# **Namelist and Code Modifications**

**Part 1: Namelist Modifications** 

**Part 2: Code Modifications** 

Part 3: Exercises and Quiz

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# "I can only show you the door. You're the one that has to walk through it"

(The Matrix, 1999)



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Overview of CESM directories before create\_newcase

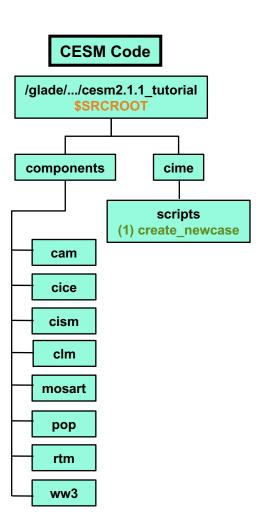
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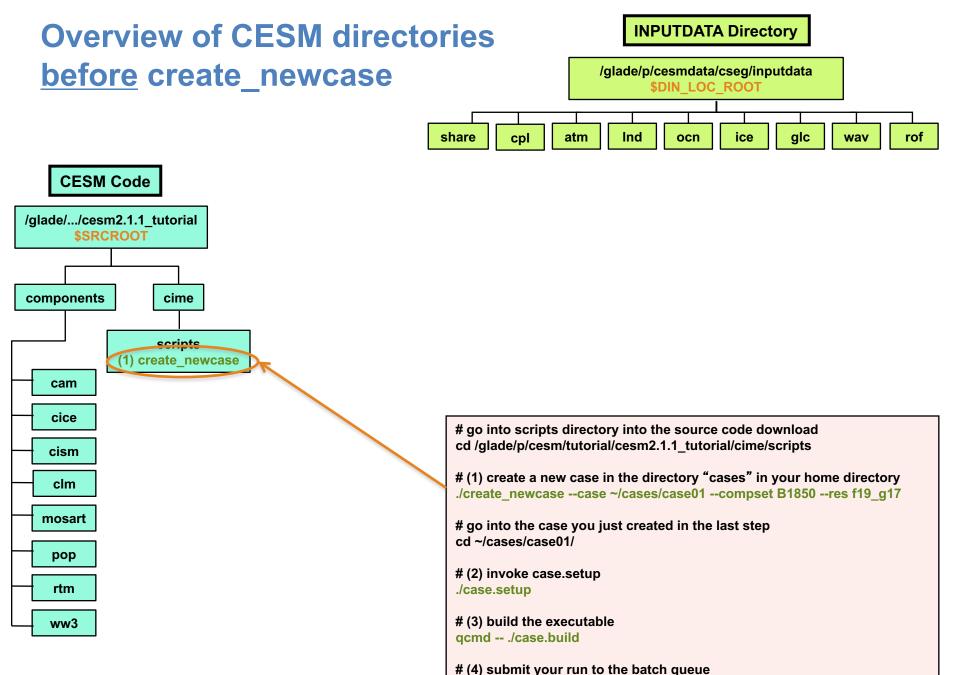
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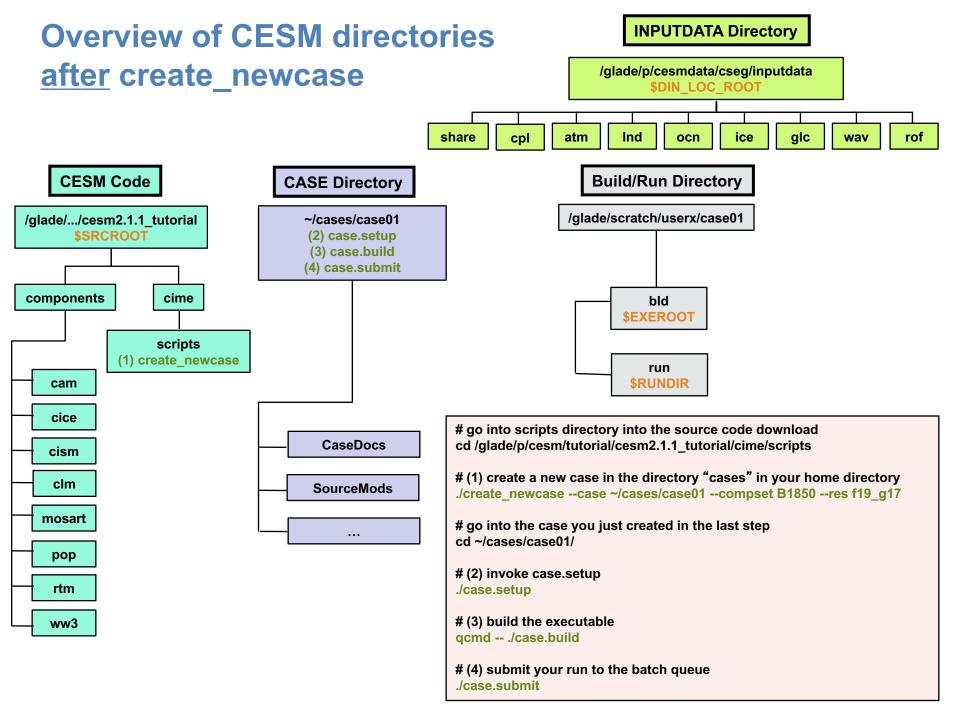
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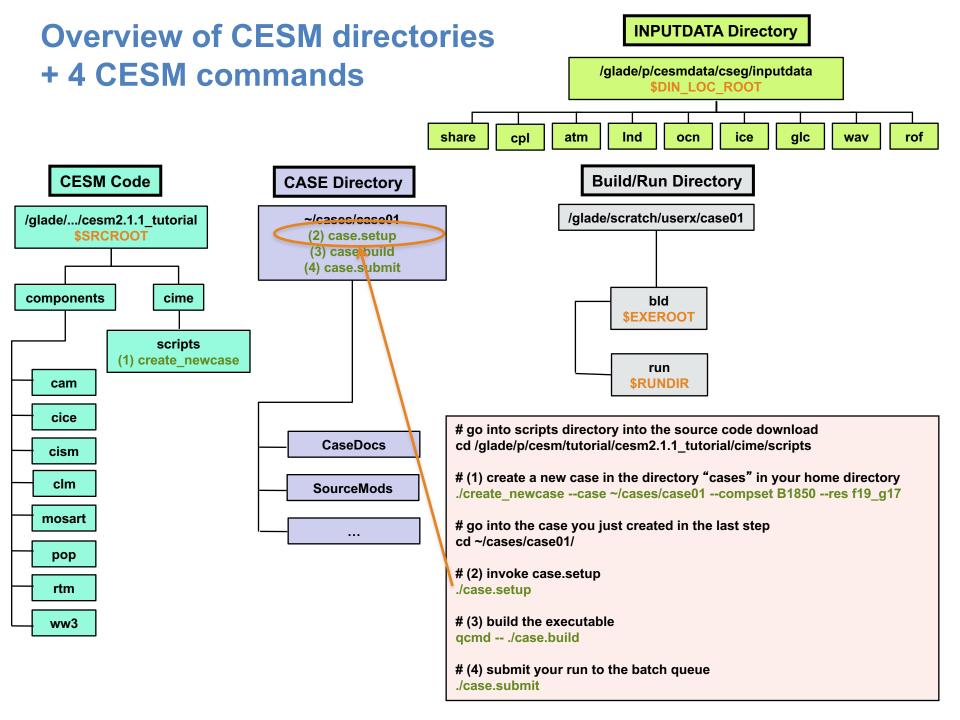
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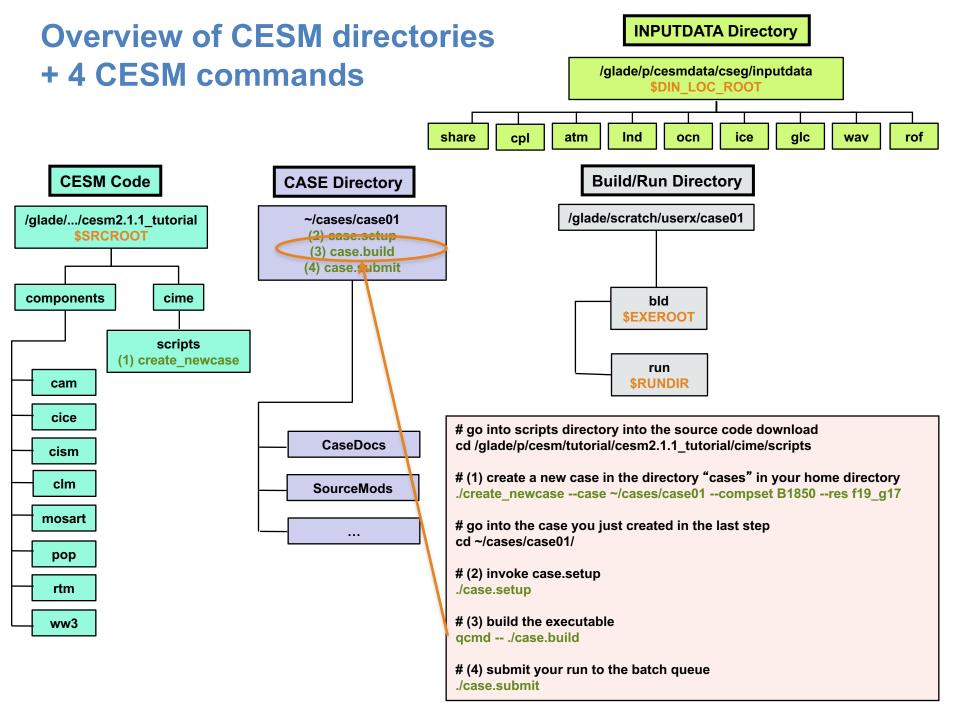
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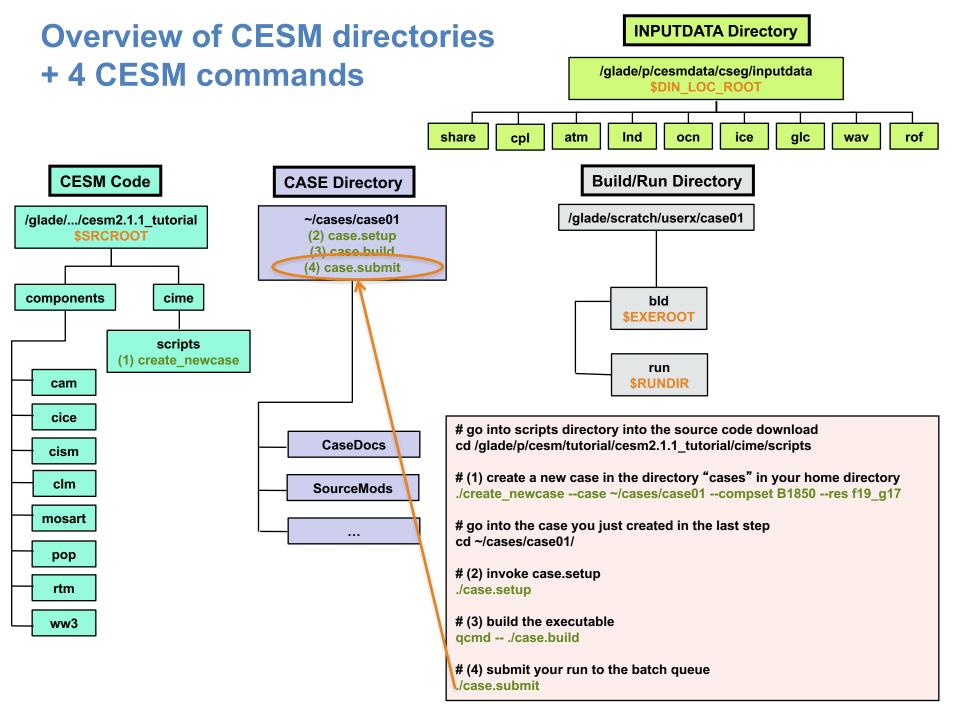


