) == 0)
    { /* strings are identical apart from case distinctions */ }
```

Unfortunately, the basic concept of "case-insensitive" string operations doesn't generalize well to non-English character sets,¹ where lower-case ↔ upper-case mappings

¹Hawaiian and Swahili are apparently the only other living languages that use solely the 26-letter "English" Latin alphabet.

may be context-dependent, many-to-one, and/or time-dependent.² At present Cactus basically ignores these issues. :(

See Also

`strcmp()` Standard C library function (prototype in `<string.h>`) to compare two strings.

Examples

```
C      #include "util_String.h"

      /* does the Cactus parameter driver specify the PUGH driver? */
      /* (Cactus parameters are supposed to be case-insensitive) */
      if (Util_StrCmpi(driver, "pugh") == 0)
          { /* PUGH code */ }
      else
          { /* non-PUGH code */ }
```

²For example, the (lower-case) German “ß” doesn’t have a unique upper-case equivalent: “ß” usually maps to “SS” (for example “groß” ↔ “GROSS”), *but* if that would conflict with another word, then “ß” maps to “SZ” (for example “maße” ↔ “MASZE” because there’s a different word “MASSE”). Or at least that’s the way it was prior to 1998. The 1998 revisions to German orthography removed the SZ rule, so now (post-1998) the two distinct German words “masse” (English “mass”) and “maße” (“measures”) have identical upper-case forms “MASSE”. To further complicate matters, (the German-speaking parts of) Switzerland have a slightly different orthography, which never had the SZ rule.

French provides another tricky example: In France “é” ↔ “É” and “è” ↔ “È”, whereas in (the French-speaking parts of) Canada there are no accents on upper-case letters, so “é” ↔ “E” and “è” ↔ “E”.

Util_Strdup

“Duplicate” a string, i.e. copy it to a newly-allocated buffer.

Synopsis

```
C          #include "util_String.h"
          char* copy = Util_Strdup(const char *str);
```

Result

copy A pointer to a buffer obtained from `malloc()`, which this function sets to a copy of the (C-style NUL-terminated) string `str`. This buffer should be freed with `free()` when it's not needed any more.

Parameters

str A non-NULL pointer to a (C-style NUL-terminated) string.

Discussion

Many systems have a C library function `strdup()`, which `mallocs` sufficient memory for a copy of its argument string, does the copy, and returns a pointer to the copy. However, some systems lack this function, so Cactus provides its own version, `Util_Strdup()`.

See Also

<code><stdlib.h></code>	System header file containing prototypes for <code>malloc()</code> and <code>free</code> .
<code>strcpy()</code>	Standard C library function (prototype in <code><string.h></code>) to copy a string to a buffer. <i>This does not check that the buffer is big enough to hold the string, and is thus very dangerous. Use <code>Util_Strncpy()</code> instead!</i>
<code>Util_Strncpy()</code> [B21]	Safely copy a string.

Errors

NULL `malloc()` was unable to allocate memory for the buffer.

Examples

```
C          #include "util_String.h"

          /*
           * return the (positive) answer to a question,
           * or negative if an error occurred
           */
          int answer_question(const char* question)
          {
              /*
               * we need to modify the question string in the process of parsing it
               * but we must not destroy the input ==> copy it and modify the copy
               */
```

```
* ... note the const qualifier on question_copy says that
*     the pointer question_copy won't itself change, but
*     we can modify the string that it points to
*/
char* const question_copy = Util_Strdup(question);
if (question_copy == NULL)
    { return -1; }    /* couldn't get memory for copy buffer */

/* code that will modify question_copy */

free(question_copy);
return 42;
}
```

Util_Strlcat

Concatenate strings safely.

Synopsis

```
C          #include "util_String.h"
          size_t result_len = Util_Strlcat(char *dst, const char *src, size_t size);
```

Result

result_len The size of the string the function tried to create, i.e. the initial `strlen(dst)` plus `strlen(src)`.

Parameters

dst A non-NULL pointer to the (C-style NUL-terminated) destination string.
src A non-NULL pointer to the (C-style NUL-terminated) source string.
size The size of the destination buffer.

Discussion

The standard `strcat()` and `strcpy()` functions provide no way to specify the size of the destination buffer, so code using these functions is often vulnerable to buffer overflows. The standard `strncat()` and `strncpy()` functions can be used to write safe code, but their API is cumbersome, error-prone, and sometimes surprisingly inefficient:

- Their **size** arguments are the number of characters *remaining* in the destination buffer, which must often be calculated at run-time, and is prone to off-by-one errors.
- `strncpy()` doesn't always NUL-terminate the destination string.
- `strncpy()` NUL-fills the remainder of the buffer not used for the source string; this NUL-filling can be *very* expensive.

To solve these problems, the OpenBSD project developed the `strlcat()` and `strlcpy()` functions. See <http://www.openbsd.org/papers/strlcpy-paper.ps> for a history and general discussion of these functions. Some other Unix systems (notably Solaris) now provide these, but many don't, so Cactus provides its own versions, `Util_Strlcat()` and `Util_Strlcpy()`.

`Util_Strlcat()` appends the NUL-terminated string **src** to the end of the NUL-terminated string **dst**. It will append at most `size - strlen(dst) - 1` characters (hence it never overflows the destination buffer), and it always leaves **dst** string NUL-terminated.

See Also

`strcat()` Standard C library function (prototype in `<string.h>`) to concatenate two strings. *This does not check that the buffer is big enough to hold the result, and is thus very dangerous. Use `Util_Strlcat()` instead!*

`Util_Strlcpy()` [B21] Safely copy a string.

Examples

```
C      #include "util_String.h"

      /*
      * safely concatenate strings s1,s2,s3 into buffer:
      * ... this code is safe (it will never overflow the buffer), but
      *    quick-n-dirty in that it doesn't give any error indication
      *    if the result is truncated to fit in the buffer
      */
      #define BUFFER_SIZE      1024
      char buffer[BUFFER_SIZE];

      Util_Strncpy(buffer, s1, sizeof(buffer));
      Util_Strncat(buffer, s2, sizeof(buffer));
      Util_Strncat(buffer, s3, sizeof(buffer));

C      #include "util_String.h"

      #define OK                0
      #define ERROR_TRUNC      1

      /*
      * safely concatenate strings s1,s2,s3 into buffer[N_buffer];
      * return OK if ok, ERROR_TRUNC if result was truncated to fit in buffer
      */
      int cat3(int N_buffer, char buffer[],
               const char s1[], const char s2[], const char s3[])
      {
      int length;

      length = Util_Strncpy(buffer, s1, N_buffer);
      if (length >= N_buffer)
          return ERROR_TRUNC;          /*** ERROR EXIT ***/

      length = Util_Strncat(buffer, s2, N_buffer);
      if (length >= N_buffer)
          return ERROR_TRUNC;          /*** ERROR EXIT ***/

      length = Util_Strncat(buffer, s3, N_buffer);
      if (length >= N_buffer)
          return ERROR_TRUNC;          /*** ERROR EXIT ***/

      return OK;                       /*** NORMAL RETURN ***/
      }
```

Util_Strlcpy

Copies a string safely.

Synopsis

```
C          #include "util_String.h"
          size_t result_len = Util_Strlcpy(char *dst, const char *src, size_t size);
```

Result

result_len The size of the string the function tried to create, i.e. `strlen(src)`.

Parameters

dst A non-NULL pointer to the (C-style NUL-terminated) destination string.
src A non-NULL pointer to the (C-style NUL-terminated) source string.
size The size of the destination buffer.

Discussion

The standard `strcat()` and `strcpy()` functions provide no way to specify the size of the destination buffer, so code using these functions is often vulnerable to buffer overflows. The standard `strncat()` and `strncpy()` functions can be used to write safe code, but their API is cumbersome, error-prone, and sometimes surprisingly inefficient:

- Their **size** arguments are the number of characters *remaining* in the destination buffer, which must often be calculated at run-time, and is prone to off-by-one errors.
- `strncpy()` doesn't always NUL-terminate the destination string.
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`Util_Strlcpy()` copies up to **size**-1 characters from the source string to the destination string, followed by a NUL character (so **dst** is always NUL-terminated). Unlike `strncpy()`, `Util_Strlcpy()` does *not* fill any left-over space at the end of the destination buffer with NUL characters.

See Also

strcpy() Standard C library function (prototype in `<string.h>`) to copy a string to a buffer. *This does not check that the buffer is big enough to hold the string, and is thus very dangerous. Use `Util_Strlcpy()` instead!*

Util_Strdup() [B17] "Duplicate" a string, i.e. copy it to a newly-allocated buffer.

Util_Strlcat() [B19] Safely concatenates two strings.

Examples

```
C      #include "util_String.h"

      /*
      * safely concatenate strings s1,s2,s3 into buffer:
      * ... this code is safe (it will never overflow the buffer), but
      *    quick-n-dirty in that it doesn't give any error indication
      *    if the result is truncated to fit in the buffer
      */
      #define BUFFER_SIZE      1024
      char buffer[BUFFER_SIZE];

      Util_Strncpy(buffer, s1, sizeof(buffer));
      Util_Strlcat(buffer, s2, sizeof(buffer));
      Util_Strlcat(buffer, s3, sizeof(buffer));

C      #include "util_String.h"

      #define OK                0
      #define ERROR_TRUNC      1

      /*
      * safely concatenate strings s1,s2,s3 into buffer[N_buffer];
      * return OK if ok, ERROR_TRUNC if result was truncated to fit in buffer
      */
      int cat3(int N_buffer, char buffer[],
               const char s1[], const char s2[], const char s3[])
      {
      int length;

      length = Util_Strncpy(buffer, s1, N_buffer);
      if (length >= N_buffer)
          return ERROR_TRUNC;                      /*** ERROR EXIT ***/

      length = Util_Strlcat(buffer, s2, N_buffer);
      if (length >= N_buffer)
          return ERROR_TRUNC;                      /*** ERROR EXIT ***/

      length = Util_Strlcat(buffer, s3, N_buffer);
      if (length >= N_buffer)
          return ERROR_TRUNC;                      /*** ERROR EXIT ***/

      return OK;                                    /*** NORMAL RETURN ***/
      }
```

Util_StrSep

Separate off the first token from a string.

Synopsis

```
C          #include "util_String.h"
          char* token = Util_StrSep(const char** string_ptr, const char* delim_set);
```

Result

token This function returns the original value of ***string_ptr**, or NULL if the end of the string is reached.

Parameters

string_ptr A non-NULL pointer to a (modifyable) non-NULL pointer to the (C-style NUL-terminated) string to operate on.

delim_set A non-NULL pointer to a (C-style NUL-terminated) string representing a set of delimiter characters (the order of these characters doesn't matter).

Discussion

Many Unix systems define a function **strsep()** which provides a clean way of splitting a string into “words”. However, some systems only provide the older (and inferior-in-several-ways) **strtok()** function, so Cactus implements its own **strsep()** function, **Util_StrSep()**.

Util_StrSep() finds the first occurrence in the string pointed to by ***string_ptr** of any character in the string pointed to by **delim_set** (or the terminating NUL if there is no such character), and replaces this by NUL. The location of the next character after the NUL character just stored (or NULL, if the end of the string was reached) is stored in ***string_ptr**.

An “empty” field, i.e. one caused by two adjacent delimiter characters, can be detected (after **Util_StrSep()** returns) by the test ****string_ptr == '\0'**, or equivalently **strlen(*string_ptr) == 0**.

See the example section below for the typical usage of **Util_StrSep()**.

See Also

strsep() Some systems provide this in the standard C library (prototype in **<string.h>**); **Util_StrSep()** is a clone of this.

strtok() Inferior API for splitting a string into tokens (defined by the ANSI/ISO C standard).

Examples

```
C          #include <stdio.h>
          #include <stdlib.h>
          #include "util_String.h"

