



Steps to Run the UFS Short-Range Weather App v1.0.1

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SRW App Documentation

- Documentation for the UFS Short-Range Weather (SRW) App can be found at:

<https://ufs-srweather-app.readthedocs.io/en/ufs-v1.0.1/>

- These slides follow the steps in the “Generate the Workflow Experiment” section:

<https://ufs-srweather-app.readthedocs.io/en/ufs-v1.0.1/Quickstart.html#generate-the-workflow-experiment>

and “Run the Workflow” section:

<https://ufs-srweather-app.readthedocs.io/en/ufs-v1.0.1/Quickstart.html#run-the-workflow-using-rocoto>

SRW App uses Rocoto

- Rocoto is a workflow management system that interfaces with the batch system on an HPC:
 - Runs and manages dependencies between the tasks
 - Submits jobs to the HPC batch system as the task dependencies allow
 - Queries the batch system to get the current state of the workflow
 - Automatically resubmits failed tasks up to a given number of tries
 - Provides tools to check the status of the workflow
- Important! Executing an entire workflow is iterative: the rocotorun command must be executed many times to run a workflow to completion.

Description of SRW App Tasks

Workflow task	Task description
make_grid	Pre-processing task to generate regional grid files.
make_orog	Pre-processing task to generate orography files.
make_sfc_climo	Pre-processing task to generate surface climatology files.
get_extrn_ics	Cycle-specific task to obtain external data for the initial conditions
get_extrn_lbcs	Cycle-specific task to obtain external data for the lateral boundary conditions
make_ics	Generate initial conditions from the external data
make_lbcs	Generate lateral boundary conditions from the external data
run_fcst	Run the forecast model (UFS weather model)
run_post	Run the post-processing tool (UPP)

Workflow Generation Overview

Generating a regional workflow experiment requires three steps:

1. Set experiment parameters in `config.sh`
2. Set Python and other environment parameters
3. Run the `generate_FV3LAM_wflow.sh` script

These steps can be done using scripts available with the regional workflow, which uses the Rocoto workflow manager.

Step 1: Set parameters in `config.sh`

We will start with a copy of the template `config.community.sh`

```
cd ufs-srweather-app/regional_workflow/ush
cp config.community.sh config.sh
```

`config.sh` contains parameters that can be set by the user:

```
MACHINE="cheyenne"
ACCOUNT="my_account"
EXPT_SUBDIR="my_expt_name"
PREDEF_GRID_NAME="RRFS_CONUS_25km"
CCPP_PHYS_SUITE="FV3_GFS_v15p2"
FCST_LEN_HRS="12"
LBC_SPEC_INTVL_HRS="6"
```

Step 2: Set Python Environment

- Generating the workflow requires the appropriate Python environment
- This includes packages **PyYAML**, **Jinja2**, and **f90nml**
- These packages can be activated using the following script:

```
cd ufs-srweather-app/env  
source ./wflow_<platform>.env
```

On Cheyenne, you will see:

Now using NPL virtual environment at path:

```
/glade/p/ral/jntp/UFS_SRW_app/ncar_pylib/regional_workflow
```

Use deactivate to remove NPL from environment

Step 3: Generate the workflow

- Simply run the script:

```
cd ufs-srweather-app/regional_workflow/ush
./generate_FV3LAM_wflow.sh
```

- There will be output to your screen, ending with:

To launch the workflow, change location to the experiment directory (EXPTDIR) and issue the rocotorun command, as follows:

```
> cd /glade/scratch/$USER/expt_dirs/test_community
> rocotorun -w FV3LAM_wflow.xml -d FV3LAM_wflow.db -v 10
```

To check on the status of the workflow, issue the rocotostat command (also from the experiment directory):

```
> rocotostat -w FV3LAM_wflow.xml -d FV3LAM_wflow.db -v 10
*/3 * * * * cd /glade/scratch/$USER/expt_dirs/test_community && ./launch_FV3LAM_wflow.sh
Done.
```


Step 4: Run the Workflow

- The workflow is usually run using Rocoto
- After generating the workflow, there will be a directory called `/glade/scratch/$USER/expt_dirs/expt_name`
- From this directory `$EXPTDIR`, you can launch the workflow:

```
cd $EXPTDIR
./launch_FV3LAM_wflow.sh
```

- Once the workflow is launched, a file named `log.launch_FV3LAM_wflow` will be created in `$EXPTDIR`

Step 4: Run the Workflow (cont.)

