Synergie PC Updates and Plans

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In 9th workshop « future »

- New functionalities for nowcasting
- Visualisation of MSG products
- Tropical cyclone
- Synergie-PC under Linux in operation for forecasters on duty during 2004 or 2005.



Nowcasting

- Synergie is used by forecaster in test mode to visualize specific nowcasting products under development.
- Two experiments during autumn 2004 and 2005 to include expertise from forecasters on severe thunderstorm events.

Operational integration of MSG products

- In February 2004, MSG has been declared operational
- With Synergie 3.6 visualisation of most MSG products was available, but with many constraints for forecasters, due to too big images
- With 3.7 release, faster animation in compressed mode, and more products.







Visualisation of MSG Information at pixel level



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Tropical cyclone

- This functionality will be described in next part of this talk.
- It is under test in overseas territories



2 Migration to PC-Linux

To ensure the continuity of service for forecasters and end users

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Météo-France hardware tender

- The aim was to replace all the forecasters workstations in National and Regional centres (including overseas territories) within one year.
- We had to replace:
 - 36 servers
 - 159 stations
 - About 200 screens
- A budget of 650k€ was planned for 2005.
- And at the same time annual software upgrade from Synergie 3.7 to new release:

SYNERGIE 4.0





Why this Migration ?

- Sun Workstation from 1999
- Increasing support costs
- Too slow for new data flows Meteosat 8, high resolution NWP, METOP.....
- Not enough disk space for these data flows, and need of high cost disk upgrades.



Nhy Linux ?

- Low cost
- Unix Compatible, Synergie has been developed under Linux architecture since 2002
- Portable on PC, for light configuration
- Mature Linux distributions

And lower cost



The choice

- End User station ~ 1 000 € (without screen)
 - IBM IntelliStation Mpro 6225
 - Mono processor Pentium 4 3.4 GHz
 - Ram 1Gb DDR2
 - HD 80 Gb
 - 2 double video cards PCI express
 - Up to 4 19" TFT screens
 - WhiteBox (free Linux release, no commercial (COTS) packages)







The choice (2)

- Server station ~ 4 000 €
 - IBM xSeries X346
 - Bi-processor Xeon EMT 64 2.8 GHz
 - Ram 4 Gb SDRAMECC
 - HD from 109 to 429 Gb,
 - 2 HD 36 Gb dedicated for Linux system.
 - RedHat 3.0 ES
- Cost including 3 years on site warranty

Final conclusion of migration

- Mean Improvement of performances by factor 7 as regards previous hardware Sun.
- Cost reduced by a factor 6 as regards previous hardware deployment.
- All the customers will follow us in this migration.
- No major problem for this evolution
- Upgrade software and hardware, has been completed between June and November 2005 for all centres including overseas territories.







Main Features

- Visualisation of all available data (model, observation, radar, lightning, satellite, objects – from WAFS, fronts, RDT, …)
- Superposition and animation
- Cross section on 3D data
- Production of objects (fronts, ANASYG, SIGWX)
- Production of maps and charts
- Modification of PV to re-run model (TSR)
- Macro or short cuts.
- Batch production







New functionalities in 4.0

- Improvement of observation visualisation
- Meteogram
- VIRAP : radar data and rain gauge ratio
- Visualisation of surge model
- WAFS BUFR objects
- Tools for convection diagnostics
- Analysis and production of RSMC for tropical cyclone (French overseas territories)
- TDA products for military purposes
- GUI for remote client connected by ftp
- GUI to access specific applications





New « watch » button: Real time update of observation visualisation

Rainfall accumulation can be calculated from or for accumulation for

11 hours coloured depending on sensible weather but in magenta if accumulations in 24h >150mm



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Meteogram on observation, model, clim



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WAFS BUFR objects

Tropical cyclone

- New tool to be able to :
 - Expertise TC :
 - Analyse position and intensity of TC with Dvorak techniques
 - Forecast trajectory and intensity using all models (ECMWF, Met Office, JTWC, Météo-France,...) and other forecasts from other centres available.
 - Produce objects and then, advisories and specific bulletins.

Satellite Colormap modification GUI inherited from tropical cyclone component

Trajectories of mid latitude cyclone

• Visualisation of numerical model data inherits of calculation of cyclone or anticyclone trajectories from tropical cyclone component.

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New functionalities under development

- New release 4.1 will be completed by March 2006. After validation by users it will be delivered in July 2006.
 - Improvement of tropical cyclone module
 - Data base of Nowcasting Objects (BDEPI)
 - New filtering of observations.
 - New products of radar and rain gauges integration

Thank You for your attention

Any Question ?