          /* prototypes */
          int parse_string(char* string,
```

```

        int N_argv, char* argv[]);

/*
 * Suppose we have a Cactus parameter gridfn_list containing a
 * whitespace-separated list of grid functions. This function
 * "processes" (here just prints the name of) each grid function.
 */
void process_gridfn_list(const char* gridfn_list)
{
#define MAX_N_GRIDFNS    100
    int N_gridfns;
    int i;
    char* copy_of_gridfn_list;
    char* gridfn[MAX_N_GRIDFNS];

    copy_of_gridfn_list = Util_Strdup(gridfn_list);
    N_gridfns = parse_string(copy_of_gridfn_list,
                             MAX_N_GRIDFNS, gridfn);

        for (i = 0 ; i < N_gridfns ; ++i)
        {
            /* "process" (here just print the name of) each gridfn */
            printf("grid function %d is \"%s\"\n", i, gridfn[i]);
        }

    free(copy_of_gridfn_list);
}

/*
 * This function parses a string containing whitespace-separated
 * tokens into a main()-style argument vector (of size N_argv ).
 * This function returns the number of pointers stored into argv[] .
 *
 * Adjacent sequences of whitespace are treated the same as single
 * whitespace characters.
 *
 * Note that this function this modifies its input string; see
 * Util_Strdup() if this is a problem
 */
int parse_string(char* string,
                 int N_argv, char* argv[])
{
    int i;

        for (i = 0 ; i < N_argv ; )
        {
            argv[i] = Util_StrSep(&string, " \t\n\r\v");
            if (argv[i] == NULL)
                { break; }          /* reached end-of-string */

            if (*argv[i] == '\0')
                {

```

```
        /*
        * found a 0-length "token" (a sequence of
        * two or more adjacent whitespace characters)
        * ==> skip this "token" (don't store it)
        * ==> no-op here
        */
    }
    else {
        /* token has length > 0 ==> store it */
        ++i;
    }
}

return i;
}
```

Chapter B4

Full Descriptions of Table Functions

Util_TableClone

Creates a new table which is a “clone” (exact copy) of an existing table

Synopsis

```
C          #include "util_ErrorCodes.h"
          #include "util_Table.h"
          int clone_handle = Util_TableClone(int handle);

Fortran    call Util_TableClone(clone_handle, handle)
          integer clone_handle, handle
```

Result

clone_handle (≥ 0)
A handle to the clone table

Parameters

handle Handle to the table to be cloned

Discussion

Viewing a table as a set of key/value pairs, this function creates a new table (with the same flags word as the original) containing copies of all the original table’s key/value pairs. The two tables are completely independent, i.e. future changes to one won’t affect the other.

Note that if there are any `CCTK_POINTER` and/or `CCTK_FPOINTER` values in the table, they are “shallow copied”, i.e. the (pointer) values in the table are copied. This results in the clone table’s pointer values pointing to the same places as the original table’s pointer values. Be careful with this! In particular, if you’re using pointer values in the table to keep track of `malloc()` memory, be careful not to `free()` the same block of memory twice!

Note that table iterators are *not* guaranteed to sequence through the original and clone tables in the same order. (This is a special case of the more general “non-guarantee” in the Section of table iterators in the Users’ Guide: the order of table iterators may differ even between different tables with identical key/value contents.)

See Also

`Util_TableCreate()` [\[B29\]](#) create a table
`Util_TableCreateFromString()` [\[B31\]](#) convenience routine to create a table and set key/value entries in it based on a parameter-file-like character string
`Util_TableDestroy()` [\[B34\]](#) destroy a table

Errors

`UTIL_ERROR_NO_MEMORY` unable to allocate memory
`UTIL_ERROR_TABLE_BAD_FLAGS` flags word is negative in the to-be-cloned table (this indicates an internal error in the table routines, and should never happen)

Examples

```
C      #include "util_ErrorCodes.h"
      #include "util_Table.h"

      /*
       * This function is passed (a handle to) a table containing some entries.
       * It needs to set some additional entries and pass the table to some
       * other function(s), but it also needs to leave the original table
       * intact for other use by the caller. The solution is to clone the
       * original table and work on the clone, leaving the original table
       * unchanged.
       */
      int my_function(int handle, int x, int y)
      {
          int status;

          /* clone the table */
          const int clone_handle = Util_TableClone(handle)
          if (clone_handle < 0)
              return clone_handle;          /* error in cloning table */

          /* now set our entries in the clone table */
          status = Util_TableSetInt(clone_handle, x, "x");
          if (status < 0)
              return status;                /* error in setting x */
          status = Util_TableSetInt(clone_handle, y, "y");
          if (status < 0)
              return status;                /* error in setting y */

          /* ... code to use the clone table ... */
          /* ... eg pass clone_handle to other functions ... */

          /* we're done with the clone now */
          Util_TableDestroy(clone_handle);
          return 0;
      }
```

Util_TableCreate

Creates a new (empty) table

Synopsis

C	<pre>#include "util_ErrorCodes.h" #include "util_Table.h" int handle = Util_TableCreate(int flags);</pre>
Fortran	<pre>call Util_TableCreate(handle, flags) integer handle, flags</pre>

Result

`handle` (≥ 0) A handle to the newly-created table

Parameters

`flags` (≥ 0) A flags word for the table. This should be the inclusive-or of zero or more of the `UTIL_TABLE_FLAGS_*` bit masks (defined in `"util_Table.h"`). For Fortran users, note that inclusive-or is the same as sum here, since the bit masks are all disjoint.

Discussion

We require the flags word to be non-negative so that other functions can distinguish flags from (negative) error codes.

Any User-defined flag words should use only bit positions at or above `UTIL_TABLE_FLAGS_USER_DEFINED_BASE`, i.e. all bit positions below this are reserved for present or future Cactus use.

At present there is only a single flags-word bit mask defined in `"util_Table.h"`:

`UTIL_TABLE_FLAGS_CASE_INSENSITIVE`

By default keys are treated as C-style character strings, and the table functions compare them with the standard C `strcmp` function. However, by setting the `UTIL_TABLE_FLAGS_CASE_INSENSITIVE` bit in the flags word, this table's keys may be made case-insensitive, i.e. the table routines then compare this table's keys with `Util_StrCmpi()`. Note that keys are still *stored* exactly as the caller specifies them (i.e. they are *not* forced into a canonical case); it's only their *comparison* that's affected by this flag.

See Also

<code>Util_StrCmpi()</code> [B15]	compare two strings, ignoring upper/lower case
<code>Util_TableClone()</code> [B27]	create a new table which is a "clone" (exact copy) of an existing table
<code>Util_TableCreateFromString()</code> [B31]	convenience routine to create a table and set key/value entries in it based on a parameter-file-like character string
<code>Util_TableDestroy()</code> [B34]	destroy a table

Errors

<code>UTIL_ERROR_NO_MEMORY</code>	unable to allocate memory
-----------------------------------	---------------------------

UTIL_ERROR_TABLE_BAD_FLAGS flags word is negative

Examples

```
C      #include "util_ErrorCodes.h"
      #include "util_Table.h"

      /* create a table, simplest case */
      int handle = Util_TableCreate(UTIL_TABLE_FLAGS_DEFAULT);

      /* create a table whose keys will be treated as case-insensitive */
      int handle2 = Util_TableCreate(UTIL_TABLE_FLAGS_CASE_INSENSITIVE);
```

Util_TableCreateFromString

Creates a new table (with the case-insensitive flag set) and sets values in it based on a string argument (interpreted with “parameter-file” semantics)

Synopsis

```
C          #include "util_ErrorCodes.h"
           #include "util_Table.h"
           int handle = Util_TableCreateFromString(const char *string);

Fortran    call Util_TableCreateFromString(handle, string)
           integer      handle
           character*(*) string
```

Result

handle (≥ 0) a handle to the newly-created table

Parameters

string a pointer to a C-style null-terminated string specifying the table contents; see the description for `Util_TableSetFromString()` for a full description of the syntax and semantics of this string

See Also

`Util_TableClone()` [B27] Create a new table which is a “clone” (exact copy) of an existing table

`Util_TableCreate()` [B29] create a table

`Util_TableSetFromString()` [B70] sets values in a table based on a string argument

Errors

UTIL_ERROR_NO_MEMORY unable to allocate memory

UTIL_ERROR_BAD_KEY invalid input: key contains invalid character

UTIL_ERROR_BAD_INPUT invalid input: can’t parse input string

other error codes this function may also return any error codes returned by `Util_TableCreate()` or `Util_TableSetFromString()`

Examples

```
C          #include "util_ErrorCodes.h"
           #include "util_Table.h"

           int handle = Util_TableCreateFromString("order = 3\t"
                                                    "myreal = 42.314159\t"
                                                    "mystring = 'hello'\t"
                                                    "myarray = { 0 1 2 3 }");

           /* equivalent code to the above */
           int handle = Util_TableCreate(UTIL_TABLE_FLAGS_CASE_INSENSITIVE);
           Util_TableSetFromString(handle, "order = 3\t"
```

```
"myreal = 42.314159\t"
"mystring = 'hello'"
"myarray = { 0 1 2 3 }");

/* also equivalent to the above */
int handle = Util_TableCreate(UTIL_TABLE_FLAGS_CASE_INSENSITIVE);
CCTK_INT array[] = {0, 1, 2, 3};

