# Some Fortran guidelines and pitfalls

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#### Introduction

**Portability Portability** It is rather easy to write a code that is *none standards*, *platform-dependent*, *architecture-dependent*, *compiler-dependent and library-dependent*. Writing a portable code takes more effort on the programmer's level but it has its benefits: robustness, re-usability and more users. You learn a lot and find a lot of bugs simply by using different compilers.

Strategies There is probably two main strategies to ensure portability: (i) using preprocessor directives or (ii) wrapping non-portable code in separate files. (i) Preprocessors directives are widely used, they are written close to the code which makes them easy to implement. The down side is they pollute the code and make it often very hard to read. Also, there is an inherent dependence on a specific preprocessor, and thus this reduces portability. The C-preprocessor is built-in in most compilers, and is probably the one that should be used if a preprocessor approach is chosen. (ii) Choosing to wrap non-portable code into separate files keeps the whole code perfectly readable. Further, the developers responsible for a given library, architecture or OS have only a few files to work with, the rest of the code being "universal". The down side is that it increases the number of source files and requires the "Makefile" or the "Project" to select the proper files. Also, not all the power of the preprocessor can be achieved in this way. This is for instance the case for decoration of procedures or data like bind(C) or DLLEXPORT (see subsection 1.14). A combination of both approaches is likely to be the optimal solution.

In this document The guidelines written in this document are an attempt to lean towards portability. The content of the document might evolve in the future. Wrapping of non-portable code into a separate module is the solution generally applied in this document. Different files are used to provide the different implementations of the interface of a given wrap-module. Portability modules are called Support\* and their source code is located in the folder \_support\*. For instance, the kind of a real is stored as MK in the SupportPrecision module (see subsection 1.10).

If recent standards offer options that helps portability, then this document will tend to favor these options despite the broken compatibility with regards to older compilers. This is the case for the bind(C) decoration which is very helpful for portability.

The following convention is used in this document:

! BAD PRACTICE ! GOOD PRACTICE

In this repository Preliminary attempts of "portable" modules and makefiles are provided in this repository. Most of the code originates from Omnivor's implementation. It used to be compatible linux/windows and gfortran/intel/compaq/sun/portland, though it was not fully tested recently. They are far from "universal" and will hopefully evolve in the future.

# 1 Recommendations

# 1.1 Files and modules: towards a modular library-oriented code

### Files and modules: general guidelines

- 1. Non-portable code should be placed in a separate directory to avoid polluting the "universal" code.
- Modules containing derived types definitions should not contain anything else: no data or routines (though parameters/constants can be fine). This seriously reduces the chances to run into circular dependencies problems.
- 3. Modules containing data should only contain this data: no types or routines. This reduces circular dependencies problems. This helps the identification of the data "stored" by the libraries. In fact, it's best to reduce data modules to a minimum (see next point).
- 4. Data modules should be avoided. In a "library"-like implementation, the "user" owns the data, not the library. The library is made of tools that manipulate the user's data but does not store anything. This makes the library thread safe and the code implemented can be more readily re-used.
- 5. Use one module per files, it makes it easier to find them and reduces circular dependencies problem.
- 6. The following structure can be adopted:
  - AirfoilTypes.f90 (contains no data)
  - AirfoilParams.f90 (contains compile time constants, e.g. to increase code readibility)
  - AirfoilTools.f90 (contains no data, manipulate derive type instances as arguments)
  - AirfoilData.f90 (fine, but the aim is to remove this module at the end, see point 4 above)
- 7. File extensions: Some OS are case-sensitive. Make sure you display file extensions in your file manager. It's good to stay consistent in the extension you use for your source files. It helps creating makefiles that can be used on any platforms. Some general conventions are:
  - .f90: Fortran 90 code
  - .f : Old fortran code
  - .F\*: Fortran code that needs a preprocessor or Template for code generator (e.g. cheetah)
- 8. Avoid having two files with the same name in your project. It's easier to implement makefiles then.

