WRF & WPS: Compile

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System Requirements

- On what kinds of systems will WRF run?
 - Generally any 32- or 64-bit hardware, running a UNIX-like operating system
 - You may also use dual-booting into a UNIX-like OS (e.g., Windows with Linux built parallel)
- Examples of acceptable systems:
 - Laptops, desktops, and clusters running Linux
 - Laptops and desktops running MacOS X
 - Clusters running Unix-like: Linux, AIX



Check System Requirements

Webpage:

http://www2.mmm.ucar.edu/wrf/OnLineTutorial/compilation_tutorial.php



This page is meant to provide guidance through the steps of compiling WRF. It will take a beginning user through the processes of ensuring the computer environment is set up correctly, to testing the components and their compatibility with each other, then to installing WRFV3 and WPS, and finally to some guidance for preparing to run WPS and then WRFV3.

Click on a tab below for quick navigation. If you are a beginner, it is recommended to start at the beginning and follow through each step.



**IMPORTANT NOTES: PLEASE READ BEFORE CONTINUING!

- In order to use personal machines, you must have all the pre-required programs and compilers built, as well as their functionality/compatibility verified through testing. We cannot be responsible or provide assistance for the installation of Linux, Linux utilities, or the compilers.
- We are attempting to walk you through the steps for building necessary libraries (netCDF, MPICH, JasPer, Libpng, and Ziib); however, if you
 experience errors, we cannot be responsible for helping to correct the errors, as these are related to your particular system, and are not
 supported by our wrfhelp group. You will need to contact someone in your systems administation office, or go to the library websites to contact
 someone in their support group for assistance.
- All of the examples given here are in tcsh. If you are very familiar with another shell (e.g., bash), and feel comfortable making the necessary alterations to the commands, then feel free to use your other shell. If not, however, we recommend using tcsh.



Check System Requirements

- It is mandatory to have a Fortran (e.g., gfortran) compiler, a C compiler, and cpp on your system. To test whether these exist on your system, type:
 - which gfortran
 - which cpp
 - which gcc
 - If installed, you will be given a path for each
- Fortran compiler should be version 4.4.0, or later
 Check this by typing (for csh):

gcc --version

 Tests available for checking that your fortran compiler is built properly, and that it is compatible with the C compiler.

System Environment Tests

- First and foremost, it is very important to have a gfortran compiler, as well as gcc and cpp.
 To test whether these exist on the system, type the following:
 - which gfortranwhich cppwhich gcc

If you have these installed, you should be given a path for the location of each.

We recommend using gfortran version 4.4.0 or later. To determine the version of gfortran you have, type:

```
gcc --version
```

- 2. Create a new, clean directory called Build WRF, and another one called TESTS.
- There are a few simple tests that can be run to verify that the fortran compiler is built properly, and that it is compatible with the C compiler. Below is a tar file that contains the tests. Download the tar file and place it in the TESTS directory.

```
Fortran and C Tests Tar File
```

To unpack the tar file, type:

```
tar -xf Fortran C tests.tar
```

There are 7 tests available, so start at the top and run through them, one at a time.

```
Test #1: Fixed Format Fortran Test: TEST 1 fortran only fixed.f
```

Type the following in the command line:

```
gfortran TEST 1 fortran only fixed.f
```

Now type:

```
./a.out
```

The following should print out to the screen:

```
SUCCESS test 1 fortran only fixed format
```



Additional Necessary Requirements

• Scripting languages (testing available in test package):

```
csh
perl
sh
```

UNIX commands:

ar	head	sed	awk
hostname	sleep	cat	ln
sort	cd	ls	tar
ср	make	touch	cut
mkdir	tr	expr	mv
uname	file	nm	WC
grep	printf	which	gzip
rm			



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Installing Libraries

- NetCDF (needed by WRF and WPS)
- Optional libraries for GRIB2 meteorological data support
 - JasPer (JPEG 2000 "lossy" compression library)
 - PNG ("lossless" compression library)
 - Zlib (compression library used by PNG)
- Optional MPI library (for building in parallel):
 - MPICH2



Installing Libraries

 Installation of these libraries (MPICH2, NetCDF, JasPer, zlib, and libpng) is NOT part of the WPS and WRF installation scripts

VERY IMPORTANT!