Util_TableSetInt(handle, 3, "order");
Util_TableSetReal(handle, 42.314159, "myreal");
Util_TableSetString(handle, "hello", "mystring");
Util_TableSetIntArray(handle, 4, array, "myarray");
```

Util_TableDeleteKey

Deletes a specified key/value entry from a table

Synopsis

C	<pre>#include "util_ErrorCodes.h" #include "util_Table.h" int key_exists = Util_TableDeleteKey(int handle, const char *key);</pre>
Fortran	<pre>call Util_TableDeleteKey(key_exists, handle, key) integer key_exists, handle character*(*) key</pre>

Result

0	ok (key existed before this call, and has now been deleted)
---	---

Parameters

handle (≥ 0)	handle to the table
key	a pointer to the key (a C-style null-terminated string)

Discussion

This function invalidates any iterators for the table which are not in the “null-pointer” state.

Errors

UTIL_ERROR_BAD_HANDLE	handle is invalid
UTIL_ERROR_TABLE_BAD_KEY	key contains '/' character
UTIL_ERROR_TABLE_NO_SUCH_KEY	no such key in table

Util_TableDestroy

Destroys a table

Synopsis

C	<pre>#include "util_ErrorCodes.h" #include "util_Table.h" int status = Util_TableDestroy(int handle);</pre>
Fortran	<pre>call Util_TableDestroy(status, handle) integer status, handle</pre>

Result

0	ok
---	----

Parameters

handle (≥ 0)	handle to the table
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Discussion

Of course, this function invalidates any and all iterators for the table. :)

See Also

Util_TableClone() [B27]	Create a new table which is a “clone” (exact copy) of an existing table
Util_TableCreate() [B29]	create a table
Util_TableCreateFromString() [B31]	convenience routine to create a table and set key/value entries in it based on a parameter-file-like character string

Errors

UTIL_ERROR_BAD_HANDLE	handle is invalid
-----------------------	-------------------

Examples

C	<pre>#include "util_ErrorCodes.h" #include "util_Table.h" /* create a table */ int handle = Util_TableCreate(UTIL_TABLE_FLAGS_DEFAULT); /* do things with the table: put values in it, */ /* pass its handle to other functions, etc etc */ /* ... */ /* at this point we (and all other functions we */ /* may call in the future) are done with the table */ Util_TableDestroy(handle);</pre>
----------	--

Util_TableGet*

This is a family of functions, one for each Cactus data type, to get the single (1-element array) value, or more generally the first array element of the value, associated with a specified key in a key/value table.

Synopsis

C `#include "util_ErrorCodes.h"`
 `#include "util_Table.h"`
 `int N_elements = Util_TableGetXxx(int handle,`
 `CCTK_XXX *value,`
 `const char *key);`

where XXX is one of POINTER, FPOINTER¹, CHAR, BYTE, INT, INT1, INT2, INT4, INT8, REAL, REAL4, REAL8, REAL16, COMPLEX, COMPLEX8, COMPLEX16, COMPLEX32 (not all of these may be supported on any given system)

Fortran `call Util_TableGetXxx(N_elements, handle, value, key)`
 `integer N_elements, handle`
 `CCTK_XXX value`
 `character*(*) key`

where CCTK_XXX may be any data type supported by C (above) except CCTK_CHAR (Fortran doesn't have a separate "character" data type; use CCTK_BYTE instead)

Result

N_elements the number of array elements in the value

Parameters

handle (≥ 0) handle to the table

value a pointer to where this function should store a copy of the value (or more generally the first array element of the value) associated with the specified key, or NULL pointer to skip storing this

key a pointer to the key (a C-style null-terminated string)

Discussion

Note that it is *not* an error for the value to actually have > 1 array elements; in this case only the first element is stored. The rationale for this design is that the caller may know or suspect that the value is a large array, but may only want the first array element; in this case this design avoids the caller having to allocate a large buffer unnecessarily.

In contrast, it *is* an error for the value to actually be an empty (0-length) array, because then there is no "first array element" to get.

It is also an error for the value to actually have a different type than CCTK_XXX.

If any error code is returned, the user's value buffer (pointed to by **value** if this is non-NULL) is unchanged.

See Also

¹For backwards compatability the function `Util_TableGetFnPointer()` is also provided as an alias for `Util_TableGetFPointer()`. This is deprecated as of Cactus 4.0 beta 13.

<code>Util_TableCreateFromString()</code> [B31]	convenience routine to create a table and set key/value entries in it based on a parameter-file-like character string
<code>Util_TableGet*Array()</code>	get an array value
<code>Util_TableGetString()</code> [B44]	get a character-string value
<code>Util_TableSet*()</code>	set a single (1-element array) value
<code>Util_TableSet*Array()</code>	set an array value
<code>Util_TableSetGeneric()</code> [B73]	set a single (1-element array) value with generic data type
<code>Util_TableSetGenericArray()</code> [B75]	set an array value with generic data type
<code>Util_TableSetFromString()</code> [B70]	convenience routine to set key/value entries in a table based on a parameter-file-like character string
<code>Util_TableSetString()</code> [B78]	set a character-string value

Errors

<code>UTIL_ERROR_BAD_HANDLE</code>	handle is invalid
<code>UTIL_ERROR_TABLE_BAD_KEY</code>	key contains '/' character
<code>UTIL_ERROR_TABLE_NO_SUCH_KEY</code>	no such key in table
<code>UTIL_ERROR_TABLE_WRONG_DATA_TYPE</code>	value has data type other than <code>CCTK_TYPE</code>
<code>UTIL_ERROR_TABLE_VALUE_IS_EMPTY</code>	value is an empty (0-element) array

Examples

```
C
#include "util_ErrorCodes.h"
#include "util_Table.h"

#define N_DIGITS      5
static const CCTK_INT pi_digits[N_DIGITS] = {3, 14, 159, 2653, 58979};

int N;
CCTK_INT x;
int handle = Util_TableCreate(UTIL_TABLE_FLAGS_DEFAULT);

Util_TableSetIntArray(handle, N_DIGITS, pi_digits, "digits of pi");
Util_TableSetIntArray(handle, 0, pi_digits, "empty array");

/* gets N = 5, x = 3 */
N = Util_TableGetInt(handle, &x, "digits of pi");

/* gets N = UTIL_ERROR_TABLE_VALUE_IS_EMPTY */
N = Util_TableGetInt(handle, &x, "empty array");
```

Util_TableGet*Array

This is a family of functions, one for each Cactus data type, to get a copy of the value associated with a specified key, and store it (more accurately, as much of it as will fit) in a specified array

Synopsis

```
C
#include "util_ErrorCodes.h"
#include "util_Table.h"
int N_elements = Util_TableGetXxxArray(int handle,
                                       int N_array, CCTK_XXX array[],
                                       const char *key);
```

where XXX is one of POINTER, FPOINTER², CHAR, BYTE, INT, INT1, INT2, INT4, INT8, REAL, REAL4, REAL8, REAL16, COMPLEX, COMPLEX8, COMPLEX16, COMPLEX32 (not all of these may be supported on any given system)

```

Fortran      call Util_TableGetXxxArray(N_elements, handle, N_array, array, key)
               integer      N_elements, handle, N_array
               CCTK_XXX(*)   array
               character*(*) key
               where CCTK_XXX may be any data type supported by C (above)

```

Result

N_elements	the number of array elements in the value
-------------------	---

Parameters

<code>handle</code> (≥ 0)	handle to the table
<code>N_array</code>	the number of array elements in <code>array[]</code> (must be ≥ 0 if <code>array</code> != NULL)
<code>array</code>	a pointer to where this function should store (up to <code>N_array</code> elements of) a copy of the value associated with the specified key, or NULL pointer to skip storing this
<code>key</code>	a pointer to the key (a C-style null-terminated string)

Discussion

Note that it is *not* an error for the value to actually have $> \text{N_array}$ array elements; in this case only the first N_array elements are stored. The caller can detect this by comparing the return value with N_array . The rationale for this design is that the caller may know or suspect that the value is a large array, but may only want the first few array elements; in this case this design avoids the caller having to allocate a large buffer unnecessarily.

It is also *not* an error for the value to actually have `< N.array` array elements; again the caller can detect this by comparing the return value with `N.array`.

It *is* an error for the value to actually have a different type than CCKT_XXX.

If any error code is returned, the user's value buffer (pointed to by `array` if this is non-NULL) is unchanged.

See Also

²For backwards compatability the function `Util_TableGetFnPointerArray()` is also provided as an alias for `Util_TableGetFPPointerArray()`. This is deprecated as of Cactus 4.0 beta 13.

<code>Util_TableCreateFromString()</code> [B31]	convenience routine to create a table and set key/value entries in it based on a parameter-file-like character string
<code>Util_TableGet*()</code>	get a single (1-element array) value, or more generally the first array element of an array value
<code>Util_TableGetGeneric()</code> [B39]	get a single (1-element array) value with generic data type
<code>Util_TableGetGenericArray()</code> [B41]	get an array value with generic data type
<code>Util_TableGetString()</code> [B44]	get a character-string value
<code>Util_TableSet*()</code>	set a single (1-element array) value
<code>Util_TableSet*Array()</code>	set an array value
<code>Util_TableSetGeneric()</code> [B73]	set a single (1-element array) value with generic data type
<code>Util_TableSetGenericArray()</code> [B75]	set an array value with generic data type
<code>Util_TableSetFromString()</code> [B70]	convenience routine to set key/value entries in a table based on a parameter-file-like character string
<code>Util_TableSetString()</code> [B78]	set a character-string value

Errors

<code>UTIL_ERROR_BAD_HANDLE</code>	handle is invalid
<code>UTIL_ERROR_TABLE_BAD_KEY</code>	key contains '/' character
<code>UTIL_ERROR_BAD_INPUT</code>	<code>array != NULL</code> and <code>N_array < 0</code>
<code>UTIL_ERROR_TABLE_NO_SUCH_KEY</code>	no such key in table
<code>UTIL_ERROR_TABLE_WRONG_DATA_TYPE</code>	value has data type other than <code>CCTK_TYPE</code>

Examples

```
C
#include "util_ErrorCodes.h"
#include "util_Table.h"

#define N_STUFF      3
static const CCTK_REAL stuff[N_STUFF] = {42.0, 69.0, 105.5};

#define N_OUTPUT      2
CCTK_INT output[N_OUTPUT];

int N;
int handle = Util_TableCreate(UTIL_TABLE_FLAGS_DEFAULT);

Util_TableSetRealArray(handle, N_STUFF, stuff, "blah blah blah");

/* gets N = 3, output[0] = 42.0, output[1] = 69.0 */
N = Util_TableGetRealArray(handle, N_OUTPUT, output, "blah blah blah");
```

Util_TableGetGeneric

Get the single (1-element array) value, or more generally the first array element of the value, associated with a specified key in a key/value table; the value's data type is generic. That is, the value is specified by a CCTK_VARIABLE_* type code and a void * pointer.

Synopsis

```
C          #include "util_ErrorCodes.h"
          #include "util_Table.h"
          int N_elements = Util_TableGetGeneric(int handle,
                                              int type_code,
                                              void *value,
                                              const char *key);

Fortran    call Util_TableGetGeneric(N_elements, handle, type_code, value, key)
integer    N_elements, handle, type_code
CCTK_POINTER value
character*(*) key
```

Result

N_elements the number of array elements in the value

Parameters

handle (≥ 0) handle to the table

type_code the value's type code (one of the CCTK_VARIABLE_* constants from "cctk_Constants.h")

value a pointer to where this function should store a copy of the value (or more generally the first array element of the value) associated with the specified key, or NULL pointer to skip storing this

key a pointer to the key (a C-style null-terminated string)

Discussion

Note that it is *not* an error for the value to actually have > 1 array elements; in this case only the first element is stored. The rationale for this design is that the caller may know or suspect that the value is a large array, but may only want the first array element; in this case this design avoids the caller having to allocate a large buffer unnecessarily.

In contrast, it *is* an error for the value to actually be an empty (0-length) array, because then there is no "first array element" to get.

It is also an error for the value to actually have a different type than that specified by type_code.

If any error code is returned, the user's value buffer (pointed to by value if this is non-NULL) is unchanged.

See Also

Util_TableCreateFromString() [\[B31\]](#)
convenience routine to create a table and set key/value entries in it based on a parameter-file-like character string

<code>Util_TableGet*()</code>	get a single (1-element array) value
<code>Util_TableGet*Array()</code>	get an array value
<code>Util_TableGetString()</code> [B44]	get a character-string value
<code>Util_TableQueryValueInfo()</code> [B62]	query key present/absent in table, and optionally type and/or number of elements
<code>Util_TableSet*()</code>	set a single (1-element array) value
<code>Util_TableSet*Array()</code>	set an array value
<code>Util_TableSetGeneric()</code> [B73]	set a single (1-element array) value with generic data type
<code>Util_TableSetGenericArray()</code> [B75]	set an array value with generic data type
<code>Util_TableSetFromString()</code> [B70]	convenience routine to set key/value entries in a table based on a parameter-file-like character string
<code>Util_TableSetString()</code> [B78]	set a character-string value

Errors

<code>UTIL_ERROR_BAD_HANDLE</code>	handle is invalid
<code>UTIL_ERROR_TABLE_BAD_KEY</code>	key contains '/' character
<code>UTIL_ERROR_TABLE_NO_SUCH_KEY</code>	no such key in table
<code>UTIL_ERROR_TABLE_WRONG_DATA_TYPE</code>	value has data type other than <code>CCTK_TYPE</code>
<code>UTIL_ERROR_TABLE_VALUE_IS_EMPTY</code>	value is an empty (0-element) array

Examples

```

C      #include "util_ErrorCodes.h"
      #include "util_Table.h"
      #include "cctk_Constants.h"

      #define N_DIGITS      5
      static const CCTK_INT pi_digits[N_DIGITS] = {3, 14, 159, 2653, 58979};

      int N;
      CCTK_INT x;
      void *xptr = (void *) &x;
      int handle = Util_TableCreate(UTIL_TABLE_FLAGS_DEFAULT);

      Util_TableSetIntArray(handle, N_DIGITS, pi_digits, "digits of pi");
      Util_TableSetIntArray(handle, 0, pi_digits, "empty array");

