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# STANDFIRE

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#### 1.2.1 Interfacing with FVS

Use Suppose to generate a keyword file. Or use the following example .key

```
NOSCREEN
RANNSEED          0
!STATS
STDIDENT
STANDFIRE_example
DESIGN            -10          500          5          9
STDINFO           103          140          60.0          0.0          0.0          36.0
INVYEAR           2010
NUMCYCLE           10
TREEDATA
FMIN
END
STATS
SVS                0              0              0              15
FMIn
Potfire
FuelOut
BurnRept
MortRept
FuelRept
SnagSum
End
PROCESS
STOP
```

If don't have a FVS tree list file, then copy and paste the following text and save it to the same directory where the keyword file lives, give it the same prefix as the .key but with a .tre extension.

```

1  95      9PP 105   35                0 0
1  96      OPP 43    17                0 0
1  97      OPP 148   43                2 0
1  98      OPP 49    30                1 0
1  99      9PP 54    30                0 0
1  100     OPP 100   40                3 0
1  101     OPP 42    30                2 0
1  102     OPP 53    34                1 0
1  103     OPP 97    42                3 0
1  104     OPP 61    35                1 0
1  105     OPP 81    40                1 0
1  106     9PP 80    33                0 0
1  107     OPP 41    32                2 0
1  108     9PP 71    40                0 0
1  109     9PP 73    41                0 0
1  110     9PP 94    35                0 0
1  111     9PP 103   32                0 0

```

Once you have a keyword file and a tree list file in the same directory we can start to build a script to do some work.

First we import the Fvsfuels class from the fuels module.

```
>>> from standfire.fuels import Fvsfuels
```

Next create an instance of the class passes the desired variant as an argument and register the keyword file.

```

>>> stand_1 = Fvsfuel("iec")
>>> stand_1.set_keyword("/Users/standfire/fvs_exp/example.key")
TIMEINT not found in keyword file, default is 10 years

```

We get a message telling us that the TIMEINT keyword was not found in the keyword file. No problem, STANDFIRE automatically sets this value to 10 years.

```

>>> stand_1.keywords
{'TIMEINT': 10, 'NUMCYCLE': 10, 'INVYEAR': 2010, 'SVS': 15, 'FUELOUT': 1}

```

Notice the keys in the keywords dictionary. TIMEINT is the time interval of the FVS simulation in year, NUMCYCLE is the number of cycles, INVYEAR is the year of the inventory, and SVS and FUELOUT are there to check if these keywords are in the keyword file. If the SVS and FUELOUT keywords are not defined the keyword file then FVS will not calculate tree positions or fuel attributes. So be sure you add these to your keyword file before registering the .key with FVS. You can use *post processors*\* in Suppose to do so. TIMEINT, NUMCYCLE, and INVYEAR can be manually changed by calling setters for each. For instance, if you only want to calculate fuel attributes for trees during the year of the inventory then simply change the NUMCYCLE value in the keyword dictionary.

```

>>> stand_1.set_num_cycle(0)
>>> stand_1.keywords
{'TIMEINT': 10, 'NUMCYCLE': 0, 'INVYEAR': 2010, 'SVS': 15, 'FUELOUT': 1}

```

Now that we have our simulation parameters established, we startup FVS.

```
>>> stand_1.run_fvs()
```



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## STANDFIRE API Reference

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Contents:

