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BSC data organization

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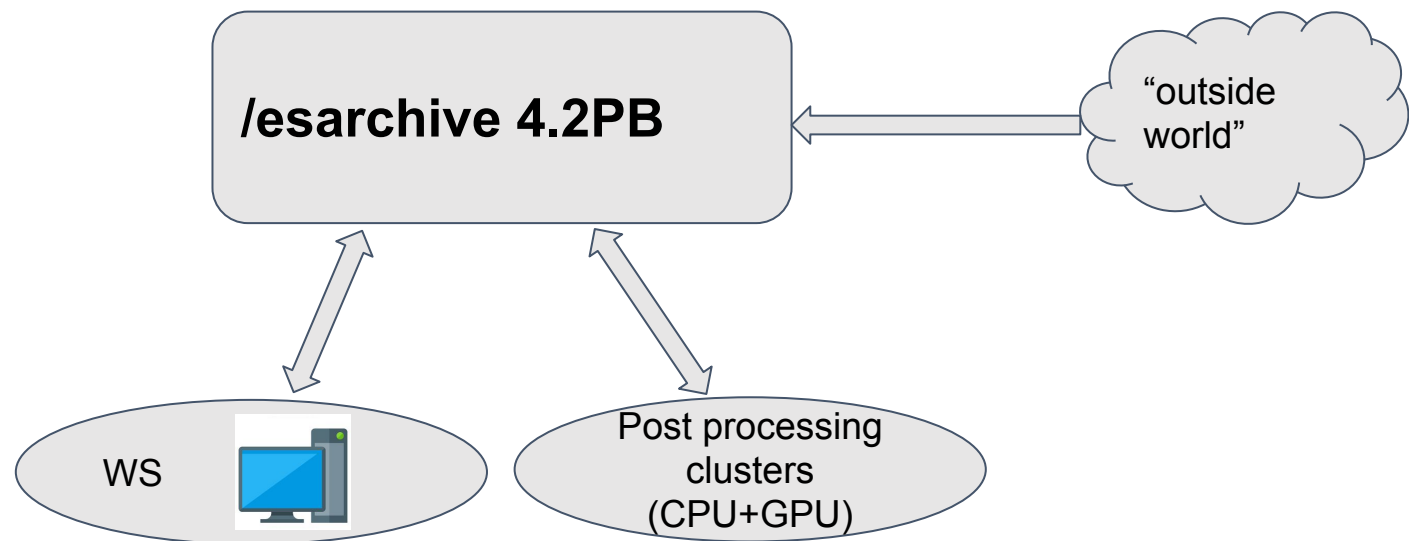
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- Conclusions and main challenges of data organization

