

WRF Registry and Examples

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Outline

- Registry Mechanics

- Examples

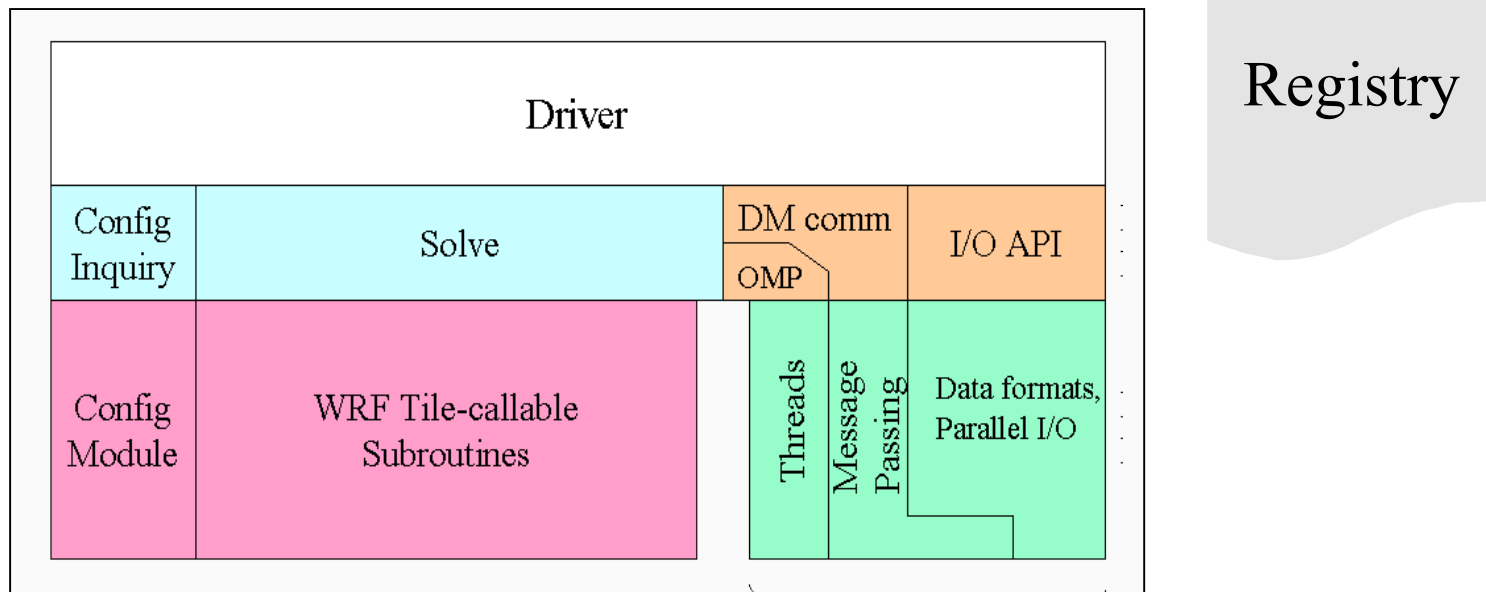
Introduction – Intended Audience

- Intended audience for this tutorial session: scientific users and others who wish to:
 - Understand **overall design** concepts and motivations
 - **Work** with the code
 - **Extend/modify** the code to enable their work/research
 - Address **problems** as they arise
 - Adapt the code to take advantage of **local computing** resources

Introduction – WRF Resources

- WRF project home page
 - <http://www.wrf-model.org>
- WRF users page (linked from above)
 - <http://www.mmm.ucar.edu/wrf/users>
- On line documentation (also from above)
 - http://www.mmm.ucar.edu/wrf/WG2/software_v2
- WRF user services and help desk
 - wrfhelp@ucar.edu

WRF Software Architecture



- Hierarchical software architecture
 - Insulate scientists' code from parallelism and other architecture/implementation-specific details
 - Well-defined interfaces between layers, and external packages for communications, I/O, and model coupling facilitates code reuse and exploiting of community infrastructure, e.g. ESMF.