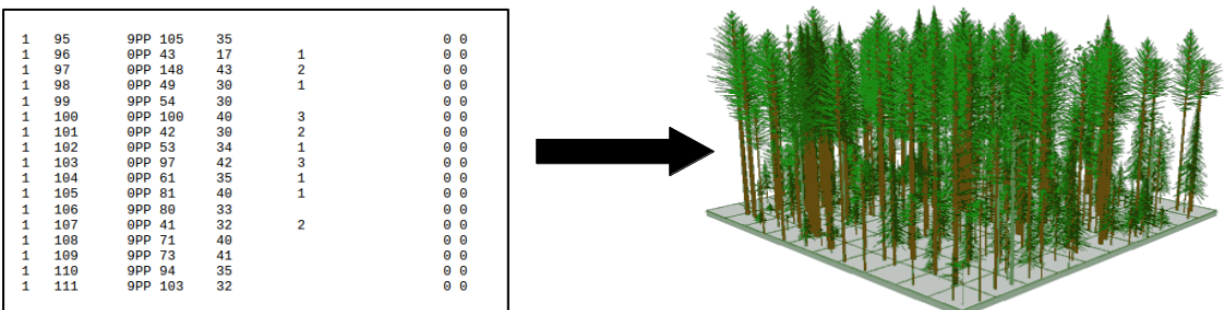
### 2.1 Fuels module

This module is the interface to FVS. Given a FVS variant name, a keyword file and the corresponding tree file, a user can run a FVS simulation and request various fuels information from individual trees. The `Fvsfuels` class will also produce the 4 fuels files needed for the Capsis fuel matrix generator.

Currently FVS MC Access database querying not available on all platforms. If a user has a keyword file that points to a MS Access database, then the user can generate a tree file by exporting the Access database to an comma-delimited file and pass it through the `Inventory` class. The output will be the same inventory present in the mdb file, but formatted to FVS .tre file standards.

Contents:

#### 2.1.1 Fvsfuels



```
class fuels.Fvsfuels (variant)
    Bases: object
```

A `Fvsfuels` object is used to calculate component fuels at the individual tree level using the Forest Vegetation Simulator. To create an instance of this class you need two items: a keyword file (.key) and tree list file (.tre) with the same prefix as the keyword file. If you don't already have a tree list file then you can use `fuels.Inventory`` class to generate one.

**Parameters** `variant` (*string*) – FVS variant to be imported

**Example:**

A basic example to extract live canopy biomass for individual trees during year of inventory

```
>>> from standfire.fuels import Fvsfuels
>>> stand001 = Fvsfuels("iec")
>>> stand001.set_keyword("/Users/standfire/test/example.key")
TIMEINT not found in keyword file, default is 10 years
>>> stand001.keywords
{'TIMEINT': 10, 'NUMCYCLE': 10, 'INVYEAR': 2010, 'SVS': 15, 'FUELOUT': 1}
```

The keyword file is setup to simulate 100 years at a time interval of 10 years. Lets change this to only simulate the inventory year.

```
>>> stand001.set_num_cycles(0)
>>> stand001.keywords
{'TIMEINT': 10, 'NUMCYCLE': 0, 'INVYEAR': 2010, 'SVS': 15, 'FUELOUT': 1}
>>> stand001.run_fvs()
```

Now we can write the trees data frame to disk

```
>>> stand001.save_trees_by_year(2010)
```

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**Note:** The argument must match one of the available variant in the PyFVS module. Search through `standfire/pyfvs/` to see all variants

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**get\_simulation\_years()**

Returns a list of the simulated years

**Returns** simulated year

**Return type** list of integers

**get\_snags(year)**

Returns pandas data frame of the snags by indexed year

**Parameters** **year** (*int*) – simulation year of the data frame to return

**Returns** data frame of snags at indexed year

**Return type** pandas dataframe

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**Note:** If a data frame for the specified year does not exist then a message will be printed to the console.

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**get\_standid()**

Returns stand ID as defined in the keyword file of the class instance

**Returns** stand ID value

**Return type** string

**get\_trees(year)**

Returns pandas data frame of the trees by indexed year

**Parameters** **year** (*int*) – simulation year of the data frame to return

**Returns** data frame of trees at indexed year

**Return type** pandas dataframe

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**Note:** If a data frame for the specified year does not exist then a message will be printed to the console.

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**run\_fvs()**

Runs the FVS simulation

This method runs a FVS simulation using the previously specified keyword file. The simulation will be paused at each time interval and the trees and snag data collected and appended to the fuels attribute of the Fvsfuels object.

**Example:**

```
>>> from standfire.fuels import Fvsfuels
>>> stand010 = Fvsfuels("iec")
>>> stand010.set_keyword("/Users/standfire/example/test.key")
>>> stand010.run_fvs()
>>> stand010.fuels["trees"][2010]
```

xloc	yloc	species	dbh	ht	crd	cratio	crownwt0	crownwt1	...
33.49	108.58	PIPO	19.43	68.31	8.77	25	33.46	4.3	
24.3	90.4	PIPO	11.46	56.6	5.63	15	6.55	2.33	
88.84	162.98	PIPO	18.63	67.76	9.48	45	75.88	6.89	
...									

