

# How do I know if a GRIB message has a Local Use Section

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The key `localUsePresent` can be used to query whether a message has the Local Use Section (this section is optional). A value of 1 means the Local Use Section is present and 0 means it is not present.  
E.g.,

```
% grib_ls -p localUsePresent my.grib
```

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