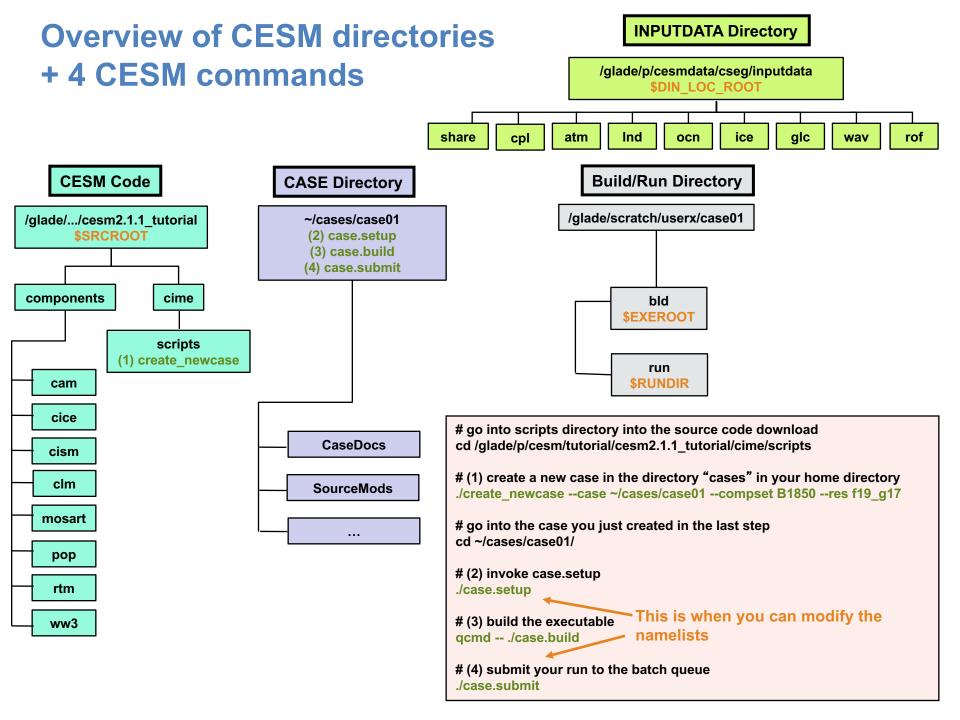
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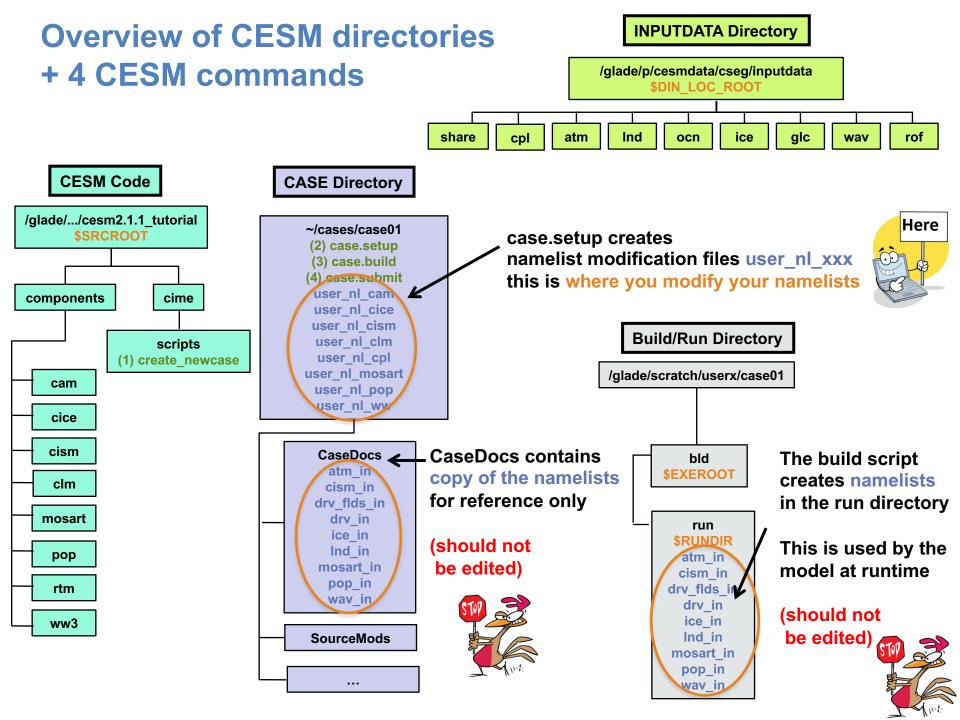












