

# MMX TOOLKIT V0.1.0 USERS GUIDE

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## SYSTEM CONFIGURATION

**MacBook Pro** (Mac14,7) Apple M2  
maxOS Monterey Version 12.6.3  
Cores 8 (4 performance and 4 efficiency)  
Memory 24 GB

**R** version 4.1.3 (2022-03-10) -- "One Push-Up"  
Copyright (C) 2022 The R Foundation for Statistical Computing  
Platform: x86\_64-apple-darwin17.0 (64-bit)  
Libraries: sys, rJava, ENMeval, raster, MASS, dismo, Hmisc, paletteer, colorRamps, usdm, ncdf4, rgdal, gganimate, gifski, png, animation, tidyverse, rtsVis, spatialEco, terra, pals, plyr, scales, rgbif, stringi

**RStudio** 2022.07.1+554 "Spotted Wakerobin" Release  
(7872775ebddc40635780ca1ed238934c3345c5de, 2022-07-22) for macOS  
Mozilla/5.0 (Macintosh; Intel Mac OS X 12\_6\_3) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko)  
QtWebEngine/5.12.10 Chrome/69.0.3497.128 Safari/537.36

**Java** OpenJDK Version "20.0.2" 2023-07-18  
OpenJDK Runtime Environment (build 20.0.2+9-78)  
OpenJDK 64-Bit Server VM (build 20.0.2+9-78, mixed mode, sharing)

**Python** 3.9.12 (main, Apr 5 2022, 01:53:17)  
[Clang 12.0.0] :: Anaconda, Inc. on darwin  
Libraries: os, sys, subprocess, time, shutil, random, csv, datetime, time, numpy

**MaxEnt** Maximum Entropy Species Distribution Modeling  
Version 3.4.1

## MMX TOOLKIT CONTENTS / DIRECTORY STRUCTURE

bash	Bash shell scripts, numbered for cross-reference with this guide.
data	Occurrence and predictor data sets, for use as examples and testing.
Guide.pdf	MMX Users Guide
Guide.R	MMX Users Guide R script
MMX	MERRA/Max variable selection programs and directories.
R	R scripts, numbered for cross-reference with this guide.
resources	Required program resources and other helpful background documents.

## TIME SERIES PROCESSING

### 1) SET UP SYSTEM DIRECTORIES (Manual step)

- a) Symbolic links -- This is a manual step. Install the MMX\_Toolkit and create an MMX\_Experiment directory in locations of your choosing, then create symbolic links from your home directory to these two locations. For example, from my home directory ~/ I see:  
~/MMX\_Experiment -> /Users/myname/MMX-Project/MMX-Experiments/Exp000  
~/MMX\_Toolkit -> /Users/myname/MMX-Project/MMX-Development/MMX\_Toolkit\_V0.1.0
- b) Configuration file -- Copy the \_mmx\_config file from the ~/MMX\_Toolkit/resources directory to the new ~/MMX\_Experiment directory and edit the file as needed to configure for the current run.

### 2) PREPARE DATA

(This is a semi-automatic step. It works best to do data prep as a separate, preliminary step.)

