How to Use the WRF Registry

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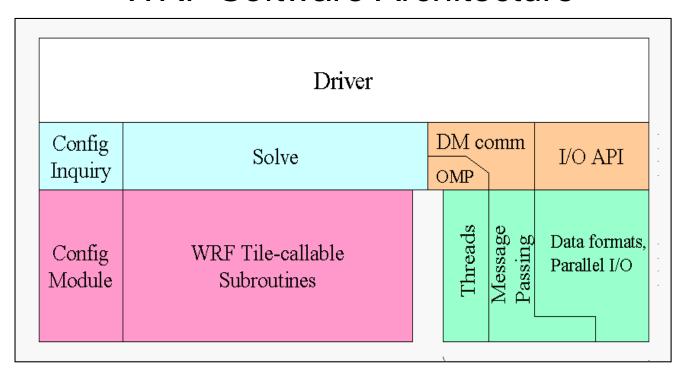


Outline - Part 1

- What is the WRF Registry
- Keyword syntax
- The BIG Three
 - state
 - rconfig
 - package



WRF Software Architecture



Registry

Text based file for real and WRF
Active data dictionary
Used with cpp to auto generate source
Controls/defines
Variables (I/O, comms, nest, time, stag)
Communications
namelist options

About 400k lines added to source

Easy — 3x the size since initial release

Compile-time option
./clean
./configure
./compile

Registry.EM_COMMON (else lose cha. ges)

- Currently implemented as a text file: Registry/Registry.EM_COMMON
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Registry State Entry

```
# Type Sym Dims Use Tlev Stag IO Dname Descrip

state real tsk ij misc 1 - i01rhusdf "TSK" "SKIN TEMP"
```

Elements

- Entry: The keyword "state"
- Type. The type of the state variable or array (real, double, integer, logical, character, or derived)
- Sym. The symbolic name of the variable or array
- Dims: A string denoting the dimensionality of the array or a hyphen (-)
- Use. A string denoting association with a solver or 4D scalar array, or a hyphen
- NumTLev. An integer indicating the number of time levels (for arrays) or hypen (for variables)



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```

Elements

- Stagger. String indicating staggered dimensions of variable (X, Y, Z, or hyphen)
- /O. String indicating whether and how the variable is subject to various I/O and Nesting
- DName: Metadata name for the variable
- Units: Metadata units of the variable
- Descrip: Metadata description of the variable



Fields are added to a variable-set on an I/O stream in the Registry

```
# Type Sym Dims Use Tlev Stag IO Dname Descrip state real tsk ij misc 1 - i01rhud "TSK" "SKIN TEMP"
```

- <u>IO</u> is a string that specifies if the variable is to be available to initial, restart, or history I/O. The string may consist of 'h' (subject to history output), 'i' (initial dataset I/O), 'r' (restart dataset I/O).
- The 'h', 'r', and 'i' specifiers may appear in any order or combination.



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```

- The 'h' and 'i' specifiers may be followed by an optional integer string consisting of '0', '1', ..., '9'
- Zero denotes that the variable is part of the principal input or history I/O stream.
- The characters '1' through '9' denote one of the auxiliary input or history I/O streams.
- Double digit streams require "{}" braces: i01{19}{24}



The nesting info for each variable is co-located with the I/O

usdf refers to nesting options:

$$u = UP$$
, $d = DOWN$, $s = SMOOTH$, $f = FORCE$

- u at end of each set of child time steps
- d at instantiation of child domain
- f at beginning of each set of child time steps
- s after each feedback



Only variables involved with I/O, communications, packages are required to be state

Local variables inside of physics packages are not controlled by the Registry



Rconfig Entry

```
# Type Sym How set Nentries Default rconfig integer spec_bdy_width namelist,bdy_control 1 1
```

- This defines namelist entries
- Elements
 - Entry: the keyword "rconfig"
 - Type: the type of the namelist variable (integer, real, logical, string)
 - Sym. the name of the namelist variable or array
 - How set: indicates how the variable is set: e.g. namelist or derived, and if namelist, which block of the namelist it is set in



