DFSDadddata/dsadata

intn DFSDadddata(char **filename*, intn *rank*, int32 *dimsizes*[], VOIDP *data*);

filename	IN:	Name of the HDF file
rank	IN:	Number of dimensions in the data array to be written
dimsizes	IN:	Array containing the size of each dimension
data	IN:	Array containing the data to be stored

Purpose Appends a scientific dataset in its entirety to an existing HDF file if the file exists. If not, a new file is created.

Return value Returns `SUCCEED` (or `0`) if successful and `FAIL` (or `-1`) otherwise.

Description In addition to appending a multidimensional array of data to an HDF file, **DFSDadddata** automatically stores any information pertinent to the dataset. It will not overwrite existing data in the file. The array data can be of any valid type. However, if no data type has been set by **DFSDsetNT**, it is assumed that the data is of type `float32`.

Calling **DFSDadddata** will write the scientific dataset and all associated information. That is, when **DFSDadddata** is called, any information set by a **DFSDset*** call is written to the file, along with the data array itself.

FORTRAN

```
integer function dsadata(filename, rank, dimsizes, data)

character*(*) filename

integer rank

integer dimsizes(*), data(*)
```

DFSDclear/dsclear

intn DFSDclear( )

Purpose Clears all values set by **DFSDset*** routines.

Return value Returns `SUCCEED` (or `0`) if successful and `FAIL` (or `-1`) otherwise.

Description After a call to **DFSDclear**, values set by any **DFSDset*** call will not be written unless they have been set again.

FORTRAN `integer function dsclear( )`

DFSDendslab/dseslab

intn DFSDendslab( )

Purpose Terminates a sequence of slab calls started by **DFSDstartslab** by closing the file.

Return value Returns `SUCCEED` (or `0`) if successful and `FAIL` (or `-1`) otherwise.

FORTRAN `integer function dseslab( )`

DFSDendslice/dseslc

intn DFSDendslice( )

Purpose Terminates the write operation after storing a slice of data in a scientific dataset.

Return value Returns `SUCCEED` (or `0`) if successful and `FAIL` (or `-1`) otherwise.

Description **DFSDendslice** must be called after all the slices are written. It checks to ensure that the entire dataset has been written, and if it has not, returns an error code. **DFSDendslice** is obsolete in favor of **DFSDendslab**. **DFSDendslab** is the recommended function call to use when terminating hyperslab (previously known as data slices) operations. HDF will continue to support **DFSDendslice** only to maintain backward compatibility with earlier versions of the library.

FORTRAN `integer function dseslc( )`

DFSDgetcal/dsgcal

int32 DFSDgetcal(float64 **cal*, float64 **cal_err*, float64 **offset*, float64 **offset_err*, int32 **data_type*)

cal	OUT:	Calibration factor
cal_err	OUT:	Calibration error
offset	OUT:	Uncalibrated offset
offset_err	OUT:	Uncalibrated offset error
data_type	OUT:	Data type of uncalibrated data

Purpose Retrieves the calibration record, if there is one, attached to a scientific dataset.

Return value Returns `SUCCEED` (or `0`) if successful and `FAIL` (or `-1`) otherwise.

Description A calibration record contains four 64-bit floating point values followed by a 32-bit integer.

The relationship between a value `iy` stored in a dataset and the actual value `y` is defined as:

```
y = cal * (iy - offset)
```

The variable `offset_err` contains a potential error of *offset*, and *cal_err* contains a potential error of *cal*. Currently the calibration record is provided for information only. The SD interface performs no operations on the data based on the calibration tag.

As an example, suppose the values in the calibrated dataset `iy[]` are the following integers:

```
iy[6] = {2, 4, 5, 11, 26, 81}
```

By defining `cal = 0.50` and `offset = -200.0` and applying the calibration formula, the calibrated dataset `iy[]` returns to its original form as a floating point array:

```
y[6] = {1001.0, 1002.0, 1002.5, 1005.5, 1013.0,1040.5}
```

FORTRAN

```
integer function dsgcal(cal, cal_err, offset, offset_err,
                                    data_type)

real cal, cal_err, offset, offset_err

integer data_type
```

DFSDgetdata/dsgdata

intn DFSDgetdata(char **filename*, intn *rank*, int32 *dimsizes*[], VOIDP *data*)

filename	IN:	Name of the file
rank	IN:	Number of dimensions
dimsizes	IN:	Dimensions of the *data* buffer
data	OUT:	Buffer for the data

Purpose Reads the next dataset in the file.