Modules: write implicit none in module only, it propagates to contained routines

```
module SupportCompiler
  implicit none
contains
  subroutine foo()
  implicit none ! Not needed
  end subroutine
end module
module SupportCompiler
  implicit none
  contains
  subroutine foo()
  subroutine foo()
  end subroutine
  end module
```

Modules: write explicit use-statements to avoid polluting your scope and help the reader

# 1.2 Declarations, initialization, allocations

Initialization: not in definitions but straight after (except for derived types, see subsection 1.6)

```
subroutine foo()
integer :: i = 0 !< implies save, bad!!!!
real(MK), pointer :: p=>null() !< idem
end subroutine

subroutine foo()
integer :: i
real(MK), pointer :: p
i=0 ! safe
nullify(p) ! safe
end subroutine</pre>
```

Finalizing in the definition implies the attribute save, it's very bad practice and can lead to disastrous surprises (see examples in \_unit\_tests). Save is in general a bad practice (like global variables).

Arguments declaration: use intent in declarations, except for pointers

```
function(x,y,i,p)
   ! Arguments
   real(MK) :: x !<
    real(MK) :: y !<
        integer :: i !<
        integer, pointer :: p !<
        ! Variables
end</pre>
function(x,y,i,p)
   ! Arguments
   real(MK), intent(in) :: x !< best
   real(MK), intent(out) :: y !< best
   integer, intent(inout) :: i !< best
   integer, pointer :: p
   ! Variables
end</pre>
```

More compiler optimizations can take place and errors detected at compilation time.

#### Initialization: always initialize after allocation

Compilers have flags to define the behavior of allocate (e.g. set to 0 or NaN). It's more portable not to rely on it. In statements and declarations, specifying the bounds explicitly is good practice: it reminds the reader of the dimensions, it helps the compiler, and bound mismatch can be found by the compiler.

#### Allocations: the safe way

```
allocate(x(1:10));
! Code above can crash with no backtrace
x(1:10)=0.0_MK

! or, using a wrapped function:
use MemoryManager, only: allocate_safe
call allocate_safe('x', x, 10, 0.0_MK)
```

Data declaration within module: use save and initialization

```
module A
 ! save is more or less implied
 integer :: i
 integer, pointer :: p
end module

module A
 ! good practice to write 'save', and init
 integer, save :: i = 0
 integer, save, pointer :: p => null()
end module
```

The value of i may be lost if the module becomes out of scope. In practice it doesn't occur, but it's just safe to write save... It's probably the only time the save attribute should be used. As mentionned in subsection 1.1, data modules are to be reduced to a minimal and it's best if they contain only data. Note: for common blocks, save should be used as well for the same reasons.

# 1.3 Stack pitfalls

Stack: do not use assumed size local variable in routines

The assumed size local variables are allocated on the stack and this might result in stack overflows or corruptions.

#### Stack: do not use intrinsic functions for large arrays/vectors (they sometimes use the stack)

```
maxval ! Examples of known functions
maxloc ! acting on array/vector that can use
pack ! the stack (e.g. Intel compiler)

! Instead, write your own custom function
! using a for loop and no assumed size!
! See e.g. PackFunction in folder _tools
```

Segmentation faults can result from not following this guideline (if your stack is indeed too small).

#### Stack: linux systems

```
ulimit -s unlimited
```

### 1.4 If-statements / comparisons

#### If-statements: logical comparison

```
if(my_logical.eq.your_logical) print*,'bad'
if(my_logical.eq..true.) print*,'bad'
if(my_logical.eq..false.) print*,'bad'
if(my_logical) print*,'good'
if(not.my_logical) print*,'good'
```

For logical comparison .eqv. should be used. Most of the time, it can be omitted.

# If-statements: real equality comparison

In the above, ex1 is alright but not so readable. Ex1b uses a wrapped function that can be placed e.g. in the SupportPrecision module. Ex2 is more "physical": x and 12 are compared assuming the typical physical scale of the problem is 1. Indeed, the machine precision for a given real value is different depending on the real kind (here MK) and the absolute value.