- Make sure these libraries are installed using the same compilers as will be used to install WRF and WPS
- Downloads for the libraries, with installation instructions, and library compatibility tests are also included on the compilation website



Installing Libraries: NetCDF

```
setenv DIR directory-where-your-tar-files-are
setenv CC qcc
setenv CXX q++
setenv FC gfortran
seteny FCFLAGS -m64
                        # FCFLAGS may be needed on some systems
setenv F77 gfortran
setenv FFLAGS -m64
                        # FFLAGS may be needed on some systems
tar xzvf netcdf-4.1.3.tar.gz # no '.gz' if downloaded to most Macs
cd netcdf-4.1.3
./configure --prefix=$DIR/netcdf --disable-dap --disable-netcdf-4 --
disable-shared
make
make install
setenv PATH $DIR/netcdf/bin:$PATH
setenv NETCDF $DIR/netcdf
cd ..
```



Installing Libraries: MPICH2

- In principle, any implementation of the MPI-2 standard should work with WRF; however, we have the most experience with MPICH
- Assuming environment variables for netCDF install are already set:

```
tar xzvf mpich-3.0.4.tar.gz # no `.gz' if downloaded to most Macs
cd mpich-3.0.4
./configure --prefix=$DIR/mpich
make
make install
setenv PATH $DIR/mpich/bin:$PATH
cd ..
```



Installing Libraries: zlib

 Assuming environment variables from netCDF install are already set:

```
tar xzvf zlib-1.2.7.tar.gz # no `.gz' if downloaded to most Macs
cd zlib-1.2.7
./configure --prefix=$DIR/zlib
make
make install
cd ..
```



Installing Libraries: libpng

Assuming environment variables from netCDF install are already set

```
tar xzvf libpng-1.2.50.tar.gz # no `.gz' if downloaded to most Macs
cd libpng-1.2.50
./configure --prefix=$DIR/libpng
make
make install
cd ..
```



Installing Libraries: JasPer

Assuming environment variables from netCDF install are already set

```
tar xzvf jasper-1.900.1.tar.gz # no `.gz' if downloaded to most Macs
cd jasper-1.900.1
./configure --prefix=$DIR/jasper
make
make install
cd ..
```



Installing Libraries: Compatibility

- Make sure libraries are compatible with compilers
- Test 1
 - Fortran + C + netCDF
- Test 2
 - Fortran + C + netCDF +MPI

Library Compatibility Tests

Once the target machine is able to make small Fortran and C executables (what was
verified in the System Environment Tests section), and after the NetCDF and MPI libraries
are constructed (two of the libraries from the Building Libraries section), to emulate the WRF
code's behavior, two additional small tests are required. We need to verify that the libraries
are able to work with the compilers that are to be used for the WPS and WRF builds. Below
is a tar file that contans these tests. Download this tar file and place it in the TESTS
directory:

```
Fortran_C_NETCDF_MPI_tests.tar
```

To unpack the tar file, type:

```
tar -xf Fortran_C_NETCDF_MPI_tests.tar
```

- There are 2 tests:
 - 1. Test #1: Fortran + C + NetCDF

The NetCDF-only test requires the include file from the NETCDF package be in this directory. Copy the file here:

```
cp ${NETCDF}/include/netcdf.inc .
```

Compile the Fortran and C codes for the purpose of this test (the -c option says to not try to build an executable). Type the following commands:

```
gfortran -c 01 fortran+c+netodf_f.f
gcc -c 01_fortran+c+netodf_c.c
gfortran 01 fortran+c+netodf f.o 01_fortran+c+netodf_c.o \
-Ls(NETODF)/lib -lnetodff -lnetodf
./a.out
```