Return value Returns `SUCCEED` (or `0`) if successful and `FAIL` (or `-1`) otherwise.

Description If the values of *rank* or *dimsizes* aren't known, **DFSDgetdims** must be called to retrieve them and then use them to determine the buffer space needed for the array data. If the data type of the data in a scientific dataset isn't know, **DFSDgetNT** must be called to retrieve it. Subsequent calls to **DFSDgetdata** (or to **DFSDgetdims** and **DFSDgetdata**)will sequentially read scientific datasets from the file. For example, if **DFSDgetdata** is called three times in succession, the third call reads data from the third scientific dataset in the file.

If **DFSDgetdims** or **DFSDgetdata** is called and there are no more scientific datasets left in the file, an error code is returned and nothing is read. **DFSDrestart** can be used to override this convention.

FORTRAN

```
integer function dsgdata(filename, rank, dimsizes, data)

character*(*) filename

integer rank

integer dimsizes(*), data(*)
```

DFSDgetdatalen/dsgdaln

intn DFSDgetdatalen(intn **label_len*, intn **unit_len*, intn **format_len*, intn **coords_len*)

label_len	OUT:	Maximum length of the label string
unit_len	OUT:	Maximum length of the unit string
format_len	OUT:	Maximum length of the format string
coords_len	OUT:	Maximum length of the coordinate system string

Purpose Retrieves the lengths of the label, unit, format, and coordinate system strings.

Return value Returns `SUCCEED` (or `0`) if successful and `FAIL` (or `-1`) otherwise.

Description The space allocated for the label, unit, format, and coordinate system strings must be at least one byte larger than the actual length of the string to account for the null termination.

FORTRAN

```
integer function dsgdaln(label_len, unit_len, format_len,
                              coords_len)

integer label_len, unit_len, format_len, coords_len
```

DFSDgetdatastrs/dsgdast

intn DFSDgetdatastrs(char **label*, char **unit*, char **format*, char **coordsys*)

label	OUT:	Label describing the data
unit	OUT:	Unit to be used with the data
format	OUT:	Format to be used in displaying data
coordsys	OUT:	Coordinate system

Purpose Retrieves information about the label, unit, and format attribute strings associated with the data.

Return value Returns `SUCCEED` (or `0`) if successful and `FAIL` (or `-1`) otherwise.

Description The parameter *coordsys* gives the coordinate system that is to be used for interpreting the dimension information.

FORTRAN

```
integer function dsgdast(label, unit, format, coordsys)

character*(*) label, unit, format, coordsys
```

DFSDgetdimlen/dsgdiln

intn DFSDgetdimlen (intn *dim*, intn **label_len*, intn **unit_len*, intn **format_len*)

dim	IN:	Dimension the label, unit, and format refer to
label_len	OUT:	Length of the label
unit_len	OUT:	Length of the unit
format_len	OUT:	Length of the format

Purpose Retrieves the length of the label, unit, and format attribute strings associated with the specified dimension.

Return value Returns `SUCCEED` (or `0`) if successful and `FAIL` (or `-1`) otherwise.

Description The space allocated to hold the label, unit, and format strings must be at least one byte larger than the actual length of the string, to account for the null termination.

FORTRAN

```
integer function dsgdiln(dim, label_len, unit_len, format_len)

integer dim, label_len, unit_len, format_len
```

DFSDgetdims/dsgdims

intn DFSDgetdims(char **filename*, intn **rank*, int32 *dimsizes*[], intn *maxrank*)

filename	IN:	Name of the HDF file
rank	OUT:	Number of dimensions
dimsizes	OUT:	Buffer for the returned dimensions
maxrank	IN:	Size of the storage buffer *dimsizes*

Purpose Retrieves the number of dimensions (*rank*) of the dataset and the sizes of the dimensions (*dimsizes*) for the next scientific dataset in the file.

Return value Returns `SUCCEED` (or `0`) if successful and `FAIL` (or `-1`) otherwise.

Description The *maxrank* parameter tells **DFSDgetdims** the size of the array that is allocated for storing the *dimsizes* array. The value of *rank* must not exceed the value of *maxrank*.

The allocation of a buffer for the scientific dataset data should correspond to the values retrieved by **DFSDgetdims**. The first value in the array *dimsizes* should equal the first dimension of the array that is allocated to hold the dataset; the second value in *dimsizes* should equal the second dimension of the dataset, and so forth.

