

# ecCodes BUFR encoding

Fortran 90 and Python API - part 1

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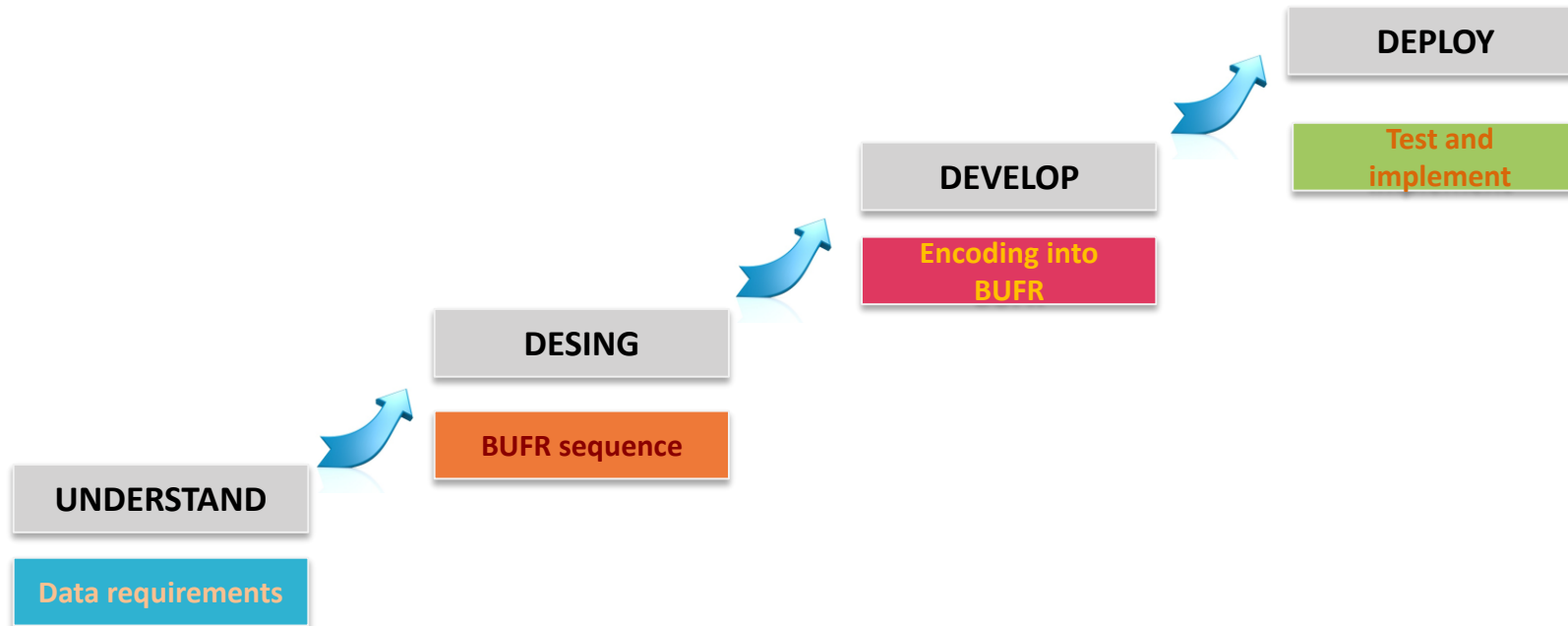
# Introduction:

- Fortran 90 subroutines to encode BUFR data
- Python subroutines to encode BUFR data
- Practical examples

# Encoding data into BUFR file



WMO Code-Tables combine authoritative definitions with encoding information unit of measure and precision, derived from 'scale', 'reference value' and 'data width (bits)'



# ecCodes BUFR F90 API

# ecCodes Fortran BUFR encoding

- Getting a BUFR file structure from sample

```
call codes_new_from_sample (ibufr, 'sampleFile' , status)
```

**ibufr:** id of the message loaded in memory

**sampleFile:** name of the sample to get the BUFR message structure

**status:** CODES\_SUCCESS if OK, integer value on error

Input arguments

Output arguments



**sampleFile** can be: 'BUFR4', 'BUFR3'

- Check status

```
if (status /= 0) then
```

```
    call codes_get_error_string (status, err_msg)
```

```
    print*, 'ecCodesError: ', trim (err_msg), ' status=', status
```

```
    stop
```

```
end if
```

# ecCodes Fortran BUFR encoding scalars

- Set scalar value

call `codes_set (ibufr, 'key', value, status)`

Input arguments

Output arguments

`ibufr`: id of the message loaded in memory

`key` : variable name to be encoded

`value`: values of a variable to be encoded

`status`: `CODES_SUCCESS` if OK, integer value on error



`value` can be a `integer(4)`, `real(4)`, `real(8)` or a character.