The following should be displayed on your screen:

```
C function called by Fortran
Values are xx = 2.00 and ii = 1
SUCCESS test 1 fortran + c + netcdf
```

2. Test #2: Fortran + C + NetCDF + MPI

The NetCDF+MPI test requires include files from both of these packages be in this directory, but the MPI scripts automatically make the $mpi \not \equiv h$ file available without assistance, so no need to copy that one. Copy the NetCDF include file here:

```
cp ${NETCDF}/include/netcdf.inc .
```

Note that the MPI executables mpif90 and mpicc are used below when compiling. Issue the following commands:

```
mpif90 -c 02 fortran+c+netcdf+mpi_f.f
mpicc -c 02_fortran+c+netcdf+mpi_c.c
mpif90 02_fortran+c+netcdf+mpi_f.o \
02_fortran+c+netcdf+mpi_c.o \
-15{NETCDF}/lib -lnetcdff -lnetcdf
mpirun ./a.out
```

The following should be displayed on your screen:

```
C function called by Fortran Values are xx = 2.00 and ii = 1 status = 2 SUCCESS test 2 fortran + c + netcdf + mpi
```



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Download WRF & WPS Code

Download WRF & WPS source code from:

http://www2.mmm.ucar.edu/wrf/users/download/get_source.html

- Click 'New User,' register and download, or
- Click 'Returning User,' enter your email, and download

Step 1:

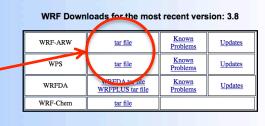
Click here for the latest released code (recommended)





Step 2:

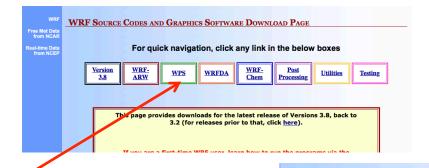
files to



Download Static Geographical Data

From the WRF Download page:

http://www2.mmm.ucar.edu/wrf/users/download/get_sources.html



Step 1: Click 'WPS' box

Step 2: Click 'here' to get geography data

Version 3.8	April 8, 2016	tar file	**Note: topography data has been updated
Version 3.7.1	August 14, 2015	tar file	<u>Updates</u>
Version 3.7	April 20, 2015	tar file	<u>Updates</u>
Version 3.6.1	August 14, 2014	tar file	<u>Updates</u>
Version 3.6	April 18, 2014	tar file	<u>Updates</u>
Version 3.5.1	September 23, 2013	tar file	<u>Updates</u>
Version 3.5	April 18, 2013	tar file	<u>Updates</u>
Version 3.4.1	August 16, 2012	tar file	<u>Updates</u>
Version 3.4 (Updated)	June 5, 2012	tar file	<u>Updates</u>
Version 3.4	April 6, 2012	tar file	<u>Updates</u>
Version 3.3.1	September 22, 2011	tar file	<u>Updates</u>
Version 3.3	April 6, 2011	tar file	Updates
Versio. 3.2.1	August 18, 2010	tar file	Updates
Version 3.2	April 2, 2010	tar file	Updates

WRF Preprocessing System (WPS) Code Downloads



**IMPORTANT: Before running WPS, you will need to download the WPS Geography data,
which you can find here.

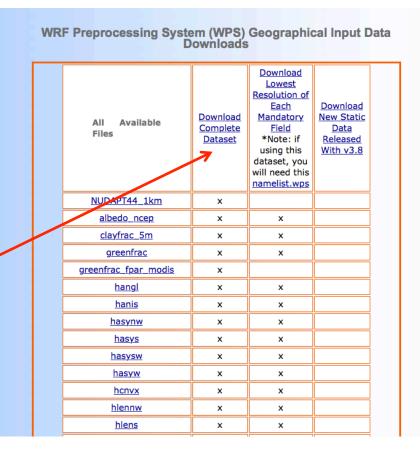
Download Static Geographical Data

Geographical Input and Data Download Page:

http://www2.mmm.ucar.edu/wrf/users/download/get_sources_wps_geog.html

geog.tar.gz ~ 15 GB when uncompressed

This is the one you want





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Choosing a Compiler

Compiler	Compile Time	Run Time
GNU 4.8.2 **FREE**	12.63 Mins	4.18 Mins
Intel 12.1.5	27.75 Mins	3.88 Mins
PGI 13.3-0	24.86 Mins	4.25 Mins

*Compile: dmpar/nesting, no large-file support

*Run: single domain, small domain (74x61), 6 hours, 16 processors

Step 1: Configure for WRFV3

• Inside the WRFV3/ directory, type: ./configure

```
checking for perl5... no
checking for perl... found /usr/bin/perl (perl)
Will use NETCDF in dir: /qlade/apps/opt/netcdf/4.3.0/intel/12.1.5
PHDF5 not set in environment. Will configure WRF for use without.
Will use 'time' to report timing information
$JASPERLIB or $JASPERINC not found in environment, configuring to build without grib2 I/O...
Please select from among the following Linux x86 64 options:

    (serial)

               (smpar)
                            (dmpar)

    (dm+sm)

                                                      PGI (pgf90/gcc)
  (serial)
               (smpar)
                            (dmpar)
                                         (dm+sm)
                                                     PGI (pgf90/pgcc): SGI MPT
  9. (serial) 10. (smpar)

    (dmpar) 12. (dm+sm)

                                                     PGI (pgf90/gcc): PGI accelerator

    (serial) 14. (smpar)

    (dmpar) 16. (dm+sm)

                                                     INTEL (ifort/icc)
                                                     INTEL (ifort/icc): Xeon Phi (MIC architecture)

 17. (dm+sm)

 18. (serial) 19. (smpar)

    (dmpar) 21. (dm+sm)

                                                     INTEL (ifort/icc): Xeon (SNB with AVX mods)
 (serial) 23. (smpar)

    (dmpar) 25. (dm+sm) INTEL (ifort/icc): SGI MPT

 26. (serial) 27. (smpar)

    (dmpar) 29. (dm+sm) INTEL (ifort/icc): IBM POE

 30. (serial)

    (dmpar)

                                                     PATHSCALE (pathf90/pathcc)
 32. (serial) 33. (smpar) 34. (dmpar) 35. (dm+sm)
                                                     GNU (gfortran/gcc)
 36. (serial) 37. (smpar)
                           38. (dmpar) 39. (dm+sm)
                                                     IBM (xlf90 r/cc r)
 40. (serial) 41. (smpar)
                           42. (dmpar) 43. (dm+sm)
                                                     PGI (ftn/gcc): Cray XC CLE
 44. (serial) 45. (smpar)
                           46. (dmpar) 47. (dm+sm)
                                                     CRAY CCE (ftn/gcc): Cray XE and XC
 48. (serial) 49. (smpar)
                           50. (dmpar) 51. (dm+sm)
                                                     INTEL (ftn/icc): Cray XC
 52. (serial) 53. (smpar)
                           54. (dmpar) 55. (dm+sm) PGI (pgf90/pgcc)
 56. (serial) 57. (smpar)
                           58. (dmpar) 59. (dm+sm) PGI (pqf90/qcc): -f90=pqf90

    (serial) 61. (smpar) 62. (dmpar) 63. (dm+sm) PGI (pqf90/pqcc): -f90=pqf90

Enter selection [1-63] :
Compile for nesting? (0=no nesting, 1=basic, 2=preset moves, 3=vortex following) [default 0]:
```



Output from configuration: a file called 'configure.wrf'

