

## Blacknest Data System (BDS)

### BdsDataAccess Program – 1.1.4 - 2009-06-26

## 1. Introduction

The BdsDataAccess program provides a simple command line data access client for the BDS system. It allows seismic sensor data and meta data to be accessed and read from the BDS system. The BdsDataAccess program is a client of the BdsServer and connects through the DataAccess API in order to fetch the requested data.

## 2. Usage

The BdsDataAccess program can be run by any user that has permissions to access the BDS system. The BdsDataAccess program accepts the following command line options:

-help	Help on command line parameters
-force	Force operation. Will overwrite the data file if it exists.
-host <hostname>	BDS Server host name
-user <user:password>	The BDS user id and password
-command <command>	The command (listNetworks, listStations, dataSearch, dataInfo, channelInfo, dataGet, dataPlot, dataGetFormatted, statistics)
-startTime <time>	The StartTime
-endTime <time>	The EndTime
-select <network:station:channel:source>	Select a data set. Can have multiple -select's
-format <format>	The output format for getDataFormatted. (BKNAS)
-o <fileName>	The output file name for some commands

The BdsDataAccess program will read the BDS\_HOST environment variable at start-up. This variable, if set, defines the default BdsServer host name to contact. The default is “localhost” if this is not set.

The program will carry out the operation as defined in the “-command” argument.

Most of the commands require a set of selection criteria to be defined. The “-startTime” and “-endTime” options define a period of time. The times for these arguments should be given in ISO 8601 date time format. Examples of acceptable values include: “2008-11-03T10:00:00.000000”, “2008-11-03”, “2008-11-03T10:00:00”. Multiple “-select” options are allowed. Each of these define a Network, Station, Channel and Source set. A null entry for any of these parameters is taken as meaning any value. You can also use regular expressions to define the fields.

Generally the BdsDataAccess program outputs the results on the stdout stream using a comma separated value (CSV) scheme. The following gives a summary of the commands available:

- **listNetworks:** This lists all of the Seismic Networks Organisations defined.

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- **listStations:** This list all of the Stations that match the selection criteria defined.
- **dataSearch:** This list all of the contiguous sets of channel data available that match the selection criteria defined.
- **dataInfo:** This will return information on the data channels selected from the Seismic Sensor data files.
- **channelInfo:** This will return all of the MetaData available for the selected data channels.
- **dataGet:** This will return one block of data in ASCII for the channels defined. If the channels are in sample multiplexed form, this will be returned in sample multiplexed form, otherwise it will be output in channel multiplexed form.
- **dataGetFormatted:** This will return a set of data from the channels in the requested format. The “-format” option defines which data format to use. The BdsServer is responsible for the actual data conversion and so the formats supported depend on the format converters present in the BdsServer. The “-o” option allows the resulting data to be stored in a named file.
- **dataPlot:** This will fetch a single block of data, from the set of data from the channels requested, and generate a plot of the data in a \*.png file as named with the “-o” option. This is for use in the BdsWeb program.
- **statistics:** Displays the system statistics, including state information.

The “-force” option allows the program to overwrite an existing file when the “-o” option is used.

## 3. Return Value

The program will return a status value of 0 if all was Ok. It will return a non zero value on error, the BDS error number, together with a message output on stderr.

## 4. Further Information

For further information please look at the BDS system documentation at:

<https://portal.beam.ltd.uk/support/blacknest>.