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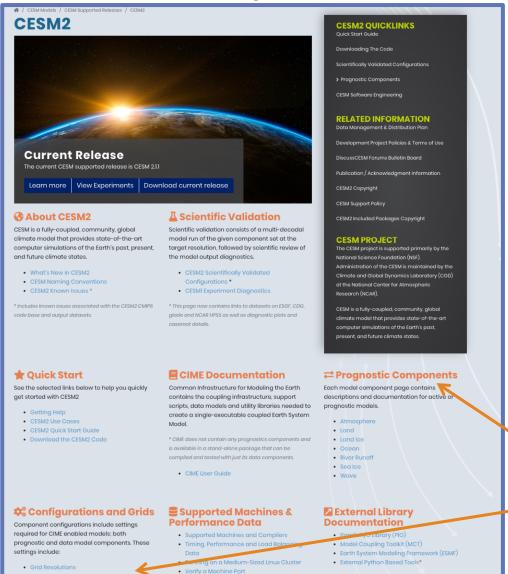




## Where to find info about namelists?

\* Support for these tools is currently limited to NCAR n

http://www.cesm.ucar.edu/models/cesm2



Component Sets

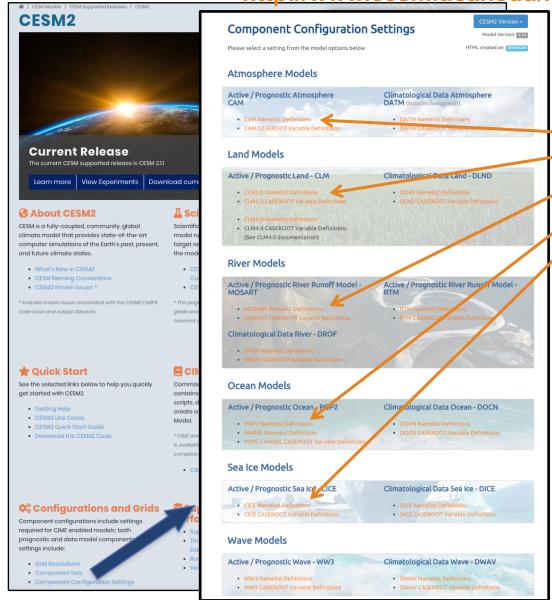
Component Configuration Settings

In "Prognostic Components" or in "Components Configuration Settings", you can find information about namelist variables in:

"Component Fortran Namelist settings"

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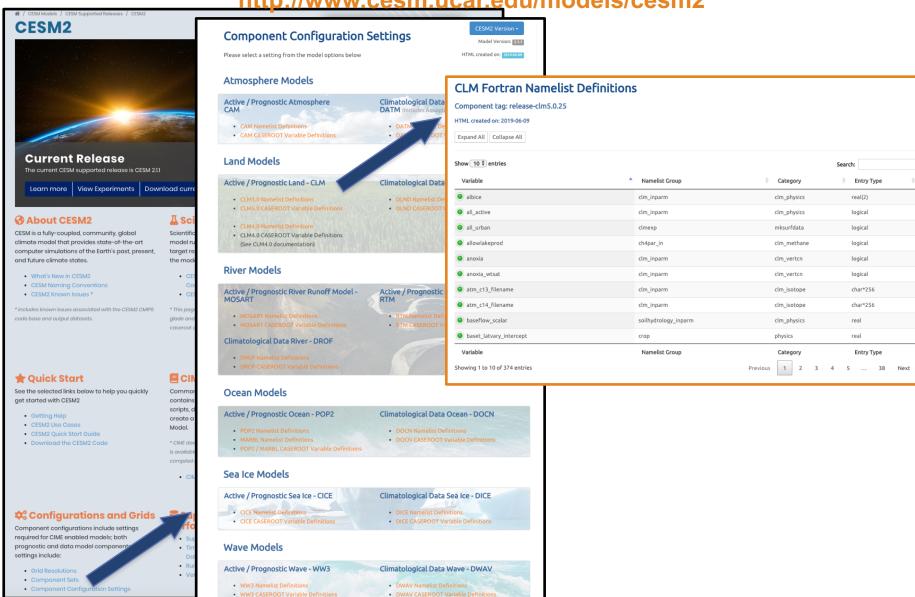
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Namelist definitions for every component

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# Let's change the output frequency in CAM\*\*

By default, CESM outputs monthly average history files but you can output at other frequency.

For instance: to change the output frequency of a CAM history file from monthly average to daily average, we use the namelist variable: nhtfrq=-24

\*\* In this tutorial, examples will be coming from the atmospheric model. Concepts are transferable to other model components.

# **Customizing CAM history files**

## In this section, we will cover:

- how to change the output frequency
- how to output extra variables
- how to output extra history files
- how to control the number of time samples written to a history file

### This can be achieved with 3 namelist variables:

- nhtfrq: sets the output frequency
- fincl: add variables to the history file
- mfilt: maximum number of time samples written to a history file

# **Customizing CAM history files: nhtfrq**

The default history file from CAM is a monthly average.

We can change the output frequency with the namelist variable *nhtfrq* If nhtfrq=0, the file will be a monthly average If nhtfrq>0, frequency is input as number of timesteps. If nhtfrq<0, frequency is input as number of hours.

