MPAS-Seaice developer guide

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1   Preliminaries

Here we describe preliminary tasks required before MPAS can be installed.

1. Gain access to the MPAS git repository

2. Create a git fork of the MPAS/MPAS-Dev repository on Github

3. Install the libraries required for MPAS: netcdf, pnetcdf and PIO

   - On LANL institutional computing use the pre-compiled library modules:

     ```
     module use /usr/projects/climate/SHARED_CLIMATE/modulefiles/all/
     module load \
       gcc/4.8.2 \
       openmpi/1.6.5 \
       netcdf/4.4.0 \
       parallel-netcdf/1.5.0 \
       pio/1.7.2
     ```

   - Otherwise, manually install and set the `$NETCDF`, `$PNETCDF` and `$PIO` environment variables. Netcdf version 3.1.4, Pnetcdf version 1.7.0 and PIO version 1.7.2 are known to work.

4. Install fortran compilers including MPI versions.

2   Quick start guide

Here we describe how to download, build and run MPAS-Seaice using the gfortran compiler.

1. Check out the code from the git repository

   `git clone git@github.com:<git_username>/MPAS.git`

   Here `<git_username>` is your MPAS repository username

2. Move into the MPAS repository

   ```
   cd MPAS
   ```

3. Checkout the `cice/develop` branch

   ```
   git checkout cice/develop
   ```

4. Compile the code

   ```
   make CORE=cice gfortran
   ```

5. Create a run directory

   ```
   cd ../ ; mkdir rundir ; cd rundir
   ```

6. Set up the run directory (see section 3; in this case `<MPAS_directory>` is `../MPAS/`)

7. Run the model

   ```
   ./cice_model
   ```

3   Setting up a standard run in a run directory

Here we describe how to set up a standard QU120km run of MPAS-Seaice in a run directory

1. Move to your run directory

   ```
   cd <run_directory>
   ```

2. Create symbolic links to the grid file, standard forcing files and graph files for a QU120km domain

   ```
   <MPAS-Seaice_data_directory>/domains/domain_QU120km/get_domain.py
   ```

3. Add the namelist and streams file for a standard test run

   ```
   cp <MPAS_Directory>/testing_and_setup/seaice/configurations/standard_physics/* .
   ```

4. Get a symbolic link to the MPAS-Seaice executable

   ```
   ln -s <MPAS_directory>/cice_model .
   ```

Note: On LANL IC machines at LANL `<MPAS-Seaice_data_directory>` is
`/turquoise/usr/projects/climate/akt/MPAS-seaice/`

4   Development workflow

Here we describe the work flow needed to add new features to the sea ice model.

1. Create a feature branch directory:

   ```
   mkdir <feature_directory>
   cd <feature_directory>
   ```

2. Create a development and base directory within this feature directory. Code changes will be made in the development directory and compared during testing against an unchanged version in base.

   ```
   mkdir development
   mkdir base
   ```

3. Create the run directory that will be used for bit reproducible testing

   ```
   cd base/
   ```

4. Clone and compile `cice/develop` in the base directory.

   ```
   git clone git@github.com:MPAS-Dev/MPAS.git
   cd MPAS/
   git checkout cice/develop
   make CORE=cice gfortran
   ```

5. Enter the development directory and create a testing run directory

   ```
   cd ../../development
   ```

6. Create a new feature branch from cice/develop to develop the new feature in and compile it.

   ```
   git clone git@github.com:<git_username>/MPAS.git
   cd MPAS/
   git remote add MPAS-Dev git@github.com:MPAS-Dev/MPAS.git
   git fetch --all
   git checkout -b cice/<feature_branch_name> MPAS-Dev/cice/develop
   make CORE=cice gfortran
   ```

7. Make the changes to the code needed to implement the desired feature

8. Test that your changes haven't broken the code (see section 5).

9. Commit your changes to the repository (see section 6).

10. Push your changes to your fork on Github and create a pull request for these features to be merged into `cice/develop` (see section 7).

5 Testing MPAS-Seaice

Here we describe how to run the standard MPAS-Seaice tests:

1. Create a testing directory and cd into it

   ```
   mkdir testdir ; cd testdir
   ```

2. Run the MPAS testing system

   ```
   <MPAS_Directory>/testing_and_setup/seaice/testing/test_mpas-seaice.py \
       -d <Development_MPAS_Dir> \
       -b <Base_MPAS_Dir>
   ```

   `<Development_MPAS_Dir>` is the development MPAS directory, and `<Base_MPAS_Dir>` is the base MPAS directory that will be compared against the development MPAS directory.

   Note: the testing system assumes that python 2.7 is used and a number of python packages () are installed.

6 Committing changes to the repository

Once you are happy with the changes made to your code the changes must be committed to the local repository

1. Move to the MPAS main directory

   ```
   cd <MPAS_directory>
   ```

2. See what files have changed since the last commit

   ```
   git status
   ```

3. See what has changed within those files

   ```
   git diff
   ```

4. Add newly created files to the commit

   ```
   git add <new_file>
   ```

5. Add changed files to the commit

   ```
   git add <changed_file>
   ```

6. Commit all the changes that have been queued up for commit by the last two sets of command

   ```
   git commit
   ```

   This should open up a text editor that allows a commit message to be written. Saving and closing this file triggers the commit.

7. Alternatively, all the file changes can be added to the commit in a single command. Note: this doesn't add new files.

   ```
   git commit -a
   ```

7 Making pull requests into cice/develop

Once all the changes and new files needed to implement a new feature are implemented then a request must be made to have this feature merged into `cice/develop`. We assume all desired changes have been committed into the local repository as described in section 6.

1. Firstly, its useful to see what branch we are currently on.

   `git branch`

   The current branch is highlighted with an asterix.

2. Move to the branch we want to submit the pull request for (you're most likely already on it if you're following these instructions).

   `git checkout <feature_branch>`

3. Push the branch to your fork on Github

   `git push origin <feature_branch>`

4. Go to github.com and find the branch you just pushed there. Click on the submit pull request button and make sure the pull request is into `cice/develop` and not `develop` (which is the default). Add the current MPAS-Seaice integrator (currently `akturner`) as the assignee and add a `Sea ice` label.

5. Go tell the MPAS-Seaice integrator that you have submitted a pull request (currently Adrian Turner). Do not rely on them seeing the automated Github notification email.