**save\_all()**

Writes all data frame in the fuels attribute of the class to the specified working directory. Output file are .csv.

**save\_snags\_by\_year(year)**

Writes snag data frame at indexed year to .csv in working directory

**save\_trees\_by\_year(year)**

Writes tree data frame at indexed year to .csv in working directory

**set\_dir(wdir)**

Sets the working directory of a Fvsfuels object

This method is called by Fvsfuels.set\_keyword(). Thus, the default working directory is the folder containing the specified keyword file. If you wish to store simulation outputs in a different directory then use this methods to do so.

**Parameters** *wdir* (string) – path/to/desired\_directory

**Example:**

```
>>> from standfire.fuel import Fvsfuels
>>> test = Fvsfuels("emc")
>>> test.set_keyword("/Users/standfire/test/example.key")
```

Whoops, I would like to store simulation outputs elsewhere...

```
>>> test.set_dir("/Users/standfire/outputs/")
```

**set\_inv\_year(inv\_year)**

Sets inventory year for FVS simulation

**Parameters** *inv\_year* (int) – year of the inventory

**set\_keyword(keyfile)**

Sets the keyword file to be used in the FVS simulation

**Date** 2015-8-12

**Authors** Lucas Wells

This method will initialize a FVS simulation by registering the specified keyword file (.key) with FVS. The working directory of a Fvsfuels object will be set to the folder containing the keyword file. You can manually change the working directory with Fvsfuels.set\_dir(). This function will also call private methods in this class to extract information from the keyword file and set class fields accordingly for use in other methods.

**Parameters** **keyfile** (*string*) – path/to/keyword\_file. This must have a .key extension

**Example:**

```
>>> from standfire.fuels import Fvsfuels
>>> test = Fvsfuels("iec")
>>> test.set_keyword("/Users/standfire/test/example.key")
```

**set\_num\_cycles** (*num\_cyc*)

Sets number of cycles for FVS simulation

**Parameters** **num\_cyc** (*int*) – number of simulation cycles

**set\_stop\_point** (*code=5, year=-1*)

Set the FVS stop point code and year

**Parameters**

- **code** (*integer*) – stop point code (default=5)
- **year** (*integer*) – stop point year (default=-1)

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**Note:** year=0 means never stop and year=-1 means stop every cycle

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stop point code	Definition
0	Never stop
-1	Stop at every location
1	Stop just before first call to Event Monitor
2	Stop just after first call to Event Monitor
3	Stop just before second call to Event Monitor
4	Stop just after second call to Event Monitor
5	Stop after growth and mort has been computed, but before applied
6	Stop just before the ESTAB routine is called

**set\_time\_int** (*time\_int*)

Sets time interval for FVS simulation

**Parameters** **time\_int** (*int*) – length of simulation time step

## 2.1.2 Inventory

**class** fuels.**Inventory**

Bases: object

This class contains methods for converting inventory data to FVS .tre format

This class currently does not read inventory data from an FVS access database. The FVS\_TreeInit database first needs to be exported as comma delimited values. Multiple stands can be exported in the same file, the formatFvsTreeFile() function will format a .tre string for each stand. All column headings must be

default headings and unaltered during export. You can view the default format by importing this class and typing FMT. See the FVS guide <sup>1</sup> for more information regarding the format of .tre files.

#### Example:

```
>>> from standfire import fuels
>>> toDotTree = fuels.Inventory()
>>> toDotTree.read_inventory("path/to/FVS_TreeInit.csv")
>>> toDotTree.format_fvs_tree_file()
>>> toDotTree.save()
```

#### References

**convert\_sp\_codes** (*method*='2to4')

Converts species codes from 4 letter codes to 2 letter codes or vice versa

**Parameters** *method* (*string*) – must be either “2to4” or “4to2”

**crwratio\_percent\_to\_code** ()

Converts crown ratio from percent to ICR code

ICR code is described in the Essential FVS Guide on pages 58 and 59. This method should only be used if crown ratios values are percentages in the FVS\_TreeInit.csv. If you use this method before calling *formatFvsTreeFile()* then you must set the optional argument *cratioToCode* to *False*.