Rconfig Entry

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```

- This defines namelist entries
- Elements
 - Nentries: specifies the dimensionality of the namelist variable or array. If 1 (one) it is a variable and applies to all domains; otherwise specify max_domains (which is an integer parameter defined in module_driver_constants.F).
 - Default: the default value of the variable to be used if none is specified in the namelist; hyphen (-) for no default



Package Entry

Elements

- Entry: the keyword "package",
- Package name. the name of the package: e.g. "kesslerscheme"
- Associated rconfig choice: the name of a rconfig variable and the value of that variable that choses this package

```
# specification of microphysics options
                       mp physics==0
                                       - moist:qv
package
         passiveqv
package kesslerscheme mp physics==1
                                       - moist:qv,qc,qr
                       mp physics==2
        linscheme
package
moist:qv,qc,qr,qi,qs,qg
                       mp physics==3
package ncepcloud3
                                           moist:qv,qc,qr
         ncepcloud5
                       mp physics==4
package
                                           moist:qv,qc,qr,qi,qs
# namelist entry that controls microphysics option
rconfig
        integer
                  mp physics
                              namelist, physics
```

Package Entry

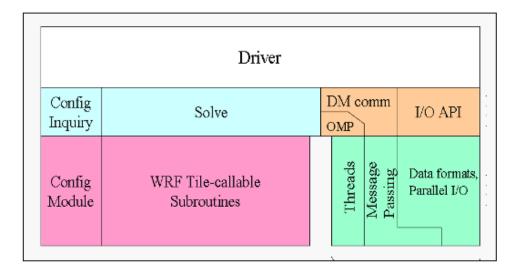
Elements

- Package state vars: unused at present; specify hyphen (-)
- Associated variables: the names of 4D scalar arrays (moist, chem, scalar) and the fields within those arrays this package uses, and the state variables (state:u_gc, ...)

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        linscheme
package
moist:qv,qc,qr,qi,qs,qg
                       mp physics==3
package ncepcloud3
                                           moist:qv,qc,qr
         ncepcloud5
                       mp physics==4
package
                                           moist:qv,qc,qr,qi,qs
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Registry



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Example 1: ADD output without recompiling

• Edit the namelist.input file, the time_control namelist record

```
iofields_filename = "myoutfields.txt" (MAXDOM)
io_form_auxhist24 = 2 (choose an available stream)
auxhist24_interval = 10 (MAXDOM, every 10 minutes)
```

- Place the fields that you want in the named text file myoutfields.txt
- +: h: 24: RAINC, RAINNC
- Where "+" means ADD this variable to the output stream, "h" is the history stream, and "24" is the stream number



Example 1: **ZAP** output without recompiling

• Edit the namelist.input file, the time_control namelist record

```
iofields_filename = "myoutfields.txt" (MAXDOM)
```

- Place the fields to remove in the named text file myoutfields.txt
- -:h:0:W,PB,P
- Where "-" means REMOVE this variable from the output stream, "h" is the history stream, and "0" is the stream number (standard WRF history file)



Example 1: What streams can I use?

- Generally history streams 10 24 are OK
- Avoid 21, 22, 23

HINT: Think of a stream as a separate file.
A history stream is a new output file

- Need LOTS more streams?
 - Edit WRF/arch/preamble

- ./clean -a, ./configure, ./compile, then re-run real and wrf



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- Use the examples for the rconfig section of the Registry
- Find a namelist variable similar to what you want
 - Integer vs real vs logical vs character
 - Single value vs value per domain
 - Select appropriate namelist record
- Insert your mods in all appropriate Registry files



 Remember that ALL Registry changes require that the WRF code be cleaned and rebuilt

```
./clean -a
./configure
./compile em real
```



 Adding a variable to the namelist requires the inclusion of a new line in the Registry file:

```
rconfig integer my_option_1 namelist,time_control 1 0 - "my_option_1" "test namelist option" rconfig integer my_option_2 namelist,time_control max_domains 0
```