WRF Registry

- "Active data-dictionary" for managing WRF data structures
 - Database describing attributes of model state, intermediate, and configuration data
 - Dimensionality, number of time levels, staggering
 - Association with physics
 - I/O classification (history, initial, restart, boundary)
 - Communication points and patterns
 - Configuration lists (e.g. namelists)
 - Nesting up- and down-scale interpolation

WRF Registry

- "Active data-dictionary" for managing WRF data structures
 - Program for auto-generating sections of WRF from database:
 - 2000 - 3000 Registry entries \Rightarrow 160-thousand lines of automatically generated WRF code
 - Allocation statements for state data and I1 data
 - Interprocessor communications: Halo and periodic boundary updates, transposes
 - Code for defining and managing run-time configuration information
 - Code for forcing, feedback, shifting, and interpolation of nest data

WRF Registry

- Why?
 - Automates time consuming, repetitive, error-prone programming
 - Insulates programmers and code from package dependencies
 - Allow rapid development
 - Documents the data
- A Registry file is available for each of the dynamical cores, plus special purpose packages
- Reference: Description of WRF Registry, http://www.mmm.ucar.edu/wrf/WG2/software_v2

Registry Data Base

- Currently implemented as a text file: *Registry/Registry.EM*
- Types of entry:
 - *Dimspec* — Describes dimensions that are used to define arrays in the model
 - *State* — Describes state variables and arrays in the domain structure
 - *//* — Describes local variables and arrays in solve
 - *Typedef* — Describes derived types that are subtypes of the domain structure

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 - *Rconfig* — Describes a configuration (e.g. namelist) variable or array
 - *Package* — Describes attributes of a package (e.g. physics)
 - *Halo* — Describes halo update interprocessor communications
 - *Period* — Describes communications for periodic boundary updates
 - *Xpose* — Describes communications for parallel matrix transposes
 - *include* — Similar to a CPP #include file

Registry State Entry

#	Type	Sym	Dims	Use	Tlev	Stag	IO	Dname	Descrip
state	real	u	ikjb	dyn_em	2	X	i01rhusdf	"U"	"X WIND COMPONENT"

- 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 hyphen (for variables)

Registry State Entry

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state	real	u	ikjb	dyn_em	2	X	i01rhusdf	"U"	"X WIND COMPONENT"

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

Registry State Entry

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state	real	u	ikjb	dyn_em	2	X	i01rh <u>usdf</u>	"U"	"X WIND COMPONENT"

- This single entry results in over 100 lines of code automatically added to more than 40 different locations in the WRF model, the real and ideal initialization programs, and in the WRF-Var package
- Nesting code to interpolate, force, feedback, and smooth u
- Addition of u to the input, restart, history, and LBC I/O streams

Registry State Entry

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state	real	u	ikjb	dyn_em	2	X	i01rhusdf	"U"	"X WIND COMPONENT"

Declaration and dynamic allocation of arrays in TYPE(domain)

Two 3D state arrays corresponding to the 2 time levels of U

u_1 (ims:ime , kms:kme , jms:jme)

u_2 (ims:ime , kms:kme , jms:jme)

Eight LBC arrays for boundary and boundary tendencies (dimension example for x BC)

u_b[xy][se] (jms:jme, kms:kme, spec_bdy_width, 4)

u_bt[xy][se] (jms:jme, kms:kme, spec_bdy_width, 4)

State Entry: Defining a variable-set for an I/O stream

- 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	u	ikjb	dyn_em	2	X	i01rhusdf	"U"	"X WIND COMPONENT"

IO is a string that specifies if the variable is to be subject to initial, restart, history, or boundary I/O. The string may consist of '**h**' (subject to history I/O), '**i**' (initial dataset), '**r**' (restart dataset), or '**b**' (lateral boundary dataset). The 'h', 'r', and 'i' specifiers may appear in any order or combination.

