dictionaries and lists can be expanded even if they already exist in the same yaml file by using the add\_ feature

### **Syntax**

```
add_<list>:
    - <element-n+1>
    - <element-n+2>
...
```

#### **Behavior for dictionaries**

- The information contained in the add\_ is merged to the targed dictionary complementarily
  - New variables and nested dictionaries are created if missing
  - Existing data is overwriten by that of the add\_dictionary

#### **Behaviour for lists**

New elements are added to the end of the list

#### **Use cases**

- In the configuration files, dictionaries, such as namelist\_changes, can contain the default configurations that need to be always used
- In the same configuration file, one can for example, nest an add\_namelist\_changes inside a choose\_ block to add special configuration for that particular case

### **Example**

```
fesom-2.1.yaml
choose_icb_code:
    True:
    add_namelist_changes:
        namelist.config:
        icebergs:
        use_icebergs: "${use_icebergs}"
        use_icesheet_coupling: "${use_icesheet_coupling}"
        steps_per_ib_step: 8
```

#### **Recommendations**

- In the runscripts, use always add\_namelist\_changes instead of namelist\_changes
  - add\_namelist\_changes are common in choose\_ blocks
  - The adds inside choose\_ blocks are resolved after baking the information of the configuration files
  - That means that if the variables that you are trying to change in the runscript are also included inside an add nested in a choose\_block in the configuration files, if you don't use add\_ in the runscript, the ones from

the choose\_ will win

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```

### **Example**

```
your_runscript.yaml
fesom:
    icb_code: True
    namelist_changes:
        namelist.config:
        icebergs:
        steps_per_ib_step: 3
```

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### ESM-Parser bakes the information across all the yamls used

### **Example**

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your_runscript.yaml
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```

#### **ESM-Parser resolves the chooses**

### **Example**

```
your_runscript.yaml
fesom:
    icb_code: True
    namelist_changes:
        namelist.config:
        icebergs:
        steps_per_ib_step: 3
```

### **ESM-Parser resolves the add**

```
finished_config.yaml
fesom:
    namelist_changes:
    namelist.config:
        icebergs:
        use_icebergs: "${use_icebergs}"
        use_icesheet_coupling: "${use_icesheet_coupling}"
        steps_per_ib_step: 8
    icb_code: True
```

### **Example**

```
your_runscript.yaml
fesom:
    icb_code: True
    add_namelist_changes:
        namelist.config:
        icebergs:
        steps_per_ib_step: 3
```

### ESM-Parser bakes the information across all the yamls used

```
finished_config.yaml
fesom:
    choose_icb_code:
        True:
        add_namelist_changes:
             namelist.config:
             icebergs:
             use_icebergs: "${use_icebergs}"
             use_icesheet_coupling: "${use_icesheet_coupling}"
             steps_per_ib_step: 8

icb_code: True
namelist_changes:
    add_namelist.config:
    icebergs:
    steps_per_ib_step: 3
```

### **Example**

```
your_runscript.yaml
fesom:
    icb_code: True
    add_namelist_changes:
        namelist.config:
        icebergs:
        steps_per_ib_step: 3
```

### **ESM-Parser resolves the chooses**

```
finished_config.yaml
fesom:
    add namelist changes:
        namelist.config:
            icebergs:
                use icebergs: "${use icebergs}"
                use icesheet coupling:"${use icesheet coupling}"
                steps per ib step: 8
    icb code: True
                                         This add_namelist_changes wins
    add namelist changes:
                                         because it comes from the runscript!
         namelist.config:
             icebergs:
                                         (higher in the information hierarchy)
                  steps per ib step: 3
```

### **Example**

```
your_runscript.yaml
fesom:
    icb_code: True
    add_namelist_changes:
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fesom:
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    icb_code: True
```

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```

#### **Note**

add\_ only works at the first level of indentation inside a section

```
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    icb_code: True
    add_namelist_changes:
        namelist.config:
        icebergs:
        steps_per_ib_step: 3
```

```
your_runscript.yaml
fesom:
    icb_code: True
    namelist_changes:
        add namelist.config:
        icebergs:
        steps_per_ib_step: 3
```

Or, in a file that has no sections (component config files)

```
fesom-2.1.yaml
icb_code: True
add_namelist_changes:
    namelist.config:
    icebergs:
    steps_per_ib_step: 3
```

Or inside a choose\_