**filter\_by\_stand** (*stand\_list*)

Filters data by a list of stand IDs

**Parameters** *stand\_list* (*python list*) – List of stand ID to retain in the data. All other stands will be removed

**format\_fvs\_tree\_file** (*cratio\_to\_code*=*True*)

Converts data in FVS\_TreeInit.csv to FVS .tre format

This methods reads entries in the pandas data frame (*self.data*) and writes them to a formatted text string following FVS .tre data formatting standards shown in FMT. If multiple stands exist in *self.data* then each stand will written as a (key,value) pair in *self.fvsTreeFile* where the key is the stand ID and the value is the formatted text string.

**Parameters** *cratio\_to\_code* (*boolean*) – default = *True*

**Note:** If the *crwratio\_percent\_to\_code* () methods has been called prior to call this methods, then the *cratio\_to\_code* optional argument must be set to *False* to prevent errors in crown ratio values.

#### Example:

```
>>> toDotTree.format_fvs_tree_file()
>>> toDotTree.fvsTreeFile['Stand_ID_1']
5  1  5    OPP 189    65      3      0 0
5  2  15   OPP 110    52      2      0 0
5  3  5    OPP 180    64      5      0 0
5  4  14   OPP 112    56      3      0 0
5  5  6    OPP 167    60      4      0 0
5  6  5    OPP 190    60      5      0 0
5  7  7    OPP 161    62      3      0 0
```

<sup>1</sup> Gary E. Dixon, Essential FVS: A User's Guide to the Forest Vegetation Simulator Tech. Rep., U.S. Department of Agriculture , Forest Service, Forest Management Service Center, Fort Collins, Colo, USA, 2003.

5	8	86	OPP	46	37	1	0	0
5	9	10	OPP	130	50	2	0	0
5	10	5	OPP	182	60	3	0	0
5	11	8	9PP	144	50		0	0
6	1	16	OPP	107	42	4	0	0
6	2	109	OPP	41	27	2	0	0
...								

**get\_fvs\_cols()**

Get list of FVS standard columns

**Returns** FVS standard columns**Return type** list of strings**get\_stands()**

Returns unique stand IDs

**Returns** stand IDs**Return type** list of strings**Example:**

```
>>> toDotTree.get_stands()
['BR', 'TM', 'SW', 'HB']
```

**print\_format\_standards()**

Print FVS formatting standards

The FVS formatting standard for .tre files as described in the Essential FVS Guide is stored in FMT as a class attribute. This method is for viewing this format. The keys of the dictionary are the column headings and values are as follows: 0 = variable name, 1 = variable type, 2 = column location, 3 = units, and 4 = implied decimal place.

**Example:**

```
>>> toDotTree.print_format_standards()
{'Plot_ID'      : ['ITRE',      'integer',  [0,3],   None,     None],
 'Tree_ID'      : ['IDTREE2',   'integer',  [4,6],   None,     None],
 'Tree_Count'   : ['PROB',      'integer',  [7,12],  None,     None],
 'History'      : ['ITH',       'integer',  [13,13], 'trees',  0 ],
 'Species'      : ['ISP',       'alphanum', [14,16], None,     None],
 'DBH'          : ['DBH',       'real',     [17,20], 'inches', 1 ],
 'DG'           : ['DG',       'real',     [21,23], 'inches', 1 ],
 'Ht'           : ['HT',       'real',     [24,26], 'feet',   0 ],
 'HtTopK'       : ['THT',       'real',     [27,29], 'feet',   0 ],
 'HTG'          : ['HTG',       'real',     [30,33], 'feet',   1 ],
 'CrRatio'      : ['ICR',       'integer',  [34,34], None,     None],
 'Damage1'      : ['IDCD(1)',   'integer',  [35,36], None,     None],
 'Severity1'    : ['IDCD(2)',   'integer',  [37,38], None,     None],
 'Damage2'      : ['IDCD(3)',   'integer',  [39,40], None,     None],
 'Severity2'    : ['IDCD(4)',   'integer',  [41,42], None,     None],
 'Damage3'      : ['IDCD(5)',   'integer',  [43,44], None,     None],
 'Severity3'    : ['IDCD(6)',   'integer',  [45,46], None,     None],
 'TreeValue'    : ['IMC',       'integer',  [47,47], None,     None],
 'Prescription' : ['IPRSC',     'integer',  [48,48], None,     None],
 'Slope'        : ['IPVARS(1)', 'integer',  [49,50], 'percent', None],
 'Aspect'       : ['IPVARS(2)', 'integer',  [51,53], 'code',   None],
 'PV_Code'      : ['IPVARS(3)', 'integer',  [54,56], 'code',   None],
```

```
'TopoCode'      : ['IPVARS(4)', 'integer', [57,59], 'code', None],
'SitePrep'      : ['IPVARS(5)', 'integer', [58,58], 'code', None],
'Age'           : ['ABIRTH', 'real', [59,61], 'years', 0 ]}
```