Accessing the variable is through an automatically generated function:

```
USE module_configure
INTEGER :: my_option_1 , my_option_2

CALL nl_get_my_option_1( 1, my_option_1 )

CALL nl_set_my_option_2( grid%id, my_option_2 )
```

• You also have access to the namelist variables from the grid structure ...

```
SUBROUTINE foo ( grid , ... )

USE module_domain
   TYPE(domain) :: grid

print *,grid%my_option_1
```



• ... and you also have access to the namelist variables from config_flags

```
SUBROUTINE foo2 ( config_flags , ... )

USE module_configure
   TYPE(grid_config_rec_type) :: config_flags

print *,config_flags%my_option_2
```



What your variable looks like in the namelist.input file

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- Adding a state array to the solver, requires adding a single line in the Registry
- Use the Registry keyword information for a state or 11 variable



- Select a variable similar to one that you would like to add
 - 1d, 2d, or 3d
 - Staggered (X, Y, Z, or not "-", do not leave blank)
 - Associated with a package
 - Part of a 4d array
 - Input (012), output, restart
 - Nesting, lateral forcing, feedback



- Copy the "similar" field's line and make a few edits
- Remember, no Registry change takes effect until a "clean -a" and rebuild

```
state
      real h diabatic ikj misc 1 -
      "h diabatic" "PREVIOUS TIMESTEP CONDENSATIONAL HEATING"
state real msft
                      ij misc 1 -
                                        i012rhdu=(copy fcnm)
      "MAPFAC_M" "Map scale factor on mass grid"
state real
           ht
                      ij
                           misc 1 - i012rhdus
                   "Terrain Height"
      "HGT"
state real ht input ij misc 1
      "HGT INPUT" "Terrain Height from FG Input File"
                      ij
      real TSK SAVE
                           misc
state
      "TSK SAVE"
                  "SURFACE SKIN TEMPERATURE"
```

 Usually modify Registry. core_name_COMMON or Registry. core_name, where core_name might be EM

```
state
      real h diabatic ikj misc 1 -
      "h diabatic" "PREVIOUS TIMESTEP CONDENSATIONAL HEATING"
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state real
           ht
                      ij
                         misc 1 - i012rhdus
                  "Terrain Height"
      "HGT"
state real ht_input ij misc 1
      "HGT INPUT" "Terrain Height from FG Input File"
      real TSK SAVE ij misc
state
      "TSK SAVE" "SURFACE SKIN TEMPERATURE"
```

- Add a new 3D array that is sum of all moisture species, called all_moist, in the Registry.EM_COMMON
 - Type: real
 - Dimensions: 3D and ikj ordering, not staggered
 - Supposed to be output only (history): h
 - Name in netCDF file: ALL_MOIST

```
state real all_moist ikj
misc 1 - h
"ALL_MOIST" \
"sum of all of moisture species" \
"kg kg-1"
```

- Registry state variables become part of the derived data structure usually called grid inside of the WRF model.
- WRF → WRF model top → integrate → solve_interface → solve
- Each step, the grid construct is carried along for the ride
- No source changes for new output variables required until below the solver routine when dereferenced by first_rk_step_part1 for the physics drivers



- Top of solve_em.F
- grid is passed in
- No need to declare any new variables, such as all_moist

```
!WRF:MEDIATION_LAYER:SOLVER

SUBROUTINE solve_em ( grid , & config_flags , &
```



- In solve_em, add the new array to the call for the microphysics driver
- Syntax for variable=local_variable is an association convenience
- All state arrays are contained within grid, and must be de-referenced

```
CALL microphysics_driver(

QV_CURR=moist(ims,kms,jms,P_QV), &

QC_CURR=moist(ims,kms,jms,P_QC), &

QR_CURR=moist(ims,kms,jms,P_QR), &

QI_CURR=moist(ims,kms,jms,P_QI), &

QS_CURR=moist(ims,kms,jms,P_QS), &

QG_CURR=moist(ims,kms,jms,P_QG), &

QH_CURR=moist(ims,kms,jms,P_QH), &

all_moist=grid%all_moist , &
```