      /* gets N = 5, x = 3 */
      N = Util_TableGetGeneric(handle, CCTK_VARIABLE_INT, &x, "the answer");

      /* gets N = UTIL_ERROR_TABLE_VALUE_IS_EMPTY, leaves x unchanged */
      N = Util_TableGetGeneric(handle, CCTK_VARIABLE_INT, &x, "empty array");

```

Util_TableGetGenericArray

Get a copy of the value associated with a specified key, and store it (more accurately, as much of it as will fit) in a specified array; the array's data type is generic. That is the array is specified by a CCTK_VARIABLE_* type code, a count of the number of array elements, and a void * pointer.

Synopsis

C	<pre>#include "util_ErrorCodes.h" #include "util_Table.h" int N_elements = Util_TableGetGenericArray(int handle, int type_code, int N_array, void *array, const char *key);</pre>
Fortran	<pre>call Util_TableGetGenericArray(N_elements, . handle, . type_code, . N_array, array, . key) integer N_elements, handle, type_code, N_array CCTK_POINTER array character(*) key</pre>

Result

N_elements the number of array elements in the value

Parameters

handle (≥ 0)	handle to the table
type_code	the value's type code (one of the CCTK_VARIABLE_* constants from "cctk_Constants.h")
N_array	the number of array elements in <code>array[]</code> (must be ≥ 0 if <code>array</code> \neq NULL)
array	a pointer to where this function should store (up to <code>N_array</code> elements of) a copy of the value associated with the specified key, or NULL pointer to skip storing this
key	a pointer to the key (a C-style null-terminated string)

Discussion

Note that it is *not* an error for the value to actually have $> N_array$ array elements; in this case only the first `N_array` elements are stored. The caller can detect this by comparing the return value with `N_array`. The rationale for this design is that the caller may know or suspect that the value is a large array, but may only want the first few array elements; in this case this design avoids the caller having to allocate a large buffer unnecessarily.

It is also *not* an error for the value to actually have $< N_array$ array elements; again the caller can detect this by comparing the return value with `N_array`.

It *is* an error for the value to actually have a different type than that specified by `type_code`.

If any error code is returned, the user's value buffer (pointed to by `array` if this is non-NULL) is unchanged.

See Also

<code>Util_TableCreateFromString()</code> [B31]	convenience routine to create a table and set key/value entries in it based on a parameter-file-like character string
<code>Util_TableGet*()</code>	get a single (1-element array) value, or more generally the first array element of an array value
<code>Util_TableGetGeneric()</code> [B39]	get a single (1-element array) value with generic data type
<code>Util_TableGetGenericArray()</code> [B41]	get an array value with generic data type
<code>Util_TableGetString()</code> [B44]	get a character-string value
<code>Util_TableQueryValueInfo()</code> [B62]	query key present/absent in table, and optionally type and/or number of elements
<code>Util_TableSet*()</code>	set a single (1-element array) value
<code>Util_TableSet*Array()</code>	set an array value
<code>Util_TableSetGeneric()</code> [B73]	set a single (1-element array) value with generic data type
<code>Util_TableSetGenericArray()</code> [B75]	set an array value with generic data type
<code>Util_TableSetFromString()</code> [B70]	convenience routine to set key/value entries in a table based on a parameter-file-like character string
<code>Util_TableSetString()</code> [B78]	set a character-string value

Errors

<code>UTIL_ERROR_BAD_HANDLE</code>	handle is invalid
<code>UTIL_ERROR_TABLE_BAD_KEY</code>	key contains '/' character
<code>UTIL_ERROR_BAD_INPUT</code>	<code>array != NULL</code> and <code>N_array < 0</code>
<code>UTIL_ERROR_TABLE_NO_SUCH_KEY</code>	no such key in table
<code>UTIL_ERROR_TABLE_WRONG_DATA_TYPE</code>	value has data type other than <code>CCTK_TYPE</code>

Examples

```
C
#include "util_ErrorCodes.h"
#include "util_Table.h"

#define N_STUFF      3
static const CCTK_REAL stuff[N_STUFF] = {42.0, 69.0, 105.5};

#define N_OUTPUT      2
CCTK_INT output[N_OUTPUT];

int N;
int handle = Util_TableCreate(UTIL_TABLE_FLAGS_DEFAULT);

Util_TableSetRealArray(handle, N_STUFF, stuff, "stuff");

/* gets N = UTIL_ERROR_TABLE_WRONG_DATA_TYPE, output[] unchanged */
```

```
N = Util_TableGetGenericArray(handle,
                               CCTK_VARIABLE_INT,
                               N_OUTPUT, output,
                               "stuff");
/* gets N = 3, output[0] = 42.0, output[1] = 69.0 */
N = Util_TableGetGenericArray(handle,
                               CCTK_VARIABLE_REAL,
                               N_OUTPUT, output,
                               "stuff");
```


Util_TableGetString

Gets a copy of the character-string value associated with a specified key in a table, and stores it (more accurately, as much of it as will fit) in a specified character string

Synopsis

```
C          #include "util_ErrorCodes.h"
          #include "util_Table.h"
          int length = Util_TableGetString(int handle,
                                          int buffer_length, char buffer[],
                                          const char *key);
```

Result

Results are the same as all the other `Util_TableGet*()` functions:

length the length of the string (C `strlen` semantics, i.e. *not* including the terminating null character)

Parameters

handle (≥ 0) handle to the table

buffer_length the length (`sizeof`) of `buffer[]` (must be ≥ 1 if `buffer != NULL`)

buffer a pointer to a buffer into which this function should store (at most `buffer_length-1` characters of) the value, terminated by a null character as usual for C strings, or NULL pointer to skip storing this

key a pointer to the key (a C-style null-terminated string)

Discussion

This function assumes that the string is stored as an array of `CCTK_CHARS`, *not* including a terminating null character.

This function differs from `Util_TableGetCharArray()` in two ways: It explicitly provides a terminating null character for C-style strings, and it explicitly checks for the string being too long to fit in the buffer (in which case it returns `UTIL_ERROR_TABLE_STRING_TRUNCATED`).

If the error code `UTIL_ERROR_TABLE_STRING_TRUNCATED` is returned, then the first `buffer_length-1` characters of the string are returned in the user's buffer (assuming `buffer` is non-NULL), followed by a null character to properly terminate the string in the buffer. If any other error code is returned, the user's value `buffer` (pointed to by `buffer` if this is non-NULL) is unchanged.

To find out how long the string is (and thus how big of a buffer you need to allocate to avoid having the string truncated), you can call this function with `buffer_length = 0` and `buffer = NULL` (or actually anything you want); the return result will give the string length.

See Also

`Util_TableCreateFromString()` [\[B31\]](#)
convenience routine to create a table and set key/value entries in it based on a parameter-file-like character string

<code>Util_TableGet*()</code>	get a single (1-element array) value, or more generally the first array element of an array value
<code>Util_TableGet*Array()</code>	get an array value
<code>Util_TableGetCharArray()</code> [B37]	get an array-of-CCTK_CHAR value
<code>Util_TableGetGeneric()</code> [B39]	get a single (1-element array) value with generic data type
<code>Util_TableGetGenericArray()</code> [B41]	get an array value with generic data type
<code>Util_TableSet*()</code>	set a single (1-element array) value
<code>Util_TableSet*Array()</code>	set an array value
<code>Util_TableSetGeneric()</code> [B73]	set a single (1-element array) value with generic data type
<code>Util_TableSetGenericArray()</code> [B75]	set an array value with generic data type
<code>Util_TableSetString()</code> [B78]	set a character-string value
<code>Util_TableSetFromString()</code> [B70]	convenience routine to set key/value entries in a table based on a parameter-file-like character string
<code>Util_TableSetCharArray()</code> [B68]	set an array-of-CCTK_CHAR value

Errors

<code>UTIL_ERROR_BAD_HANDLE</code>	handle is invalid
<code>UTIL_ERROR_TABLE_BAD_KEY</code>	key contains '/' character
<code>UTIL_ERROR_BAD_INPUT</code>	<code>buffer != NULL</code> and <code>buffer_length ≤ 0</code>
<code>UTIL_ERROR_TABLE_NO_SUCH_KEY</code>	no such key in table
<code>UTIL_ERROR_TABLE_WRONG_DATA_TYPE</code>	value has data type other than CCTK_CHAR
<code>UTIL_ERROR_TABLE_STRING_TRUNCATED</code>	<code>buffer != NULL</code> and value was truncated to fit in <code>buffer[]</code>

Examples

```
C
#include "util_ErrorCodes.h"
#include "util_Table.h"

#define N_BUFFER      100
char buffer[N_BUFFER];

int handle = Util_TableCreate(UTIL_TABLE_FLAGS_DEFAULT);
Util_TableSetString(handle, "relativity", "Einstein");

/* get length of string (= 10 here) */
int length = Util_TableGetString(handle, 0, NULL, "Einstein");

/* get null-terminated string into buffer, also returns 10 */
Util_TableGetString(handle, N_BUFFER, buffer, "Einstein");
```

Util_TableItAdvance

Advance a table iterator to the next entry in the table

Synopsis

```
C      #include "util_ErrorCodes.h"
      #include "util_Table.h"
      int is_nonnull = Util_TableItAdvance(int ihandle);
```

Result

1	ok (iterator now points to some table entry)
0	ok (iterator has just advanced past the last table entry, and is now in the "null-pointer" state)

Parameters

ihandle (≥ 0)	handle to the table iterator
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Discussion

If we view an iterator as an abstraction of a pointer into the table, then this function is the abstraction of the C “++” operation applied to the pointer, except that this function automatically sets the iterator to the “null-pointer” state when it advances past the last table entry.

Note that bad things (garbage results, core dumps) may happen if you call this function on an iterator which has been invalidated by a change in the table’s contents.

Errors

UTIL_ERROR_BAD_HANDLE	iterator handle is invalid
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Examples

```
C      /* walk through all entries of a table */
      int ihandle;

      for ( ihandle = Util_TableItCreate(handle) ;
            Util_TableItQueryIsNonNull(ihandle) > 0 ;
            Util_TableItAdvance(ihandle) )
      {
        /* do something with the table entry */
      }

      Util_TableItDestroy(ihandle);
```

Util_TableItClone

Creates a new table iterator which is a “clone” (exact copy) of an existing table iterator

Synopsis

```
C          #include "util_ErrorCodes.h"
          #include "util_Table.h"
          int clone_ihandle = Util_TableItClone(int ihandle);
```

Result

clone_ihandle (≥ 0)
A handle to the clone table iterator

Parameters

ihandle handle to the table iterator to be cloned

Discussion

This function creates a new iterator which points to the same place in the same table as the original iterator. If the original iterator is in the “null-pointer” state, then the clone is also in this state.

Note that bad things (garbage results, core dumps) may happen if you call this function on an iterator which has been invalidated by a change in the table’s contents.

See Also

Util_TableClone() [B27]	create a new table which is a “clone” (exact copy) of an existing table
Util_TableItCreate() [B49]	create a table iterator
Util_TableItDestroy() [B50]	destroy a table iterator

Errors

UTIL_ERROR_BAD_HANDLE	iterator handle to be cloned, is invalid
UTIL_ERROR_NO_MEMORY	unable to allocate memory

Examples

```
C          #include "util_ErrorCodes.h"
          #include "util_Table.h"

          /*
           * Apart from efficiency and slight differences in error return codes,
           * Util_TableItClone() could be simulated by the following code.
           */
          int Util_TableItClone(int ihandle)
          {
              int status;

              /* to what table does the to-be-cloned iterator point? */
```

```
const int handle = Util_TableQueryTableHandle(ihandle);
if (handle < 0)
    return handle;                /* error in querying table handle */