FORTRAN

```
integer function dsgdims(filename, rank, dimsizes, maxrank)

character*(*) filename

integer rank, maxrank

integer dimsizes(*)
```

DFSDgetdimscale/dsgdisc

intn DFSDgetdimscale(intn *dim*, int32 *size*, VOIDP *scale*)

dim	IN:	Dimension this scale corresponds to
size	IN:	Size of the *scale* buffer
scale	OUT:	Array of values defining reference points along a specified dimension

Purpose Gets the scale corresponding to the specified dimension.

Return value Returns `SUCCEED` (or `0`) if successful and `FAIL` (or `-1`) otherwise.

Description The DFSD interface requires the dimension scales to be of the same data type as the corresponding data. To store dimension scales of a different data type than the corresponding data, use the multifile SD interface.

FORTRAN

```
integer function dsgdisc(dim, size, scale)

integer dim, size

integer scale(*)
```

DFSDgetdimstrs/dsgdist

intn DFSDgetdimstrs(intn *dim*, char **label*, char **unit*, char **format*)

dim	IN:	Dimension this label, unit and format refer to
label	OUT:	Label that describes this dimension
unit	OUT:	Unit to be used with this dimension
format	OUT:	Format to be used in displaying scale for this dimension

Purpose Retrieves the label, unit, and format attribute strings corresponding to the specified dimension.

Return value Returns `SUCCEED` (or `0`) if successful and `FAIL` (or `-1`) otherwise.

Description The space allocated for the label, unit, and format string must be at least one byte larger than the length of the string to accommodate the null termination. If the length is unknown when the program is written, declare the array size as `1+maxlen_label`, `maxlen_unit`, or `maxlen_format` after they are set by **DFSDsetlengths**. The maximum default string length is `255`.

FORTRAN

```
integer function dsgdist(dim, label, unit, format)

integer dim

character*(*) label, unit, format
```

DFSDgetfillvalue/dsgfill

intn DFSDgetfillvalue(VOIDP *fill_value*)

fill_value	OUT:	Fill value

Purpose Retrieves the fill value of a DFSD scientific dataset.

Return value Returns `SUCCEED` (or `0`) if successful and `FAIL` (or `-1`) otherwise.

Description The fill value is set by **DFSDsetfillvalue** and returned in the variable `fill_value`. Note that **DFSDgetfillvalue** does not take a file name as an argument. As a result, a DFSD call to initialize the file information structures is required before calling **DFSDgetfillvalue**. One such call is **DFSDgetdims**.

FORTRAN

```
integer function dsgfill(fill_value)

character*(*) fill_value
```

DFSDgetNT/dsgnt

intn DFSDgetNT(int32 **data_type*)

data_type OUT: Data type of data in the scientific dataset

Purpose Retrieves the data type of the next dataset to be read.

Return value Returns `SUCCEED` (or `0`) if successful and `FAIL` (or `-1`) otherwise.

Description Note that **DFSDgetNT** does not take a file name as an argument. As a result, a DFSD call to initialize the file information structures is required before calling **DFSDgetNT**. One such call is **DFSDgetdims**.

Valid values for *data_type* are of the general form DFNT_. The following are valid symbolic names and their data types:

32-bit float	DFNT_FLOAT32	5
64-bit float	DFNT_FLOAT64	6
8-bit signed int	DFNT_INT8	20
8-bit unsigned int	DFNT_UINT8	21
16-bit signed int	DFNT_INT16	22
16-bit unsigned int	DFNT_UINT16	23
32-bit signed int	DFNT_INT32	24
32-bit unsigned int	DFNT_UINT32	25
8-bit character	DFNT_CHAR8	4

FORTRAN

```
integer function dsgnt(num_type)


integer num_type
```

DFSDgetrange/dsgrang

intn DFSDgetrange(VOIDP *max*, VOIDP *min*)

max	OUT:	Maximum value stored with the scientific dataset
min	OUT:	Maximum value stored with the scientific dataset

Purpose Retrieves the maximum and minimum values stored with the scientific dataset.

Return value Returns `SUCCEED` (or `0`) if successful and `FAIL` (or `-1`) otherwise.

Description The *max* and *min* values are set via a call to **DFSDsetrange**. They are not automatically stored when a dataset is written to a file. The data type of these values is the data type of the dataset array. One implication of this is that in the C version of **DFSDgetrange** the arguments are pointers, rather than simple variables, whereas in the FORTRAN-77 version they are simple variables of the same type as the data array.