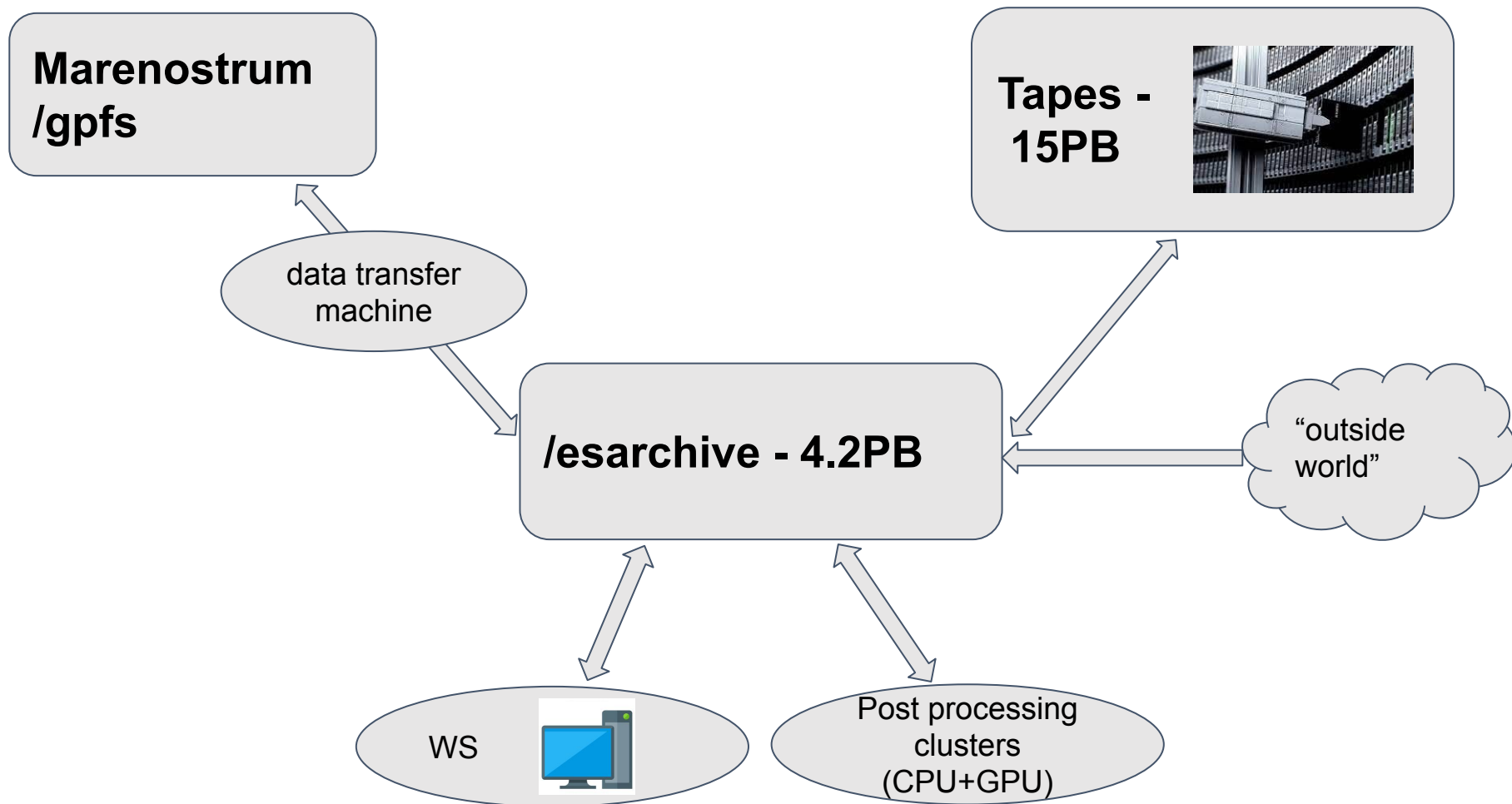
General overview

- **BSC:** 4 scientific departments: Life, CASE, Computer, **Earth**
- **Earth sciences department:**
 - ~105 people, from which ~80 use or generate data daily
 - 4 groups: Climate Prediction, Atmospheric Composition, Earth System Services, Computational Earth Sciences
 - people have different needs, scientific/technical background
 - common storage with 4PB of data for everybody
- **Objective:** Curate, optimize and develop this common data pool for best use for internal usage
- 1 full time person + 3 part time to manage it

General overview



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Conventions and organization

- Store the data in netCDF (+grib in some cases)
- /esarchive/[exp-recon-obs]/\$institute/\$dataset/

(/esarchive/recon/ecmwf/era5)

- \$frequency/\$variable [-\$grid]
(hourly/tas)
- original_files
- scripts (version controlled under Gitlab)

- 1 variable, 1 month (/start date) per file
- + some links for projects (CMIP)

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pbretonn@bscearth319:/esarchive/recon/ecmwf/era5/1hourly/tas$ ls
tas_197901.nc  tas_198501.nc  tas_199101.nc  tas_199701.nc  tas_200301.nc  tas_200901.nc  tas_201501.nc
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Conventions and organization

- short names based on

CMOR/CMIP6

conventions

(tos,tas,tasmin,...)

- CF compliant

(standard and long names, units, dimensions,...)

- homogeneous time axis

- coordinates

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pbretonn@bscearth319:/esarchive/recon/ecmwf/era5/monthly_mean/tas_flh-r1440x721cds$ ncdump -h tas_200002.nc
netcdf tas_200002 {
dimensions:
    time = UNLIMITED ; // (1 currently)
    lat = 721 ;
    lon = 1440 ;
variables:
    double time(time) ;
        time:axis = "T" ;
        time:calendar = "proleptic_gregorian" ;
        time:standard_name = "time" ;
        time:units = "hours since 2000-02-14 00:00:00" ;
        time:comment = "time has been adjusted on 28th of July 2021 according to the issue #1549" ;
    int height ;
        height:units = "m" ;
    double lat(lat) ;
        lat:standard_name = "latitude" ;
        lat:long_name = "latitude" ;
        lat:units = "degrees_north" ;
        lat:axis = "Y" ;
    double lon(lon) ;
        lon:standard_name = "longitude" ;
        lon:long_name = "longitude" ;
        lon:units = "degrees_east" ;
        lon:axis = "X" ;
    float tas(time, lat, lon) ;
        tas:units = "K" ;
        tas:code = 167 ;
        tas:table = 128 ;
        tas:cell_methods = "time: mean" ;
        tas:institution = "ECMWF" ;
        tas:standard_name = "air_temperature" ;
        tas:long_name = "Near-Surface Air Temperature" ;
        tas:coordinates = "time lat lon height" ;

