

Download CDS Climate, ECMWF Global Environmental Data via Python API

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1 ECMWF ERA5 Data

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1.1 Basic Conda Setup

1. Download [Anaconda](#) for Python 3. For more involved conda instructions see [here](#)
2. Open up *anaconda prompt* with admin rights (right click choose as admin).

```
# Inside anaconda prompt
where python
where anaconda
# C:/ProgramData/Anaconda3/Scripts/anaconda.exe
# C:/ProgramData/Anaconda3/python.exe
```

3. Add to Path
4. Install cdsapi and eccodes

```
conda config --add channels conda-forge
conda install -c conda-forge eccodes -y
```

1.2 Account Registration

1. Register for an [account](#)
2. [Agree to Licence](#)
3. Go to your CDS user page copy the url and key: [Get url and key](#)
 - this has UID, 4XXXX, and API KEY, 4XXXXfXXX-XXXf-4XXX-9XXX-7XXXebXXfdXX
 - together they should look like: 4XXXX:4XXXXfXXX-XXXf-4XXX-9XXX-7XXXebXXfdXX
4. Open up an editor (notepad++ for example), create an empty file, paste the url and your UID:APIKEY into the file as below. Save file as: `C:/Users/fan/.cdsapirc`. Under user root, as `.cdsapirc` file. Note `.cdsapirc` is the file name, you are saving that under the directory `C:/Users/fan/`.

```
url: https://cds.climate.copernicus.eu/api/v2
key: 4XXXX:4XXXXfXXX-XXXf-4XXX-9XXX-7XXXebXXfdXX
```

1.3 Run API Request via Jupyter Notebook

1. open up Jupyter Notebook (this opens up a browser page)
 - `cd "C:/Users/fan/Downloads"`
 - `jupyter notebook`
2. create a new `python3` file somewhere you like
3. name the file `cdstest` (saved as ipynb file)
4. paste the code below inside the `ipynb` file you opened (modify `spt_root`):

```
import cdsapi
import urllib.request
# download folder
spt_root = "C:/Users/fan/downloads/_data/"
spn_dl_test_grib = spt_root + "test_china_temp.grib"
# request
c = cdsapi.Client()
res = c.retrieve("reanalysis-era5-pressure-levels",
{
    'product_type': 'reanalysis',
    'variable': 'temperature',
    'pressure_level': '1000',
    'year': '2008',
    'month': '01',
    'day': '01',
    'time': '12:00',
    'format': 'netcdf',
    'area'      : [53.31, 73, 4.15, 135],
    'grid'      : [1.0, 1.0],
    "format": "grib"
},
    spn_dl_test_grib
)
# show results
print('print results')
print(res)
print(type(res))
```

5. click run

1.4 Run API request via Ipython

1. In Anaconda Prompt: *ipython*
2. Open a file in notepad++ or elsewhere, copy the code above over and edit the `spt_root` to reflect your directories
3. Select the entire code in the notepad++ page, and copy all lines
4. Now inside ipython, type percentage and paste: `%paste`
5. This should run the file above and save the grib file in the folder you specified with the name you specified.

1.5 Convert CRIB data to CSV

1. inside conda prompt cd into the folder where you downloaded the grib file
2. `grib_ls` shows what is in the grib file
3. `grib_get_data` translates grib to csv

```
cd "C:/Users/fan/downloads/_data/"
grib_ls test_china_temp.grib
grib_get_data test_china_temp.grib > test_china_temp_raw.csv
```

1.6 More Advanced Download Setup and Instructions

1.6.1 Conda Enviornment and Installation

In conda, set up a conda environment for downloading ECMWF data using the ECMWF API. ([Conda Set-up](#))

```
# Set up
conda deactivate
conda list env
conda env remove -n wk_ecmwf
conda create -n wk_ecmwf -y
conda activate wk_ecmwf

# Add conda-forge to channel in env
conda config --env --add channels conda-forge
conda config --get channels
conda config --get channels --env

# Install
conda install cdsapi -y
conda install -c conda-forge eccodes -y
```

This creates the conda env that we are using here for python.

1.6.2 Config File `.cdsapirc`

Open up the `cdsapirc`, create new if does not exist. Below, open up the file and save the text. See [Python Reading and Writing to File Examples](#).

First, get the text for the config file:

```
stf_cds_cdsapirc = """\
url: https://cds.climate.copernicus.eu/api/v2
key: 4XXXX:4XXXXfXXX-XXXf-4XXX-9XXX-7XXXebXXfdXX\
```

```

"""
print(stf_cds_cdsapirc)

Second save text to file:

# Relative file name
spt_file_cds = "C:/Users/fan/"
snm_file_cds = ".cdsapirc"
spn_file_cds = spt_file_cds + snm_file_cds
# Open new file
fl_cdsapirc_contents = open(spn_file_cds, 'w')
# Write to File
fl_cdsapirc_contents.write(stf_cds_cdsapirc)
# Close
fl_cdsapirc_contents.close()

# Open the config file to check
code "C:/Users/fan/.cdsapirc"

```

1.7 Generate API Requests

Go to the sites below, choose download data, pick what is needed, and then select *Show API request* at the bottom of page:

ERA5 pressure levels from 1979 to present

- [ERA5 hourly pressure](#)
- [ERA5 monthly pressure](#)

ERA5 single levels from 1979 to present

- [ERA5 hourly pressure](#)
- [ERA5 monthly pressure](#)

1.7.1 API Request China Temp Test

API function is [here](#).

Select based on China's area, some testing data and download grib file. The data is from 2008, Jan 1st, at 12 noon?