Neither **DFSDgetrange** nor **DFSDgetdata** compare the *max* and *min* values stored with the dataset to the actual values in the dataset; they merely retrieve the data. As a result, the maximum and minimum values may not always reflect the actual maximum and minimum values in the dataset. In some cases the *max* and *min* values may actually lie outside the range of values in the dataset.

FORTRAN

```
integer function dsgrang(max, min)

character*(*) max, min
```

DFSDgetslice/dsgslc

intn DFSDgetslice(char **filename*, int32 *winst*[], int32 *windims*[], VOIDP *data*, int32 *dims*[])

filename	IN:	Name of HDF file
winst	IN:	Array containing the coordinates for the start of the slice
windim	IN:	Array containing the dimensions of the slice
data	OUT:	Array for returning slice
dims	OUT:	Dimensions of array data

Purpose Reads part of a scientific dataset from a file.

Return value Returns `SUCCEED` (or `0`) if successful and `FAIL` (or `-1`) otherwise.

Description **DFSDgetslice** accesses the dataset last accessed by **DFSDgetdims**. If **DFSDgetdims** has not been called for the named file, **DFSDgetslice** gets a slice from the next dataset in the file. Array *winst* specifies the coordinates of the start of the slice. Array *windims* gives the size of the slice. The number of elements in *winst* and *windims* must be equal to the rank of the dataset. For example, if the file contains a three-dimensional dataset, *winst* may contain the values `{2, 4, 3}`, while windims contains the values `{3, 1, 4}` and the dims should be at least `{3, 1, 4}`, the same size as the slice. This will extract a 3 x 4, two-dimensional slice, containing the elements between `(2, 4, 3)` and `(4, 4, 6)` from the original dataset.

The *data* array is the array into which the slice is read. It must be at least as big as the desired slice. The *dims* array is the array containing the actual dimensions of the array *data*. The user assigns values to *dims* before calling **DFSDgetslice**.

All parameters assume FORTRAN-77-style one-based arrays.

DFSDgetslice is obsolete in favor of **DFSDreadslab**. **DFSDreadslab** is the recommended function call to use when reading hyperslabs (previously known as data slices). HDF will continue to support **DFSDgetslice** only to maintain backward compatibility with HDF applications built on earlier versions of the library.

FORTRAN

```
integer function dsgslc(filename, winst, windims, data, dims)

character*(*) filename, data

integer winst(*), windims(*), dims(*)
```

DFSDlastref/dslref

intn DFSDlastref( )

Purpose Retrieves the most recent reference number used in writing or reading a scientific dataset.

Return value Returns the reference number for the last accessed scientific dataset if successful and `FAIL` (or `-1`) otherwise.

Description **DFSDlastref** returns the value of the last reference number of a scientific dataset read from or written to the file.

FORTRAN `integer function dslref( )`

DFSDndatasets/dsnum

intn DFSDndatasets(char **filename*)

filename	IN:	Name of the HDF file

Purpose Returns the number of scientific datasets in the file.

Return value Returns the number of datasets if successful and `FAIL` (or `-1`) otherwise.

Description In HDF version 3.3, **DFSDndatasets** replaced **DFSDnumber**. In order to maintain backward compatibility with existing HDF applications, HDF will continue to support **DFSDnumber**. However, it is recommended that all new applications use **DFSDndatasets** instead of **DFSDnumber**.

FORTRAN

```
integer function dsnum(filename)

character*(*) filename
```

DFSDpre32sdg/dsp32sd

intn DFSDpre32sdg(char **filename*, uint16 *ref*, intn **ispre32*)

filename	IN:	The name of the HDF file containing the scientific dataset
ref	IN:	Reference number of SDG
ispre32	OUT:	Pointer to results of the pre-HDF version 3.2 inquiry

Purpose Tests if the scientific dataset with the specified reference number was created by an HDF library earlier than version 3.2.

Return value Returns `SUCCEED` (or `0`) if successful and `FAIL` (or `-1`) otherwise.

Description If the scientific dataset was created with a version of HDF prior to version 3.2, *ispre32* will be set to `1`, otherwise it will be set to `0`. Based on this information, programmers can decide whether or not to transpose the corresponding array.

FORTRAN

```
integer function dsp32sd(filename, ref, ispre32)

character*(*) filename

integer ref, ispre32
```

DFSDputdata/dspdata

intn DFSDputdata(char **filename*, intn *rank*, int32 *dimsizes*[], VOIDP *data*)

filename	IN:	Name of the HDF file
rank	IN:	Number of dimensions of data array to be stored
dimsizes	IN:	Buffer for the dimension sizes
data	IN:	Buffer for the data to be stored

Purpose Writes a scientific data and related information to an HDF file.