Configure Options for WRFV3

Debugging Options

- ./configure -d
 - No optimization
 - Extra debugging
- ./configure -D
 - No optimization
 - Checks uninitialized variables, floating point traps, etc.
 - Useful for adding/updating new code
- ./configure -r8
 - Double precision for Intel and PGI
 - Does not work with GNU

Large File Support

- setenv WRFIO_NCD_LARGE_FILE_SUPPORT 1
 - > 2GB
 - Before configuring



Parallel Compile Option for WRFV3

To build WRF in parallel

– setenv J "-j 2"

# of Processors	Time to Compiler
1	22.8 Mins
2	14.92 Mins
3	9.33 Mins
4	8.02 Mins
5	7.23 Mins
6	6.68 Mins

^{*}Around 4 processors, it reaches state of equilibrium



* This test done with GNU compiler

configure.wrf File: Useful Tips

NETCDFPATH: internally set by build system based on \$NETCDF

 PNETCDF = For users who have access to parallel netcdf, use the environment variable PNETCDF identically to how NETCDF is set (point to the PNETCDF top-level directory)



Step 2: Compile WRFV3

• In the WRFV3/ directory, type:

./compile em_case >& log.compile

| Important in case there are compile problems

Where **em_case** is one of the following (type ./compile to see all options)

```
em_real (3d real case)
em_ hill2d_x
em_ quarter_ss
em_ squall2d_x
em_ squall2d_y
em_ squall2d_y
em_ grav2d_x
em_ heldsuarez
em_ tropical_cyclone
em_ convrad
em_ scm_xy (1d ideal)
```

Compilation should take at most ~30 mins



Successful Compilation

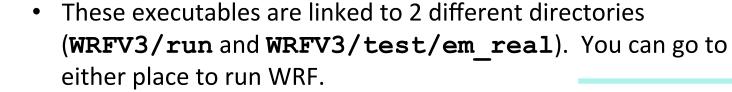
• If the compilation is successful, you should find these executables in WRFV3/main (non-zero size):

Real data case:

```
wrf.exe - model executable
real.exe - real data initialization
ndown.exe - one-way nesting
tc.exe - for tc bogusing (serial only)
```

<u>Ideal case</u>:

```
wrf.exe - model executable
ideal.exe - ideal case initialization
```





^{*}Note: Each ideal case compile creates a different executable, but with the same name

Unsuccessful Compilation

- Use your 'log.compile' file to search for errors!
 - Search for 'Error' with a capital 'E'
- Use our Frequently Asked Questions web page for help
 - www2.mmm.ucar.edu/wrf/users/FAQ_files/ FAQ_wrf_intallation.html
- Before recompiling:
 - issue a 'clean –a'
 - If you need to make changes to the configure.wrf file, do this after the 'clean –a', and then save the edited file.
 - Recompile
- Contact wrfhelp@ucar.edu



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Inside the WPS/ directory, type: ./configure

```
Will use NETCDF in dir: /glade/apps/opt/netcdf/4.3.0/intel/12.1.5
$JASPERLIB or $JASPERINC not found in environment. Using default values for library paths..
Please select from among the following supported platforms.

    Linux x86 64, gfortran

                               (serial)
  Linux x86 64, gfortran
                               (serial NO GRIB2)
                               (dmpar)
  Linux x86 64, gfortran

    Linux x86 64, gfortran

                              (dmpar NO GRIB2)
     Linux x86 64, PGI compiler
                                  (serial)
   Linux x86 64, PGI compiler
                                  (serial NO GRIB2)
   Linux x86 64, PGI compiler
                                  (dmpar)

    Linux x86 64, PGI compiler (dmpar NO GRIB2)
```

- Choose to compile WPS serially, even if you compile WRFV3 in parallel (unless you have a very large domain)
 - **NOTE: if you do compile WPS in parallel, ungrib.exe must run serially
- Output from configuration: a file called 'configure.wps'



