

ECMWF training course - 2014

Compiling environment - ecgate

Practical examples.

NOTES:

1. Use "gfortran"
2. **Use ecgate - not** your local desktop system.
3. Work interactively or in batch mode (using sbatch and the '.cmd' files, when available).
4. See slides, man pages or online documentation.
5. Some job examples are available under:

www.ecmwf.int/services/computing/job_examples/ecgate/

6. Create a subdirectory for this practical session, e.g.
% **cd \$SCRATCH**
% **tar xzvf ~trx/intro/ecgate-compiling-practicals.tar.gz**
% **cd ecgate-compiling-practicals**
7. A single Makefile is available for all the exercises below.

EXERCISE 1 (Compiling, linking)

Can you try to write, compile and run the famous "Hello whoever" program? A sample program 'hello.f' is available in the directory. If you have your own "reasonably sized" code, why don't you use it instead?

Try to compile the code manually with gfortran. After that, If you want to use the Makefile for the compilation, run 'make hello' to compile the code. Did you use the same line?

EXERCISE 2 (Creation of libraries)

Can you adapt primecheck.cmd to create (and use) your own library containing the function "prime"? The files primecheck.f and prime.f are available in the directory. Edit the makefile to include the necessary code to produce the static library and the executable. The compilation and linking should then work when running 'make primecheck'. When that works, try to produce and use the dynamic library instead.

EXERCISE 3 (Usage of libraries)

The GRIB API library is used to decode GRIB data, e.g., extracted from MARS. This library is called in Retrieve_decode_grib_api.cmd. BUFR data will be decoded using the EMOSLIB library. See job example Retrieve_decode_bufc.cmd. The sample data files are available (grib_file

contains the GRIB data and bufr_file contains the BUFR data).

The source code files grdemo.f90 and bfdemo.f90 are available in the directory. If you use the Makefile, run 'make grdemo' or 'make bfdemo'. Can you compile (and run) the GRIB and/or BUFR decoding programs, modifying the Makefile with the appropriate instructions?

Note that BUFR decoding will be covered later this week.

EXERCISE 4 (Basic Debugging)

Please compile and run the program 'debug.f'. Again, try to include the required code to be able to compile the code with 'make debug'. How would you try to stop this program earlier or get more information about the problem?

EXERCISE 5 (Profiling – 'optimisation')

Getting back to the second exercise (codes prime.f and primecheck.f), can you measure how long the program takes to run?
Which compilation option could you try out first to speed up this program?
Can you try to use it?