# WRF & WPS: COMPILATION PROCESS

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## INSTALLING STEPS

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- Installing libraries
- Download source data
- Compile WRF
- Compile WPS
- Download initial/BC datasets

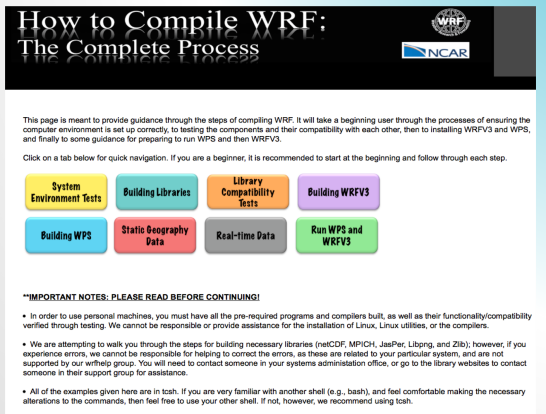
## SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

- 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:

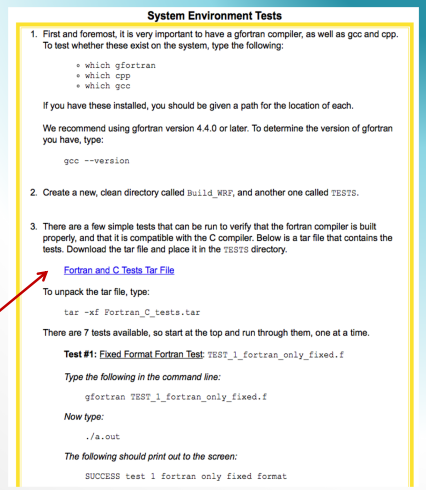
http://www2.mmm.ucar.edu/wrf/OnLineTutorial/compilation_tutorial.php



# 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 (csh e.g.):

    `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**

1. 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 gfortran
% which cpp
% which 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`.

3. 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 | awk | head | sed | hostname | sleep |
| cat | ls | sort | tar | cd | cp |
| make | touch | mkdir | tr | expr | mv |
| wc | uname | grep | rm | file | printf |
| nm | which | | | | |

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# INSTALLING LIBRARIES

- NetCDF (needed by WRF and WPS)
  - netCDF Version 3 or 4 are acceptable
  - If using netCDF4 capabilities
    http://www2.mmm.ucar.edu/wrf/users/building_netcdf4.html
- 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

# BEFORE INSTALLING LIBRARIES: SET ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES

```
> setenv DIR directory-where-your-tar-files-are
> setenv CC gcc
> setenv CXX g++
> setenv FC gfortran
> setenv FCFLAGS -m64     # FCFLAGS may be needed on some systems
> setenv F77 gfortran
> setenv FFLAGS -m64      # FFLAGS may be needed on some systems
> setenv LDFLAGS  -L$DIR/grib2/lib
> setenv CPPFLAGS -I$DIR/grib2/include
```

**Keep these set until all libraries are built**

# INSTALLING LIBRARIES: NETCDF

```
> 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

```
> 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

```
> 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

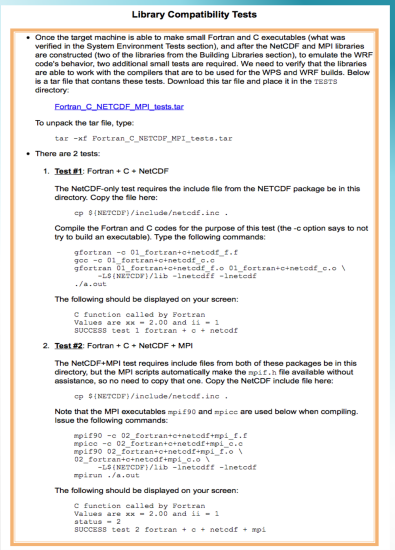
```
> tar xzvf libpng-1.2.50.tar.gz   # no '.gz' if downloaded to
                                  # most Macs
> cd libpng-1.2.50
>./configure --prefix=$DIR/libpng
> make
> make install
> cd ..
```

# INSTALLING LIBRARIES: JASPER