- What is happening?
- `launch_FV3LAM_wflow.sh` has submitted the initial tasks to the queue and is monitoring the workflow

CYCLE	TASK	JOBID	STATE	EXIT	STATUS	TRIES	DURATION
201906150000	make_grid	druby://hfe01:45920	SUBMITTING	-	-	0	0.0
201906150000	make_orog	-	-	-	-	-	-
201906150000	make_sfc_climo	-	-	-	-	-	-
201906150000	get_extrn_ics	druby://hfe01:45920	SUBMITTING	-	-	0	0.0
201906150000	get_extrn_lbcs	druby://hfe01:45920	SUBMITTING	-	-	0	0.0
201906150000	make_ics	-	-	-	-	-	-
201906150000	make_lbcs	-	-	-	-	-	-
201906150000	run_fcst	-	-	-	-	-	-
201906150000	run_post_f000	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Step 4: Run the Workflow (cont.)

- `launch_FV3LAM_wflow.sh` runs **one instance** of the `rocotorun` and `rocotostat` commands:

```
rocotorun -w FV3LAM_wflow.xml -d FV3LAM_wflow.db -v 10
```

```
rocotostat -w FV3LAM_wflow.xml -d FV3LAM_wflow.db -v 10
```

- Until the launch script is run again, the workflow will remain in this state.
- There are two options to continue running the workflow:
 - Manually run `launch_FV3LAM_wflow.sh` until the workflow completes
 - Run the workflow via a crontab

Step 4: Run the Workflow (cont.)

- Manually run the `launch_FV3LAM_wflow.sh` one more time:

CYCLE	TASK	JOBID	STATE	EXIT STATUS	TRIES	DURATION
201906150000	make_grid	21337987	QUEUED	-	0	0.0
201906150000	make_orog	-	-	-	-	-
201906150000	make_sfc_climo	-	-	-	-	-
201906150000	get_extrn_ics	21337988	SUCCEEDED	0	1	9.0
201906150000	get_extrn_lbcs	21337989	SUCCEEDED	0	1	9.0

Step 4: Run the Workflow (cont.)

- The second option is to run the `launch_FV3LAM_wflow.sh` via your crontab (every 3 minutes):

```
crontab -e
*/3 * * * * cd /glade/scratch/$USER/expt_dirs/expt_name &&
./launch_FV3LAM_wflow.sh
```

- You can then monitor the workflow progress until all tasks are complete:

```
rocotostat -w FV3LAM_wflow.xml -d FV3LAM_wflow.db -v 10
```

CYCLE	TASK	JOBID	STATE	EXIT	STATUS	TRIES	DURATION
201906150000	make_grid	9458110	SUCCEEDED	0		1	30.0
201906150000	make_orog	9458169	SUCCEEDED	0		1	31.0
201906150000	make_sfc_climo	9458193	SUCCEEDED	0		1	45.0
201906150000	get_extrn_ics	9458111	SUCCEEDED	0		1	11.0
201906150000	get_extrn_lbcs	9458112	SUCCEEDED	0		1	11.0
201906150000	make_ics	9458252	SUCCEEDED	0		1	23.0
201906150000	make_lbcs	9458253	SUCCEEDED	0		1	21.0
201906150000	run_fcst	9458285	SUCCEEDED	0		1	1854.0
201906150000	run_post_f000	9458391	SUCCEEDED	0		1	15.0
201906150000	run_post_f001	9458610	SUCCEEDED	0		1	12.0
201906150000	run_post_f002	9458729	SUCCEEDED	0		1	16.0
201906150000	run_post_f003	9458913	SUCCEEDED	0		1	11.0
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Handy Tip

- If you notice the workflow is stuck in one state after modifying your crontab, but it advances when you manually run `launch_FV3LAM_wflow.sh`, there may be a typo in your crontab.
- Check path and experiment name.

CYCLE	TASK	JOBID	STATE	EXIT	STATUS	TRIES	DURATION
201906150000	make_grid	21337987	QUEUED	-	-	0	0.0
201906150000	make_orog	-	-	-	-	-	-
201906150000	make_sfc_climo	-	-	-	-	-	-
201906150000	get_extrn_ics	21337988	QUEUED	-	-	0	0.0
201906150000	get_extrn_lbc	21337989	QUEUED	-	-	0	0.0

Additional Documentation

- Rocoto documentation:
<https://github.com/christopherwharrop/rocoto/wiki/documentation>
- UFS UTILS:
<https://ufs-utils.readthedocs.io/en/latest/>
- UFS Weather model:
<https://ufs-weather-model.readthedocs.io/en/ufs-v2.0.0>
- Unified Post Processor (UPP):
<https://upp.readthedocs.io/en/upp-v9.0.0/>

That's it!

- Questions?