Open up Jupyter notebook: *jupyter notebook*

```

# import module in conda env wk_ecmwf
import cdsapi
import urllib.request

# download folder
spt_root = "C:/Users/fan/pyfan/vig/getdata/envir/"
spn_dl_test_grib = spt_root + "_data/test/test_china_temp.grib"

# request
c = cdsapi.Client()
res = c.retrieve("reanalysis-era5-pressure-levels",
{
    'product_type': 'reanalysis',
    'variable': 'temperature',
    'pressure_level': '1000',

```

```

    'year': '2008',
    'month': '01',
    'day': '01',
    'time': '12:00',
    'format': 'netcdf',
    'area'      : [53.31, 73, 4.15, 135],
    'grid'      : [1.0, 1.0],
    "format": "grib"
},
    spn_dl_test_grib
)
# show results
print('print results')
print(res)
print(type(res))

# download
# response = urllib.request.urlopen('http://www.example.com/')
# html = response.read()

```

2020-06-17 23:51:35,107 INFO Welcome to the CDS 2020-06-17 23:51:35,107 INFO Sending request to <https://cds.climate.copernicus.eu/api/v2/resources/reanalysis-era5-pressure-levels> 2020-06-17 23:51:36,441 INFO Request is queued 2020-06-17 23:51:39,183 INFO Request is running 2020-06-17 23:51:45,059 INFO Request is completed 2020-06-17 23:51:45,060 INFO Downloading > <http://136.156.133.25/cache-compute-0008/cache/data2/adaptor.mars.internal-1592455900.8655114-11162-11-68e1ea23-8985-4926-95e6-9f181cc7792>> 7.grib to C:/Users/fan/pyfan/vig/getdata/envir/_data/test/test_china_temp.grib (6.3K) 2020-06-17 23:51:45,441 INFO Download rate 16.6K/s print results Result(content_length=6480,content_type=application/x-grib,location=<http://136.156.133.25/cache-compute-0008/cache/data2/adaptor.mars.inte>> rnal-1592455900.8655114-11162-11-68e1ea23-8985-4926-95e6-9f181cc77927.grib) <class 'cd-sapi.api.Result'>

Convert grib to raw csv, open up command line:

```

cd "C:/Users/fan/pyfan/vig/getdata/envir/_data/test/"
grib_ls test_china_temp.grib
grib_get_data test_china_temp.grib > test_china_temp_raw.csv

```

Format the CSV file (is not comma separated)

```

spt_root = "C:/Users/fan/pyfan/vig/getdata/envir/_data/test/"
spn_csv_raw = spt_root + "test_china_temp_raw.csv"
spn_csv_edl = spt_root + "test_china_temp.csv"

with open(spn_csv_raw, 'r') as f_in, open(spn_csv_edl, 'w') as f_out:
    f_out.write(next(f_in))
    [f_out.write(','.join(line.split()) + '\n') for line in f_in]

```

Show CSV results:

```

# Path and Read
spt_root = "C:/Users/fan/pyfan/vig/getdata/envir/"
spn_dl_test_csv = paste0(spt_root, "_data/test/test_china_temp.csv")
china_weather_data <- read.csv(spn_dl_test_csv)

# Top 50 rows

```

```
kable(head(china_weather_data, 50),  
      caption="Chinese Long and Lat, Temperature Pressure, 2008 Jan 1st at 12 noon?") %>%  
kable_styling_fc()
```

“ERA5 is a comprehensive reanalysis, from 1979 (soon to be backdated to 1950) to near real time, which assimilates as many observations as possible in the upper air and near surface. The ERA5 atmospheric model is coupled with a land surface model and a wave model.”

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1.8 Learning

1.8.1 Terminologies

Links:

- [status of the CDS queue](#).

Terminologies:

- single level parameters

1.8.2 Single Level Parameters

[ERA5 Variables?](#)

1. [Table 1: surface and single level parameters: invariants](#)
 2. [Table 9: pressure level parameters: instantaneous](#)
- Temperature

[ER5 Data Download Instructions](#).

Chinese Long and Lat, Temperature Pressure, 2008 Jan 1st at 12 noon?

Latitude	Longitude	Value
53.15	73	260.6515
53.15	74	259.9796
53.15	75	259.2227
53.15	76	258.5929
53.15	77	258.2765
53.15	78	258.0636
53.15	79	258.0069
53.15	80	257.7267
53.15	81	258.8370
53.15	82	260.9239
53.15	83	262.5440
53.15	84	263.9083
53.15	85	264.8976
53.15	86	264.6729
53.15	87	264.1827
53.15	88	265.0587
53.15	89	264.9425
53.15	90	266.2960
53.15	91	269.0958
53.15	92	270.3165
53.15	93	269.0030
53.15	94	268.4210
53.15	95	264.9591
53.15	96	261.9249
53.15	97	264.5304
53.15	98	265.3995
53.15	99	268.2374
53.15	100	269.9444
53.15	101	272.6202
53.15	102	270.6798
53.15	103	270.0919
53.15	104	269.6876
53.15	105	271.4718
53.15	106	271.2403
53.15	107	271.1163
53.15	108	269.3849
53.15	109	270.7247
53.15	110	269.6388
53.15	111	268.6622
53.15	112	267.6036
53.15	113	267.4796
53.15	114	266.6983
53.15	115	266.2911
53.15	116	266.5880
53.15	117	265.4513
53.15	118	264.4630
53.15	119	260.6183
53.15	120	259.3018
53.15	121	258.4161
53.15	122	258.8429