/* create the to-be-cloned iterator */
/* (pointing into the same table as the original iterator) */
{
    const int clone_ihandle = Util_TableItCreate(handle);
    if (clone_ihandle < 0)
        return clone_ihandle;    /* error in creating clone iterator */

    /* how long is the key to which the to-be-cloned iterator points? */
    {
        const int key_length = Util_TableItQueryKeyValueInfo(ihandle,
                                                                0, NULL,
                                                                NULL, NULL);

        if (key_length == UTIL_TABLE_ITERATOR_IS_NULL)
        {
            /* to-be-cloned iterator is in "null-pointer" state */
            Util_TableItSetToNull(clone_ihandle);
            return clone_ihandle;    /* normal return */
        }
        if (key_length < 0)
            return key_length;    /* error in querying to-be-cloned iterator */

        /* to what key does the to-be-cloned iterator point? */
        {
            const int key_buffer_length = key_length + 1;
            char *const key_buffer = (char *) malloc(key_buffer_length);
            if (key_buffer == NULL)
                return UTIL_ERROR_NO_MEMORY;
            status = Util_TableItQueryKeyValueInfo(ihandle,
                                                    key_buffer_length, key_buffer);

            if (status < 0)
                return status;    /* error in querying to-be-cloned iterator */

            /* set the clone iterator to point to the same key as the original */
            status = Util_TableItSetToKey(clone_ihandle, key_buffer);
            free(key_buffer);
            return clone_ihandle;    /* normal return */
        }
    }
}
```

Util_TableItCreate

Create a new table iterator

Synopsis

```
C          #include "util_ErrorCodes.h"
          #include "util_Table.h"
          int ihandle = Util_TableItCreate(int handle);
```

Result

ihandle (≥ 0) handle to the table iterator

Parameters

handle (≥ 0) handle to the table over which the iterator should iterate

Discussion

This function creates a new table iterator. The iterator initially points at the starting table entry.

See Also

Util_TableItDestroy() [\[B50\]](#) destroy a table iterator

Errors

UTIL_ERROR_BAD_HANDLE	table handle is invalid
UTIL_ERROR_NO_MEMORY	unable to allocate memory

Examples

```
C          /* walk through all entries of a table */
          int ihandle;

          for ( ihandle = Util_TableItCreate(handle) ;
              Util_TableItQueryIsNonNull(ihandle) > 0 ;
              Util_TableItAdvance(ihandle) )
          {
              /* do something with the table entry */
          }

          Util_TableItDestroy(ihandle);
```

Util_TableItDestroy

Destroy a table iterator

Synopsis

```
C          #include "util_ErrorCodes.h"
           #include "util_Table.h"
           int status = Util_TableItDestroy(int ihandle);
```

Result

0 ok

Parameters

ihandle (≥ 0) handle to the table iterator

Discussion

See Also

Util_TableItCreate() [\[B49\]](#) create a table iterator

Errors

UTIL_ERROR_BAD_HANDLE	iterator handle is invalid
UTIL_ERROR_NO_MEMORY	unable to allocate memory

Examples

```
C          /* walk through all entries of a table */
           int ihandle;

           for ( ihandle = Util_TableItCreate(handle) ;
                Util_TableItQueryIsNonNull(ihandle) > 0 ;
                Util_TableItAdvance(ihandle) )
           {
               /* do something with the table entry */
           }

           Util_TableItDestroy(ihandle);
```

Util_TableItQueryIsNotNull

Query whether a table iterator is *not* in the “null-pointer” state

Synopsis

```
C          #include "util_ErrorCodes.h"
          #include "util_Table.h"
          int status = Util_TableItQueryIsNotNull(int ihandle);
```

Result

1	iterator is <i>not</i> in the “null-pointer” state, i.e. iterator points to some table entry
0	iterator is in the “null-pointer” state

Parameters

`ihandle` (≥ 0) handle to the table iterator

Discussion

If no errors occur, `Util_TableItQueryIsNotNull(ihandle)` is the same as `1 - Util_TableItQueryIsNull(ihandle)`.

Note that bad things (garbage results, core dumps) may happen if you call this function on an iterator which has been invalidated by a change in the table’s contents.

See Also

`Util_TableItQueryIsNull()` [[B52](#)] query whether a table iterator is in the “null-pointer” state

Errors

`UTIL_ERROR_BAD_HANDLE` iterator handle is invalid

Examples

```
C          /* walk through all entries of a table */
          int ihandle;

          for ( ihandle = Util_TableItCreate(handle) ;
                Util_TableItQueryIsNotNull(ihandle) > 0 ;
                Util_TableItAdvance(ihandle) )
          {
            /* do something with the table entry */
          }

          Util_TableItDestroy(ihandle);
```


Util_TableItQueryIsNull

Query whether a table iterator is in the “null-pointer” state

Synopsis

```
C      #include "util_ErrorCodes.h"
      #include "util_Table.h"
      int status = Util_TableItQueryIsNull(int ihandle);
```

Result

1 iterator is in the “null-pointer” state
0 iterator is *not* in the “null-pointer” state, i.e. iterator points to some table entry

Parameters

ihandle (≥ 0) handle to the table iterator

Discussion

If no errors occur, `Util_TableItQueryIsNull(ihandle)` is the same as `1 - Util_TableItQueryIsNonNull(ihandle)`.
Note that bad things (garbage results, core dumps) may happen if you call this function on an iterator which has been invalidated by a change in the table’s contents.

See Also

`Util_TableItQueryIsNonNull()` [\[B51\]](#)
query whether a table iterator is *not* in the “null-pointer” state,
i.e. whether the iterator points to some table entry

Errors

UTIL_ERROR_BAD_HANDLE iterator handle is invalid

Examples

```
C      /* variant code to walk through all entries of a table */
      int ihandle;

      for ( ihandle = Util_TableItCreate(handle) ;
            Util_TableItQueryIsNull(ihandle) == 0 ;
            Util_TableItAdvance(ihandle) )
      {
        /* do something with the table entry */
      }

      Util_TableItDestroy(ihandle);
```

Util_TableItQueryKeyValueInfo

Query the key and the type and number of elements of the value corresponding to that key, of the table entry to which an iterator points

Synopsis

```
C      #include "util_ErrorCodes.h"
      #include "util_Table.h"
      int key_length =
          Util_TableItQueryKeyValueInfo(int ihandle,
                                         int key_buffer_length, char key_buffer[],
                                         CCTK_INT *type_code, CCTK_INT *N_elements)
```

Result

key_length The string length of the key (this has C `strlen` semantics, i.e. it does *not* include a terminating null character)

Parameters

ihandle (≥ 0) handle to the table iterator

key_buffer_length the length (`sizeof`) of `key_buffer[]` (must be ≥ 1 if `key_buffer != NULL`)

key_buffer a pointer to a buffer into which this function should store (at most `key_buffer_length-1` characters of) the key, terminated by a null character as usual for C strings, or NULL pointer to skip storing this

type_code a pointer to where this function should store the value's type code (one of the `CCTK_VARIABLE_*` constants from "`cctk_Constants.h`"), or a NULL pointer to skip storing this.

N_elements a pointer to where this function should store the number of array elements in the value, or a NULL pointer to skip storing this.

Discussion

The usual use of an iterator is to iterate through all the entries of a table, calling this function on each entry, then taking further action based on the results.

Note that bad things (garbage results, core dumps) may happen if you call this function on an iterator which has been invalidated by a change in the table's contents.

If the error code `UTIL_ERROR_TABLE_STRING_TRUNCATED` is returned, then the first `key_buffer_length-1` characters of the key are returned in the user's key buffer (assuming `key_buffer` is non-NULL), followed by a null character to properly terminate the string in the buffer. If any other error code is returned, the user's key buffer (pointed to by `key_buffer` if this is non-NULL) is unchanged.

See Also

`Util_TableQueryValueInfo()` [\[B62\]](#)

query key present/absent in table, and optionally type and/or number of elements, but using the key instead of an iterator

Errors

UTIL_ERROR_BAD_HANDLE handle is invalid
 UTIL_ERROR_TABLE_ITERATOR_IS_NULL
 iterator is in "null-pointer" state
 UTIL_ERROR_TABLE_STRING_TRUNCATED
 key_buffer != NULL and key was truncated to fit in key_buffer

Examples

```
C
/* print out all entries in a table */
/* return 0 for ok, type code for any types we can't handle, */
/*      -ve for other errors */
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include "util_ErrorCodes.h"
#include "util_Table.h"
#include "cctk.h"

int print_table(int handle)
{
  int max_key_length, N_key_buffer, ihandle;
  char *key_buffer;

  max_key_length = Util_TableQueryMaxKeyLength(handle);
  if (max_key_length < 0)
    return max_key_length;

  N_key_buffer = max_key_length + 1;
  key_buffer = (char *) malloc(N_key_buffer);
  if (key_buffer == NULL)
    return UTIL_ERROR_NO_MEMORY;

  for ( ihandle = Util_TableItCreate(handle) ;
        Util_TableItQueryIsNonNull(ihandle) > 0 ;
        Util_TableItAdvance(ihandle) )
  {
    CCTK_INT type_code, N_elements;
    CCTK_INT value_int;
    CCTK_REAL value_real;

    Util_TableItQueryKeyValueInfo(ihandle,
                                   N_key_buffer, key_buffer,
                                   &type_code, &N_elements);
    printf("key = \"%s\"\n", key_buffer);

    switch (type_code)
    {
    case CCTK_VARIABLE_INT:
      Util_TableGetInt(handle, &value_int, key_buffer);
      printf("value[int] = %d\n", (int)value_int);
      break;
    case CCTK_VARIABLE_REAL:
      Util_TableGetReal(handle, &value_real, key_buffer);
```

```
        printf("value[real] = %g\n", (double)value_real);
        break;
    default:
        /* we don't know how to handle this type */
        Util_TableItDestroy(ihandle);
        free(key_buffer);
        return type_code;
    }
}

Util_TableItDestroy(ihandle);
free(key_buffer);
return 0;
}
```

Util_TableItQueryTableHandle

Query what table a table iterator iterates over

Synopsis

```
C          #include "util_ErrorCodes.h"
           #include "util_Table.h"
           int handle = Util_TableItQueryTableHandle(int ihandle);
```

Result

handle (≥ 0) handle to the table over which the iterator iterates

Parameters

ihandle (≥ 0) handle to the table iterator

Discussion

Note that it is always ok to call this function, regardless of whether or not the iterator is in the “null-pointer” state.

It’s also ok to call this function even when the iterator has been invalidated by a change in the table’s contents.

See Also

Util_TableItCreate() [\[B49\]](#) create an iterator (which iterates over a specified table)

Errors

UTIL_ERROR_BAD_HANDLE iterator handle is invalid

Util_TableItResetToStart

Reset a table iterator to point to the starting table entry

Synopsis

```
C          #include "util_ErrorCodes.h"
          #include "util_Table.h"
          int status = Util_TableItResetToStart(int ihandle);
```

Result

Results are the same as calling `Util_TableItQueryIsNonNull()` on the iterator after the reset:

1	iterator is <i>not</i> in the “null-pointer” state, i.e. iterator points to some table entry
0	iterator is in the “null-pointer” state (this happens if and only if the table is empty)

Parameters

`ihandle` (≥ 0) handle to the table iterator

Discussion

Note that it is always ok to call this function, regardless of whether or not the iterator is in the “null-pointer” state.

It’s also ok to call this function even when the iterator has been invalidated by a change in the table’s contents.

See Also

<code>Util_TableItSetToNull()</code>	[B59]	set an iterator to the “null-pointer” state
<code>Util_TableItSetToKey()</code>	[B58]	set an iterator to point to a specified table entry

Errors

<code>UTIL_ERROR_BAD_HANDLE</code>	iterator handle is invalid
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Util_TableItSetToKey

Set a table iterator to point to a specified table entry

Synopsis