Type of the values depend on the variable declaration.

`integer (kind=4) :: integer_values`

`real (kind=8) :: real_values`

`character (len=string_size) :: string_values`

# ecCodes Fortran BUFR encoding arrays

- Set array values

call `codes_set (ibufr, 'key', value, status)`

`ibufr`: id of the message loaded in memory

`key` : variable name to be encoded

`value`: values of an array to be encoded

`status`: `CODES_SUCCESS` if OK, integer value on error

Input arguments

Output arguments

`value` can be a array of `integer(4)`, `real(4)`, `real(8)`

Type of the values depends on array declaration.

`integer (kind=4), dimension(:), allocatable :: integer_array`

`real (kind=8), dimension(:), allocatable :: real_array`



`if(allocated(array)) deallocate(array)`

# ecCodes Fortran BUFR encoding string arrays

- Set string array values

call `codes_set_string_array (ibufr, 'key', value, status)`

**ibufr:** id of the message loaded in memory

**key :** variable name to be encoded

**value:** values of string array to be encoded

**status:** `CODES_SUCCESS` if OK, integer value on error

Type of the value depends on the variable declaration.

`character (len=string_size), dimension(:), allocatable :: string_array`  
`allocate (string_array)`

...

`if(allocated(string_array)) deallocate(string_array)`

Input arguments

Output arguments





# ecCodes Fortran BUFR encoding header

- Setting BUFR tables

```
call codes_set (ibufr, 'masterTablesVersionNumber', value)
```

```
call codes_set (ibufr, 'localTablesVersionNumber', value)
```

- Setting data compression

```
call codes_set (ibufr, 'compressedData', value)
```

value: 1 - compressed

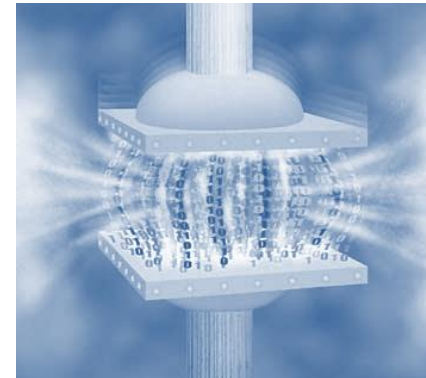
0 - uncompressed

- Setting number of subsets

```
call codes_set (ibufr, 'numberOfSubsets', value)
```

Input arguments

Output arguments



# ecCodes Fortran BUFR encoding data structure

Input arguments

Output arguments

- Setting unexpanded descriptors with known sequence

```
unexpandedDescriptors = 309052
```

```
call codes_set (ibufr, 'unexpandedDescriptors', unexpandedDescriptors)
```

- Setting array of the unexpanded descriptors

```
unexpandedDescriptors =
```

```
(/301051,4006,7002,10004,12001,11001,11002,11031,11032,11033,20041/)
```

```
call codes_set (ibufr, 'unexpandedDescriptors', unexpandedDescriptors)
```

# ecCodes Fortran BUFR encoding

- Open file in write mode  
call `codes_open_file (ifile, filename, mode, status)`

**ifile:** object of the opened file to be used in all the file functions.  
**filename:** name of the file to be open  
**mode:** open mode can be 'r' (read) or 'w' (write)  
**status:** `CODES_SUCCESS` if OK, integer value on error



Input arguments  
Output arguments

- Set pack data section  
call `codes_set(ibufr, 'pack', 1)`
- Write encoded data into a file and close  
call `codes_write(ibufr, filename)`
- Close the file  
call `codes_close( filename)`
- Release the message  
call `codes_release(ibufr)`



## ecCodes Fortran BUFR encoding

```
call codes_open_file(bufnout, outfile_name, 'w')

call codes_bufnr_new_from_samples(ibufnr,'BUFR4',status)

if (status/=CODES_SUCCESS) then
    print *, ' ERROR creating BUFR from sample `
    stop 1
endif

call codes_set(ibufnr,'masterTablesVersionNumber',27)

call codes_set(ibufnr,'unexpandedDescriptors',309052)

call codes_set(ibufnr,'shipOrMobileLandStationIdentifier','Reading')

call codes_set(ibufnr,'pack',1)

call codes_write(ibufnr,bufnout)

call codes_release(ibufnr)

call codes_close_file(bufnout)
```