#### If-statements: there is no assumed order of evaluation (example here for optional argument)

```
if (present(x) .and. x>0) then
  ! Compiler might evaluate x>0 first
  ! =>Segfault if x is not present
endif
if (present(x)) then
  if (x>0) then ! safe
  endif
endif
```

# 1.5 Do loops and memory order

Do loops: first index should runs the fastest to respect memory order

```
      do i=1,n
      do j=1,m ! bad, j run the fastest
      do i=1,m ! good

      a(i,j)=1.0_MK
      a(i,j)=1.0_MK

      enddo
      enddo
```

Memory: typical array dimensions for 3D geometry

```
real(MK), dimension(n,3) :: Points ! bad real(MK), dimension(3,n) :: Points ! ok
```

Do loops: iteration on reals are bad practice

```
do x=0._MK, 10._MK, 0.1_MK

! Bad practice
! use loop on integer instead
```

# 1.6 Derived types

Derived types: use initializations, especially for pointers, always =>null() them

```
type T_mytype
  real(MK), pointer :: p
  integer :: i
end type
type T_mytype
  real(MK), pointer :: p=>null() !< always!
  integer :: i=0 !< safe to rely on it
end type
```

Components initialization is standard.

Derived types: component access

```
T.i = 0 ! . is not standard | T%i = 0 ! % is OK
```

Derived types: deallocate the components before the parent

```
type T_mytype
                                                   type T_mytype
  real(MK), pointer :: p=>null()
                                                     real(MK), pointer :: p=>null()
end type
                                                   end type
11...1
                                                   ![...]
type(T_mytype), pointer :: t
                                                   type(T_mytype), pointer :: t
nullify(t)
                                                   nullify(t)
![...]
                                                   ![...]
if (associated(t)) then
                                                   if (associated(t)) then
                                                       if (associated(t%p)) deallocate(t%p)
   deallocate(t) ! potential memory loss
                                                       deallocate(t) ! fine
endif
                                                   endif
```

# Derived types: automatic code generation

A bit of advertisement here, simple-fortran-parser can generate automatic code for derived types (like read-/write to binary, init/dealloc).

#### 1.7 Characters

Characters: use the len specification

```
character*16 :: s ! not standard | character(len=16) :: s
```

Characters: use the len specification for arguments

```
function f(s)
  character*(*) :: s ! akward character array
end

function f(s)
  character(len=*), intent(in) :: s
end
```

Characters array: it's best to used fixed length for old compilers

#### Characters: retrieving a string from C

# 1.8 Arrays

#### Arrays: array construct with double dot is not standard

### Unroll loops for large arrays

```
M(1:3,1:n)=0.0_MK ! n is a large number

! Unrolled loop (segfault observed otherwise)
do i=1,n
M(1:3,i)=0.0_MK
enddo
```

Depending on the compiler and the compiler version, the code on the left may result in a segmentation fault without obvious reason, this can be hard to debug. Unrolling loops when manipulating large arrays is highly recommended. See also the stack pitfalls subsection 1.3

#### 1.9 File IO

#### Unit value: don't use a fixed value

```
open(99, ...) ! what if 99 is already opened?
read(99)
use MainIO, only: get_free_unit()
iunit=get_free_unit()
open(iunit, ...)
read(iunit)
```

MainIO is defined in \_tools

#### Binaries with direct access (e.g. Mann box): watch for the record length, wrap it in a module!

```
!
open(iunit,file='u',recl=1,& !no standard
access='direct',form='unformatted',&
status='old')

use SupportCompiler, only: RECORD_LENGTH
open(iunit,file='u',recl=RECORD_LENGTH,&
access='direct',form='unformatted',&
status='old')
```

Unfortunately, there is no standard for what recl should be. For intel and compaq by default recl=1. For gfortran (or intel with the flag -assume byterecl) recl=4

Binaries with stream access (e.g. VTK bin): not available on old compilers

```
open(iunit, 'a.dat', form='UNFORMATTED', &
    access = 'stream', action = 'WRITE', &
    convert='BIG_ENDIAN')
use SupportCompiler, only: open_stream_write
call open_stream_write('a.dat')
!
```

