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# USER SUPPORT UPDATE

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# WRF & MPAS-A SUPPORT FORUM INFORMATION

phoBB® WRF & MPAS-A Support Forum Support forum for help with WRF, WRFDA, and MPAS			
Quick links: <a href="#">FAQ</a> <a href="#">ACP</a> <a href="#">MCP</a> <a href="#">Notifications</a> <a href="#">kwerner</a>			
Board Index			
It is currently Tue Jun 04, 2019 9:37 am Last visit was: Mon Jun 03, 2019 6:07 pm			
<b>Announcements from WRF/MPAS Support/Development Team</b> Check here for announcements regarding upcoming Tutorials, Workshops, and Releases Moderator: NCAR/MMM			
<b>WRF SUPPORT</b>			
<b>WPS</b> All topics specifically related to the WRF Preprocessing System	127	588	<b>Re: ./geogrid.exe error</b> by rabbarid93 <a href="#">@</a> Sat Jun 01, 2019 5:07 am
<b>WRF Model</b> All topics specifically related to the WRF model	373	1659	<b>? Re: Huge cold bias on snow co...</b> by Xun_Wang <a href="#">@</a> Tue Jun 04, 2019 7:24 am
<b>Post-processing/Utilities</b> All topics related to WRF-supported post-processing programs and utilities Subforum: <a href="#">General Post-processing/Utility Topics</a>	38	112	<b>Can we make cross-section ove...</b> by Yonghang Xie <a href="#">@</a> Mon Jun 03, 2019 7:18 pm
<b>WRFDA SUPPORT</b>			
<b>Compiling/Installation</b>	18	46	<b>Re: WRFDA compilation problem...</b> by JGuerrette <a href="#">@</a> Mon Jun 03, 2019 2:39 pm
<b>DA Algorithms</b>	2	7	<b>Re: How to prepare a set of e...</b> by selkusa <a href="#">@</a> Sun Feb 24, 2019 10:22 pm
<b>WRF-CHEM SUPPORT</b>			
<b>Emissions</b>	28	55	<b>Re: releted to generate emiss...</b> by douglowe <a href="#">@</a> Mon Jun 03, 2019 2:43 am
<b>Gas Chemistry and KPP</b>	7	33	<b>Re: compiling WRF3.7.1 with K...</b> by douglowe <a href="#">@</a> Sun May 19, 2019 6:25 am
<b>MPAS-ATMOSPHERE SUPPORT</b>			
<b>Compilation / installation</b> Discussions related to downloading and compiling MPAS-Atmosphere.	5	30	<b>Re: Compilation error</b> by jokervtv <a href="#">@</a> Mon May 27, 2019 3:08 am
<b>Running</b> General questions about running MPAS-Atmosphere, or about issues encountered while trying to run the MPAS-Atmosphere model.	23	101	<b>add a new variable to mpas hi...</b> by bruceyoung01 <a href="#">@</a> Tue Jun 04, 2019 11:50 am

<http://forum.mmm.ucar.edu/>

- Questions for WPS, WRF, MPAS-A, WRFDA, WRF-Chem
- Announcements from us
- Bug Reports
- Code Contribution/Development
- (WRF/WPS) FAQ
- Job/Position Opportunities, Conferences/Meetings
- Forum Feedback

# FORUM UPDATE (OCT – CURRENT)

- Total User Posts: ~1900
- Total Topics: ~775
- Total Members: 1598
- Increase in user contribution to support
- Forum provides users with related, previously-answered questions (50+ topics)
- 54% decrease in monthly average number of questions (WRF/WPS only)
  - From ~350 inquiries/mo to ~160 inquiries/mo
  - Related to searchability? Public platform encourages users to think/search harder before asking?