# ecCodes BUFR Python API



# Python BUFR encoding

- Getting a BUFR file structure from sample

```
ibufr = codes_new_from_sample ('sampleFile' )
```

**ibufr:** id of the message loaded in memory

**sampleFile:** name of the sample to get the BUFR message structure

Input arguments

Output arguments



**sampleFile** can be: BUFR4, BUFR3

- Check status

if `ibufr` is `None`:

```
print 'Not able to codes_bufr_new_from_sample'
```

```
sys.exit()
```



## Python BUFR encoding

- Set scalar value of integer, float or string

```
codes_set ( ibufr, 'key', value)
```

**ibufr:** id of the message loaded in memory

**key :** name of the variable key or shortName from Table B

**value:** value to be encoded

- Set array values of integer, float or string

```
codes_set_array ( ibufr, 'key', values)
```

- Set by rank

```
e.g. codes_set ( ibufr, '#3#key', values)
```



Input arguments  
Output arguments



## Python BUFR encoding header

- Setting BUFR tables

```
codes_set(ibufr, 'masterTablesVersionNumber', value)
```

```
codes_set(ibufr, 'localTablesVersionNumber', value)
```

- Setting data compression

```
codes_set(ibufr, 'compressedData', value)
```

value: 1 - compressed

0 - uncompressed

- Setting number of subsets

```
codes_set(ibufr, 'numberOfSubsets', value)
```

Input arguments

Output arguments





## Python BUFR encoding

- Setting known BUFR sequence

```
unexpandedDescriptors = 309052
```

```
codes_set(ibufr, 'unexpandedDescriptors', unexpandedDescriptors)
```

- Setting unexpanded descriptors

```
unexpandedDescriptors =
```

```
[301051,4006,7002,10004,12001,11001,11002,11031,11032,11033,20041]
```

```
codes_set_array(ibufr, 'unexpandedDescriptors', unexpandedDescriptors)
```

Input arguments

Output arguments



## Python BUFR encoding

- Open a file in write mode

```
file = open( filename, mode)
```

**file:** the file to be used in all file functions

**filename:** name of the file to be open

**mode:** open mode can be 'r' (read) or 'w' (write)

- Set pack for data section

```
codes_set(ibufr, 'pack', 1)
```

- Write encoded data into a file

```
codes_write(ibufr, file )
```

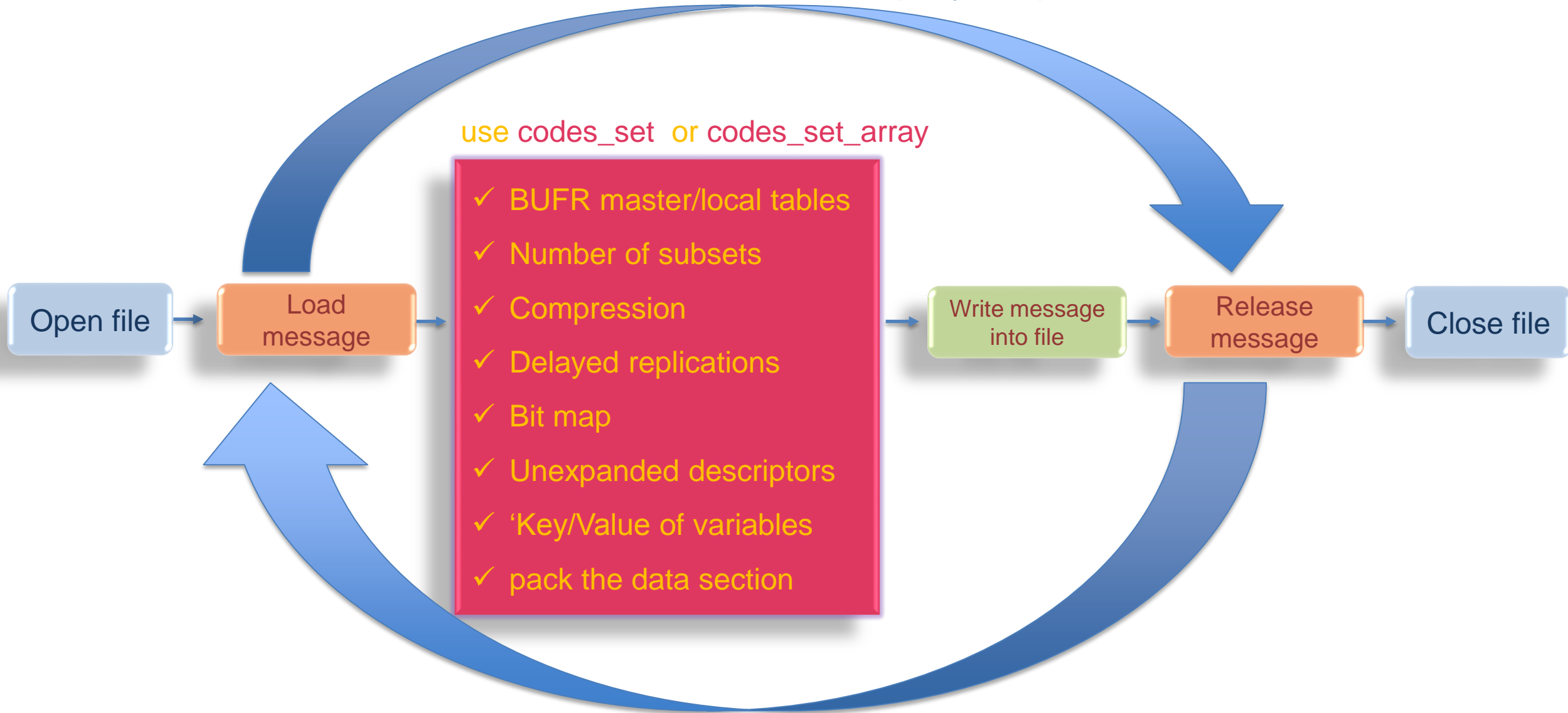
- Release the BUFR message

```
codes_release(ibufr)
```