See page 61 and 62 in the Essential FVS Guide.

### **read\_inventory** (*fname*)

Reads a .csv file containing tree records.

The csv must be in the correct format as described in FMT. This method check the format of the file by calling a private method `_is_correct_format()` that raises a value error.

**Parameters** *fname* (*string*) – path to and file name of the Fvs\_TreeInit.csv file

### **Example:**

```
>>> from standfire import fuels
>>> toDotTree = fuels.Inventory()
>>> toDotTree.readInventory("path/to/FVS_TreeInit.csv")
>>> np.mean(toDotTree.data['DBH'])
9.0028318584070828
```

The `read_inventory()` method stores the data in a pandas data frame. There are countless operations that can be performed on these objects. For example, we can explore the relationship between diameter and height by fitting a linear model

```
>>> import statsmodels.formula.api as sm
>>> fit = sm.ols(formula="HT ~ DBH", data=test.data).fit()
>>> print fit.params
Intercept    19.688167
DBH           2.161420
dtype: float64
>>> print fit.summary()
OLS Regression Results

=====
Dep. Variable:          Ht      R-squared:            0.738
Model:                  OLS      Adj. R-squared:        0.736
Method:                 Least Squares      F-statistic:       351.8
Date:                  Tue, 07 Jul 2015      Prob (F-statistic):   3.77e-38
Time:                  08:32:02      Log-Likelihood:     -407.10
No. Observations:      127      AIC:                818.2
Df Residuals:          125      BIC:                823.9
Df Model:               1
Covariance Type:       nonrobust
=====
coef    std err          t      P>|t|      [95.0% Conf. Int.]
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Intercept    19.6882      1.205     16.338      0.000      17.303     22.073
DBH           2.1614      0.115     18.757      0.000       1.933     2.389
=====
Omnibus:            2.658      Durbin-Watson:       0.995
Prob(Omnibus):      0.265      Jarque-Bera (JB):    2.115
Skew:              -0.251      Prob(JB):            0.347
Kurtosis:           3.385      Cond. No.             23.8
=====
```

Read more about pandas at <http://pandas.pydata.org/>

### **save** (*outputPath*)

Writes formatted fvs tree files to specified location

If multiple stands exist in the FVS\_TreeInit then the same number of files will be created in the specified directory. The file names will be the same as the Stand\_ID with a `.tre` extension.

**Parameters** `outputPath` (*string*) – directory to store output `.tre` files

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**Note:** This method will throw an error if it is called prior to the `format_fvs_tree_file()` method.

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**set\_FVS\_variant** (*var*)

Sets FVS variant. This is need if converting from USDA plant symbols (PSME) to alpha codes (DF). If so, then all stand you wish to process must be of the same FVS variant

**Parameters** `var` (*string*) – FVS variant ('iec', 'emc' ...)

### 2.1.3 FuelCalc

**class** `fuels.FuelCalc` (*trees*)

Bases: `object`

This class implements various fuel calculation based on the FVS output.