Step 2: Compile WPS

In the WPS/ directory, type:
 ./compile >& log.compile

- Compilation should only take a few minutes
- If successful, these executables should be in your WPS/ directory (and they are linked, respectively, from their source code directories):

```
geogrid.exe -> geogrid/src/geogrid.exe
ungrib.exe -> ungrib/src/ungrib.exe
metgrid.exe -> metgrid/src/metgrid.exe
```



Unsuccessful WPS Compilation

No geogrid.exe or metgrid.exe

- WPS makes use of the external I/O libraries in the WRFV3/external/ directory - The libraries are built when WRF is installed
- Check that you used the exact same compiler (and version) as you used to compile WRFV3
- Check that you are using the same netCDF that you used to build WRFV3
- Have you changed the name or path of the WRFV3/ directory?
 - If so, you need to change the following line in the configure.wps file: WRF_DIR = ../WRFV3
 - Save the file and recompile



Unsuccessful WPS Compilation

No ungrib.exe

- Make sure you have installed your jasper, zlib, and libpng libraries correctly.
- Make sure that you are using the correct path and format for the following lines in the configure.wps file

```
COMPRESSION_LIBS = -L/${DIR}/UNGRIB_LIBRARIES/lib —ljasper —lpng —lz COMPRESSION_INC = -I/${DIR}/UNGRIB_LIBRARIES/include
```

Save configure.wps and recompile



./clean -a

- The './clean —a' command is something that should be used when you have made corrections to your configure.wrf file, configure.wps file, or any changes to the registry. If you have made any of these changes, or if you plan to recompile your code from scratch, you must issue a 'clean —a' before recompiling.
- If you made any changes to any subroutines within the code, you
 will need to recompile your code, but you do NOT need to issue the
 'clean —a' command, nor do you need to reconfigure. You will
 simply just recompile. This compilation should take a lot less time
 than a clean compile.



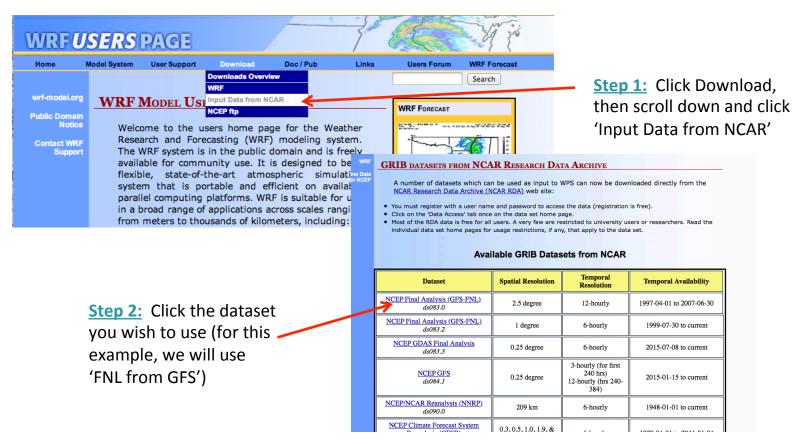
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From the WRF Users' page: http://www2.mmm.ucar.edu/wrf/users/





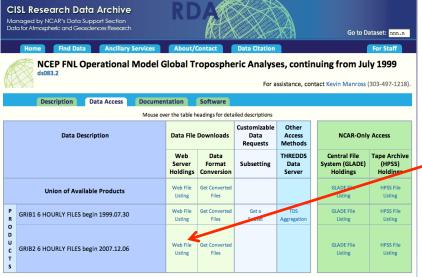
*Note: NOMADS site has several types of useful data: http://nomads.ncdc.noaa.gov

Download Datasets (continued)