// global attributes:
    :CDI = "Climate Data Interface version 1.9.8 (https://mpimet.mpg.de/cdi)" ;
    :institution = "European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts" ;
    :Conventions = "CF-1.6" ;
    :frequency = "mon" ;
    :CDO = "Climate Data Operators version 1.9.8 (https://mpimet.mpg.de/cdo)" ;
    :units = "hours since 2000-02-14 00:00:00" ;
    :_NCProperties = "version=2,netcdf=4.7.1,hdf5=1.10.5" ;
    :NCO = "netCDF Operators version 4.9.2 (Homepage = http://nco.sf.net, Code = http://github.com/nco/nco
```

Requesting data

- [Gitlab project](#) (private)
- To request data specifying variables, source, frequency, period, etc...
- or inform about potential issues, or questions regarding the organization
- No code
- 1626 requests in 4 years

The screenshot displays the GitLab interface for a project named 'requests' under the 'Earth Sciences' namespace. The project is a private repository with 11 commits, 1 branch, 0 tags, 929 KB of files, and 1.3 MB of storage. It is described as a 'Request petition system for Earth Department' and is intended for creating issues to track requests.

The 'requests' section shows a list of requests with columns for Name, Last commit, and Last update. The requests are:

Name	Last commit	Last update
PS	Backing up BSC Easybuild custom recipes	10 months ago
WS/easybuild	Backing up BSC Easybuild custom recipes	10 months ago
nord3	Backing up BSC Easybuild custom recipes	10 months ago
README.md	Update README.md	1 year ago

The 'README.md' file is expanded, showing the project's purpose and usage instructions. The README includes sections for 'Usage', 'Workflow', and 'Template'.

Usage

- Please open an issue for each petition.
- Indicate what package or dataset you need (see example section for Data requests).
- Tag your issue with the corresponding label: Python, R, Scientific Software, Data or any other available.
- Assign to the corresponding CES member.
- Use the open issue to discuss with the responsible. Avoid other communication channels (mail, pigeon, slack, ...).

Workflow

After submitting a new issue as described above, a few labels should be used to indicate the status of the issue as follows:

- **working on it**: the developer puts this label when s/he starts to work on the issue
- **need more info** (if present): if the request is not clear or information is missing the developer can change the label to "need more info" and assign the issue to the user. Once info requested is provided the developer will change again to "working on it" and assign again to herself/himself.
- **ready to test**: once the issue is ready to be tested, the developer can change the label to "ready for testing" and assign to the user who is going to test it. After the testing phase, if everything works as expected the user will close the issue, otherwise s/he will reassign the issue to the developer explaining what is not working.

It's important to note that the assignee is the person from whom the next action is expected.

Template

For Data requests try to add at least the following information:

- Path (path in repos/resolver to model/dataset)
- Source, URI
- Variables
- Period of time
- Frequency
- Post processing (if needed)