- After the array is re-referenced from grid and we are inside the microphysics_driver routine, we need to
 - Pass the variable through the argument list
 - Declare our passed in 3D array

```
,all_moist &

REAL, DIMENSION(ims:ime ,kms:kme ,jms:jme ), &
    INTENT(OUT) :: all_moist
```

- After the array is re-referenced from grid and we are inside the microphysics_driver routine, we need to
 - Zero out the array at each time step

```
! Zero out moisture sum.

DO j = jts,MIN(jde-1,jte)
DO k = kts,kte
DO i = its,MIN(ide-1,ite)
    all_moist(i,k,j) = 0.0
END DO
END DO
END DO
```



- After the array is re-referenced from grid and we are inside the microphysics_driver routine, we need to
 - At the end of the routine, for each of the moist species that exists, add that component to all_moist

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 Problem: Output global average and global maximum and lat/lon location of maximum for 10 meter wind speed in WRF

• Steps:

- Modify solve to compute wind-speed and then compute the local sum and maxima at the end of each time step
- Use reduction operations built-in to WRF software to compute the global qualities
- Output these on one process (process zero, the "monitor" process)



Compute local sum and local max and the local indices of the local maximum

```
--- File: dyn em/solve em.F (near the end) ---
Compute local maximum and sum of 10m wind-speed
 sum ws = 0.
 \max ws = 0.
 DO j = jps, jpe
   DO i = ips, ipe
     wind vel = sqrt(grid%u10(i,j)**2+grid%v10(i,j)**2)
     IF ( wind vel .GT. max ws ) THEN
         max ws = wind vel
         idex = i
         idex = i
     ENDIF
      sum ws = sum ws + wind vel
   ENDDO
 ENDDO
```

Compute global sum, global max, and indices of the global max (WRF intrinsics)

```
! Compute global sum
   sum_ws = wrf_dm_sum_real ( sum_ws )
! Compute global maximum and associated i,j point
   CALL wrf_dm_maxval_real ( max_ws, idex, jdex )
```



- On the process that contains the maximum value, obtain the latitude and longitude of that point; on other processes set to an artificially low value.
- The use parallel reduction to store that result on every process

```
IF ( ips .LE. idex .AND. idex .LE. ipe .AND. &
      jps .LE. jdex .AND. jdex .LE. jpe ) THEN
    glat = grid%xlat(idex,jdex)
    glon = grid%xlong(idex,jdex)
 ELSE
    glat = -99999.
    glon = -99999.
 ENDIF
Compute global maximum to find glat and glon
 glat = wrf dm max real ( glat )
 glon = wrf dm max real ( glon )
```

Output the value on process zero, the "monitor"



Output from process zero of a multi-process run

```
--- Output file: rsl.out.0000 ---
...

Avg. 5.159380
Max. 15.09370 Lat. 37.25022 Lon. -67.44571

Timing for main: time 2000-01-24_12:03:00 on domain 1: 8.96500 elapsed secs.
Avg. 5.166167
Max. 14.97418 Lat. 37.25022 Lon. -67.44571

Timing for main: time 2000-01-24_12:06:00 on domain 1: 4.89460 elapsed secs.
Avg. 5.205693
Max. 14.92687 Lat. 37.25022 Lon. -67.44571

Timing for main: time 2000-01-24_12:09:00 on domain 1: 4.83500 elapsed secs.
```



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- Add a new physics package with time varying input source to the model
- This is how we could supply a time varying value to the model for a field that is traditionally fixed
- Example is sea surface temperature



- Problem: adapt WRF to input a time-varying lower boundary condition, e.g. SSTs, from an input file for a new surface scheme
- Given: Input file in WRF I/O format containing 12-hourly SST's
- Modify WRF model to read these into a new state array and make available to WRF surface physics



Steps

- Add a new state variable and definition of a new surface layer package (that will use the variable) to the Registry
- Add to variable stream for an unused Auxiliary Input stream
- Adapt physics interface to pass new state variable to physics
- Setup namelist to input the file at desired interval