**Parameters** `trees` (*comma-delimited file or pandas data frame of tree list*) – FVS output tree list

**calc\_bulk\_density** ()

Calculates crown bulk density based on crown volume and biomass weight

**calc\_crown\_volume** ()

Calculates crown volume based on geometry and crown dimensions

**cone\_volume** (*r, h*)

Returns the volume of a cone

**param r** radius

**type r** float

**param h** height

**type h** float

**return** volume

**rtype** float

$$\pi r^2$$

`rac{h}{3}`

**convert\_units** (*from\_to=1*)

Convert all units in data frame

**Parameters** `from_to` (*integer*) – 1 = english to metric; 2 = metric to english (default=1)

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**Note:** if this method is called more than once on the same instance of a data frame with the same conversion code a warning will be printed to the console

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**cylinder\_volume** (*r*, *h*)

Returns the volume of a cylinder

**Parameters**

- **r** (*float*) – radius
- **h** (*float*) – height

**Returns** volume

**Return type** float

$$\pi r^2 h$$

**frustum\_volume** (*R*, *h*, *r=0.5*)

Returns the volume of a frustum

**param r** small (top) radius

**type r** float

**param h** height

**type h** float

**param R** big (bottom) radius

**type R** float

**return** volume

**rtype** float

$$\frac{\pi h}{3} (R^2 + rR + r^2)$$

**get\_crown\_base\_ht** ()

Calculates crown base height for each tree based on crown ratio and tree height. This value is added to the data frame

$$h - (c_{ratio} h)$$

**get\_crown\_ht** ()

Calculates crown height for each trees based on crown ratio. This value is added to the data frame

$$c_{ratio} h$$

**get\_species\_list** ()

Return set of species existing in trees file supplied to constructor

**Returns** unique list of species

**Return type** list

---

**Note:** This methods is useful when assigning geometries by species. A user can first retrieve the species list then use it to assigne crown geometries

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**rectangle\_volume** (*w*, *h*)

Returns the volume of a rectangle

**Parameters**

- **w** (*float*) – width
- **h** (*float*) – height

**Returns** volume

**Return type** float

*wwh*

**save\_trees** (*save\_to*)

Write trees data frame to specified directory

**Parameters** **save\_to** (*string*) – directory and filename of file to save

**set\_crown\_geometry** (*sp\_geom\_dict*)

Appends crown geometry to each tree in the data frame conditional on species.

**Parameters** **sp\_geom\_dict** (*python dictionary*) – dictionary of species specific crown geometries

**Example**

```
>>> sp_dict = {'PIPO' : 'cylinder', 'PSME' : 'frustum'}
>>> fuels.set_crown_geometry(sp_dict)
```

## 2.2 Capsis module

This module is a Python wrapper for the Capsis Standfire suite. Currently Capsis' role in Standfire is to distribute the fuels present in the files generated by Fvsfuels. Capsis uses a pre-generated FDS grid file (.xyz) to place canopy and surface in a user defined domain. Capsis provides many options for placing these fuels. The pertinent arguments can be controlled through the Capsis RunConfig class. The Execute class is used to run Capsis. An up-to-date Java installation is required since Capsis run on a Java Virtual Machine.

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### 2.2.1 RunConfig

**class** capsis.**RunConfig** (*run\_directory*)

Bases: object

The Capsis RunConfig class is used to configure a capsis run.

**Parameters** **run\_directory** – desired path for Capsis run

**Run\_directory type** string

\*Example:#

```
>>> import capsis
>>> config = capsis.RunConfig('/path/to/capsis_run/')
>>> config.set_x_size(200)
>>> config.set_y_size(145)
>>> config.set_svs_base('stand_0001')
>>> config.set_crown_space(1.5)
>>> config.set_show3d('true')
>>> config.save_config()
```

**save\_config()**

This method uses the defined parameters to generate Capsis input files

**set\_crown\_space** (*space*)

Set the distance between crown for Capsis intervention

**Parameters** **space** – crown spacing in meters

**Space type** float

**set\_path** (*path*)

Sets path to Capsis run directory

**Parameters** **path** (*string*) – path to Capsis run directory

**set\_prune\_height** (*prune*)

Set the pruning height (vertical spacing between ground and crown) for a Capsis intervention

**Parameters** **prune** – pruning height

**Prune type** float

**set\_show3D** (*value*)

Set the boolean value of the show3D parameter in the Capsis run file. If true, Capsis will open a 3D displaying the simulation domain.