Return value Returns `SUCCEED` (or `0`) if successful and `FAIL` (or `-1`) otherwise.

Description **DFSDputdata** will write data to an existing file by destroying the contents of the original file. Use it with caution. If a new filename is used, **DFSDputdata** functions exactly like **DFSDadddata**.

FORTRAN

```
integer function dspdata(filename, rank, dimsizes, data)

character*(*) filename

<valid numeric data type> data

integer rank

integer dimsizes(*)
```

DFSDputslice/dspslc

intn DFSDputslice(int32 *windims*[], VOIDP *source*, int32 *dims*[])

windims	IN:	Window dimensions specifying the size of the slice to be written
source	IN:	Buffer for the slice
dims	IN:	Dimensions of the *source* array

Purpose Writes part of a scientific dataset to a file.

Return value Returns `SUCCEED` (or `0`) if successful and `FAIL` (or `-1`) otherwise.

Description **DFSDputslice** read a subset of an array in memory and stores it as part of the scientific dataset array last specified by **DFSDsetdims**. Slices must be stored contiguously.

Array *windims* (“window dimensions”) specifies the size of the slice to be written. The *windims* array must contain as many elements as there are dimensions in the entire scientific dataset array. The *source* argument is an array in memory containing the slice and *dims* is an array containing the dimensions of the array source.

Notice that *windims* and *dims* need not be the same. The *windims* argument could refer to a sub-array of *source*, in which case only a portion of *source* is written to the scientific data array.

All parameters assume FORTRAN-77-style one-based arrays.

DFSDputslice is obsolete in favor of **DFSDwriteslab**. **DFSDwriteslab** is the recommended function call to use when writing hyperslabs (previously known as data slices). HDF will continue to support **DFSDputslice** only to maintain backward compatibility with earlier versions of the library.

DFSDreadref/dsrref

intn DFSDreadref(char **filename*, uint16 *ref*)

filename	IN:	Name of the HDF file
ref	IN:	Reference number for next **DFSDgetdata** call

Purpose Specifies the reference number for the dataset to be read during the next read operation.

Return value Returns `SUCCEED` (or `0`) if successful and `FAIL` (or `-1`) otherwise.

Description This routine is commonly used in conjunction with **DFANgetlablist**, which returns a list of labels for a given tag together with their reference numbers. It provides a sort of random access to scientific datasets.

There is no guarantee that reference numbers appear in sequence in an HDF file, so it is not generally safe to assume that a reference number is an index number of a scientific dataset.

FORTRAN

```
integer function dsrref(filename, ref)

character*(*) filename

integer ref
```

DFSDreadslab/dsrslab

intn DFSDreadslab(char **filename*, int32 *start*[], int32 *slab_size*[], int32 *stride*[], VOIDP *buffer*, int32 *buffer_size*[])

filename	IN:	Name of the HDF file
start	IN:	Buffer of size *rank* containing the coordinates for the start of the slab
slab_size	IN:	Buffer of size *rank* containing the size of each dimension in the slab
stride	IN:	Subsampling (not yet implemented)
buffer	OUT:	\Buffer for the returned slab
buffer_size	OUT:	Dimensions of the *buffer* parameter

Purpose Reads a slab of data from any scientific dataset.

Return value Returns `SUCCEED` (or `0`) if successful and `FAIL` (or `-1`) otherwise.

Description **DFSDreadslab** will access to the scientific dataset following the current one if **DFSDgetdims** or **DFSDgetdata** are not called earlier. The *start* array indices are one-based. The rank of *start* must be the same as the number of dimensions of the specified variable. The elements of *slab_size* must be no larger than the dimensions of the scientific dataset in order. The stride feature is not currently implemented. For now just pass the *start* array as the argument for *stride* where it will be ignored.

To extract a slab of lower dimension than that of the dataset, enter `1` in the *slab_size* array for each omitted dimension. For example, to extract a two-dimensional slab from a three-dimensional dataset, specify the beginning coordinates in three dimensions and enter a `1` for the missing dimension in the *slab_size* array. More specifically, to extract a 3 *x* 4 slab containing the elements `(6, 7, 8)` through `(8, 7, 11)` specify the beginning coordinates as `{6, 7, 8}` and the slab size as `{3, 1, 4}`.