```
> 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+netcdf_f.f
     gcc -c 01_fortran+c+netcdf_c.c
     gfortran 01_fortran+c+netcdf_f.o 01_fortran+c+netcdf_c.o \
         -L${NETCDF}/lib -lnetcdff -lnetcdf
     ./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 `mpif.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 \
         -L${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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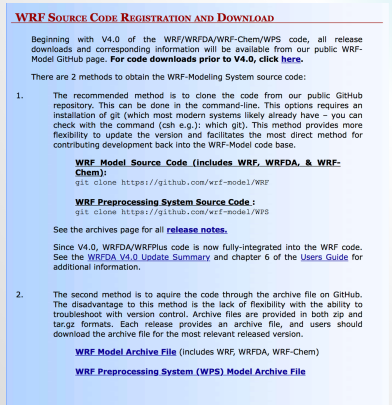
# DOWNLOAD WRF & WPS CODE

- 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 go to download information page.



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   **WRF Preprocessing System (WPS) Model Archive File**

**All Code now available From GitHub!**

**2 Download Methods:**
- Clone from Github
- Download archived tar file from GitHub

# DOWNLOAD WRF & WPS CODE

- Cloning WRF from GitHub repository:

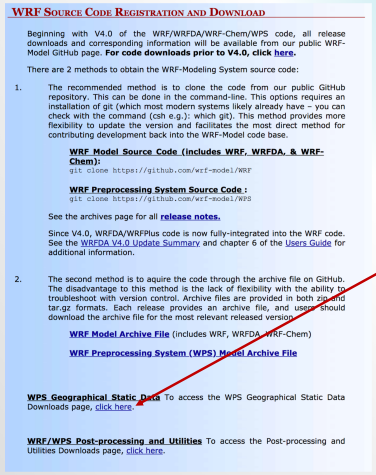
```
Terminal — -tcsh — 146×24
vpn3.ucar.edu:/Users/kkeene/GITHUB>git clone https://github.com/wrf-model/WRF
Cloning into 'WRF'...
remote: Enumerating objects: 77, done.
remote: Counting objects: 100% (77/77), done.
remote: Compressing objects: 100% (56/56), done.
remote: Total 56500 (delta 38), reused 29 (delta 21), pack-reused 56423
Receiving objects: 100% (56500/56500), 127.60 MiB | 3.55 MiB/s, done.
Resolving deltas: 100% (43239/43239), done.
Checking out files: 100% (4593/4593), done.
vpn3.ucar.edu:/Users/kkeene/GITHUB>cd WRF
vpn3.ucar.edu:/Users/kkeene/GITHUB/WRF>ls
Makefile  Registry  chem      compile   doc       dyn_exp   external  hydro     main      run       test      var
README    arch      clean     configure dyn_em    dyn_nmm   frame     inc       phys      share     tools     wrftladj
vpn3.ucar.edu:/Users/kkeene/GITHUB/WRF>
```

**Must have 'git' installed on your system!

# DOWNLOAD STATIC GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

- From the WRF Download page:

http://www2.mmm.ucar.edu/wrf/users/download/get_sources_new.php



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**WRF/WPS Post-processing and Utilities** To access the Post-processing and Utilities Downloads page, click here.

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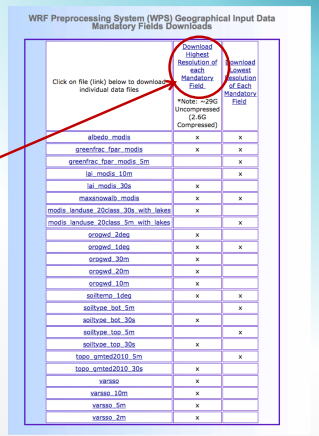
# DOWNLOAD STATIC GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

- Geographical Input and Data Download Page:

