

Format Description of IGRA 2 Station, Country, and U.S. State Code Lists

I. FORMAT OF "igra2-station-list.txt"

Variable	Columns	Type
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ID	1-11	Character
LATITUDE	13-20	Real
LONGITUDE	22-30	Real
ELEVATION	32-37	Real
STATE	39-40	Character
NAME	42-71	Character
FSTYEAR	73-76	Integer
LSTYEAR	78-81	Integer
NOBS	83-88	Integer

These variables have the following definitions:

ID is the station identification code. Note that the first two characters denote the FIPS country code, the third character is a network code that identifies the station numbering system used, and the remaining eight characters contain the actual station ID.

See "igra2-country-list.txt" for a complete list of country codes.

The network code has the following five values:

I = ICAO callsign (last four characters of the IGRA 2 ID)
M = WMO identification number (last five characters of the IGRA 2 ID)
V = Volunteer Observing Ship callsign (last four to six characters of the IGRA 2 ID)
W = Weather Bureau, Army, Navy (WBAN) identification number (last five characters of the IGRA 2 ID)
X = Specially constructed station identifier ("UA" followed by an additional six alphanumeric characters)

LATITUDE is the latitude of the station (in decimal degrees, mobile = -98.8888).

LONGITUDE is the longitude of the station (in decimal degrees, mobile = -998.8888).

ELEVATION is the elevation of the station (in meters, missing = -999.9, mobile = -998.8).

STATE is the U.S. postal code for the state (for stations in the United States, Puerto Rico, and Virgin Islands only).

NAME is the name of the station.

FSTYEAR is the first year of record in the sounding data.

LSTYEAR is the last year of record in the sounding data.

NOBS is the number of soundings in the sounding data record.

NOTE: Derived parameters and monthly means are available for a subset of the stations listed and may not be available for the full period of record of any one station.

II. FORMAT OF "igra2-country-list.txt"

Variable	Columns	Type
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CODE	1- 2	Character
NAME	4-43	Character

These variables have the following definitions:

CODE is the FIPS country code of the country where the station is located (from FIPS Publication 10-4 at www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/appendix/appendix-d.html).

NAME is the name of the country.

III. FORMAT OF "igra2-us-states.txt"

Variable	Columns	Type
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CODE	1- 2	Character
NAME	4-50	Character

These variables have the following definitions:

CODE is the POSTAL code of the U.S. state where the station is located.

NAME is the name of the state (or territory).