FORTRAN

```
integer function dsrslab(filename, start, slab_size, stride,
                              buffer, buffersize)

character*(*) filename, buffer

integer start(*), slab_size(*),

integer stride(*), buffer_size(*)
```

DFSDrestart/dsfirst

intn DFSDrestart( )

Purpose Causes the next read command to be read from the first scientific dataset in the file, rather than the scientific dataset following the one that was most recently read.

Return value Returns `SUCCEED` (or `0`) if successful and `FAIL` (or `-1`) otherwise.

FORTRAN integer function dsfirst( )

DFSDsetcal/dsscal

intn DFSDsetcal(float64 *cal*, float64 *cal_err*, float64 *offset*, float64 *offset_err*, int32 *data_type*)

cal	IN:	Calibration factor
cal_err	IN:	Calibration error
offset	IN:	Uncalibrated offset
offset_err	IN:	Uncalibrated offset error
data_type	IN:	Data type of uncalibrated data

Purpose Sets the calibration information associated with data

Return value Returns `SUCCEED` (or `0`) if successful and `FAIL` (or `-1`) otherwise.

Description This routine sets the calibration record associated with a dataset. A calibration record contains four 64-bit floating point values followed by a 32-bit integer, to be interpreted as follows:

```
cal             calibration factor
cal_err         calibration error
offset          uncalibrated offset
offset_err      uncalibrated offset error
data_type       data type of uncalibrated data
```

The relationship between a value `iy` stored in a dataset and the actual value `y` is defined as:

y = cal * (iy - offset)

The variable `offset_err` contains a potential error of `offset`, and `cal_err` contains a potential error of `cal`. Currently the calibration record is provided for information only. The SD interface performs no operations on the data based on the calibration tag.

DFSDsetcal works like other **DFSDset*** routines, with one exception: the calibration information is automatically cleared after a call to **DFSDputdata** or **DFSDadddata**. Hence, **DFSDsetcal** must be called again for each dataset that is to be written.

As an example, suppose the values in a dataset `y[]` are as follows:

`y[6]={1001.0, 1002.0, 1002.5, 1005.5,` 1013.0, 1040.5}

By defining `cal = 0.50` and `offset = -200.0` and applying the calibration formula, the calibrated dataset `iy[]` becomes as follows:

iy[6]={2, 4, 5, 11, 26, 81}

The array `iy[]` can then be stored as integers.

FORTRAN

```
integer function dsscal(cal, cal_err, offset, offset_err,
                                   data_type)

real*8 cal, cal_err, offset, offset_err

integer data_type
```

DFSDsetdatastrs/dssdast

intn DFSDsetdatastrs(char **label*, char **unit*, char **format*, char **coordsys*)

label	IN:	Label describing the data
unit	IN:	Unit to be used with the data
format	IN:	Format to be used in displaying the data
coordsys	IN:	Coordinate system of the data

Purpose Sets the label, unit, format, and coordinate system for the next dataset written to file.

Return value Returns `SUCCEED` (or `0`) if successful and `FAIL` (or `-1`) otherwise.

FORTRAN

```
integer function dssdast(label, unit, format, coordsys)

character*(*) label, unit, format, coordsys
```

DFSDsetdims/dssdims

intn DFSDsetdims (intn *rank*, int32 *dimsizes*[])

rank	IN:	Number of dimensions
dimsizes	IN:	Dimensions of the scientific dataset

Purpose Sets the rank and dimension sizes for all subsequent scientific datasets written to the file.

Return value Returns `SUCCEED` (or `0`) if successful and `FAIL` (or `-1`) otherwise.

Description This routine must be called before calling either **DFSDsetdimstrs** or **DFSDsetdimscale**. **DFSDsetdims** need not be called if other set routines are not called and the correct dimensions are supplied in **DFSDputdata** or **DFSDadddata**.

If the rank or dimension sizes change, all previous set calls are cleared, except for the data type, which is set by calling **DFSDsetNT**.

FORTRAN

```
integer function dssdims(rank, dimsizes)

integer rank

integer dimsizes(*)
```

DFSDsetdimscale/dssdisc

intn DFSDsetdimscale (intn *dim*, int32 *dimsize*, VOIDP *scale*)

dim	IN:	Dimension this scale corresponds to
dimsize	IN:	Size of the *scale* buffer
scale	IN:	Buffer for the scale values

Purpose Defines the scale for a dimension.

Return value Returns `SUCCEED` (or `0`) if successful and `FAIL` (or `-1`) otherwise.