 Add a new state variable to Registry/Registry.EM_COMMON and put it in the variable set for input on Auxiliary Input Stream #4

```
# type symbol dims use tl stag io dname description units state real nsst ij misc 1 - i4h "NEW_SST" "Time Varying SST" "K"
```

- Also added to History and Restart
- Result:
 - 2-D variable named grid%nsst defined and available in solve em
 - Dimensions: ims:ime, jms:jme
 - Input and output on the AuxInput #4 stream will include the variable under the name NEW SST

Pass new state variable to surface physics

```
--- File: dyn em/module first rk step part1.F ---
CALL surface driver (
                                                                      æ
Optional
         ,QV CURR=moist(ims,kms,jms,P QV), F QV=F QV
                                                                      æ
         ,QC CURR=moist(ims,kms,jms,P QC), F QC=F QC
         ,QR CURR=moist(ims,kms,jms,P QR), F QR=F QR
         ,QI CURR=moist(ims,kms,jms,P QI), F QI=F QI
         ,QS CURR=moist(ims,kms,jms,P QS), F QS=F QS
         ,QG CURR=moist(ims,kms,jms,P QG), F QG=F QG
         ,NSST=grid%nsst
                                                                         ! new
         ,CAPG=grid%capg, EMISS=grid%emiss, HOL=hol,MOL=grid%mol
         ,RAINBL=grid%rainbl,SR=grid%em sr
         ,RAINNCV=grid%rainncv,REGIME=regime,T2=grid%t2,THC=grid%thc &
```

Add new variable nsst to Physics Driver in Mediation Layer

```
--- File: phys/module surface driver.F ---
SUBROUTINE surface driver (
                                                                        æ
            Other optionals (more or less em specific)
             ,nsst
  æ
                                                                        æ
              ,capq,emiss,hol,mol
                                                                        æ
             , rainncv, rainbl, regime, t2, thc
             , qsg, qvg, qcg, soilt1, tsnav
  æ
             ,smfr3d,keepfr3dflag
                                                                       ))
REAL, DIMENSION( ims:ime, jms:jme ), OPTIONAL, INTENT(INOUT)::
                                                                     nsst
```

 By making this an "Optional" argument, we preserve the driver's compatibility with other cores and with versions of WRF where this variable hasn't been added.

Add call to Model-Layer subroutine for new physics package to Surface Driver

```
--- File: phys/module surface driver ---
!$OMP PARALLEL DO
!$OMP PRIVATE ( ij, i, j, k )
  DO ij = 1 , num tiles
    sfclay select: SELECT CASE(sf sfclay physics)
       CASE (SFCLAYSCHEME)
                            ! <- This is defined by the Registry "package" entry
       CASE (NEWSFCSCHEME)
         IF (PRESENT(nsst))
                              THEN
            CALL NEWSFCCHEME (
                                                                       æ
                nsst,
                ids, ide, jds, jde, kds, kde,
                ims,ime, jms,jme, kms,kme,
                i start(ij),i end(ij), j start(ij),j end(ij), kts,kte
         ELSE
           CALL wrf error fatal ('Missing argument for NEWSCHEME in surface driver')
         ENDIF
    END SELECT sfclay select
  ENDDO
!$OMP END PARALLEL DO
```

Note the PRESENT test to make sure new optional variable nsst is available

 Add definition for new physics package NEWSCHEME as setting 4 for namelist variable sf_sfclay_physics

```
namelist, physics
rconfig
          integer sf sfclay physics
                                                            max domains
                                                                            0
          sfclayscheme
                          sf sfclay physics==1
package
          myjsfcscheme
                          sf sfclay physics==2
package
                          sf sfclay physics==3
          qfssfcscheme
package
                          sf sfclay physics==4
          newsfcscheme
package
```

- This creates a defined constant NEWSFCSCHEME and represents selection of the new scheme when the namelist variable sf_sfclay_physics is set to '4' in the namelist.input file
- clean -a and recompile so code and Registry changes take

Setup namelist to input SSTs from the file at desired interval

```
--- File: namelist.input ---
&time_control
    . . .
auxinput4_inname = "sst_input"
auxinput4_interval_h = 12
    . . .
/

    &physics
sf_sfclay_physics = 4, 4, 4
    . . . .
/
```

Run code with sst_input file in run-directory



Setup namelist to input SSTs from the file at desired interval

```
--- File: namelist.input ---
&time_control
    . . .
auxinput4_inname = "sst_input"
auxinput4_interval_h = 12
    . . .
/

    &physics
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    . . . .
/
```

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1. Modify Registry for new fields.

