

NOAA Modeling Portal

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What is WRF?

- WRF is NCAR's mesoscale and global Weather Research and Forecasting model
- Designed for both operational forecasters and atmospheric researchers



- Features multiple dynamical cores, a 3-dimensional variational (3DVAR) data assimilation system, and an extensible software architecture that supports parallel computing
- WRF is currently in operational use at NCEP (National Centers for Environmental Prediction)

What is FIM?

- FIM (Flow-following, finitevolume, Icosahedral Model)
- NOAA's global model that employs adaptive isentropicsigma hybrid vertical coordinate accurate finite-volume horizonta advection, and use of an icosahedral horizontal grid
- FIM was designed to run efficiently on parallel computer systems



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 - □ selection/localization of your domain (WRF)
 - □ launching and monitoring runs
 - □ Halting or canceling runs/jobs
 - □ visualization of your model's output

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- Version 1.00 was released on Oct 10, 2008
- Requires Java 1.5 or later, runs on most platforms

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- Graphical netcdf viewers to visualize model input/output
- Stores its information in a database so you can easily search and retrieve your information without the tedium of hunting through a myriad of files in directories directories

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- Model developers and testers who, while familiar with the details of configuring namelists and creating run scripts, want a tool to simplify the process. Managing and making dozens or hundreds of model runs can be tedious, time-consuming, and prone to error. The portal automates many tedious tasks, freeing the developer or tester to focus on the science of their model runs

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Modelers and Testers

Model development is an iterative process



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- Selecting a domain (geographic region) in WRF, for example, without visual feedback can be a frustrating exercise in trial and error

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Example: WRF Workflow comparisons

| WRF from command line Hard! | WRF using portal Easy! |
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| Lats/Lons are looked up in an atlas, grid points are computed with a calculator, user manually types all this data into namelist text files | User draws a box around a region of the Earth on the screen, grid points are automatically calculated with minimal user input, namelists are automatically written |
| Namelists and scripts are scattered in multiple directories, manually edited in vi | Namelists and scripts are stored in database and edited in WRF Portal visual editors |
| New runs involve copying lots of files, editing them with vi, set environment vars, launching scripts manually. | New runs are launched from the Run Workflow window. Most of the info is already filled out for you. |
| Runs are monitored by tailing certain log files in specific directories. Requires detailed knowledge of WRF. | Runs are monitored from a window which lists all tasks, how long they've been running and the estimated time to finish |
| Comparing two different model runs involves viewing multiple namelists files for each model and hunting for the differences. | Comparing two different model runs is done from a "diff" window that highlights all differences between the models. |
| Finding an old run involves hunting through directories on different computers/file systems | Finding an old run is done by typing in search criteria into a window |
| Runs are canceled by killing jobs from the command line | Runs are canceled with a mouse click |
| Visualization is done with external tools | Visualization is done within WRF Portal with a mouse click |

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Graphical Editors -1

From namelist.wps configuration file (domain and nests)

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io_form_geogrid = 2,
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j_parent_start = 1,15,76,
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geog_data_res = '10m','10m','10m',
dx = 11400.
dy = 11400.
map_proj = 'mercator',
ref lat = 54.804.
ref lon = -4.195.
truelat1 = 54.804.
truelat2 = 0.
stand lon = -4.195,
geog_data_path = '/wrf-data/geog10m',
opt_geogrid_tbl_path = '/wrf-data/domains/UK/,
ref x = 50.0.
ref_y = 59.5.
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Graphical Editors -2

From namelist.input configuration file (ETA levels)


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Graphical Editors -3

From namelist.input configuration file (all parameters)

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| diff_opt | = 1, | | |
| km_opt | = 4, | | |
| base_temp | = 290., | | |
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| epssm | = 0.1, | 0.1, | 0.1, |
| time_step_sound | = 4, | 4, | 4, |
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- Stores most of the user's work and information in a SQL database
- Standard version of the portal (the single-user or "desktop version") is a Java Web Start application that employs an embedded HSQL database.
 - All a user has to do is click the web link and the software downloads (if the user hasn't downloaded it before) and runs. No other installation steps are required.

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User can also run portal "locally" on a remote computer if they first SSH to the remote computer and then launch the portal in an X windows session.

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- We are planning to add a more flexible group management approach in a future release of the portal software

Testing

- Testing is such a laborious process for modelers that sometimes it receives short shrift
- Setting up and re-running dozens of regression test runs for seemingly minor code changes can be so time consuming that users often do not do it.
- Since the portal makes it so easy to repeat workflow runs (or subsets of workflows), it encourages modelers to perform rigorous testing

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- Each workflow took about 8 hours to run, 4 hours for WRF
 - All 120 runs launched and monitored by the portal were successfully completed within eight days

Because of the complex security of 'bluevista' and 'wjet', we copied the portal software to each system and then ran the portal locally on the supercomputers, just forwarding the display back to our desktops (using the SSH -X) option



Managing Complex Workflows -1

- The portal simplifies the management of complex workflows with numerous tasks
- The next slide illustrates a FIM workflow with
 - \Box 45 tasks (.csh and .ksh scripts)
 - □ 892 environment variables (under the Settings tabs) in all
 - about 20 of them were common to all tasks with around 3 unique environment variables per task
 - Note that scripts, environment variables, and settings for this large workflow can be managed from this single window

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Future Work

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| | Accessibility statement | WRF Portal is the GUI that takes you through the entire process of running WRF: creating a domain (using the built-in WRF Domain Wizard component that generates your namelist.wps and namelist.input files), creating and running workflows, monitoring the progress of your runs, diffing workflows and files. Supports WRF version 2.x and the new WRF version 3. Source Code is available here. What's new in version 1.01 Run WRF Portal using Java Web Start (recommended, no installation required) | |
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Earth System Research Laboratory Worldwide Users Of This Software -1

| Software | Est. Users | Countries | Google Earth | |
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| WRF Portal | 623 | 58 | open in Google Earth | |
| WRF Domain Wizard | 961 | 59 | open in Google Earth | 9 |
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These users have downloaded or run the software from unique IP addresses during these time spans in 2008: May 4 - July 15 and Sep 14 - Oct 20. http://wrfportal.org/about.html



Worldwide Users Of This Software -2

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The following slides show portal screen images...

WRF Domain Wizard screen enables users to easily define and localize domains (for WRF) by selecting a region of the Earth and choosing a map projection, and defining nests



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Run Workflow window is where a user selects the workflow, computer, tasks, nbr of procs allocated to each task, & dates

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Thank you!