Description A scale is a one-dimensional array whose values describe reference points along one dimension of the dataset. For example, a two-dimensional dataset representing points on a map could have two scales, one representing points of latitude, and the other points of longitude.

FORTRAN

```
integer function dssdisc (dim, dimsize, scale)

integer dim

integer dimsize(*), scale(*)
```

DFSDsetdimstrs/dssdist

intn DFSDsetdimstrs(intn *dim*, char **label*, char **unit*, char **format*)

dim	IN:	Dimension this label, unit and format refer to
label	IN:	Label that describes this dimension
unit	IN:	Unit to be used with this dimension
format	IN:	Format to be used to display scale

Purpose Sets the label, unit, and format strings corresponding to the specified dimension.

Return value Returns `SUCCEED` (or `0`) if successful and `FAIL` (or `-1`) otherwise.

Description In both FORTRAN-77 and C programs, *dim* = `1` for the first dimension, and *dim* = `2` for the second dimension. If the user is not interested in one or more strings, empty strings can be used as parameters for the **DFSDsetdimstrs** call. For example, **DFSDsetdimstrs**(1, “vertical”, “ “, “ “) will set the label for the first dimension to “vertical” and set the unit and format to empty strings.

FORTRAN

```
integer function dssdist(dim, label, unit, format)

integer dim

character*(*) label, unit, format
```

DFSDsetfillvalue/dssfill

intn DFSDsetfillvalue(VOIDP *fill_value*)

fill_value	IN:	Fill value

Purpose Set the value used to fill in any unwritten location in a scientific dataset.

Return value Returns `SUCCEED` (or `0`) if successful and `FAIL` (or `-1`) otherwise.

Description It is assumed that the fill value has the same data type as the dataset. Once the fill value is set for a particular SDS, it cannot be changed.

If **DFSDsetfillvalue** is called before the first call to **DFSDstartslab**, **DFSDstartslab** will set the fill value tag attribute to the value specified in the **DFSDsetfillvalue** call, but will not actually write out the fill value when **DFSDwriteslab** is called. However, if **DFSDsetfillvalue** is called after the first call the **DFSDstartslab**, the fill value tag attribute will be set by **DFSDsetfillvalue** and the fill value will be written to the slab during the **DFSDwriteslab** call.

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```
integer function dssfill(fill_value)

character*(*) fill_value
```

DFSDsetlengths/dsslens

intn DFSDsetlengths(intn *label_len*, intn *unit_len*, intn *format_len*, intn *coords_len*)

label_len	IN:	Maximum length of label strings
unit_len	IN:	Maximum length of unit strings
format_len	IN:	Maximum length of format strings
coords_len	IN:	Maximum length of coordinate system strings

Purpose Sets the maximum lengths for the strings that will hold labels, units, formats, and the name of the coordinate system.

Return value Returns `SUCCEED` (or `0`) if successful and `FAIL` (or `-1`) otherwise.

Description The lengths set by this routine are used by the routines **DFSDgetdimstrs** and **DFSDgetdatastrs** to determine the maximum lengths of strings that they get from the file.

Normally, **DFSDsetlengths** is not needed. If it is not called, default maximum lengths of 255 are used for all strings.

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```
integer function dsslens(label_len, unit_len, format_len,
                         coords_len)

integer label_len, unit_len, format_len, coords_len
```

DFSDsetNT/dssnt

intn DFSDsetNT(int32 *data_type*)

data_type IN: Data type

Purpose Sets the data type of the data to be written in the next write operation.

Return value Returns `SUCCEED` (or `0`) if successful and `FAIL` (or `-1`) otherwise.

Description **DFSDsetNT** must be called if a data type other than `float32` is to be stored. **DFSDsetNT** and **DFSDsetdims** can be called in any order, but they should be called before any other **DFSDset*** functions and before **DFSDputdata** or **DFSDadddata**.