This is the minimum. If you can provide further details please do.

If you do not know some of this information, mark it as TBD. If you have more information about the data you can add it, as well as some

Requesting data

The screenshot shows a GitLab issue page for the project 'Earth Sciences > requests > Issues > #1481'. The issue is titled 'CMIP6 historical data download' and is in an 'Open' state, created 7 months ago by user 'rmahmood' (Developer). The issue content includes a greeting to '@msamso', a request for data, and a list of two data requests: '1. CAS-ESM2-0; (r1i1p1f1,r3i1p1f1)' and '2. MCM-UA-1-0; (r1i1p1f1)'. Below the issue content, there is a section for 'Linked issues' and a list of comments from 'rmahmood' and 'msamso'. The right sidebar shows various issue management options like 'To Do', 'Assignee', 'Epic', 'Milestone', 'Time tracking', 'Due date', 'Labels', 'Weight', 'Confidentiality', and 'Lock issue'. The left sidebar shows the project navigation menu with options like 'Project information', 'Repository', 'Issues', 'Boards', 'Service Desk', 'Milestones', 'Security & Compliance', 'Deployments', 'Monitor', 'Infrastructure', 'Packages & Registries', 'Analytics', 'Wiki', and 'Settings'.

GitLab

Earth Sciences > requests > Issues > #1481

Open Created 7 months ago by rmahmood Developer

Close issue

CMIP6 historical data download

Hi @msamso ,

Can you please download the following data:

CMIP6 historical

Monthly mean: tos,tas,pr,psl

1. CAS-ESM2-0; (r1i1p1f1,r3i1p1f1)
2. MCM-UA-1-0; (r1i1p1f1)

Thanks!

Drag your designs here or [click to upload](#).

Linked issues 0 +

Oldest first Show all activity Create branch

rmahmood @rmahmood added Data label 7 months ago

rmahmood @rmahmood mentioned in issue #635 (closed) 7 months ago

msamso @msamso added Working on it label 7 months ago

msamso @msamso - 7 months ago Developer

To Do Mark as done

Assignee rmahmood @rmahmood Edit

Epic This feature is locked. [Upgrade plan](#)

Milestone None Edit

Time tracking No estimate or time spent

Due date None Edit

Labels Data Ready to test Edit

Weight This feature is locked. [Learn more](#)

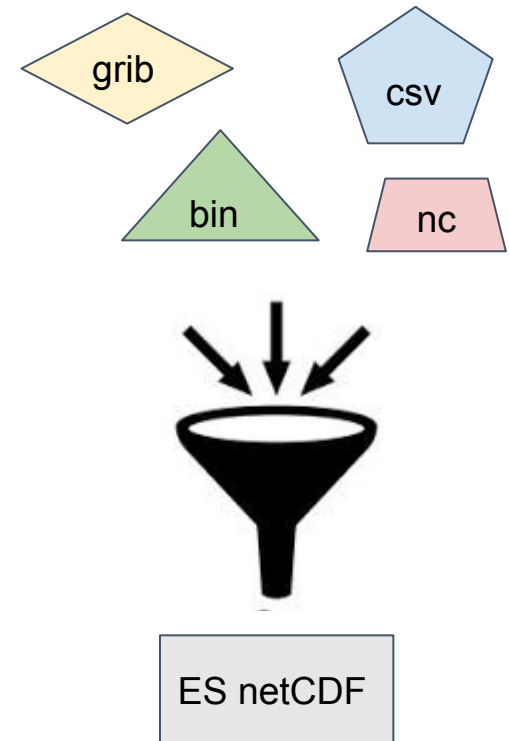
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Lock issue Unlocked Edit

7 participants

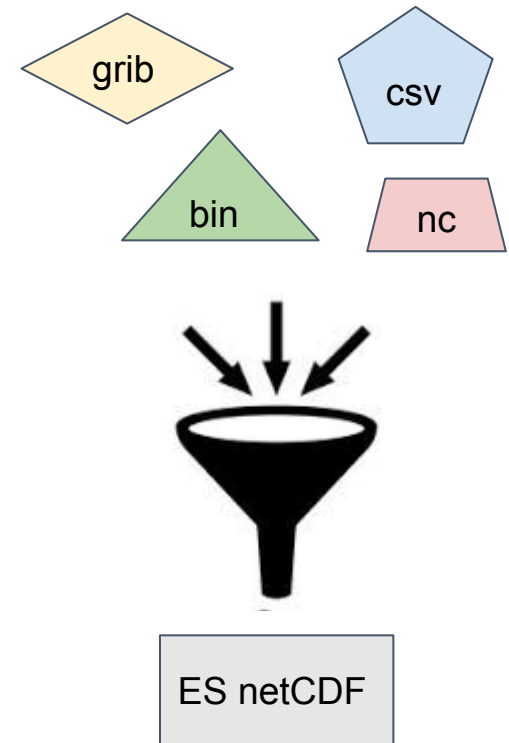
Data manipulation

- From heterogeneous sources, format and organization to department standards
- Format conversion
- File name and directory homogenization
- Adding/correcting metadata
- Scripts in bash or python, with packages, wget, aria2, ncftp, NCO, CDO, xarray, ...



Data manipulation: generic tools examples

- CDS downloader: python tool to download era5 + seasonal forecast in netcdf based on a configuration file and cdsapi
- R2D2/C3PO: python tool to manage ECMWF mars downloads request (grib) and formatting (conversion to nc, computation of means and modules, deaccumulations,...)
- ESGF [sproket](#): download tool from ESGF



Data manipulation: generic tools examples

- auto-ESGF, auto-mars: extra layer on top of these tools with a workflow manager ([Autosubmit](#)) to orchestrate the parallelization of the different dates/variables/models/...