- a) Occurrence files -- Run `~/MMX_Toolkit/R/02a_get_occurrences.R` to assemble a collection of GBIF observations for each five-year interval of the time series. The script makes a connection to the GBIF server and can be flaky at times but keep trying. Fill in the \_mmx\_config configuration file's GBIF\_TAXON\_KEY and SPECIES\_NAME fields to specify the data to be gathered. A list of potential species of interest is provided in the `~/MMXToolkit/resources/species_list.txt` file. Results are delivered to the directory specified in \_mmx\_config's OF\_DST\_DIRECTORY field. The default name of the output directory is the GBIF species taxon key + species name. If years in the specified range lack data, the script crashes; try again with a narrowed range of TEMPORAL\_EXTENT\_START\_YR and TEMPORAL\_EXTENT\_STOP\_YR years. After download, you may want to thin the observations or apply other treatments before proceeding. The download creates a full collection of yearly files; the files that you want to use for further processing at the five-year aggregates with the name "OF-year.csv" ...
- b) MERRA-2 Predictors -- Run `~/MMX_Toolkit/R/02b_m2_ws_builder.R` to build a working\_set collection of MERRA-2 predictors for each five-year interval of the time series. The script draws from a base\_collection of .nc files as specified in the \_mmx\_config file's BASE\_COLLECTION field. Results are delivered to the directory specified in \_mmx\_config's WS\_DST\_DIRECTORY field. The default name of the output directory is the GBIF species taxon key + species name.
- c) MERRAclim-2 Predictors -- Run `~/MMX_Toolkit/R/02c_mc_ws_builder.R` to build a working\_set collection of MERRAclim-2 predictors for each five-year interval of the time series. The script draws from a base\_collection of .tif files as specified in the \_mmx\_config file's BASE\_COLLECTION field. Results are delivered to the directory specified in \_mmx\_config's WS\_DST\_DIRECTORY field. The default name of the output directory is the GBIF species taxon key + species name. (This version of MERRAclim-2 uses MERRA-2's t2m max and min and the prectotcorr observation-corrected precipitation estimate.)

### 3) SET UP ENM TIME SERIES RUN

- a) Experiment directories -- Run `~/MMX_Toolkit/bash/03a_create_exp_directories.sh`. This will create the experiment's top-level directories.
- b) Populate time series directories -- Run `~/MMX_Toolkit/bash/03b_populate_ts_directories.sh`. This will create the time series second-level directories and populate the occurrence\_file and working-set directories prepared in Step 2.

### 4) BUILD ENM TIME SERIES

- a) Variable selection -- This step uses MMX (MERRA/Max) to screen for the top ten most contributory variables in each of the time series five-year interval's working\_set of predictors. It can take a lot of time depending on the number of available cores and the size of the working sets. Run `~/MMX_Toolkit/bash/04a_mmx_select_vars_local.sh` to process the entire time series on the local host; run with a year parameter from the command line to process a single five-year interval. Results are placed in each interval's selection\_set directory. (The current version of the MMX Toolkit performs selection on the local host only.)

- b) Variable linting – This step removes NA-rich variables from the selection\_set. The step is optional and not generally used. If used, run `~/MMX_Toolkit/R/04b_linter.R` and repeat as needed until the collection is "clean." Results reside in the selection-set folder with deleted variables indicated by a .xxx file name extension.
  - c) Covariance reduction -- Run `~/MMX_Toolkit/R/04c_reducer.R` to remove colinear variables in the selection\_set collection. Results are deposited in the model\_set directory.
  - d) Time series build -- Run `~/MMX_Toolkit/R/04d_timeseries_builder.R` to find optimal MaxEnt tuning parameters and generate a final model for each time interval. Results are deposited in the model directory.
- 5) SET UP TREND ANALYSIS RUN**
- a) Trend analysis directories -- Run `~/MMX_Toolkit/bash/05a_setup_ta_directories.sh`. This will create ENM and VAR trend analysis directories and populate the ENM directory with predictors. (This version of the MMX Toolkit performs trend analysis on the suitability time series only.)
- 6) RUN ENM TREND ANALYSIS**
- a) Theil-Sen trend -- Run `~/MMX_Toolkit/R/06a_enm_theilsen_trend.R` to find the Theil-Sen trend in predicted environmental suitability over the ENM time series.
- 7) SET UP VELOCITY ANALYSIS RUN**
- a) ENM velocity analysis directories -- Run `~/MMX_Toolkit/bash/07a_setup_va_directories.sh` to create the ENM velocity analysis directory. (This version of the MMX Toolkit performs velocity analysis on the suitability time series only.)
- 8) RUN ENM VELOCITY ANALYSIS**
- a) ENM (biotic) velocity -- Run `~/MMX_Toolkit/R/08a_enm_velocity.R` to find the bioclimatic velocity over the ENM time series.
- 9) COLLECT RESULTS**
- a) Gather run results -- Run `~/MMX_Toolkit/bash/09a_collect_results.sh` to collect run results and place them in the Summaries directory.

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