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

**geog_high_res_mandatory.tar.gz**
**~ 29 GB** when uncompressed

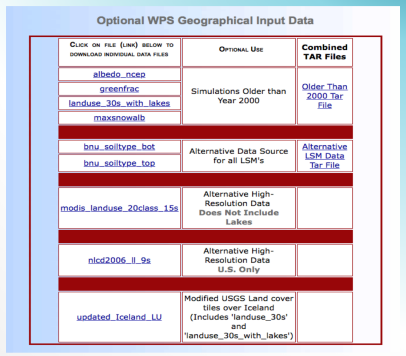
This is the one you want




# STATIC GEOGRAPHICAL DATA: OTHER OPTIONS

- Geographical Input and Data Download Page:

http://www2.mmm.ucar.edu/wrf/users/download/get_sources_wps_geog.html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# CHOOSING A COMPILER

- Compile
  - WRF V4.0
  - dmpar/nesting
  - 4 processors
- Run
  - Single domain
  - Small domain (75x70), 30km resolution
  - 12 hours
  - 8 processors

| Compiler | Compile Time | Run Time |
|---|---|---|
| GNU 6.3.0 **FREE** | 6.82 Mins | 3.92 Mins |
| Intel 17.0.1 | 46.77 Mins | 2.20 Min |
| PGI 17.9 | 28.35 Mins | 1.95 Min |

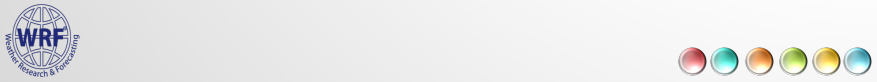
# STEP 1: CONFIGURE FOR WRF

- Inside the WRF/ directory, type: `./configure`

```
$JASPERLIB or $JASPERINC not found in environment, configuring to build without grib2 I/O...
------------------------------------------------------------------------
Please select from among the following Linux x86_64 options:

  1. (serial)   2. (smpar)   3. (dmpar)   4. (dm+sm)   PGI (pgf90/gcc)
  5. (serial)   6. (smpar)   7. (dmpar)   8. (dm+sm)   PGI (pgf90/pgcc): SGI MPT
  9. (serial)  10. (smpar)  11. (dmpar)  12. (dm+sm)   PGI (pgf90/gcc): PGI accelerator
 13. (serial)  14. (smpar)  15. (dmpar)  16. (dm+sm)   INTEL (ifort/icc)
                                         17. (dm+sm)   INTEL (ifort/icc): Xeon Phi (MIC architecture)
 18. (serial)  19. (smpar)  20. (dmpar)  21. (dm+sm)   INTEL (ifort/icc): Xeon (SNB with AVX mods)
 22. (serial)  23. (smpar)  24. (dmpar)  25. (dm+sm)   INTEL (ifort/icc): SGI MPT
 26. (serial)  27. (smpar)  28. (dmpar)  29. (dm+sm)   INTEL (ifort/icc): IBM POE
 30. (serial)               31. (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 $(NOOMP)/cc): 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 (pgf90/gcc): -f90=pgf90
 60. (serial)  61. (smpar)  62. (dmpar)  63. (dm+sm)   PGI (pgf90/pgcc): -f90=pgf90
 64. (serial)  65. (smpar)  66. (dmpar)  67. (dm+sm)   INTEL (ifort/icc): HSW/BDW
 68. (serial)  69. (smpar)  70. (dmpar)  71. (dm+sm)   INTEL (ifort/icc): KNL MIC
 72. (serial)  73. (smpar)  74. (dmpar)  75. (dm+sm)   FUJITSU (frtpx/fccpx): FX10/FX100 SPARC64 IXfx/Xlfx

Enter selection [1-75] : 34
------------------------------------------------------------------------
Compile for nesting? (1=basic, 2=preset moves, 3=vortex following) [default 1]:
```



# CONFIGURE OPTIONS FOR WRF

## DEBUGGING OPTIONS

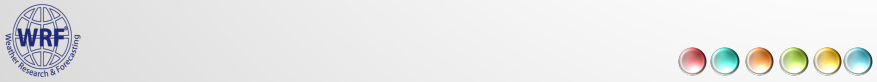
- `./configure -d`
  - No optimization
  - Extra debugging
- `./configure -D`
  - No optimization
  - Checks uninitialized variables, floating point traps, etc.
- `./configure -r8`
  - Double-precision
    - Works for GNU, Intel, & PGI compilers