# WRF/MPAS-A SUPPORT FORUM: BEST PRACTICES

- Before posting, search for related topics to see if the question has previously been answered/resolved
- Post separate topics for separate questions
- Provide model version, and attach namelists, simulation log files (e.g., rsl.out.0000 and rsl.error.0000), and any other helpful/relevant files when posting an inquiry
  - Cloud server for large files
- Post any issue related to using the model on the Forum (not on GitHub)



■ Any questions, comments or suggestions?

■ If you have utilized the forum, do you have feedback to provide?

# CODE REPOSITORIES ON GITHUB

- MPAS already public on GitHub
- WRF (including DA, Chem and WPS) became public on GitHub last fall
- Code releases done through GitHub

# RELEASE STRATEGY - WRF

## ■ Major releases once a year

- Includes all new development, modifications, & improvements since previous major release
- Includes all bug-fixes since previous release (likely a bug-fix release)

## ■ Bug-fix releases multiple times a year

- Will be released when enough bug fixes are applied, or if a major bug fix is found/corrected
- ONLY includes bug-fixes
- Not necessary to update your code unless the new bug fixes are specific to your application

# RELEASE STRATEGY - MPAS

## ■ Major releases

- No fixed schedule
- Contains new features
- Coordinated with other collaborators

## ■ Bug-fix releases

- No fixed schedule
- Soon after bug fixes become available



# OBTAINING CODE FROM GITHUB

*\*No GitHub account necessary\**

- tar files available from GitHub Release page

- Located under release notes for that version

- Clone (making a local copy) code from GitHub

- Will need to have 'git' on your system

- We do not support code on development branch

- Cloned code allows one to see history of commits

- Must be used for code development and contributions

# GITHUB SUPPORT RESOURCES

- Links to GitHub Release Pages (includes release notes):
  - WRF: <https://github.com/wrf-model/WRF/releases>
  - WPS: <https://github.com/wrf-model/WPS/releases>
  - MPAS: <https://github.com/MPAS-Dev/MPAS-Model/releases>
- WRF Available Wiki Pages ( <https://github.com/wrf-model/WRF/wiki> ):
  - Known Problems
  - Documentation/Websites (Users' Guide, Online Tutorial, Tech Note, Best Practices, etc.)
  - Useful Git resources
- MPAS Available Wiki Pages (<https://github.com/MPAS-Dev/MPAS-Model/wiki>)
  - Users Mailing Lists
  - Useful Git Resources

## QUESTIONS TO AUDIENCE/USERS

- Do you have suggestions for improvement for either the forum or the release process for GitHub?
- Do you have feedback on more frequent releases for WRF?
- Any other comments, suggestions?

# WRF & MPAS CODE CONTRIBUTION REQUIREMENTS

- i) Code must adhere to stated coding standards
- ii) Code must be thoroughly tested by developer
- iii) Code must be offered through a GitHub pull request (PR)
- iv) Developers are responsible for supporting their contributed codes
- v) New physics: Review by WRF Physics Review Panel
- vi) Documentation required for accepted code

**Information for Code Contributors:**

[http://www2.mmm.ucar.edu/wrf/users/contrib\\_info.php](http://www2.mmm.ucar.edu/wrf/users/contrib_info.php)

# COMMON PHYSICS DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS

- WRF and MPAS have shared physics set under development:  
MPAS mesoscale reference suite/WRF tropical suite
- Common Physics Framework (CPF)
  - CPF: NCAR-developed capability to enable physics package use across models
  - CPF based on Community Common Physics Package (CCPP), a NOAA-led effort
  - CPF would support full physics sharing between WRF and MPAS and would be part of SIMA  
(System for Integrated Modeling of the Atmosphere)



# PHYSICS DEVELOPMENT QUESTIONS

# PHYSICS DEVELOPMENT

- Community thoughts on physics suites?
  - Currently 2 official WRF suites:  
Convection-permitting  
Tropical
  - Any groups contemplating offering and supporting new suites?
- Common Physics Framework (CPF)
  - Beside the current suites, what physics packages in particular should be made CPF compliant?