Step 3: Register, or sign in, if you already have an account

Hello Guest Register Now 1 Sign In | Forgot Password? CISL Research Data Archive Managed by NCAR's Data Support Section Data for Atmospheric and Geosciences Research Go to Dataset: nnn.n **Ancillary Services** About/Contact For Staff NCEP FNL Operational Model Global Tropospheric Analyses, continuing from July 1999 For assistance, contact Kevin Manross (303-497-1218). Data Access Documentation Software These NCEP FNL (Final) Operational Global Analysis data are on 1.0x1.0 degree grids prepared operationally every six hours. This product is from the Global Data Assimilation System (GDAS), which continuously collects observational data from the Global Telecommunications System (GTS), and other sources, for many analyses. The FNLs are made with the same model which NCEP uses in the Global Forecast System (GFS), but the FNLs are prepared about an hour or so after the GFS is initialized. The FNLs are delayed so that more observational data can be used. The GFS is run earlier in support of time critical forecast needs, and uses the FNL from the previous 6 hour cycle as part of its initialization.

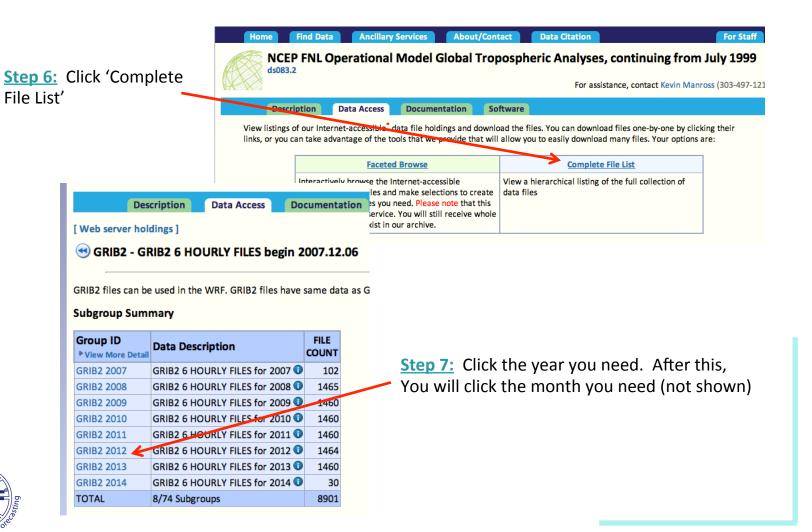
Step 4: Click 'Data Access'



<u>Step 5:</u> Click 'Web File Listing' for the span of years you need



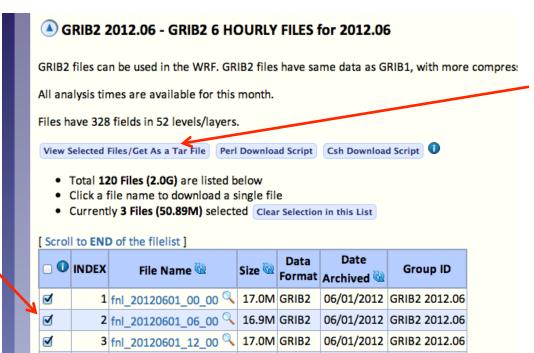
Download Datasets (continued)





Download Datasets (continued)

Step 8: Click a box for each time span that you need



06/01/2012 GRIB2 2012.06

06/02/2012 GRIB2 2012.06

06/02/2012 GRIB2 2012.06

06/02/2012 GRIB2 2012.06

06/02/2012 GRIB2 2012.06

4 fnl 20120601 18 00 \ 17.0M GRIB2

5 fnl 20120602 00 00 \ 16.8M GRIB2

6 fnl 20120602 06 00 \ 16.6M GRIB2

7 fnl 20120602 12 00 \ 16.8M GRIB2

8 fpl 20120602 18 00 Q 16 8M GRIB2

Step 9: Once you have chosen
All your times, click on the 'View Selected Files/Get
As a Tar File' button
To download one tar file with all your
Dates/times



Questions?