## OLDER VERSIONS

- **Large-file support**
  - For output files > 2GB
  - Default since V3.9
  - Before configuring, set (csh e.g.)

```
setenv WRFIO_NCD_LARGE_FILE_SUPPORT 1
```

- **Hybrid coordinate**
  - Default since V4.0
  - `./configure -hyb`



# PARALLEL COMPILE OPTION FOR WRF

- To build WRF with multiple compilers, prior to configuring, set (csh e.g.):

```
setenv J "-j2"
```

| # of Processors | Time to Compiler |
|---|---|
| 1 | 17.25 Mins |
| 2 | 9.95 Mins |
| 3 | 8.05 Mins |
| 4 | 6.82 Mins |
| 5 | 6.32 Mins |
| 6 | 6.12 Mins |

Compiled with GNU V6.3.0

# 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 WRF

- In the WRF/ directory, type:

```
./compile em_case >& log.compile
```

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

**em_real** (3d real case)

3d Ideal:
- em_quarter_ss
- em_b_wave
- em_les
- em_heldsuarez
- em_tropical_cyclone
- em_convrad

2d Ideal:
- em_hill2d_x
- em_squall2d_x
- em_squall2d_y
- em_grav2d_x
- em_seabreeze2d_x

em_scm_xy (1d ideal)

**Compilation should take ~30 mins**

# SUCCESSFUL COMPILATION

- If the compilation is successful, you should find these executables in **WRF/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)

Ideal case:

**wrf.exe** – model executable

**ideal.exe** – ideal case initialization

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

- These executables are linked to 2 different directories (**WRF/run** and **WRF/test/em_real**). You can go to either place to run WRF.

# 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
- Visit the wrfhelp Forum:
  http://forum.mmm.ucar.edu/
- Before recompiling:
  - issue a '**clean -a**'
  - Reconfigure: If you need to make changes to the configure.wrf file, do this after issuing ./configure, and then save the edited file.
  - Recompile

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- Inside the WPS/ directory, type:
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```
$JASPERLIB or $JASPERINC not found in environment. Using default values for library paths...
------------------------------------------------------------------------
Please select from among the following supported platforms.