```
C          #include "util_ErrorCodes.h"
           #include "util_Table.h"
           int status = Util_TableItSetToKey(int ihandle, const char *key);
```

Result

0 ok

Parameters

ihandle (≥ 0) handle to the table iterator

Discussion

This function has the same effect as calling `Util_TableItResetToStart()` followed by calling `Util_TableItAdvance()` zero or more times to make the iterator point to the desired table entry. However, this function will typically be (much) more efficient than that sequence.

Note that it is always ok to call this function, regardless of whether or not the iterator is in the “null-pointer” state.

It’s also ok to call this function even when the iterator has been invalidated by a change in the table’s contents.

See Also

`Util_TableItResetToStart()` [\[B57\]](#) reset an iterator to point to the starting table entry
`Util_TableItSetToNull()` [\[B59\]](#) set a table iterator to the “null-pointer” state

Errors

<code>UTIL_ERROR_BAD_HANDLE</code>	iterator handle is invalid
<code>UTIL_ERROR_TABLE_BAD_KEY</code>	key contains ‘/’ character
<code>UTIL_ERROR_TABLE_NO_SUCH_KEY</code>	no such key in table

Util_TableItSetToNull

Set a table iterator to the "null-pointer" state

Synopsis

```
C          #include "util_ErrorCodes.h"
           #include "util_Table.h"
           int handle = Util_TableItSetToNull(int ihandle);
```

Result

0 ok

Parameters

ihandle (≥ 0) handle to the table iterator

Discussion

Note that it is always ok to call this function, regardless of whether or not the iterator is already in the "null-pointer" state.

It's also ok to call this function even when the iterator has been invalidated by a change in the table's contents.

See Also

Util_TableItResetToStart() [[B57](#)] reset an iterator to point to the starting table entry

Util_TableItSetToKey() [[B58](#)] set an iterator to point to a specified table entry

Errors

UTIL_ERROR_BAD_HANDLE iterator handle is invalid

Util_TableQueryFlags

Query a table's flags word

Synopsis

```
C          #include "util_ErrorCodes.h"
          #include "util_Table.h"
          int flags = Util_TableQueryFlags(int handle);

Fortran    call Util_TableQueryFlags(flags, handle)
          integer flags, handle
```

Result

flags (≥ 0) the flags word

Parameters

handle (≥ 0) handle to the table

Discussion

See `Util_TableCreate()` for further discussion of the semantics of flag words.

See Also

`Util_TableClone()` [B27] create a new table which is a “clone” (exact copy) of an existing table

`Util_TableCreate()` [B29] create a table (flags word specified explicitly)

`Util_TableCreateFromString()` [B31] convenience routine to create a table (with certain default flags) and set key/value entries in it based on a parameter-file-like character string

Errors

UTIL_ERROR_BAD_HANDLE handle is invalid

Examples

```
C          #include <string.h>
          #include "util_ErrorCodes.h"
          #include "util_String.h"
          #include "util_Table.h"

          /* compare two strings, doing the comparison with the same */
          /* case-sensitive/insensitive semantics as a certain table uses */
          int compare_strings(int handle, const char *str1, const char *str2)
          {
            int flags = Util_TableQueryFlags(handle);
            return (flags & UTIL_TABLE_FLAGS_CASE_INSENSITIVE)
                  ? Util_StrCmpi(str1, str2)
                  :      strcmp (str1, str2);
```

}

Util_TableQueryValueInfo

Query whether or not a specified key is in the table, and optionally the type and/or number of elements of the value corresponding to this key

Synopsis

C	<pre>#include "util_ErrorCodes.h" #include "util_Table.h" int key_exists = Util_TableQueryValueInfo(int handle, CCTK_INT *type_code, CCTK_INT *N_elements, const char *key);</pre>
Fortran	<pre>call Util_TableQueryValueInfo(key_exists, handle, type_code, N_elements, key) integer key_exists, handle CCTK_INT type_code, N_elements character*(*) key</pre>

Result

1	ok (key is in table)
0	ok (no such key in table)

(in this case nothing is stored in `*type_code` and `*N_elements`)

Parameters

<code>handle</code> (≥ 0)	handle to the table
<code>type_code</code>	a pointer to where this function should store the value's type code (one of the <code>CCTK_VARIABLE_*</code> constants from "cctk_Constants.h"), or a NULL pointer to skip storing this.
<code>N_elements</code>	a pointer to where this function should store the number of array elements in the value, or a NULL pointer to skip storing this.
<code>key</code>	a pointer to the key (a C-style null-terminated string)

Discussion

Unlike all the other table query functions, this function returns 0 for “no such key in table”. The rationale for this design is that by passing NULL pointers for `type_code` and `N_elements`, this function is then a Boolean “is key in table?” predicate.

If any error code is returned, the user's buffers (pointed to by `type_code` and `N_elements` if these are non-NULL) are unchanged.

See Also

`Util_TableItQueryKeyValueInfo()` [\[B53\]](#)
 query key present/absent in table, and optionally type and/or number of elements, but using an iterator instead of the key

Errors

UTIL_ERROR_BAD_HANDLE handle is invalid
 UTIL_ERROR_TABLE_BAD_KEY key contains '/' character

Examples

```
C
#include <stdio.h>
#include <assert.h>
#include "util_ErrorCodes.h"
#include "util_Table.h"

static const int data[] = {314, 159, 265};
#define N_DATA (sizeof(data) / sizeof(data[0]))

CCTK_INT type_code, N_elements;

/* see whether or not "key" is in table */
if (Util_TableQueryValueInfo(handle, NULL, NULL, "key"))
{
    /* key is in the table */
}
else {
    /* key is not in the table */
}

/* put "data" in table as 3-element integer array */
Util_TableSetIntArray(handle, N_DATA, data, "data");

/* query info about "data" value */
assert( Util_TableQueryValueInfo(handle,
                                &type_code, &N_elements,
                                "data") == 1 );
assert( type_code == CCTK_VARIABLE_INT );
assert( N_elements == N_DATA );
```

Util_TableQueryMaxKeyLength

Query the maximum key length in a table

Synopsis

```
C          #include "util_ErrorCodes.h"
          #include "util_Table.h"
          int max_key_length = Util_TableQueryMaxKeyLength(int handle);

Fortran    call Util_TableQueryMaxKeyLength(max_key_length, handle)
          integer max_key_length, handle
```

Result

max_key_length (≥ 0)

The string length of the longest key in the table (this has C `strlen` semantics, i.e. it does *not* include a terminating null character)

Parameters

handle (≥ 0) handle to the table

Discussion

This function is useful if you're going to iterate through a table, and you want to allocate a buffer which is guaranteed to be big enough to hold any key in the table.

Errors

UTIL_ERROR_BAD_HANDLE handle is invalid

Examples

```
C          #include <stdlib.h>
          #include "util_ErrorCodes.h"
          #include "util_Table.h"
          #include "cctk.h"

          int max_key_length = Util_TableQueryMaxKeyLength(handle);
          int N_buffer = max_key_length + 1;
          char *const buffer = (char *) malloc(N_buffer);
          if (buffer == NULL)
          {
              CCTK_WARN(CCTK_WARN_ABORT, "couldn't allocate memory for table key buffer!");
              abort();          /* CCTK_Abort() would be better */
                                /* if we have a cGH* available */
          }

          /* now buffer is guaranteed to be */
          /* big enough for any key in the table */
```

Util_TableQueryNKeys

Query the number of key/value entries in a table

Synopsis

```
C           #include "util_ErrorCodes.h"
              #include "util_Table.h"
              int N_Keys = Util_TableQueryNKeys(int handle);

Fortran    call Util_TableQueryNKeys(N_Keys, handle)
              integer N_Keys, handle
```

Result

N_Keys (≥ 0) the number of key/value entries in the table

Parameters

handle (≥ 0) handle to the table

Errors

UTIL_ERROR_BAD_HANDLE handle is invalid

Util_TableSet*

This is a family of functions, one for each Cactus data type, to set the value associated with a specified key to be a specified single (1-element array) value

Synopsis

C

```
#include "util_ErrorCodes.h"
#include "util_Table.h"
int status = Util_TableSetXxx(int handle,
                             CCTK_XXX value,
                             const char *key);
```

where XXX is one of POINTER, FPOINTER³, CHAR, BYTE, INT, INT1, INT2, INT4, INT8, REAL, REAL4, REAL8, REAL16, COMPLEX, COMPLEX8, COMPLEX16, COMPLEX32 (not all of these may be supported on any given system)

Fortran

```
call Util_TableSetXxx(status, handle, value, key)
integer      status, handle
CCTK_XXX     value
character*(*) key
```

where CCTK_XXX may be any data type supported by C (above) except CCTK_CHAR (Fortran doesn't have a separate "character" data type; use CCTK_BYTE instead)

Result

1 ok (key was already in table before this call, old value was replaced)
 (it doesn't matter what the old value's `type_code` and `N_elements` were, i.e. these do *not* have to match the new value)

0 ok (key was not in table before this call)

Parameters

`handle` (≥ 0) handle to the table

`value` the value to be associated with the key

`key` a pointer to the key (a C-style null-terminated string)

Discussion

The key may be any C character string which does not contain a slash character ('/').

The value is stored as a 1-element array.

This function invalidates any iterators for the table which are not in the "null-pointer" state.

See Also

`Util_TableCreateFromString()` [\[B31\]](#) convenience routine to create a table and set key/value entries in it based on a parameter-file-like character string

`Util_TableGet*()` get a single (1-element array) value, or more generally the first array element of an array value

³For backwards compatability the function `Util_TableSetFnPointer()` is also provided as an alias for `Util_TableSetFPointer()`. This is deprecated as of Cactus 4.0 beta 13.

<code>Util_TableGet*Array()</code>	get an array value
<code>Util_TableGetGeneric()</code> [B39]	get a single (1-element array) value with generic data type
<code>Util_TableGetGenericArray()</code> [B41]	get an array value with generic data type
<code>Util_TableGetString()</code> [B44]	get a character-string value
<code>Util_TableSet*Array()</code>	set an array value
<code>Util_TableSetGeneric()</code> [B73]	set a single (1-element array) value with generic data type
<code>Util_TableSetGenericArray()</code> [B75]	set an array value with generic data type
<code>Util_TableSetFromString()</code> [B70]	convenience routine to set key/value entries in a table based on a parameter-file-like character string
<code>Util_TableSetString()</code> [B78]	set a character-string value

Errors

<code>UTIL_ERROR_BAD_HANDLE</code>	handle is invalid
<code>UTIL_ERROR_TABLE_BAD_KEY</code>	key contains '/' character
<code>UTIL_ERROR_NO_MEMORY</code>	unable to allocate memory

Examples

```
C
#include <math.h>
#include "util_ErrorCodes.h"
#include "util_Table.h"

CCTK_COMPLEX16 z;
int handle = Util_TableCreate(UTIL_TABLE_FLAGS_DEFAULT);

Util_TableSetInt(handle, 42, "the answer");
Util_TableSetReal(handle, 299792458.0, "speed of light");

z.Re = cos(0.37);      z.Im = sin(0.37);
Util_TableSetComplex16(handle, z, "my complex number");
```


Util_TableSet*Array

This is a family of functions, one for each Cactus data type, to set the value associated with a specified key to be a copy of a specified array

Synopsis

C

```
#include "util_ErrorCodes.h"
#include "util_Table.h"
int status = Util_TableSetXxxArray(int handle,
                                   int N_elements,
                                   const CCTK_XXX array[],
                                   const char *key);
```

where XXX is one of POINTER, FPOINTER⁴, CHAR, BYTE, INT, INT1, INT2, INT4, INT8, REAL, REAL4, REAL8, REAL16, COMPLEX, COMPLEX8, COMPLEX16, COMPLEX32 (not all of these may be supported on any given system)

Fortran