For instance to change the history file from monthly average to daily average, we set the namelist variable:

nhtfrq = -24

# **Customizing CAM history files: mfilt**

To control the number of time samples in the history file, we can use the variable *mfilt* 

For instance, to specify that we want 10 time samples on each history file, we set the namelist variable:

```
mfilt = 10
```

For instance, if we output daily data for a 1 year run:

*nhtfrq* = -24 *mfilt* = 365

=> 1 history file with 365 time samples

nhtfrq = -24 => 365 history files with 1 time sample mfilt = 1

NB: we cannot change mfilt for monthly frequency.

For monthly frequency, we always have: mfilt = 1

# **Customizing CAM history files: fincl**

You can output up to 10 history files: "h0", "h1", ..., "h9".

The file "h0" contains the default variables (in the code: "call add\_default"). This includes the variables necessary for the AMWG package.

For the files "h1" to "h9", the user has to specify the variables to output.

To control the list of fields in the history files h0 h1 ... h9 we can use the namelist variables fincl1 fincl2 ... fincl1

For instance, the line:

fincI1 = 'PRECT'

is used to add the field 'PRECT' to the file "h0"

# **Customizing CAM history files: fincl**

Using a ":" following a field gives the averaging flag for the output field.

## Valid flags are:

A ==> Average

B ==> GMT 00:00:00 average

I ==> Instantaneous

M ==> Minimum

X ==> Maximum

L ==> Local-time

S ==> Standard deviation

## For instance, the line:

fincI1 = 'PRECT:M'

is used to add the minimum of 'PREC' to the file "h0"



# **Example of customizing history files**

For instance, what happens if we set:

```
finc12 = 'T:I', 'Q:I', 'U:I', 'V:I'

nhtfrq = 0, -3

mfilt = 1, 8
```

In addition to the monthly history file "h0", we output the file "h1" with instantaneous values of T, Q, U, V we output these variables every 3 hour We have 8 time samples in each h1 file (we create a new file every day)

NB: If you plan to run the AMWG diagnostic package, it is recommended to leave the "h0" file untouched and to add extra history files

# Outputting high frequency data in other components

Here is a few variables to control output frequency of land, ice and ocean

#### **CLM**

hist\_nhtfrq: output frequency of the history file

hist\_mfilt: number of samples on each history file

hist\_fincl: adding variables and auxiliary history files

### **Example**

user\_nl\_clm to output 4 extra history files with daily, six-hourly, hourly, and every time-step values of TG and TV (leaving the primary history files as monthly):

```
hist_fincl2 = 'TG', 'TV'
hist_fincl3 = 'TG', 'TV'
hist_fincl4 = 'TG', 'TV'
hist_fincl5 = 'TG', 'TV'
hist_nhtfrq = 0, -24, -6, -1, 1
```

http://www.cesm.ucar.edu/models/cesm2/settings/current/clm5\_0\_nml.html

# Outputting high frequency data in other components

#### CICE

histfreq: Frequency of output written to history files ('1', 'm', 'd', 'y', ...)

histfreq\_n: Frequency history data is written to history files

hist\_avg: if false => instantaneous values

if true => time-averages

### **Example**

user\_nl\_cice to output an extra history file with daily values (leaving the primary history file as monthly):

```
histfreq = 'm','d','x','x','x'
histfreq_n = 1,1,1,1,1
```

See: http://www.cesm.ucar.edu/models/cesm2/settings/current/cice\_nml.html

# Outputting high frequency data in other components

#### POP2

```
tavg_freq = frequency at which the model fields are written
tavg_freq_opt = units of time for 'tavg_freq' ('nmonth', 'nhour', 'once',...)
tavg_file_freq = frequency at which the model files are written
tavg_file_freq_opt = units of time for 'tavg_file_freq' ('nmonth', 'nhour', ...)
http://www.cesm.ucar.edu/models/cesm2namelists/pop2_nml.html
```

For instance, to output a timeseries of daily averages bundled into a monthly file:

```
tavg_freq_opt = 'nday'
tavg_freq = 1
tavg_file_freq_opt = 'nmonth'
tavg_file_freq = 1
```



Changing tavg\_nml variables is non standard
Do not modify these variables directly in user\_nl\_pop2
Use the workaround explained in user\_nl\_pop2

# **Part 2: Code Modification**

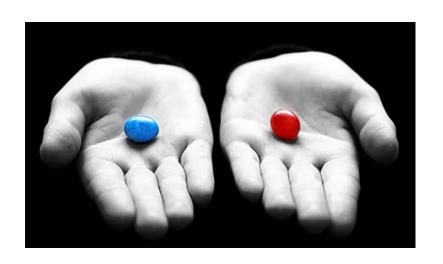
In this section, we will learn how to do simple code modifications such adding a new variable







# Your choice: The Red Pill or the Blue Pill



The Matrix (1999): Neo, the main character is offered the choice between a red pill and a blue pill.