   1.  Linux x86_64, gfortran    (serial)
   2.  Linux x86_64, gfortran    (serial_NO_GRIB2)
   3.  Linux x86_64, gfortran    (dmpar)
   4.  Linux x86_64, gfortran    (dmpar_NO_GRIB2)
   5.  Linux x86_64, PGI compiler   (serial)
   6.  Linux x86_64, PGI compiler   (serial_NO_GRIB2)
   7.  Linux x86_64, PGI compiler   (dmpar)
   8.  Linux x86_64, PGI compiler   (dmpar_NO_GRIB2)
   9.  Linux x86_64, PGI compiler, SGI MPT   (serial)
  10.  Linux x86_64, PGI compiler, SGI MPT   (serial_NO_GRIB2)
  11.  Linux x86_64, PGI compiler, SGI MPT   (dmpar)
  12.  Linux x86_64, PGI compiler, SGI MPT   (dmpar_NO_GRIB2)
```

- Choose to compile WPS **serially**, even if you compile WRF with a parallel option (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 *WRF/external/* directory - The libraries are built when WRF is installed
- Check that you used the same compiler (and version) as you used to compile WRF
- Check that you are using the same netCDF that you used to build WRF
- Have you changed the name or path of the WRF/ directory?
  - If so, you need to change the following line in the configure.wps file:
    `WRF_DIR = ../WRF`
  - 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.

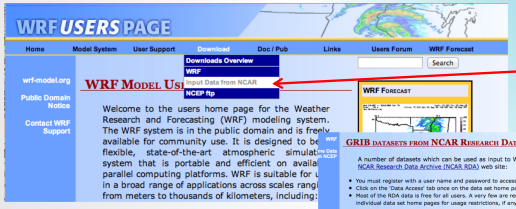
- If you make any changes to any subroutines within the code, you will need to recompile your code, but you do NOT need to issue the ‘clean –a’ command, nor do you need to reconfigure. You will simply just recompile. This compilation should take a lot less time than a clean compile.

# INSTALLING STEPS

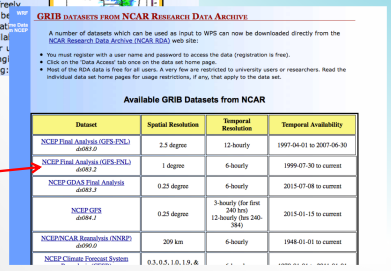
- Check system requirements
- Installing libraries
- Download source data
- Compile WRF
- Compile WPS
- ***Download initial/BC datasets***

# DOWNLOAD DATASETS

- From the WRF Users’ page: **http://www2.mmm.ucar.edu/wrf/users/**




**Step 1:** Click Download, then scroll down and click ‘Input Data from NCAR’



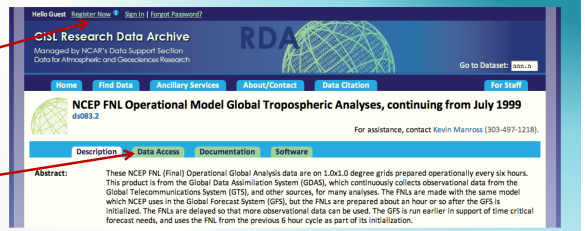

**Step 2:** Click the dataset you wish to use (for this example, we will use ‘FNL from GFS’)

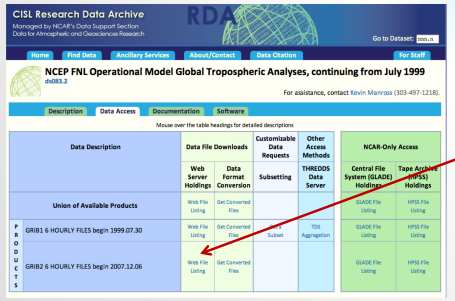
*Note: The NOMADS site has several types of useful data: http://nomads.ncdc.noaa.gov

# DOWNLOAD DATASETS (CONT’D)

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

**Step 4:** Click ‘Data Access’

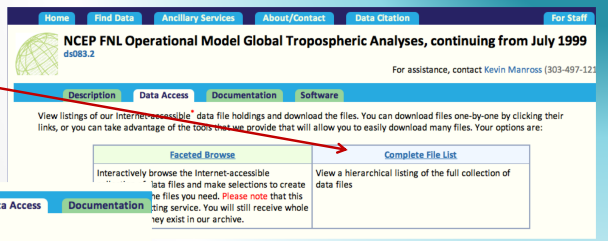


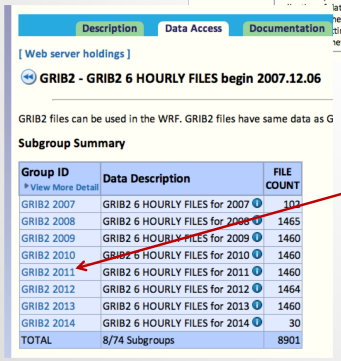




**Step 5:** Click ‘Web File Listing’ for the span of years you need

# DOWNLOAD DATASETS (CONT'D)

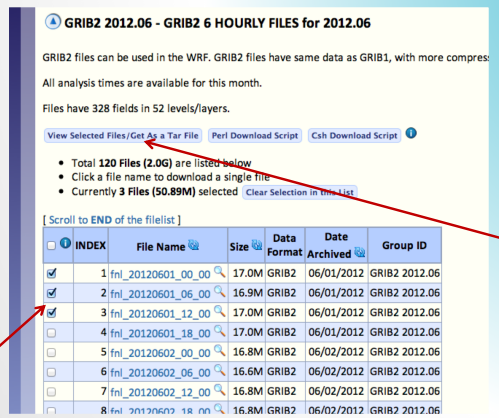
**Step 6:** Click 'Complete File List'




**Step 7:** Click the year you need. After this, You will click the month you need (not shown)

# DOWNLOAD DATASETS (CONT'D)




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

**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?