The following symbolic names can be used as the value of *data_type*:

32-bit float	DFNT_FLOAT32	5
64-bit float	DFNT_FLOAT64	6
8-bit signed int	DFNT_INT8	20
8-bit unsigned int	DFNT_UINT8	21
16-bit signed int	DFNT_INT16	22
16-bit unsigned int	DFNT_UINT16	23
32-bit signed int	DFNT_INT32	24
32-bit unsigned int	DFNT_UINT32	25
8-bit character	DFNT_CHAR8	4

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```
integer function dssnt(num_type)

integer num_type
```

DFSDsetrange/dssrang

intn DFSDsetrange(VOIDP *max*, VOIDP *min*)

max	IN:	Highest value in the range
min	IN:	Lowest value in the range

Purpose Stores the specified maximum and minimum data values.

Return value Returns `SUCCEED` (or `0`) if successful and `FAIL` (or `-1`) otherwise.

Description It is assumed that the data type of *max* and *min* is the same as the type of the data. One implication of this is that in the C version of **DFSDsetrange** the arguments are pointers, rather than simple variables, whereas in the FORTRAN-77 version they are simple variables of the same type as the data array.

This routine does not compute the maximum and minimum values; it merely stores the values it is given. As a result, the maximum and minimum values may not always reflect the actual maximum and minimum values in the data array.

When the maximum and minimum values are written to a file, the HDF element that holds these values is cleared, because it is assumed that subsequent datasets will have different values for max and min.

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```
integer function dssrang(max, min)

character*(*) max, min
```

DFSDstartslab/dssslab

intn DFSDstartslab(char **filename*)

filename	IN:	Name of the HDF file

Purpose Prepares the DFSD interface to write a slab of data to a scientific dataset.

Return value Returns `SUCCEED` (or `0`) if successful and `FAIL` (or `-1`) otherwise.

Description **DFSDsetdims** must be called before calling **DFSDstartslab**. No call which involves a file open may be made after a **DFSDstartslab** call until **DFSDendslab** is called. This routine will write out the fill values if **DFSDsetfillvalue** is called before this routine.

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```
integer function dssslab(filename)

character*(*) filename
```

DFSDstartslice/dssslc

intn DFSDstartslice(char **filename*)

filename	IN:	Name of the HDF file

Purpose Prepares the interface to write a data slice to the specified file.

Return value Returns `SUCCEED` (or `0`) if successful and `FAIL` (or `-1`) otherwise.

Description Before calling **DFSDstartslice**, **DFSDsetdims** must be called to specify the dimensions of the dataset to be written to the file. **DFSDstartslice** always appends a new dataset to an existing file.

Also, **DFSDstartslice** must be called before **DFSDputslice** or **DFSDendslice**.

DFSDstartslice is obsolete in favor of **DFSDstartslab**. **DFSDstartslab** is the recommended function call to use when beginning hyperslab operations. HDF will continue to support **DFSDstartslice** only to maintain backward compatibility earlier versions of the library.

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```
integer function dssslc(filename)

character*(*) filename
```

DFSDwriteref/dswref

intn DFSDwriteref(char **filename*, uint16 *ref*)

filename	IN:	Name of the HDF file
ref	IN:	Reference number for next add or put operation

Purpose **DFSDwriteref** specifies the reference number, *ref*, of the dataset to be overwritten next by **DFSDputdata** or **DFSDadddata**. **DFSDwriteref** verifies the refence number's existence before returning.

Return value Returns `SUCCEED` (or `0`) if successful and `FAIL` (or `-1`) otherwise.

Description If a non-existent reference number is specified, an error code will be returned.

As this routine alters data in a destructive manner, **DFSDwriteref** should be used with caution.

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```
integer function dswref(filename, ref)

character*(*) filename

integer ref
```

DFSDwriteslab/dswslab

intn DFSDwriteslab(int32 *start*[], int32 *stride*[], int32 *count*[], VOIDP *data*)

start	IN:	Array containing the starting coordinates of the slab
stride	IN:	Array containing the dimensions for subsampling
count	IN:	Array containing the size of the slab
data	IN:	Array to hold the floating point data to be written

Purpose Writes a slab of data to a scientific dataset.

Return value Returns `SUCCEED` (or `0`) if successful and `FAIL` (or `-1`) otherwise.

Description The *start* indices are relative to 1. The rank of *start* must be the same as the number of dimensions of the specified variable. The elements of *start* must be no larger than the scientific dataset's dimensions in order. The stride feature is not currently implemented. For now just pass the *start* array as the argument for the *stride* parameter, where it will be ignored.

The rank of *count* must be the same as the number of dimensions of the specified variable. The elements of *count* must be no larger than the scientific dataset's dimensions in order. The order in which the data will be written into the specified hyperslab is with the last dimension varying fastest. The data should be of the appropriate type for the dataset. Note that neither the compiler nor HDF software can detect if the wrong type of data is used.

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```
integer function dswslab(start, stride, count, data)


integer start(*), stride(*), count(*)

character*(*) data
```