

# AppsWrf

## Using WRF and WPS

Many versions of WRF and WPS are installed in `/usr/local/pkg` on the power7 and BlueGene nodes.

Geodata for WPS is installed in `/hpc/scratch/geog` and you can access it with `geog_data_path = /hpc/scratch/geog` in your `namelist.wps` file.

Historical weather data ("FNL files") are stored in `/hpc/scratch/FNL`

There is a script on `hpclogin1` called `/usr/local/bin/setupwrf.sh` that creates a directory and sets it up with symbolic links to the WRF installation, so that you only have to copy in GRIB data and `namelist` files - of course, you might want to copy over your own `LANDUSE` tables, etc as well. Depending on the login node where you run `setupwrf.sh` it will assume that you want WRF to run on that architecture (Foster for the BlueGene/P, Beatrice for Power7 Linux). WPS is always setup to run on the power7, though.

For example, you might run these commands to set up, edit and then run a polarWRF simulation in the directory `wrfTest` on the BlueGene/P:

```
# Change the default location of WRF:

export WRF_DIR=/bgp/local/pkg/polarWRF/version

# Set up the directory:
setupwrf.sh wrfTest
cd wrfTst
nedit namelist.wps namelist.input
ln -s some_GRIBFILE_directory/gfs.t12z.* .
llsubmit wps.ll
llsubmit wrf.ll
```

## To restart a WRF simulation

- Create restart files: In `namelist.input`, set `restart_interval` to your desired restart output file interval in minutes.
- It's a good idea to make the restart interval a nice multiple of 24 hours, or whatever the time period covered by the WRF simulation is. For example: 4320 minutes (3 days). Otherwise, WRF will restart the simulation from a strange time like 07:20am.
- You don't need to re-run `real.exe`.

In `namelist.input`:

1. Set `restart = .true`.
2. Set `start_*` time to reflect restart time. You get this from the name of the last restart file created, eg: `wrfrst_d01_2008-09-07_22:40:00` means we will restart from 22:40 on 7/9/2008, so the parameters are:

```
start_year      =      2008,   2008,   2008,   2008,
start_month     =          09,    09,    09,    09,
start_day       =          07,    07,    07,    07,
start_hour      =          22,    22,    22,    22,
start_minute    =          40,    40,    40,    40,
start_second    =           00,    00,    00,    00,
```

- Re-run `wrf.exe`