#### Namelists: fine for derived types, but no pointers or allocatable.

```
type T_RandomVar ! No pointers or allocatables
   character(len=56)
                      :: sname = ''
   real (MK)
                      :: value = 0. MK
   type(T_Stats)
                      :: stats ! No pointers or allocatables
end type
real(MK), dimension(4)
                         :: moments = (/0._MK,0._MK,0._MK,0._MK/)
end type
![...]
type(T_RandomVar) :: RandomVar
![...]
namelist/RandomVarInputs/RandomVar
read(iunit,RandomVarInputs,iostat=ierr)
```

#### STOP and return status:

```
STOP -1 ! not supported by Compaq !
```

# 1.10 Precision

#### Precision: in general, use a custom module

```
use SupportPrecision, only: MK, PK
real*8
integer(int_ptr_kind())
integer(PK)
```

The syntax \*8 is depreciated. It is convenient if you need a real that takes exactly 8 bytes, but still, it's depreciated (see next paragraph). Note that real\*8 and real(8) have no reason to be the same (the kinds are compiler dependent). int\_ptr\_kind is convenient to support multiple architecture (32/64bits) but is not standard (hence the SupportPrecision module).

# Precision: If you really want to precise the size in bytes (8 bit)

```
real*4, real*8, integer*4, integer*8 use iso_fortran_env real(REAL32), real(REAL64) integer(INT32), real(INT64)
```

The syntax \*4 is depreciated. The iso\_fortran\_env module is not available on old compilers => Use a Support-Compiler module wrapped in a SupportPrecision module. See \_supportPrecision.f90 subsection 3.2

#### Precision: If you need to communicate with C (recommended for DLLs)

```
real
double precision
integer
character
logical

use iso_c_binding
real(C_FLOAT)
real(C_DOUBLE)
integer(C_INT)
character(kind=C_CHAR)
logical(C_BOOL)
```

The iso\_c\_binding module is not available on old compilers => Use a SupportCompiler module wrapped in a SupportPrecision module. See \_supportPrecision.f90 subsection 3.2

### Precision: use explicit type conversions (with compiler warnings)

```
!
real*4 :: x
double precision :: y
![...]
y = x !implicit type conversion
use SupportPrecision, only: MPI_DOUBLE, MK
real(MK) :: x
real(MPI_DOUBLE) :: y
![...]
y = real(x, MPI_DOUBLE) ! explicit conversion
```

# 1.11 Operating System and filesystem

A lot of fortran builtin routines are cross-platform. The main problems can be found when creating directories and inquiring about files. Compilers have some non-standards extensions. Cross platform solutions can easily be implemented. The solution advised here is to put OS-specific parameters (like commands, and slash) in a module

SupportSystem (see folder \_support) which is then included by a FileSystem module (in folder \_tools).

Checking if a file exist: do not use stat, it's not standard, use the old inquire

```
integer :: iFileExist
                                                 logical :: bFileExist
iFileExist=stat(filename,info_array)
                                                 inquire(file=filename, exist=bFileExist)
if (iFileExist/=0) then
                                                 if (.not.bFileExist) then
! file does not exist
                                                  ! file does not exist
 ! file exists
                                                   ! file exists
endif
                                                 endif
                                                 ! Or even better: use a wrapped function
                                                 use FileSystem, only: file_exists !see
                                                                                          tools
                                                 if(.not.file_exists(filename)) then
                                                 ! [..]
```

#### 1.12 Makefile

Makefiles are convenient to compile code on multiple platforms using different compilers and libraries. The current repository contains examples in the \_\mkf folder. MakefileOS.mk attempts to detect the OS and architecure and unify OS-specific parameters. MakefileFortran.mk attempts to unify Fortan compiler flags.

# 1.13 Preprocessor

This section presents some generalities about preprocessors and examples of cases where the preprocessor directives can be replaced by wrapped code in separate modules. Examples where this approach is not possible are found in subsection 1.14. As mentioned in the introduction, relying on a preprocessor is not really portable and the wrapped approach should be preferred whenever possible. Also, the C-preprocessor being the most used one, it's best to use this one.