```
call Util_TableSetXxxArray(status, handle, N_elements, array, key)
integer      status, handle, N_elements
CCTK_XXX(*)  array
character(*)  key
```

where CCTK_XXX may be any data type supported by C (above)

Result

1 ok (key was already in table before this call, old value was replaced)
 (it doesn't matter what the old value's `type_code` and `N_elements` were, i.e. these do *not* have to match the new value)

0 ok (key was not in table before this call)

Parameters

`handle` (≥ 0) handle to the table

`N_elements` (≥ 0) the number of array elements in `array[]`

`array` a pointer to the array (a copy of which) is to be associated with the key

`key` a pointer to the key (a C-style null-terminated string)

Discussion

The key may be any C character string which does not contain a slash character (`'/'`). Note that empty (0-element) arrays are ok.

This function invalidates any iterators for the table which are not in the “null-pointer” state.

Note that the table makes (stores) a *copy* of the array you pass in, so it's somewhat inefficient to store a large array (e.g. a grid function) this way. If this is a problem, consider storing a `CCTK_POINTER` (pointing to the array) in the table instead. (Of course, this requires that you ensure that the pointed-to data is still valid whenever that `CCTK_POINTER` is used.)

⁴For backwards compatability the function `Util_TableSetFnPointerArray()` is also provided as an alias for `Util_TableSetFPointerArray()`. This is deprecated as of Cactus 4.0 beta 13.

See Also

<code>Util_TableCreateFromString()</code> [B31]	convenience routine to create a table and set key/value entries in it based on a parameter-file-like character string
<code>Util_TableGet*()</code>	get a single (1-element array) value, or more generally the first array element of an array value
<code>Util_TableGet*Array()</code>	get an array value
<code>Util_TableGetGeneric()</code> [B39]	get a single (1-element array) value with generic data type
<code>Util_TableGetGenericArray()</code> [B41]	get an array value with generic data type
<code>Util_TableGetString()</code> [B44]	get a character-string value
<code>Util_TableSet*()</code>	set a single (1-element array) value
<code>Util_TableSetGeneric()</code> [B73]	set a single (1-element array) value with generic data type
<code>Util_TableSetGenericArray()</code> [B75]	set an array value with generic data type
<code>Util_TableSetFromString()</code> [B70]	convenience routine to set key/value entries in a table based on a parameter-file-like character string
<code>Util_TableSetString()</code> [B78]	set a character-string value

Errors

<code>UTIL_ERROR_BAD_HANDLE</code>	handle is invalid
<code>UTIL_ERROR_TABLE_BAD_KEY</code>	key contains '/' character
<code>UTIL_ERROR_BAD_INPUT</code>	<code>N_elements < 0</code>
<code>UTIL_ERROR_NO_MEMORY</code>	unable to allocate memory

Examples

```
C      #include "util_ErrorCodes.h"
      #include "util_Table.h"

      #define N_DIGITS      5
      static const CCTK_INT pi_digits[N_DIGITS] = {3, 14, 159, 2653, 58979};
      int handle = Util_TableCreate(UTIL_TABLE_FLAGS_DEFAULT);

      Util_TableSetIntArray(handle, N_DIGITS, pi_digits, "digits of pi");
```

Util_TableSetFromString

Sets values in a table based on a string argument, which is interpreted with “parameter-file” semantics

Synopsis

C	<pre>#include "util_ErrorCodes.h" #include "util_Table.h" int count = Util_TableSetFromString(int handle, const char *string);</pre>
Fortran	<pre>call Util_TableSetFromString(count, handle, string) integer count, handle character(*) string</pre>

Result

count (≥ 0) the number of key/value entries set

Parameters

string a pointer to a C-style null-terminated string specifying the table entries to be set (see below for details on the string contents)

Discussion

The string should contain a sequence of zero or more **key=value** “assignments”, separated by whitespace. This function processes these assignments in left-to-right order, setting corresponding key/value entries in the table.

The present implementation only recognises integer, real, and character-string values (not complex), and integer and real arrays. To be precise, the string must match the following BNF:

string	→	assign*
assign	→	whitespace*
assign	→	whitespace* key whitespace* = whitespace* value delimiter
key	→	any string not containing '/' or '=' or whitespace
value	→	array int_value real_value string_value
array	→	{ int_value* } { real_value }
int_value	→	anything recognized as a valid integer by strtod(3) in base 10
real_value	→	anything not recognized as a valid integer by strtol(3) but recognized as valid by strtod(3)
string_value	→	a C-style string enclosed in "double quotes" (C-style character escape codes are allowed, i.e. bell ('\a'), backspace ('\b'), form-feed ('\f'), newline ('\n'), carriage-return ('\r'), tab ('\t'), vertical-tab ('\v'), backslash ('\'), single-quote ('\'), double-quote ('\\"), question-mark ('\?'))
string_value	→	a C-style string enclosed in 'single quotes' (C-style character escape codes are not allowed, i.e. every character within the string is interpreted literally)
delimiter	→	end-of-string whitespace
whitespace	→	blank (' ') tab ('\t') newline ('\n') carriage-return ('\r') form-feed ('\f') vertical-tab ('\v')

where * denotes 0 or more repetitions and | denotes logical or.

Notice also that the keys allowed by this function are somewhat more restricted than those allowed by the other `Util_TableSet*()` functions, in that this function disallows keys containing '=' and/or whitespace.

If any error code is returned, assignments lexicographically earlier in the input string than where the error was detected will already have been made in the table. Unfortunately, there is no easy way to find out where the error was detected. :(

See Also

<code>Util_TableCreateFromString()</code> [B31]	convenience routine to create a table and set key/value entries in it based on a parameter-file-like character string
<code>Util_TableGet*()</code>	get a single (1-element array) value, or more generally the first array element of an array value
<code>Util_TableGet*Array()</code>	get an array value
<code>Util_TableGetGeneric()</code> [B39]	get a single (1-element array) value with generic data type
<code>Util_TableGetGenericArray()</code> [B41]	get an array value with generic data type
<code>Util_TableGetString()</code> [B44]	get a character-string value
<code>Util_TableSet*()</code>	set a single (1-element array) value
<code>Util_TableSet*Array()</code>	set an array value
<code>Util_TableSetGeneric()</code> [B73]	set a single (1-element array) value with generic data type
<code>Util_TableSetGenericArray()</code> [B75]	set an array value with generic data type
<code>Util_TableSetString()</code> [B78]	set a character-string value

Errors

<code>UTIL_ERROR_NO_MEMORY</code>	unable to allocate memory
<code>UTIL_ERROR_BAD_KEY</code>	invalid input: key contains invalid character
<code>UTIL_ERROR_BAD_INPUT</code>	invalid input: can't parse input string
<code>UTIL_ERROR_NO_MIXED_TYPE_ARRAY</code>	invalid input: different array values have different datatypes
other error codes	this function may also return any error codes returned by <code>Util_TableSetString()</code> , <code>Util_TableSetInt()</code> , <code>Util_TableSetReal()</code> , <code>Util_TableSetIntArray()</code> , or <code>Util_TableSetRealArray()</code> .

Examples

```
C
#include "util_ErrorCodes.h"
#include "util_Table.h"

/* suppose we have a table referred to by handle */

/* then the call... */
int count = Util_TableSetFromString(handle, "n = 6\t"
                                     "dx = 4.0e-5\t"
                                     "pi = 3.1\t")
```

```
                                "s = 'my string'\t"
                                "array = { 1 2 3 }");

/* ... will return count=5 ... */

/* ... and is otherwise equivalent to the five calls ... */
CCTK_INT array[] = {1, 2, 3};

Util_TableSetInt(handle, 6, "n");
Util_TableSetReal(handle, 4.0e-5, "dx");
Util_TableSetReal(handle, 3.1, "pi");
Util_TableSetString(handle, "my string", "s");
Util_TableSetIntArray(handle, 3, array, "array");
```

Util_TableSetGeneric

Set the value associated with a specified key to be a specified single (1-element array) value, whose data type is generic. That is, the value is specified by a `CCTK_VARIABLE_*` type code and a `void *` pointer.

Synopsis

C `#include "util_ErrorCodes.h"`
 `#include "util_Table.h"`
 `int status = Util_TableSetGeneric(int handle,`
 `int type_code, const void *value,`
 `const char *key);`

Fortran `call Util_TableSetGeneric(status, handle, type_code, value, key)`
 `integer status, handle, type_code`
 `CCTK_POINTER value`
 `character*(*) key`

Result

1 ok (key was already in table before this call, old value was replaced)
 (it doesn't matter what the old value's `type_code` and `N_elements` were, i.e. these do *not* have to match the new value)

0 ok (key was not in table before this call)

Parameters

`handle` (≥ 0) handle to the table

`type_code` the array elements' type code (one of the `CCTK_VARIABLE_*` constants from "`cctk_Constants.h`")

`value_ptr` a pointer to the value to be associated with the key

`key` a pointer to the key (a C-style null-terminated string)

Discussion

The key may be any C character string which does not contain a slash character (`'/'`).

The value is stored as a 1-element array.

This function invalidates any iterators for the table which are not in the "null-pointer" state.

See Also

`Util_TableCreateFromString()` [\[B31\]](#) convenience routine to create a table and set key/value entries in it based on a parameter-file-like character string

`Util_TableGet*()` get a single (1-element array) value, or more generally the first array element of an array value

`Util_TableGet*Array()` get an array value

`Util_TableGetGeneric()` [\[B39\]](#) get a single (1-element array) value with generic data type

`Util_TableGetGenericArray()` [\[B41\]](#) get an array value with generic data type

`Util_TableGetString()` [\[B44\]](#) get a character-string value

<code>Util_TableSet*()</code>	set a single (1-element array) value
<code>Util_TableSet*Array()</code>	set an array value
<code>Util_TableSetGeneric()</code> [B73]	set a single (1-element array) value with generic data type
<code>Util_TableSetGenericArray()</code> [B75]	set an array value with generic data type
<code>Util_TableSetFromString()</code> [B70]	convenience routine to set key/value entries in a table based on a parameter-file-like character string
<code>Util_TableSetString()</code> [B78]	set a character-string value

Errors

<code>UTIL_ERROR_BAD_HANDLE</code>	handle is invalid
<code>UTIL_ERROR_BAD_INPUT</code>	<code>type_code</code> is invalid
<code>UTIL_ERROR_TABLE_BAD_KEY</code>	key contains <code>'/'</code> character
<code>UTIL_ERROR_NO_MEMORY</code>	unable to allocate memory

Examples

```
C      #include "util_Table.h"
      #include "cctk_Constants.h"

      const CCTK_INT i = 42;
      const void *iptr = (void *) &i;
      CCTK_INT icopy;

      const CCTK_REAL x = 299792458.0;
      const void *xptr = (void *) &x;
      CCTK_REAL xcopy;

      const int handle = Util_TableCreate(UTIL_TABLE_FLAGS_DEFAULT);

      Util_TableSetGeneric(handle, CCTK_VARIABLE_INT, iptr, "the answer");
      Util_TableSetGeneric(handle, CCTK_VARIABLE_REAL, xptr, "speed of light");

      /* gets icopy to 42 */
      Util_TableGetInt(handle, &icopy, "the answer");