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.

usdf refers to nesting options: **u** = UP, **d** = DOWN, **s** = SMOOTH, **f** = FORCE

State Entry: Defining Variable-set for an I/O stream

irh -- The state variable will be included in the WRF model input, restart, and history I/O streams

irh13 -- The state variable has been added to the first and third auxiliary history output streams; it has been removed from the principal history output stream, because zero is not among the integers in the integer string that follows the character 'h'

rh01 -- The state variable has been added to the first auxiliary history output stream; it is also retained in the principal history output

i205hr -- Now the state variable is included in the principal input stream as well as auxiliary inputs 2 and 5. Note that the order of the integers is unimportant. The variable is also in the principal history output stream

ir12h -- No effect; there is only 1 restart data stream

i01 -- Data goes into real and into WRF

i1 -- Data goes into real only

Rconfig Entry

#	Type	Sym	How set	Nentries	Default
<code>rconfig</code>	<code>integer</code>	<code>spec_bdy_width</code>	<code>namelist, bdy_control</code>	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

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

- 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

Rconfig Entry

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

- Result of this Registry Entry:
 - Define an namelist variable “spec_bdy_width” in the bdy_control section of namelist.input
 - Type integer (others: real, logical, character)
 - If this is first entry in that section, define “bdy_control” as a new section in the namelist.input file
 - Specifies that bdy_control applies to all domains in the run

```
--- File: namelist.input ---  
  
&bdy_control  
  spec_bdy_width      = 5,  
  spec_zone           = 1,  
  relax_zone          = 4,  
  . . .  
/
```

Rconfig Entry

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

- Result of this Registry Entry:
 - if **Nentries** is “**max_domains**” then the entry in the namelist.input file is a comma-separate list, each element of which applies to a separate domain
 - The single entry in the Registry file applies to each of the separate domains

```
--- File: namelist.input ---  
  
&bdy_control  
  spec_bdy_width      = 5,  
  spec_zone           = 1,  
  relax_zone          = 4,  
  . . .  
/
```

Rconfig Entry

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

- Result of this Registry Entry:
 - Specify a **default** value of “1” if nothing is specified in the namelist.input file
 - In the case of a multi-process run, generate code to read in the bdy_control section of the namelist.input file on one process and broadcast the value to all other processes

```
--- File: namelist.input ---  
  
&bdy_control  
  spec_bdy_width      = 5,  
  spec_zone           = 1,  
  relax_zone          = 4,  
  . . .  
/
```

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 chooses this package

```
# specification of microphysics options
package    passiveqv      mp_physics==0      -      moist:qv
package    kesslerscheme  mp_physics==1      -      moist:qv,qc,qr
package    linscheme      mp_physics==2      -      moist:qv,qc,qr,qi,qs,qg
package    ncepcloud3     mp_physics==3      -      moist:qv,qc,qr
package    ncepcloud5     mp_physics==4      -      moist:qv,qc,qr,qi,qs

# namelist entry that controls microphysics option
rconfig    integer        mp_physics    namelist,physics    max_domains    0
```

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](#), ...)

```
# specification of microphysics options
package    passiveqv      mp_physics==0      -      moist:qv
package    kesslerscheme  mp_physics==1      -      moist:qv,qc,qc
package    linscheme      mp_physics==2      -      moist:qv,qc,qc,qi,qs,qg
package    ncepcloud3     mp_physics==3      -      moist:qv,qc,qc
package    ncepcloud5     mp_physics==4      -      moist:qv,qc,qc,qi,qs

# namelist entry that controls microphysics option
rconfig    integer        mp_physics    namelist,physics    max_domains    0
```