#### Macros

The most used feature is something of the form if defined MACRO then ... endif. The string MACRO is defined by the compiler or the user. Macros are defined on the command line using -DMACRO. Since it is a compiler variable intended to be defined in the entire scope of the program, a convention is to surround the macro name with double underscores, e.g. \_\_dtu\_\_ (see POSIX standard and ANSI-C standards). For a list of predefined macros for Compilers/OS/Archi: http://sourceforge.net/p/predef/wiki/Home/

Given the variability of definitions, it is advised to always (re)define the macros that your are using on the command line: e.g. -D\_\_linux\_\_, -D\_WIN32, D\_\_intel\_\_, D\_\_compaq\_\_,D\_\_amd64\_\_,D\_\_i386\_\_. For instance -D\_\_linux\_\_ is not defined by gfortran on linux.

# C-Preprocessor

The C-Preprocessor is supported by: intel, gfortran, compaq, sun, pgi portland.

Macros are case sensitive.

```
gfortran: -cpp: use C-preprocessor, -E -dM: show preprocessor macros ifort: -fpp: use C-preprocessor, -E -dM -dryrun: show preprocessor macros sun: -xpp: use C-preprocessor pgf90: -Mpreproc: use C-preprocessor
```

#### DEC-Preprocessor

The DEC-Preprocessor is supported by: intel and compaq. Macros are **case in-sensitive**.

#### **GNU-Preprocessor**

```
The GNU-Preprocessor is supported by: gfortran. It is only used to define ATTRIBUTES, it doesn't support if defined. !GCC$ ATTRIBUTES DLLEXPORT :: init
```

# Preprocessor: Examples where preprocessor directives can be removed

```
!DEC$ IF DEFINED(__HDF5__)
    call hdf5_init()
!DEC$ END IF
use SupportHDF5, only: hdf5_init()
call hdf5_init()
!
```

```
! C preprocessor

#if defined _WIN32
    call mkdir_windows('fold')

#elif defined _unix__
    call mkdir_linux('fold')

#endif

! FileSystem is found in _tools, it uses
    SupportSystem
use FileSystem, only: system_mkdir

call system_mkdir('fold')

!
```

A possible variation (not as clean):

```
! C preprocessor

#if defined _WIN32
!do something
#elif defined _unix__
!do another thing
#endif

use SupportSystem, only: OSNAME

if (OSNAME(1:7) == 'windows') then
!do something
elseif if (OSNAME(1:5) == 'linux') then
!do another thing
endif
```

The if statements will not affect performances since they relies on compile time constants. Compiler optimization should remove dead-code and dead-if statements. This method cannot be used around "use" statements or routines declarations.

# 1.14 DLLs, cross-language interoperability

- -For C-strings see subsection 1.7 and the file CStrings.f90
- -For C-types see subsection 1.10

# Procedure names/alias: bind(C) is really convenient, but not supported by Compaq

```
subroutine init(array1)
!DEC$ ATTRIBUTES C, ALIAS:'init'::init

subroutine init(array1) bind(C,name='init')
!
```

The code on the left is standard 2003, cross-platform, cross-compiler, preprocessor-independent and just easy to use. The only down side is that the Compaq compiler does not support it. Note: for dllexport it makes it easier if the subroutine name and the bind-name are the same. NOTE: An array dummy argument of a BIND(C) procedure must be an explicit shape (dimension(n), dimension(n,m)) or assumed size array (dimension(\*), dimension(lda,\*)). If it's an assumed size array, the size of the array is not computable and thus the upper bound should always be precised, i.e. A(1,:) should be something like A(1,1:n)

#### Procedure exports for dll: the problem of the def file

```
subroutine init(array1) bind(c,name='init')
!DEC$ IF .NOT. DEFINED(__LINUX__)
!DEC$ ATTRIBUTES DLLEXPORT ::init
!GCC$ ATTRIBUTES DLLEXPORT ::init
!DEC$ END IF
subroutine init(array1) bind(C,name='init')

! Generate the def file yourself
```

The code above is not compatible with old compilers like Compaq due to the bind(C) directive. The code on the left should work for Intel and GCC but it relies on preprocessor directives. The code on the right is clean and portable. It requires more work on the windows users since the .def file needs to be written. A dll interface is not expected to change that often, so the work is not that heavy. The python tool simple-fortran-parser can generate the .def automatically based on all the bind(C) subroutines it finds in the code.