**Parameters** **value** – Truth value of the show3D parameter

**Value type** boolean

**set\_srf\_cbh** (*shrub\_cbh*, *herb\_cbh*)**set\_srf\_cover** (*shrub\_cover*, *herb\_cover*)**set\_srf\_dead\_load** (*shrub\_load*, *herb\_load*, *litter\_load*)**set\_srf\_dead\_mc** (*shrub\_mc*, *herb\_mc*, *litter\_mc*)**set\_srf\_dead\_svr** (*shrub\_svr*, *herb\_svr*, *litter\_svr*)**set\_srf\_height** (*shrub\_ht*, *herb\_ht*, *litter\_ht*)**set\_srf\_live\_load** (*shrub\_load*, *herb\_load*)**set\_srf\_live\_mc** (*shrub\_mc*, *herb\_mc*)**set\_srf\_live\_svr** (*shrub\_svr*, *herb\_svr*)**set\_svs\_base** (*base\_name*)

Sets the base file name for FVS/SVS fuel output files

**Parameters** **base\_name** (*string*) – base file name for fuel output files

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**Note:** Only the tree.csv file is required. If snags, cwd and scalar files exist in the same directory they will be used by Capsis when writing WFDS fuel inputs.

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**set\_x\_offset** (*offset*)

Set the x offset of the area of analysis

**Parameters** **offset** – x offset of the AOA

**Offset type** integer

**set\_x\_size** (*x\_size*)

Sets scene x dimension

**Parameters** `x_size` (*integer*) – size of scene in the x domain (meters)

---

**Note:** `x_size` must be greater than or equal to 64 meters

---

**set\_y\_offset** (*offset*)

Set the y offset of the area of analysis

**Parameters** `offset` – y offset of the AOA

**Offset type** `integer`

**set\_y\_size** (*y\_size*)

Sets scene y dimension

**Parameters** `y_size` (*integer*) – size of scene in the y domain (meters)

---

**Note:** `y_size` must be greater than or equal to 64 meters

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**set\_z\_size** (*z\_size*)

Sets scene z dimension

**Parameters** `z_size` (*integer*) – size of scene in the z domain (meters)

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**Note:** `z_size` must be greater than or equal to tallest tree in domain

---

## 2.2.2 Execute

**class** `capsis.Execute` (*path\_to\_run\_file*)

Bases: `object`

This class executes capsis according to the configuration from RunConfig. Capsis execution is platform agnostic

## 2.3 WFDS module

The wfds module is for configuring and running WFDS simulations. Use the WFDS class to setup the run. The WFDS class inherits the Mesh class, so meshes can be dealt with there.

Contents:

### 2.3.1 Mesh

**class** `wfds.Mesh` (*x, y, z, res, n*)

Bases: `object`

The Mesh class can be used to easily and quickly create FDS meshes.

**Parameters**

- **x** – X dimension of the simulation domain
- **y** (*integer*) – Y dimension of the simulation domain
- **z** (*integer*) – Z dimension of the simulation domain

- **res** (*integer*) – 3-space resolution prior to mesh stretching
- **n** – Number of meshes

**X type** integer

**N type** integer

*Example:*

```
>>> import wfds
>>> mesh = wfds.mesh(160,90,50,1,9)
>>> mesh.stretch_mesh([3,33], [1,31], axis='z')
>>> print mesh.format_mesh()
```

**format\_mesh()**

Formats mesh for WFDS input file

**Returns** formatted WFDS mesh

**Return type** string

**stretch\_mesh** (*CC, PC, axis='z'*)

Apply stretching to the mesh along the specified axis

**Parameters**

- **CC** (*python list*) – computation coordinates
- **PC** (*python list*) – physical coordinates

---

**Note:** CC and PC must have equal number of elements

---

**Example**

```
>>> mesh = Mesh(200, 150, 100, 1, 1)
>>> mesh.stretch_mesh([3,33], [1,31], axis='z')
>>> print mesh.format_mesh()
```