Package Entry

```
USE module_state_descriptions

...

Micro_select : SELECT CASE ( mp_physics )

    CASE ( KESSLERScheme )
        CALL kessler ( ...

    CASE ( THOMPSON )
        CALL mp_gt_driver ( ...

    ...

END SELECT micro_select
```

Packages define automatically enumerated types to avoid the usual tests on option #17 for microphysics

Halo Entry

- Elements
 - *Entry*: the keyword “halo”,
 - *Communication name*: given to the particular communication, must be identical in the source code (case matters!)
 - *Associated dynamical core*: dyn_em XOR dyn_nmm are acceptable
 - *Stencil size*: 4, or $(2n+1)^2-1$ (i.e. 8, 24, 48; semi-colon separated)
 - *Which variables*: names of the variables (comma separated)

```
# Halo update communications
halo      HALO_EM_TKE_C dyn_em 4:ph_2,phb
```

HALO Entry

Place communication in dyn_em/solve_em.F

```
#ifndef DM_PARALLEL
#    include "HALO_EM_TKE_C.inc"
#endif
```

```
# Halo update communications
halo      HALO_EM_TKE_C dyn_em 4:ph_2,phb
```

PERIOD and XPOSE Entry

- Elements
 - *Entry*: the keyword “period” or “xpose” (transpose)
 - *Communication name*: given to the particular communication, must be identical in the source code (case matters!)
 - *Associated dynamical core*: dyn_em XOR dyn_nmm are acceptable
 - *Stencil size for period*: # rows and columns to share for periodic lateral BCs
 - *Which variables for period*: names of the variables (comma separated)
 - *Which variables for xpose*: original variable (3d), x-transposed and y-transposed fields

```
# Period update communications
period PERIOD_EM_COUPLE_A dyn_em 2:mub,mu_1,mu_2
```

```
# Transpose update communications
xpose XPOSE_POLAR_FILTER_TOPO dyn_em t_init,t_xxx,dum_yyy
```

Registry IO: registry.io_boilerplate

- **include** — method to populate Registry without duplicating information which is prone to administrative mismanagement
 - *Entry*: the keyword “include”
 - *Name*: file name to include in the Registry file

Entry	Name
<code>include</code>	<code>registry.io_boilerplate</code>

Registry IO: registry.io_boilerplate

- **rconfig** - namelist entries
 - *Entry*: the keyword “rconfig”,
 - *Type*: integer, logical, real
 - *WRF symbol*: name of variable in namelist
 - *Namelist record*: name of the resident record
 - *Number of entries*: either “1” or “max_domains”
 - *Default value*: what to define if not in namelist.input file
 - *NOT REQUIRED name and description*: for self documentation purposes

Entry	Type	Sym	How set
rconfig	character	auxinput5_inname	namelist,time_control

Num	Entries	Default
1		"auxinput5_d<domain>_<date>"

<domain> expanded to 2-digit domain identifier

<date> expanded to the usual WRF “years down to seconds” date string

Registry IO: registry.io_boilerplate

Entry	Type	Sym	How set
rconfig	character	auxinput5_outname	namelist,time_control
rconfig	character	auxinput5_inname	namelist,time_control
rconfig	integer	auxinput5_interval_mo	namelist,time_control
rconfig	integer	auxinput5_interval_d	namelist,time_control
rconfig	integer	auxinput5_interval_h	namelist,time_control
rconfig	integer	auxinput5_interval_m	namelist,time_control
rconfig	integer	auxinput5_interval_s	namelist,time_control
rconfig	integer	auxinput5_interval	namelist,time_control
rconfig	integer	auxinput5_begin_y	namelist,time_control
rconfig	integer	auxinput5_begin_mo	namelist,time_control
rconfig	integer	auxinput5_begin_d	namelist,time_control
rconfig	integer	auxinput5_begin_h	namelist,time_control
rconfig	integer	auxinput5_begin_m	namelist,time_control
rconfig	integer	auxinput5_begin_s	namelist,time_control
rconfig	integer	auxinput5_end_y	namelist,time_control
rconfig	integer	auxinput5_end_mo	namelist,time_control
rconfig	integer	auxinput5_end_d	namelist,time_control
rconfig	integer	auxinput5_end_h	namelist,time_control
rconfig	integer	auxinput5_end_m	namelist,time_control
rconfig	integer	auxinput5_end_s	namelist,time_control
rconfig	integer	io_form_auxinput5	namelist,time_control