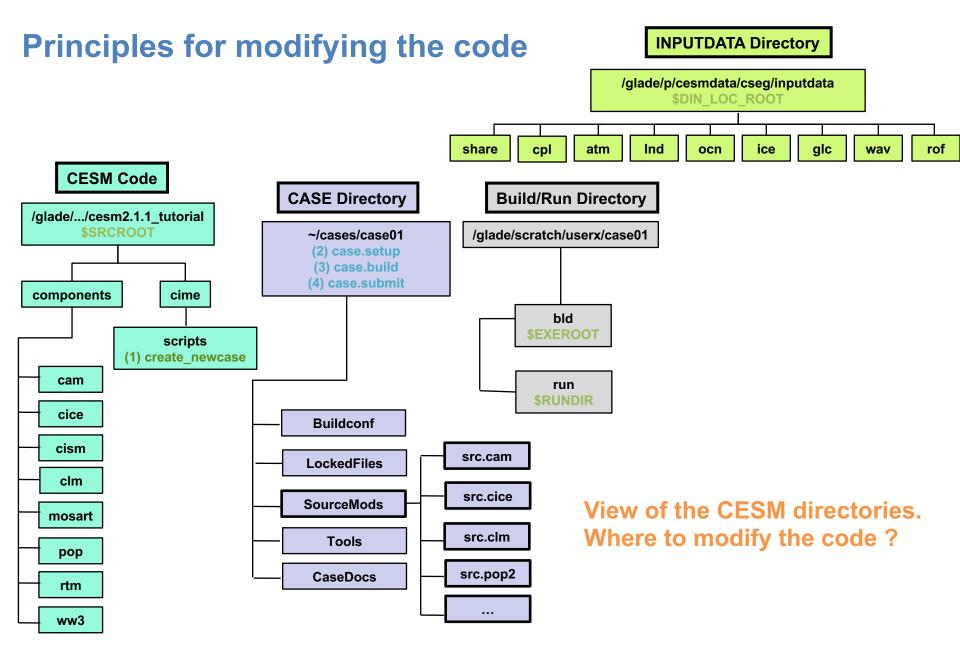
-The blue pill would allow him to remain in the Matrix (a fictional computer-generated world)

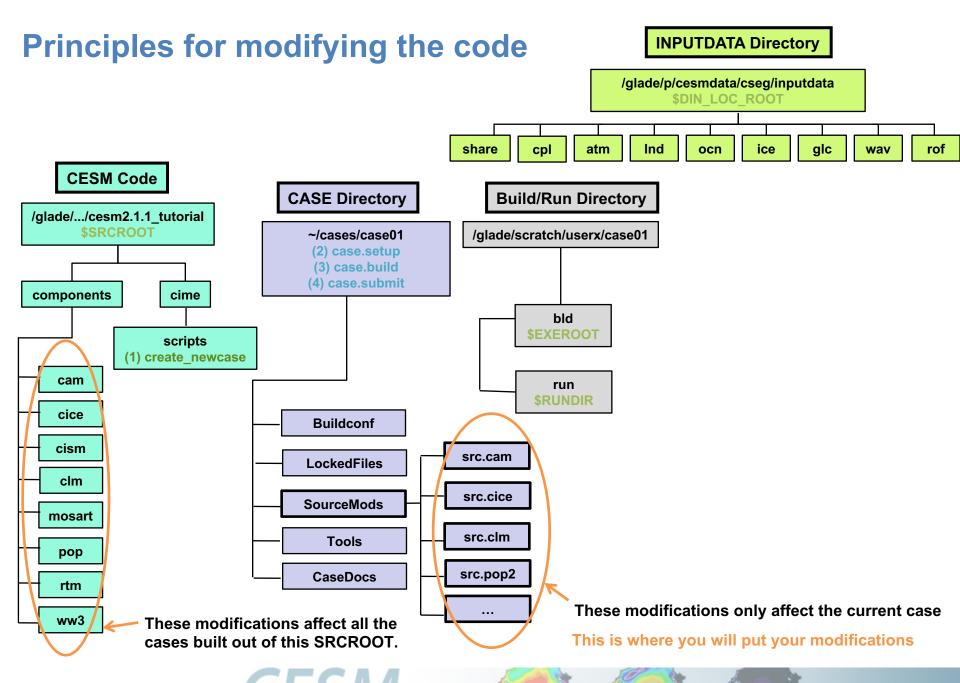


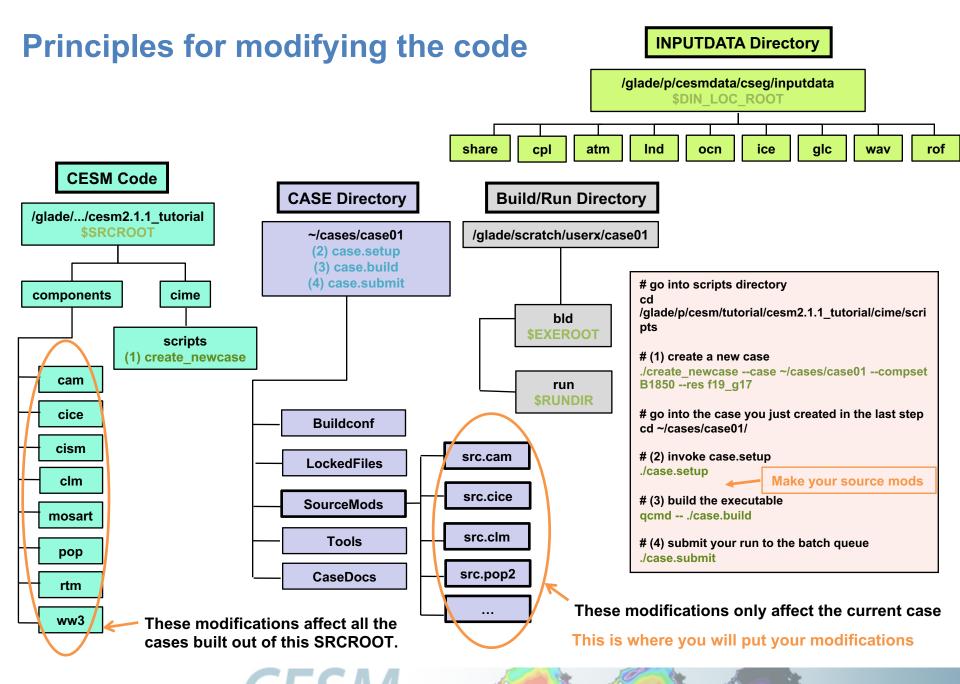
-The red pill would lead to his "escape" from the Matrix into the real world and embracing the sometimes painful truth of reality.