## 2.3.2 WFDS

**class** wfds.**WFDS** (*x, y, z, res, n, fuels*)

Bases: wfds.Mesh

This class configures a WFDS simulation. This is a subclass of Mesh and meshes are dealt with implicitly

*Example:*

```
>>> import wfds
>>> fds = wfds.WFDS(160, 90, 50, 1, 9, fuels)
```

**create\_ignition** (*start\_time, end\_time, x0, x1, y0, y1*)

Places an ignition strip at the specified location and generates fire at the specified HRR for the specified duration

**Parameters**

- **start\_time** (*integer*) – start time of the igniter fire

- **end\_time** (*integer*) – finish time of the igniter fire
- **x0** (*float*) – starting x position of the ignition strip
- **x1** (*float*) – ending x position of the ignition strip
- **y0** (*float*) – starting y position of the ignition strip
- **y1** (*float*) – ending y position of the ignition strip

---

**Note:** Ignition ramping is dealt with implicitly to avoid ‘explosions’

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**create\_mesh** (*stretch=False*)

Call the *stretch\_mesh()* method of the Mesh class

**Parameters** **stretch** – to stretch or not to stretch

**Stretch type** False or stretch arguments

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**Note:** See *Mesh.stretch\_mesh()* for setting the mesh arguments

---

**save\_input** (*file\_name*)

Save the input file. Include the desired directory in the string

**Parameters** **file\_name** (*string*) – path to and name of input file (.txt not .fds please)

**set\_hrrpua** (*hrr*)

Set the heat release rate per unit area for the ignition strip

**Parameters** **hrr** (*integer*) – heat release rate per unit area (kW/m<sup>2</sup>)

**set\_init\_temp** (*temp*)

Set the initial temperature of the simulation

**Parameters** **temp** (*float*) – temperature (celcius)

**set\_run\_name** (*name*)

**set\_simulation\_time** (*sim\_time*)

Set the duration of the simulation

**Parameters** **sim\_time** (*float*) – duration of the simulation (s)

**set\_wind\_speed** (*U0*)

Set the inflow wind speed

**Parameters** **U0** (*float*) – inflow wind speed (m/s)

### 2.3.3 Execute

**class** wfds.**Execute** (*input\_file, n\_proc*)

Bases: object

The Execute class runs the WFDS input file (platform agnostic)

**Parameters**

- **input\_file** (*string*) – path to and name of input file
- **n\_proc** (*integer*) – number of processors

### 2.3.4 Generate Binary Grid

**class** `wfds.GenerateBinaryGrid` (*x, y, z, res, n, f\_name, stretch=False*)  
 Bases: `wfds.Mesh`

This class is for generating binary FDS grid. Usefull for Capsis. Inherits the mesh class.

---

**Note:** See the `wfds.Mesh()` class for details

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## 2.4 Metrics module

This module contains class for calculating various metrics. These metrics are specific to the WFDS configurations used in Standfire, i.e. They probably won't work on all WFDS output direcotries.

Lots of work to do here. Work in progress.

Contents:

### 2.4.1 Rate of Spread

**class** `metrics.ROS` (*wdir, fuel\_1, fuel\_2, x\_diff*)  
 Bases: `object`

Calculates rate of spread (m/s)

# TODO: make subclass that reads the vegout files. Current each class reads them.

**get\_first\_burn\_time** (*fuel*)

Returns the time when the fuel begins to burn

**Parameters** *fuel* – The fuel that burns first

**get\_ros** ()

Returns the rate of spread in meters per second

### 2.4.2 Mass Loss

**class** `metrics.MassLoss` (*wdir*)  
 Bases: `object`

Calculates dry mass consumption

**get\_total\_mass\_loss** ()

**get\_tree\_files** ()

**read\_tree\_mass** ()

### 2.4.3 Wind Profile

**class** `metrics.WindProfile` (*wdir, slice\_file, t\_start, t\_end, t\_step*)  
 Bases: `object`

Calculates wind profile

```
get_wind_profile()
```

## 2.4.4 Heat Transfer

```
class metrics.HeatTransfer(wdir)
```

```
    Bases: object
```

```
    Calculates crown heat transfer
```

```
    get_tree_files()
```

```
    read_tree_conv()
```

```
    read_tree_rad()
```



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