Registry IO: registry.io_boilerplate

Entry	Type	Sym	How set
rconfig	integer	io_form_input	namelist,time_control
rconfig	integer	io_form_history	namelist,time_control
rconfig	integer	io_form_restart	namelist,time_control
rconfig	integer	io_form_boundary	namelist,time_control
rconfig	integer	io_form_auxinput1	namelist,time_control
rconfig	integer	io_form_auxinput2	namelist,time_control
rconfig	integer	io_form_auxinput3	namelist,time_control
rconfig	integer	io_form_auxinput4	namelist,time_control
rconfig	integer	io_form_auxinput5	namelist,time_control
rconfig	integer	io_form_auxinput6	namelist,time_control
rconfig	integer	io_form_auxinput7	namelist,time_control
rconfig	integer	io_form_auxinput8	namelist,time_control
rconfig	integer	io_form_auxinput9	namelist,time_control
rconfig	integer	io_form_gfdda	namelist,fd
rconfig	integer	io_form_auxinput11	namelist,time_control

For any
given WRF
model fcst,
users have
access to
these input
streams

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Entry	Type	Sym	How set
rconfig	integer	io_form_auxhist1	namelist,time_control
rconfig	integer	io_form_auxhist2	namelist,time_control
rconfig	integer	io_form_auxhist3	namelist,time_control
rconfig	integer	io_form_auxhist4	namelist,time_control
rconfig	integer	io_form_auxhist5	namelist,time_control
rconfig	integer	io_form_auxhist6	namelist,time_control
rconfig	integer	io_form_auxhist7	namelist,time_control
rconfig	integer	io_form_auxhist8	namelist,time_control
rconfig	integer	io_form_auxhist9	namelist,time_control
rconfig	integer	io_form_auxhist10	namelist,time_control
rconfig	integer	io_form_auxhist11	namelist,time_control

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- 2) Add an array
- 3) Compute a diagnostic
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Example 1: Add a variable to the namelist

- 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

Example 1: Add a variable to the namelist

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

```
rconfig integer my_option namelist,time_control 1 0 - "my_option" "test namelist option"
```

- Accessing the variable is through an automatically generated function:

```
USE module_configure  
INTEGER :: my_option
```

```
CALL nl_get_my_option( 1, my_option )  
CALL nl_set_my_option( 1, my_option )
```

Example 1: Add a variable to the namelist

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

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

```
USE module_domain
```

```
TYPE(domain) :: grid
```

```
print *,grid%dx
```

Example 1: Add a variable to the namelist

- ... 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%dx
```

Examples

- 1) Add a variable to the namelist
- 2) Add an array to solver, and IO stream
- 3) Compute a diagnostic
- 4) Add a physics package

Example 2: Add an Array

- Adding a state array to the solver, requires adding a single line in the Registry
- Use the previous Registry instructions for a **state** or **I1** variable
- Select a variable similar to one that you would like to add
 - 2d vs 3d
 - Staggered
 - Associated with a package
 - Part of a 4d array
 - Input (012), output, restart
 - Nesting, lateral forcing, feedback

Example 2: Add an Array

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

```
state  real  h_diabatic  ikj  misc  1  -      r      \
      "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  -      i012rhdu      \
      "HGT"           "Terrain Height"

state  real  ht_input  ij  misc  1  -      -      \
      "HGT_INPUT"     "Terrain Height from FG Input File"

state  real  TSK_SAVE  ij  misc  1  -      -      \
      "TSK_SAVE"      "SURFACE SKIN TEMPERATURE"      "K"
```

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Example 3: Compute a Diagnostic

- 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)

Example 3: Compute a Diagnostic

- 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  
        jdex = j  
      ENDIF  
      sum_ws = sum_ws + wind_vel  
    ENDDO  
  ENDDO
```