      /* gets xcopy to 299792458.0 */
      Util_TableGetReal(handle, &xcopy, "speed of light");
```

Util_TableSetGenericArray

Set the value associated with a specified key to be a copy of a specified array, whose data type is generic. That is, the array is specified by a `CCTK_VARIABLE_*` type code, a count of the number of array elements, and a `void *` pointer.

Synopsis

C	<pre>#include "util_ErrorCodes.h" #include "util_Table.h" int status = Util_TableSetGenericArray(int handle, int type_code, int N_elements, const void *array, const char *key);</pre>
Fortran	<pre>call Util_TableSetGenericArray(status, . handle, . type_code, . N_elements, array, . key) integer status, handle, type_code, N_elements CCTK_POINTER(*) array character*(*) key</pre>

Result

1	ok (key was already in table before this call, old value was replaced) (it doesn't matter what the old value's <code>type_code</code> and <code>N_elements</code> were, i.e. these do <i>not</i> have to match the new value)
0	ok (key was not in table before this call)

Parameters

<code>handle</code> (≥ 0)	handle to the table
<code>type_code</code>	the array elements' type code (one of the <code>CCTK_VARIABLE_*</code> constants from " <code>cctk_Constants.h</code> ")
<code>N_elements</code> (≥ 0)	the number of array elements in <code>array[]</code>
<code>value_ptr</code>	a pointer to the value to be associated with the key
<code>key</code>	a pointer to the key (a C-style null-terminated string)

Discussion

The key may be any C character string which does not contain a slash character (`'/'`).

The value is stored as a 1-element array.

This function invalidates any iterators for the table which are not in the "null-pointer" state.

Note that the table makes (stores) a *copy* of the array you pass in, so it's somewhat inefficient to store a large array (e.g. a grid function) this way. If this is a problem, consider storing a `CCTK_POINTER` (pointing to the array) in the table instead. (Of course, this requires that you ensure that the pointed-to data is still valid whenever that `CCTK_POINTER` is used.)

See Also

<code>Util_TableCreateFromString()</code> [B31]	convenience routine to create a table and set key/value entries in it based on a parameter-file-like character string
<code>Util_TableGet*()</code>	get a single (1-element array) value, or more generally the first array element of an array value
<code>Util_TableGet*Array()</code>	get an array value
<code>Util_TableGetGeneric()</code> [B39]	get a single (1-element array) value with generic data type
<code>Util_TableGetGenericArray()</code> [B41]	get an array value with generic data type
<code>Util_TableGetString()</code> [B44]	get a character-string value
<code>Util_TableSet*()</code>	set a single (1-element array) value
<code>Util_TableSet*Array()</code>	set an array value
<code>Util_TableSetGeneric()</code> [B73]	set a single (1-element array) value with generic data type
<code>Util_TableSetFromString()</code> [B70]	convenience routine to set key/value entries in a table based on a parameter-file-like character string
<code>Util_TableSetString()</code> [B78]	set a character-string value

Errors

<code>UTIL_ERROR_BAD_HANDLE</code>	handle is invalid
<code>UTIL_ERROR_BAD_INPUT</code>	<code>type_code</code> is invalid
<code>UTIL_ERROR_TABLE_BAD_KEY</code>	key contains <code>'/'</code> character
<code>UTIL_ERROR_NO_MEMORY</code>	unable to allocate memory

Examples

```

C      #include "util_Table.h"
      #include "cctk_Constants.h"

      #define N_IARRAY    3
      const CCTK_INT iarray[N_IARRAY] = {42, 69, 105};
      const void *iarray_ptr = (void *) iarray;
      CCTK_INT iarray2[N_IARRAY];

      #define N_XARRAY    2
      const CCTK_REAL xarray[N_XARRAY] = {6.67e-11, 299792458.0};
      const void *xarray_ptr = (void *) xarray;
      CCTK_REAL xarray2[N_XARRAY];

      const int handle = Util_TableCreate(UTIL_TABLE_FLAGS_DEFAULT);

      Util_TableSetGenericArray(handle,
                                CCTK_VARIABLE_INT,
                                N_IARRAY, iarray_ptr,
                                "my integer array");
      Util_TableSetGenericArray(handle,
                                CCTK_VARIABLE_REAL,

```

```
        N_XARRAY, xarray_ptr,  
        "my real array");  
  
/* gets iarray2[0] = 42, iarray2[1] = 69, iarray2[2] = 105 */  
Util_TableGetIntArray(handle, N_IARRAY, iarray2, "my integer array");  
  
/* gets xarray2[0] = 6.67e-11, xarray2[1] = 299792458.0 */  
Util_TableGetRealArray(handle, N_XARRAY, xarray2, "my real array");
```

Util_TableSetString

Sets the value associated with a specified key in a table, to be a copy of a specified C-style null-terminated character string

Synopsis

C	<pre>#include "util_ErrorCodes.h" #include "util_Table.h" int status = Util_TableSetString(int handle, const char *string, const char *key);</pre>
Fortran	<pre>call Util_TableSetString(status, handle, string, key) integer status, handle character*(*) string, key</pre>

Result

Results are the same as all the other `Util_TableSet*()` functions:

1	ok (key was already in table before this call, old value was replaced) (it doesn't matter what the old value's <code>type_code</code> and <code>N_elements</code> were, i.e. these do <i>not</i> have to match the new value)
0	ok (key was not in table before this call)

Parameters

handle (≥ 0)	handle to the table
string	a pointer to the string (a C-style null-terminated string)
key	a pointer to the key (a C-style null-terminated string)

Discussion

The key may be any C character string which does not contain a slash character (`'/'`). The string is stored as an array of `strlen(string)` `CCTK_CHARS`. It does *not* include a terminating null character.

This function is very similar to `Util_TableSetCharArray()`.

This function invalidates any iterators for the table which are not in the “null-pointer” state.

See Also

<code>Util_TableCreateFromString()</code> [B31]	convenience routine to create a table and set key/value entries in it based on a parameter-file-like character string
<code>Util_TableGet*()</code>	get a single (1-element array) value, or more generally the first array element of an array value
<code>Util_TableGet*Array()</code>	get an array value
<code>Util_TableGetGeneric()</code> [B39]	get a single (1-element array) value with generic data type
<code>Util_TableGetGenericArray()</code> [B41]	get an array value with generic data type

<code>Util_TableGetString()</code>	[B44]	get a character-string value
<code>Util_TableSetCharArray()</code>	[B68]	get an array-of-CCTK_CHAR value
<code>Util_TableSet*()</code>		set a single (1-element array) value
<code>Util_TableSet*Array()</code>		set an array value
<code>Util_TableSetGeneric()</code>	[B73]	set a single (1-element array) value with generic data type
<code>Util_TableSetGenericArray()</code>	[B75]	set an array value with generic data type
<code>Util_TableSetCharArray()</code>	[B68]	set an array-of-CCTK_CHAR value

Errors

<code>UTIL_ERROR_BAD_HANDLE</code>	handle is invalid
<code>UTIL_ERROR_TABLE_BAD_KEY</code>	key contains '/' character
<code>UTIL_ERROR_NO_MEMORY</code>	unable to allocate memory

Examples

```
C
#include "util_ErrorCodes.h"
#include "util_Table.h"

static const CCTK_CHAR array[]
    = {'r', 'e', 'l', 'a', 't', 'i', 'v', 'i', 't', 'y'};
#define N_ARRAY (sizeof(array) / sizeof(array[0]))
int handle = Util_TableCreate(UTIL_TABLE_FLAGS_DEFAULT);

Util_TableSetString(handle, "relativity", "Einstein");

/* this produces the same table entry as the Util_TableSetString() */
Util_TableSetCharArray(handle, N_ARRAY, array, "Einstein");
```

Util_TablePrint

Print out a table and its data structures, using a verbose internal format meant for debugging

Synopsis

```
C          #include <stdio.h>
          #include "util_ErrorCodes.h"
          #include "util_Table.h"
          int status = Util_TablePrint(FILE *stream,
                                     int handle);
```

Result

0 ok

Parameters

stream ($\neq 0$) output stream, e.g. `stdout`

handle (≥ 0) handle to the table

Discussion

stream may be any output stream, e.g. `stdout` or `stderr`, or a file that has been opened for writing.

See Also

Util_TablePrintAll() [[B81](#)] Print out all tables and their data structures, using a verbose internal format meant for debugging

Util_TablePrintAllIterators() [[B82](#)] Print out all table iterators and their data structures, using a verbose internal format meant for debugging

Util_TablePrintPretty() [[B83](#)] Print out a table, using a human-readable format similar to the one accepted by `Util_TableCreateFromString`

Examples

```
C          #include <stdio.h>
          #include "util_ErrorCodes.h"
          #include "util_Table.h"

          int handle = Util_TableCreateFromString("ipar=1 dpar=2.0 spar='three'");
          Util_TablePrint(stdout, handle);
```

Util_TablePrintAll

Print out all tables and their data structures, using a verbose internal format meant for debugging

Synopsis

```
C          #include <stdio.h>
           #include "util_ErrorCodes.h"
           #include "util_Table.h"
           int status = Util_TablePrintAll(FILE *stream);
```

Result

0 ok

Parameters

stream (\neq 0) output stream, e.g. `stdout`

Discussion

`stream` may be any output stream, e.g. `stdout` or `stderr`, or a file that has been opened for writing.

See Also

`Util_TablePrint()` [\[B80\]](#) Print out a table and its data structures, using a verbose internal format meant for debugging

`Util_TablePrintAllIterators()` [\[B82\]](#) Print out all table iterators and their data structures, using a verbose internal format meant for debugging

`Util_TablePrintPretty()` [\[B83\]](#) Print out a table, using a human-readable format similar to the one accepted by `Util_TableCreateFromString`

Examples

```
C          #include <stdio.h>
           #include "util_ErrorCodes.h"
           #include "util_Table.h"

           int handle = Util_TableCreateFromString("ipar=1 dpar=2.0 spar='three'");
           Util_TablePrintAll(stdout);
```

Util_TablePrintAllIterators

Print out all table iterators and their data structures, using a verbose internal format meant for debugging

Synopsis

```
C
#include <stdio.h>
#include "util_ErrorCodes.h"
#include "util_Table.h"
int status = Util_TablePrintAllIterators(FILE *stream);
```

Result

0 ok

Parameters

stream ($\neq 0$) output stream, e.g. `stdout`

Discussion

`stream` may be any output stream, e.g. `stdout` or `stderr`, or a file that has been opened for writing.

See Also

Util_TablePrint() [B80]	Print out a table and its data structures, using a verbose internal format meant for debugging
Util_TablePrintAll() [B81]	Print out all tables and their data structures, using a verbose internal format meant for debugging
Util_TablePrintPretty() [B83]	Print out a table, using a human-readable format similar to the one accepted by <code>Util_TableCreateFromString</code>

Examples

```
C
#include <stdio.h>
#include "util_ErrorCodes.h"
#include "util_Table.h"

int handle = Util_TableCreateFromString("ipar=1 dpar=2.0 spar='three'");
Util_TablePrintAllIterators(stdout);
```

Util_TablePrintPretty

Print out a table, using a human-readable format similar to the one accepted by Util_TableCreateFromString

Synopsis

```
C      #include <stdio.h>
      #include "util_ErrorCodes.h"
      #include "util_Table.h"
      int status = Util_TablePrintPretty(FILE *stream,
                                         int handle);
```

Result

0 ok

Parameters

`stream` ($\neq 0$) output stream, e.g. `stdout`
`handle` (≥ 0) handle to the table

Discussion

`stream` may be any output stream, e.g. `stdout` or `stderr`, or a file that has been opened for writing.

See Also

`Util_TableCreateFromString()` [\[B31\]](#) Create a new table (with the case-insensitive flag set) and set values in it based on a string argument (interpreted with “parameter-file” semantics)

`Util_TablePrint()` [\[B80\]](#) Print out a table and its data structures, using a verbose internal format meant for debugging

`Util_TablePrintAll()` [\[B81\]](#) Print out all tables and their data structures, using a verbose internal format meant for debugging

`Util_TablePrintAllIterators()` [\[B82\]](#) Print out all table iterators and their data structures, using a verbose internal format meant for debugging

Examples

```
C      #include <stdio.h>
      #include "util_ErrorCodes.h"
      #include "util_Table.h"

      int handle = Util_TableCreateFromString("ipar=1 dpar=2.0 spar='three'");
      Util_TablePrintPretty(stdout, handle);
```