Input arguments  
Output arguments

On error throw exception  
**CodesInternalError**

# Encode into BUFR: step by step



# Practical

- Navigate to your \$SCRATCH  
`cd $SCRATCH`
- Copy the material for the practical  
`cp -r ~trx/ecCodes/2018/bufr_api_encode .`
- There are subdirectories for F90 and python  
`cd F90`  
`cd python`
- The directories are named by practical number
- Have a look at the README
- Have fun



# Practical 1: Encoding TEMP into a BUFR file

1. Open file in write mode
2. Create new BUFR message from sample
3. Set 'masterTablesVersionNumber' to 27
4. Set unexpandedDescriptors to known sequence 309052
5. Set values for:
  - 'shipOrMobileLandStationIdentifier'
  - 'latitude',
  - 'longitude'
  - 'height'
6. **'pack'** the data section
7. Write the created message into the file
8. Release the message
9. Close the output file
10. Check the new file with bufr\_dump



## Helpful Tips

```
codes_bufr_new_from_samples
    codes_set
codes_set (ibufr,'pack',1)
    codes_open_file
        codes_write
            codes_release
```

## Practical 2: Encode multisubset BUFR message

- Create BUFR file with known sequence 309052 for TEMP
  - set 'numberOfSubsets' to 2
  - set in the second subset values of
    - 'shipOrMobileLandStationIdentifier'
    - 'latitude'
    - 'longitude'
    - 'height'
- Explore
  - set the key and its value for variable of your choice
  - set the value of variable that is out of range
  - use bufr\_dump to have a look at the message



## Practical 3: Encoding compressed BUFR message

1. Open file in write mode
2. Create new BUFR message from sample
3. Set 'numberOfSubsets' to 2
4. Set BUFR message as compressed
5. Set unexpandedDescriptors array 301011, 001015, 301021
6. Set values for 'year', 'month', 'day'
7. Set values for 'latitude', 'longitude', 'stationOrSiteName'
8. 'pack' the data section
9. Write the created message into the file
10. Release the message
11. Close the output file
12. Check the new file with bufr\_dump



```
codes_open_file
codes_bufr_new_from_samples
codes_set
codes_set (ibufr,'pack',1)
codes_write
codes_release
```

## Practical 4: Encode BUFR message with replication

- Using array of unexpanded descriptors  
106002 008002 104003 005002 006002 010002 012001
- Set some values for the second and the last instance of
  - latitude (005002)
  - longitude (006002)
  - nonCoordinateHeight (010002)
  - airTemperature (012001)



```
codes_open_file
codes_bufc_new_from_samples
codes_set
codes_set (ibufc,'pack',1)
codes_write
codes_release
```



# References

- ecCodes

<https://software.ecmwf.int/wiki/display/ECC/ecCodes+Home>

- BUFR tables

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