Courtesy: Andrew Gettelman







# Modifying a subroutine

## Steps to modify the code:

- Find the subroutine you want to modify
- Copy this subroutine in SourceMods
- Make your mods
- Compile and run the model

# Output an extra variable

- One common thing you may want to do is to add code to output a new variable
- For instance, CAM has a field to output the temperature at 500 mbar (T500) but not at 750mb.

Let's add a field to output the temperature at 750 mbar (T750)

## This can be done by a succession of calls:

# Syntax: addfld

### addfld = Add a field to master field list

Field name

Units

Single level:1
multi-level: pver or pverp

Subroutine addfld (fname, units, numlev, avgflag, & long\_name, decomp\_type, [Optional arguments])

Averaging flag:
A = average
I = instantaneous

Field full name De (ph

Decomposition type (phys\_decomp or dyn\_decomp)

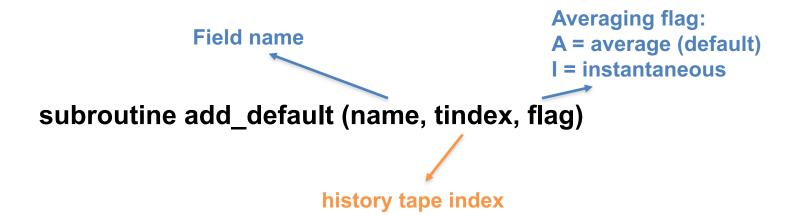
There are several optional arguments (not covered here. See documentation for more information about optional arguments)

## **Example:**

call addfld ('T500', 'K',1,'A','Temperature at 500 mbar pressure surface', phys\_decomp)

# Syntax: add\_default

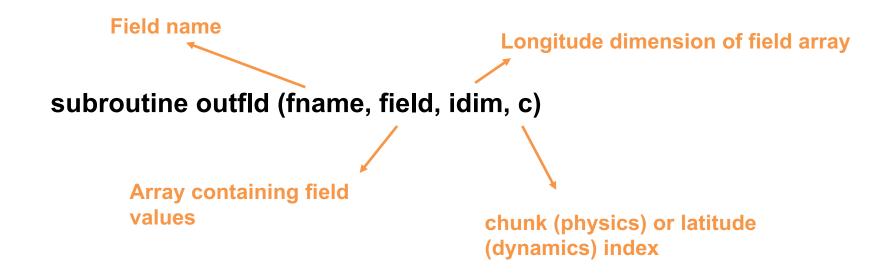
add\_default = Add a field to the list of default fields on history file



Example: call add\_default ('T500', 1, ' ')

# Syntax: outfld

outfld = accumulate (or take min, max, etc. as appropriate) input field into its history buffer for appropriate tapes



## **Example:**

call outfld('T500', cld, pcols, lchnk)

# Where to find help?

## http://www.cesm.ucar.edu/models/cesm2

#### CESM Models | CESM2



#### About CESM2

CESM is a fully-coupled, community, global climate model that provides state-of-the-art computer simulations of the Earth's past, present, and future climate states.

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#### CESM2 Quicklinks

Ouick Start Guide

Downloading The Code

Scientifically Validated Configurations

> Prognostic Components

#### Related Information

Data Management & Distribution Plan

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CESM2 Included Packages Copyright

#### **CESM** webpage is a gold mine

for model documentation

- resolution, followed by scientific review of the model output diagnostics. CESM2 Scientifically Validated Configurations
  - Experiment Diagnostics

Scientific validation consists of a multi-decadal model

Experiment Output Datasets \* ☑

A Scientific Validation

run of the given component set at the target

\* Please see CESM2 Scientifically Validated Configurations for data download details.

#### ★ Quick Start

See the selected links below to help you quickly get started with CESM2

- Getting Help
- CESM2 Quick Start Guide
- Download the CESM2 Code

**♥** Configurations and Grids

Component configurations include settings required

for CIME enabled models; both prognostic and data

model components. These settings include:

#### CIME Documentation

Common Infrastructure for Modeling the Earth contains the coupling infrastructure, support scripts, data models and utility libraries needed to create a single-executable coupled Earth System Model.

- \* CIME does not contain any prognostics components and is available in a stand-alone package that can be compiled and tested with just its data components
- CIME User Guide 2

Each model component page contains descriptions and

- Atmosphere
- Land Ice
- Sea Ice
- Wave

#### 

- River Runoff

documentation for active or prognostic models.

