How to Use the WRF Registry

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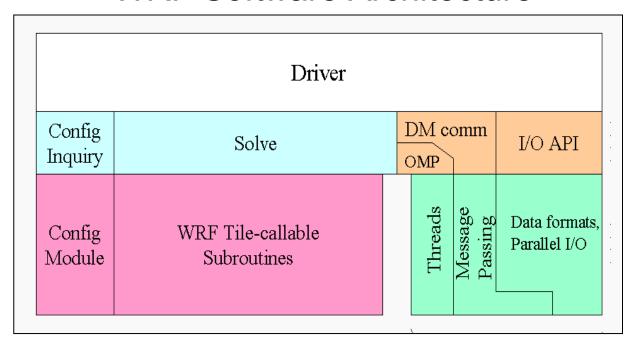
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Outline

- What is the WRF Registry
- Keyword syntax
- The BIG Three
- Examples
 - Runtime I/O mods
 - Adding a variable to the namelist
 - Adding an array to WRF
 - Compute a diagnostic
 - New physics scheme
 - Passive tracer

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, nesting)
Communications
namelist options

About 300k lines added to source

Easy — 3x the size since initial release

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

Registry.EM_COMMON (else lost changes)

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 - /1 Describes local variables and arrays in solve
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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)

Registry State Entry

```
# Type Sym Dims Use Tlev Stag IO Dname Descrip
state real tsk ij misc 1 - i01rhusdf "TSK" "SKIN TEMP"
```

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 - i01rhusdf "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 I/O), 'i' (initial dataset), 'r' (restart dataset).
- The 'h', 'r', and 'i' specifiers may appear in any order or combination.

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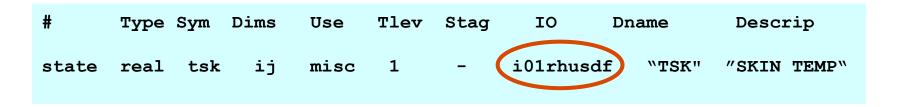
- The 'h' and 'i' specifiers may be followed by an optional integer string consisting of '0', '1', ..., '9'
- Zero denotes that the variable is part of the principal input or history I/O stream.
- The characters '1' through '9' denote one of the auxiliary input or history I/O streams.

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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

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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

```
# 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

Package Entry

- Elements
 - Entry: the keyword "package",

rconfig integer mp physics namelist, physics

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

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, ...)

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                                     - moist:qv
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                      mp physics==2 -
package linscheme
                                         moist:qv,qc,qr,qi,qs,qq
                      mp physics==3   -
package
       ncepcloud3
                                         moist:qv,qc,qr
package
        ncepcloud5
                      mp physics==4
                                         moist:qv,qc,qr,qi,qs
# namelist entry that controls microphysics option
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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"
```

- 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)

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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 previous Registry instructions 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

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

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

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```

- 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: 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 , &
```

- The solve routine calls first_rk_step_part1
- grid is passed in
- No need to pass any variables, such as all_moist

```
!WRF:MEDIATION_LAYER:SOLVER

CALL first_rk_step_part1( grid , &

config flags , &
```

Top of first_rk_step_part1.F

!WRF:MEDIATION LAYER:SOLVER

- grid is passed in
- No need to declare any new variables, such as all_moist

```
MODULE module_first_rk_step_part1

CONTAINS

SUBROUTINE first_rk_step_part1 ( grid , & config_flags , &
```

- In first_rk_step_part1, 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

- 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

```
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
```

Zero out moisture sum.

- 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(qrid%u10(i,j)**2+qrid%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
```

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
     qlat = -999999.
     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
                                                                       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
          OG 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
                                                                       æ
          ,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)
                                                                       æ
  æ
             ,nsst
  æ
              ,capq,emiss,hol,mol
                                                                       æ
             , 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.

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 NEWSFCCHEME (
                                                                        £
                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
!SOMP 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

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

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

- 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

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Modify Registry for new fields.

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

Use existing NML option

Initialize data in real.

Identify (i,j) location Spread in "PBL"

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

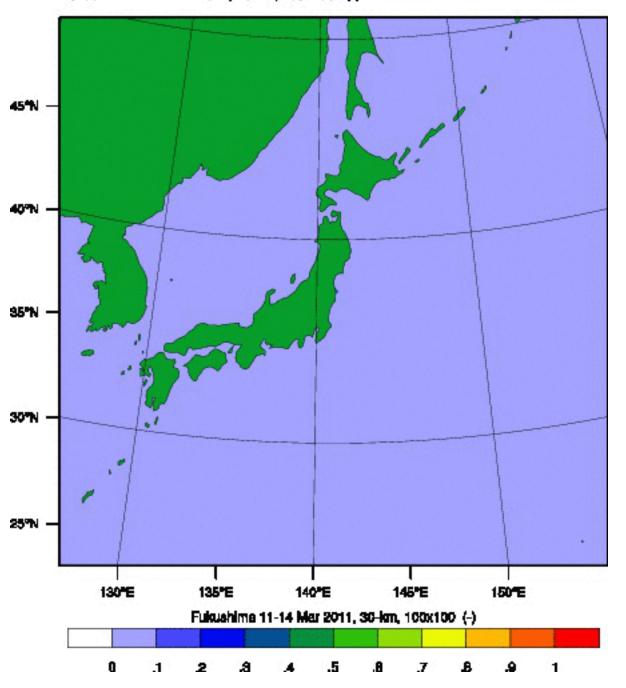
dyn_em/module_initialize_real.F (initial value from real.exe)

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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