Use the "tracer" array with a new 3D component

Use existing NML option

2. Initialize data in real.

Identify (i,j) location

Spread in "PBL"

3. Set values in solver."Release" per time step



Registry/Registry.EM add our new field "PLUME" as part of "TRACER" array.

```
# New tracer for example
state real plume ikjftb tracer \
    1 - irhusdf=(bdy_interp:dt) \
    "PLUME" "Fukushima Tracer" " "

# 4D arrays need an associated package
package tracer_test3 tracer_opt==3 - \
    tracer:plume
```



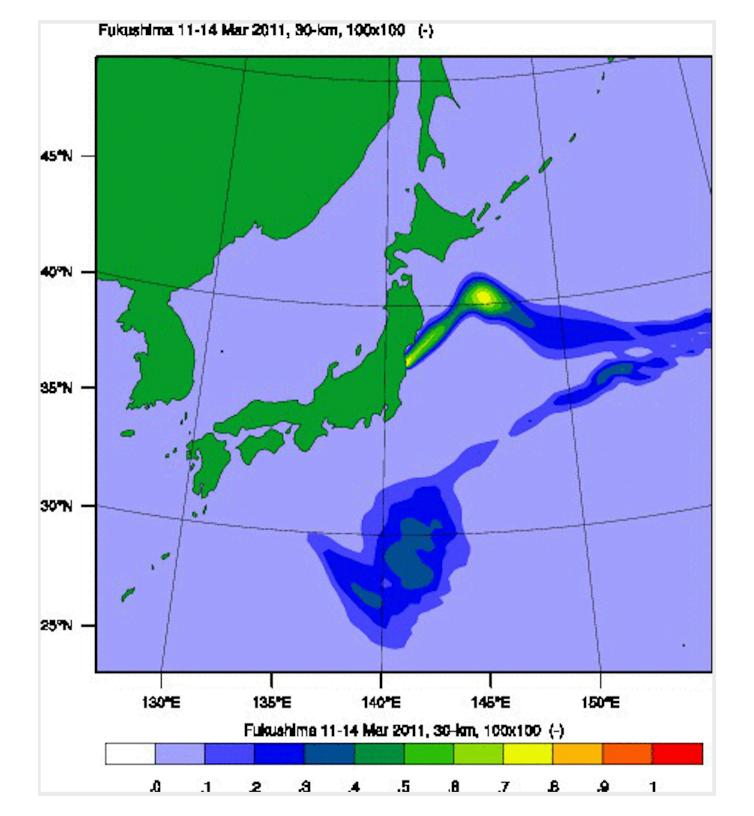
Modify the real and WRF programs to initialize and continuously re-supply the "PLUME" array

```
dyn_em/module_initialize_real.F (initial value from real.exe)
dyn_em/solve_em.F (continuous plume in wrf.exe)
```

- Modify the test/em_real/namelist.input file
- Include the new settings for the tracer option required from the Registry file

```
&dynamics
tracer_opt = 3, 3, 3,
```





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Questions?

- WRF User Support Statement:
 https://www2.mmm.ucar.edu/wrf/users/wrf_support_statement.html
- Questions about the WRF modeling system should be directed to the WRF Forum: forum.mmm.ucar.edu

Resources

- Users may take advantage of the WRF homepage: www2.mmm.ucar.edu/wrf/users
- The WRF and WPS source codes are maintained with github at github.com/wrf-model/WRF and github.com/wrf-model/WPS