#### Procedure exports for dll: a more-or-less portable way

```
#if defined OLD_COMPILER
                                                  #if defined OLD_COMPILER
subroutine init(array1)
                                                  subroutine init(array1)
!DEC$ ATTRIBUTES C, ALIAS: 'init'::init
                                                   !DEC$ ATTRIBUTES C. ALIAS: 'init'::init
#else
subroutine init(array1) bind(c,name='init')
                                                  subroutine init(array1) bind(c,name='init')
#endif
                                                  #endif
!DEC$ IF .NOT. DEFINED(__LINUX__)
!DEC$ ATTRIBUTES DLLEXPORT ::init
!GCC$ ATTRIBUTES DLLEXPORT ::init
                                                    Generate the def file yourself
!DEC$ END IF
```

The above should work with compaq,intel,gcc on windows and linux as long a C preprocessor flag is given to the compilers (i.e. -fpp or -cpp) and as long as the Compaq compiler defines the flag -DOLD\_COMPILER. On linux with gfortran the -Wno-attributes could be use to avoid the warning.

# 2 Compilers

Preprocessor directives defined by compilers to identify themselves (see \_unit\_tests/preproc): \_\_INTEL\_COMPILER, \_\_GFORTRAN\_\_, \_DF\_VERSION\_

#### Compaq

```
Setup the path: call dfvars.bat (32 bits)
```

The script is likely located in:

C:\Program Files\Microsoft Visual Studio\Df 98\BIN

If you see messages like "cannot find dfort.lib" then you probably didnt run dfvars.bat.

If you see messages like "LINK: fatal error .. /ignore:505" then you probably didnt run dfvars.bat.

#### Visual studio C compiler

```
Setup the path:
call vcvarsall.bat x86 (32bit)
call vcvarsall.bat amd64 (64 bits)
The script is likely located in:
C:\Program Files (x86)\Microsoft Visual Studio 10.0\VC
```

# Intel fortran

```
Setup the path:
call ifortvars.bat ia32 vs2010 (32 bits)
call ifortvars.bat intel64 vs2010 (64 bits)
The script is likely located in:
C:\Program Files (x86)\Intel \ComposerXE -2011\bin
```

# 3 Support files

# 3.1 Compiler (example for intel)

#### ../\_support/SupportCompiler\_intel.f90

```
module SupportCompiler
  implicit none
!
  integer, parameter :: IPTRK=int_ptr_kind() !< for pointers
  integer, parameter :: RECORD_LENGTH=1    !< for direct access binaries
!
  integer, parameter :: ISTR_LEN = 64 !< parameter for ease of comparison of parameter-strings
  character(len=ISTR_LEN), parameter :: FORTRAN_COMPILER='ifort'</pre>
end module
```

