

WRF Registry and Examples

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Outline

- Registry Mechanics
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- Examples

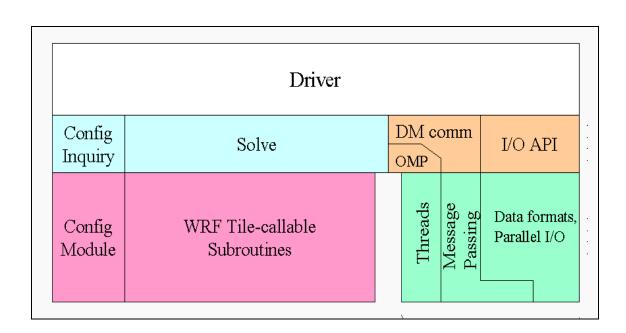
Introduction – Intended Audience

- 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



Registry

- 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:
 - <u>2000 3000</u> Registry entries ⇒ <u>300-thousand</u> lines of automatically generated WRF code
 - Allocation statements for state data and 11 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

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- Types of entry:
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 - State Describes state variables and arrays in the domain structure
 - /1 Describes local variables and arrays in solve
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- Include Similar to a CPP #include file

```
# 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 hypen (for variables)

```
# Type Sym Dims Use Tlev Stag IO Dname Descrip
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)
- /O: 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

```
#
       Type Sym Dims
                               Tlev Stag
                         Use
                                              IO
                                                      Dname
                                                                 Descrip
       real u
                 ikjb
                        dyn em
                                          i01rhusdf
state
                                 2
                                     X
                                                       יינדיי
                                                              "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

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

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

Declaration and dynamic allocation of arrays in TYPE(domain)

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"
```

<u>IO</u> 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.

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```
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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.

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'

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

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

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

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

iO1 -- Data goes into real and into WRF

i1 -- Data goes into real only

```
# 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

```
# 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

```
# 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,
. . . .
```

```
# 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,

//
```

```
# 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

```
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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 choses this package

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

```
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package
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                                                  moist:qv
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package
                                                  moist:qv,qc,qr
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package
          linscheme
                                                  moist:qv,qc,qr,qi,qs,qg
                        mp physics==3
package
          ncepcloud3
                                                  moist:qv,qc,qr
                        mp physics==4
package
          ncepcloud5
                                                  moist:qv,qc,qr,qi,qs
# namelist entry that controls microphysics option
rconfig
                      mp physics
                                    namelist, physics
                                                         max domains
          integer
                                                                         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 (i.e. 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 Entry

```
Place communication in dyn_em/solve_em.F

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

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
```

- 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 include registry.io_boilerplate

- rconfig namelist entries
 - Entry: the keyword "rconfig",
 - *Type*: integer, logical, real
 - Symbol: name of variable in namelist
 - How set: name of the resident record (usually)
 - 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	Туре	Sym	How set
rconfig rconfig rconfig rconfig	integer integer integer integer	<pre>io_form_input io_form_history io_form_restart io_form_boundary</pre>	<pre>namelist,time_control namelist,time_control namelist,time_control namelist,time_control</pre>
rconfig rconfig rconfig rconfig rconfig rconfig rconfig rconfig	integer integer integer integer integer integer integer integer	io_form_auxinput1 io_form_auxinput2 io_form_auxinput3 io_form_auxinput4 io_form_auxinput5 io_form_auxinput6 io_form_auxinput7 io_form_auxinput8 io_form_auxinput9	namelist, time_control
rconfig rconfig	integer integer	io_form_gfdda io_form_auxinput11	<pre>namelist,fdda namelist,time_control</pre>

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

Entry	Type	Sym	How set
rconfig	integer	io_form_auxhist1	namelist, time_control
rconfig rconfig	integer integer	<pre>io_form_auxhist2 io_form_auxhist3</pre>	<pre>namelist,time_control namelist,time_control</pre>
rconfig	integer	io_form_auxhist4	namelist, time_control
rconfig rconfig	integer integer	<pre>io_form_auxhist5 io_form_auxhist6</pre>	<pre>namelist,time_control namelist,time_control</pre>
rconfig rconfig	integer integer	<pre>io_form_auxhist7 io form auxhist8</pre>	<pre>namelist,time_control namelist,time control</pre>
rconfig	integer	io_form_auxhist9	namelist,time_control
rconfig rconfig	integer integer	<pre>io_form_auxhist10 io_form_auxhist11</pre>	<pre>namelist,time_control namelist,time_control</pre>
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... and access to these output streams

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- Examples
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 - 1) Add a variable to the namelist
 - 2) Add an array
 - 3) Compute a diagnostic
 - 4) Add a physics package

Example 0: 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 0: Zap output without recompiling

Edit the namelist.input file, the time_control namelist record

```
iofields_filename = "myoutfields.txt"
```

Place the fields that you want 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)

- 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

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

- 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
 - 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

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

 Always modify Registry. core_name, where core_name might be EM, for example

```
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state
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                      ij
                          misc 1 -
state
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                      ij misc 1 - i012rhdus
state
      real ht
                  "Terrain Height"
      "HGT"
      real ht input ij misc
state
      "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
 - Type: real
 - Dimensions: 3D and ikj ordering, not staggered
 - Supposed to be output only: h
 - Name in netCDF file: all_moist

```
state real all_moist ikj \
dyn_em 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 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

- 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 a association convenience
- OD, 1D, 2D, 3D 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