Example 3: Compute a Diagnostic

- 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 )
```

Example 3: Compute a Diagnostic

- 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%xlats(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 )
```

Example 3: Compute a Diagnostic

- Output the value on process zero, the “monitor”

```
! Print out the result on the monitor process
  IF ( wrf_dm_on_monitor() ) THEN
    WRITE(outstring,*) 'Avg. ',sum_ws/((ide-ids+1)*(jde-jds+1))
    CALL wrf_message ( TRIM(outstring) )
    WRITE(outstring,*) 'Max. ',max_ws,' Lat. ',glat,&
                        ' Lon. ',glon
    CALL wrf_message ( TRIM(outstring) )
  ENDIF
```


Example 3: Compute a Diagnostic

- Output from process zero of an n 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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Example 4: Input periodic SSTs

- 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

Example 4: Input periodic SSTs

- 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

Example 4: Input periodic SSTs

- 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

Example 4: Input periodic SSTs

- Add a new state variable to Registry/Registry.EM or Registry/Registry.NMM and put it in the variable set for input on AuxInput #4

#	type	symbol	dims	use	tl	stag	io	dname	description	units
state	real	nsst	ij	misc	1	-	i4rh	"NEW_SST"	"Time Varying SST"	"K"

- Also added to History and Restart
- Result:
 - 2-D variable named **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

Example 4: Input periodic SSTs

- Pass new state variable to surface physics

```
--- File: dyn_em/solve_em.F ---

CALL surface_driver(                                     &
    . . .
! Optional
&      ,QV_CURR=moist(ims,kms,jms,P_QV) , F_QV=F_QV      &
&      ,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 &
    . . .
```

Example 4: Input periodic SSTs

- Add new variable nsst to Physics Driver in Mediation Layer

```
--- File: phys/module_surface_driver.F ---

SUBROUTINE surface_driver(                                     &
    . . .
    ! Other optionals (more or less em specific)
    &      ,nsst                                              &
    &      ,capg,emiss,hol,mol                               &
    &      ,rainncv,rainbl,regime,t2,thc                     &
    &      ,qsg,qvg,qcg,soilt1,tsnav                         &
    &      ,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.

Example 4: Input periodic SSTs

- 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)
      . . .
    CASE (NEWSFCSCHEME) ! <- This is defined by the Registry "package" entry

      IF (PRESENT(nsst)) THEN
        CALL NEWSFCSCHEME(
          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

Example 4: Input periodic SSTs

- Add definition for new physics package NEWScheme as setting 4 for namelist variable `sf_sfclay_physics`

<code>rconfig</code>	<code>integer</code>	<code>sf_sfclay_physics</code>	<code>namelist,physics</code>	<code>max_domains</code>	<code>0</code>
<code>package</code>	<code>sfclayscheme</code>	<code>sf_sfclay_physics==1</code>	-	-	
<code>package</code>	<code>myjsfcscheme</code>	<code>sf_sfclay_physics==2</code>	-	-	
<code>package</code>	<code>gfssfcscheme</code>	<code>sf_sfclay_physics==3</code>	-	-	
<code>package</code>	<code>newsfcscheme</code>	<code>sf_sfclay_physics==4</code>	-	-	

- 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 effect

Example 4: Input periodic SSTs

- 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

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- A few notes...
 - The read times and the time-stamps in the input file must match exactly
 - We haven't done anything about what happens if the file runs out of time periods (the last time period read will be used over and over again, though you'll see some error messages in the output if you set `debug_level` to be 1 or greater in `namelist.input`)
 - We haven't said anything about what generates `sst_input`