### 3.2 Precision

# ../\_support/SupportPrecision.f90

```
module SupportPrecision
    ! Compiler interface to iso_c_binding
   use SupportISO, only: C_FLOAT, C_DOUBLE, C_CHAR, C_INT, C_BOOL
   use SupportISO, only: C_INTPTR_T, C_NULL_FUNPTR
    ! Compiler interface to iso_fortran_env
   use SupportISO, only: REAL32, REAL64, INT32, INT64
    ! Compiler interface to int_ptr_kind
   use SupportCompiler, only: IPTRK
   integer, parameter :: R4 = REAL32
                                        ! 32 bits
   integer, parameter :: R8 = REAL64
                                        ! 64 bits
   integer, parameter :: SP = kind(1e0)! "Single precision"
    integer, parameter :: DP = kind(1d0)! "Double precision"
   integer, parameter :: MK = C_DOUBLE ! MK stands for My Kind
contains
    ! --
```

```
subroutine print_precision_kinds()
       print*, 'C_INT
                       ',C_INT
       print*,'C_FLOAT
                           ',C_FLOAT
       print*,'C_DOUBLE
                           ',C_DOUBLE
                          , C_CHAR
       print*,'C_CHAR
       print*,'C_BOOL
                          ',C_BOOL
       print*,'INT32
                           ',INT32
       print*,'INT64
                           ',INT64
                          , REAL32
       print*,'REAL32
       print*,'REAL64
                           , REAL64
       print*,'SP
                           ', kind(1e0)
       print*,'DP
                           ',kind(1d0)
       print*,'C_INTPTR_T ',C_INTPTR_T
print*,'C_NULL_FPTR ',C_NULL_FUNPTR
       print*,'IPTRK
                        ',IPTRK
   end subroutine
   ! Below we have functions for MK, DP, SP (no interface is used because redundancy is possible
   ! --- MK, default
   logical function precision_equal(x,y) result(b)
       real(MK), intent(in) :: x,y
       b=.not.precision_different(x,y)
   end function
   logical function precision_different(x,y) result(b)
       real(MK), intent(in) :: x,y
       b = abs(x -y) > 0.0_MK
   end function
   ! --- Double precision
   logical function precision_equal_dp(x,y) result(b)
       real(DP), intent(in) :: x,y
       b=.not.precision_different_dp(x,y)
   end function
   logical function precision_different_dp(x,y) result(b)
       real(DP), intent(in) :: x,y
       b = abs(x -y) > 0.0_MK
   end function
   ! ------
   ! --- Single precision
   logical function precision_equal_sp(x,y) result(b)
       real(SP), intent(in) :: x,y
       b=.not.precision_different_sp(x,y)
   end function
   logical function precision_different_sp(x,y) result(b)
       real(SP), intent(in) :: x,y
       b = abs(x -y) > 0.0_MK
   end function
end module
```

# 3.3 Sytem (example for linux)

# ../\_support/SupportSystem\_linux.f90

```
!> Contains Parameters/Data that are system/architecture specific, autogenerated by Makefile
module SupportSystem
  implicit none
!LINUX
  character(len=10), parameter :: OSNAME = "linux"
  character(len=1), parameter :: SLASH = '/' !< Path separator.
  character(len=1), parameter :: BADSLASH = '\' !< Bad slash
  character(len=1), parameter :: SWITCH = '-' !< switch for command-line options.
  character(len=20), parameter :: COPY = "cp "
  character(len=20), parameter :: RENAME = "mv "
  character(len=20), parameter :: REMOVE = "rm -f "
  character(len=10), parameter :: MKDIR = "mkdir -p "</pre>
```

# 3.4 C Strings

# ../\_tools/CStrings.f90

```
module CStrings
   implicit none
contains
    subroutine cstring2fortran(s_c,s)
        use SupportPrecision, only: C_CHAR
         character(kind=C_CHAR,len=1),dimension(*),intent(in) :: s_c
         character(len=*),intent(inout):: s
         integer :: i
         loop_string: do i=1,len(s)
             if (s_c(i) == CHAR(0)) then
                  exit loop_string
             else
                 s(i:i) = s_c(i)
             end if
         end do loop_string
         if(i==1) then
            s=''
         else
            s = s(1:(i-1))
             s = trim(s)
         endif
    end subroutine
    subroutine fortranstring2c(s_f,s_c,n)
         use SupportPrecision, only: C_CHAR
         character(len=*),intent(in):: s_f
         \label{lem:character} character(\texttt{kind=C\_CHAR}\,,\texttt{len=1})\,, \texttt{dimension}\,(*)\,, \texttt{intent}\,(\texttt{inout}) \;:: \; \texttt{s\_c}
         integer, intent(out), optional :: n
        integer :: i
         loop_string: do i=1,len(s_f)
             if (s_f(i:i) == CHAR(0)) then
                  exit loop_string
                 s_c(i) = s_f(i:i)
             end if
         end do loop_string
         if(present(n))then
            n=i-1
         endif
    end subroutine
end module
```