The screenshot displays the Autosubmit web interface. The top navigation bar includes links for Home, About, News, and a status indicator for 'a3hd' (INACTIVE). A search bar is present on the right. Below the navigation bar, there are tabs for Tree View, Graph, Log, Configuration, Statistics, Performance, Quick View, and FAQ. The main content area shows a tree view of jobs, with a filter string input and buttons for FILTER, CLEAR, and CHANGE STATUS. The job list includes various tasks such as 'a3hd_20210917_fc00_1_DOWNLOAD_SFC_FC' and 'a3hd_20210917_fc00_1_DOWNLOAD_PL_FC', all marked as 'COMPLETED'. A detailed view of a specific job is shown on the right, displaying metadata like Start/End times, Section, Member, Platform, Processors, Queue, Run, Status, and Submit/Start/Finish times.

Autosubmit Searcher Home About News a3hd INACTIVE esarchive 80.50 MB/s 2.29 s

Tree View Graph Log Configuration Statistics Performance Quick View FAQ

Filter string FILTER CLEAR CHANGE STATUS

Total #Jobs: 312 | Chunk unit: month | Chunk size: 1

a3hd_20210917

- a3hd_20210917_fc00 5/5 COMPLETED ✓
 - a3hd_20210917_fc00_1_DOWNLOAD_SFC_FC #COMPLETED ~ (0:00:53) + 0:01:25
 - a3hd_20210917_fc00_1_DOWNLOAD_PL_FC #COMPLETED ~ (0:00:27) + 1:02:27
 - a3hd_20210917_fc00_1_TRANSFER_SFC_FC #COMPLETED ~ (0:00:50) + 0:00:49
 - a3hd_20210917_fc00_1_TRANSFER_PL_FC #COMPLETED ~ (0:00:30) + 0:04:54
 - a3hd_20210917_fc00_1_FORMAT #COMPLETED ~ (0:00:02) + 0:28:58
- a3hd_20210908 5/5 COMPLETED ✓
- a3hd_20211006 5/5 COMPLETED ✓
- a3hd_20211007 5/5 COMPLETED ✓
- a3hd_20210829 5/5 COMPLETED ✓
- a3hd_20210826 5/5 COMPLETED ✓
- a3hd_20210911 5/5 COMPLETED ✓
- a3hd_20211017 5/5 COMPLETED ✓
- a3hd_20210906 5/5 COMPLETED ✓
- a3hd_20210924 4/5 COMPLETED 1 FAILED
- a3hd_20211015 5/5 COMPLETED ✓
- a3hd_20210806 5/5 COMPLETED ✓
- a3hd_20210806_fc00 5/5 COMPLETED ✓

a3hd_20210917_fc00_1_DOWNLOAD_SFC_FC

Start: 2021 09 17 End: 2021 10 17

Section: DOWNLOAD_SFC_FC

Member: fc00 Chunk: 1

Platform: ecmwf-xc40 QoS: normal Id: 17245541

Processors: 1 Wallclock: 03:00

Queue: 00:00:53 Run: 00:01:25

Status: COMPLETED OUT: 1 IN: 1

/esarchive/autosubmit/a3hd/tmp/LOG/a3hd/a3hd_20210917_fc00 COPY OUT

/esarchive/autosubmit/a3hd/tmp/LOG/a3hd/a3hd_20210917_fc00 COPY ERR

Submit: 2021-10-05 03:22:25 SYPD: 84.71

Start: 2021-10-05 03:23:18

Finish: 2021-10-05 03:24:43

Checkers

- standard compliance ([CF checker](#) + internal tools)
- time and space homogeneity ([nctime](#) + internal tools)
- visual inspection
- ESMValTool
- + some physical plausibility checks

Connection with tools

- Standardization is done to improve the data usability and discovery

But also for the tools:

- internal tools (verification, visualization, diagnostics) built to take advantage of this organization
- 2 ways interaction: conventions for the tools and tools following the conventions

Conclusions and main challenges

- Data organization is done following several levels of “strictness”
- Better data organization
 - less duplication
 - more use of the data
 - more efficient use
 - “findability”
 - improved efficiency of the tools
 - more external reusability
- Challenges with the tools and the checks
- Needs automation and centralization



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Thank you Questions?

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