Data Use Feedback
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The Idea
OPeNDAP has developed a proof-of-concept system that people can use to provide feedback on scientific datasets. This system is coupled with OPeNDAP compatible data servers, although it has been implemented as a stand alone system and is neither dependent on any particular OPeNDAP server nor is the concept dependent on OPeNDAP itself. The system could be extended to work with data accessible using a variety of online access protocols so long as sufficient understandable metadata for the datasets is also available online.

An Interface

The form provides a user interface with fields to comment on the entire dataset (A), individual variables (B) and also individual metadata attributes (C). In this way the feedback comments can be unambiguously associated with particular components of the dataset without requiring the user to do that work, allowing them to focus on expressing their thoughts.

Future Work

The feedback provided by people can be used in many ways.

How you can help: Work with us to continue this development. <support@opendap.org>

We see this project sharing much in common with both the DataONE and W3C annotation projects. Ideally we will find future alignment and synergy between the three.