- Ocean

#### Supported Machines & Performance Data External Library Documentation

- Supported Machines and Compilers
- Performance and Load Balancing Data
- Running on a Medium-Sized Linux Cluster
- Verify a Machine Port

- Parallel I/O Library (PIO)
- Model Coupling Toolkit (MCT)
- Earth System Modeling Framework (ESMF)
- External Python Based Tools \*

If you cannot find an answer in the model documentation, post your question on the

**CESM Bulletin Board** 

## **Exercise Overview**



• Exercise 1: Namelist modification

Customize your history output

Exercise 2: Namelist + Code modification
 Add a new output field to the code

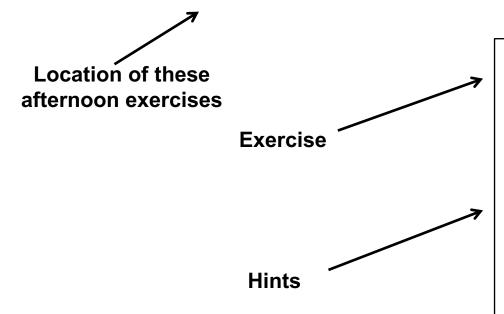
• Exercise 3: Change a tuning parameter

# **Exercise Overview**



## Find the exercises on the CESM tutorial webpage:

http://www.cesm.ucar.edu/events/tutorials/2019/files/Practical4-exercise-hannay.pdf



And ... solutions

#### Exercise 2: Add an output field

Create a case called "b1850\_T750" using the compset B1850 at f19\_g17 resolution.

- Add an output field for the temperature at 750 mbar.
- Output daily values of T750 and T500 in the "h1" history file.
- Set the namelist to output a single h1 for the run.
- Make a 1-month run.

#### Hints for exercise 2

Use T500 as a template for your changes.
Find the subroutine containing T500 using grep -r T500 \*

When the run is completed, go to your archive directory:

- check the fields T750 and T500 are in the file h1
- create a file with the difference between T750-T500
- For instance, you can use ncap2 ncap2 -s 'T750\_minus\_T500=T750-T500' b1850\_T750.cam.h1.0001-01-01-00000.nc T750-T500.nc
- Look at the difference with neview.





At the request of previous year students, I am providing the solution.

## My own recommendation:

DON'T LOOK AT THE SOLUTIONS DURING THE LAB!!!

#### I believe:

- You will only learn if you try the exercises by yourself.
- You will only learn if you do mistakes.
- Copy/paste will teach you little, indeed.
- Your best bet is to try, do mistakes, ask your neighbor, interact with each others, look at the documentation, try to understand what is wrong...

But this is my own opinion, and I am too old to believe I know the Truth. So do what is best for you. Go to the next page at your own risk 😉

# If you are sure you want to look at the solutions, click on the button...



# Quizzes

At the end of the practical, please go to the online course and take the quiz. <a href="http://www.cesm.ucar.edu/events/tutorials/2019/quizzes.html">http://www.cesm.ucar.edu/events/tutorials/2019/quizzes.html</a>

To answer the questions, you can use documentation, ask questions to others or to the helper. Indeed you are strongly encouraged to do all the above. This is the way you will use CESM in the future.

How are you graded? You can take the quizzes as many times as you want, I only retain your highest score. But please try to understand your mistakes.

If you cannot complete the quiz by the end of the practical session, you have until August 16 to complete the quizzes. If you get a <u>perfect score</u>, you will get a <u>certificate of awesomeness</u>.

"Special prize" for those who get a perfect score before Friday morning!!!



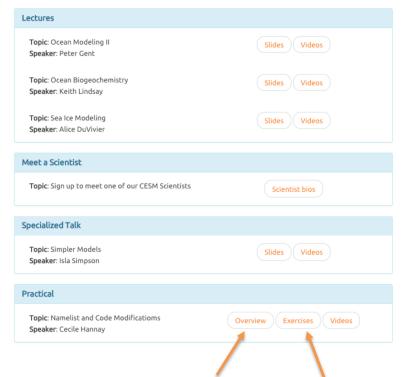




# Where to find stuff?

## http://www.cesm.ucar.edu/events/tutorials/2019/

#### Thursday, August 8



Lab overview (these slides)

Exercises/Solutions

#### **Tutorial Details**

- Dates: 05 09 August 2019
- Location: NCAR Mesa Lab, Boulder, CO [More info]
- Registration: \*Closed 08 March 2019

#### **Tutorial Links**

- . Agenda: View the agenda in pdf format
- . Announcement: Information about the event and how to apply to the tutorial
- · Prerequisites: Please complete the following activities to ensure you are prepared for the tutorial
- Coursework: View the sciences presentations and the labs exercices.
- Quizzes: Access your daily quiz.
- Visitor Vireless: How to access the UCAR Visitor Wireless

#### Quizzes

#### 2019 CESM Tutorial: Daily Quizzes

#### One-time registration/enrollment

To gain access to your daily quiz, you need to either use your existing account or create an account on the COMETMetEd website and then enroll in "CESMTut\_2019". This is a one-time painless process.

Directions for those without existing accounts on COMET/MetEd (meted.ucar.edu)

- 1. Go to https://www.meted.ucar.edu
- 2. Click "Sign Up" located to the left the "Sign In" button.
- 3. Provide all required information and then click "Create Account" at the bottom of the page.
- Go to https://courses.comet.ucar.edu/course/view.php?id=226
- 5. Scroll to the bottom of the Enrollment options page. Enter the enrollment key "CESMTut\_2019" (without quotes), then click the "Enroll Me" button.
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Feel free to take the quiz anytime during the lab session or even after the lab session. For instance, you can take the quiz while you are waiting for the model to compile or your run to complete. However, please refrain from taking the quiz before your daily lab session. We might need to modify the quiz just before the lab session, and we would need to erase your attempts.

The goal of the quizzes is to challenge your knowledge and to create a learning experience. You can take the quiz as many times as you want. During the quiz: Feel to talk to your neighbor, to ask questions to your instructor, to look into the documentation.

Good luck ! And don't forget to have fun.