

Introduction to the SPICE Toolkit

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- SPICE Toolkit Components
- SPICE Toolkits for Fortran, C, and IDL
- Supported Platforms
- Kernels
- Applications
- Library Functionality
- Documentation
- Installed Directory Structure



- The SPICE Toolkit is available in Fortran, C and IDL*
 - The Fortran and C Toolkits provide virtually identical functionality
 - » Differences will be elaborated upon later
 - Icy, the IDL Toolkit, will eventually duplicate almost all functionality from the C Toolkit API-level routines.

Toolkits contain:

- Software
 - » Subroutine libraries, with source code included
 - SPICELIB (Fortran)
 - CSPICE (C)
 - lcy (C)
 - » Executable programs
 - application and utility programs
 - cookbook examples
 - » Installation scripts
- Documentation
 - » readme
 - » dscriptn.txt
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*IDL = Interactive Data Language, by Research Systems, Inc.

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- » intrdctn.txt
- » whats.new
- » "Required Reading" reference documents for major families (ASCII and HTML)
- » User's Guides for executables (ASCII and HTML)
- » permuted index
 - Fortran Toolkit: spicelib.idx
 - CSPICE, Icy: cspice.idx
- » mostused.ps (Fortran Toolkit only)
- » module headers (ASCII and HTML, HTML for CSPICE & Icy API)
- Data
 - » Sample kernel files
 - Supplied ONLY for use with cookbook programs, not valid for general use
- The components listed above are included in the generic Toolkit
 - Toolkits delivered to missions or other special customers may be augmented with mission- or customer-specific products



Fortran SPICE Toolkit

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• The Fortran SPICE Toolkit:

- Developed first: in use for about 15 years
- Contains code written only in ANSI Standard Fortran 77
 - » A few widely supported non-ANSI extensions are used, for example DO WHILE, DO...END DO
- Compiles under a wide variety of Fortran compilers

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- CSPICE is a newer product–first officially delivered in 1999–designed to duplicate the functionality of the Fortran Toolkit
 - All CSPICE source code is in ANSI C
 - » Fortran SPICE Toolkit code has been converted to ANSI C using the automatic translation program f2c
 - » High-level functions have been hand-coded in C and documented in C style in order to provide a natural C-style API. These functions are called "wrappers"
 - » Most wrappers encapsulate calls to C functions generated by f2c
 - The simpler wrappers do their work in-line, to boost performance
 - CSPICE documentation has been "converted to C"
 - » Code examples are in C
 - CSPICE runs under a wide variety of ANSI C compilers
 - CSPICE functions may be called from within C++ source code
 - » CSPICE prototypes are protected from name mangling



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- f2c'd functions may be called directly, but this is not recommended since f2c'd functions emulate Fortran functionality:
 - » Call by reference
 - » Fortran-style array indexing
 - » Fortran-style strings

Current CSPICE Limitations

- Not all "Required Reading" reference documents have been converted to C style, with C examples
 - » Eventually all will be converted
- CSPICE wrappers exist for only a subset of the functionality provided by SPICELIB
 - » Includes all the most commonly used modules
 - » More will be added as time permits

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- In some very limited cases, code generated by f2c fails to emulate Fortran accurately
 - » List-directed I/O has some problems (not consequential for CSPICE)
 - » Treatment of white space in text output is slightly different in CSPICE
 - » Logical unit-to-file name translation does not handle file name "synonyms" properly under Linux: once opened with a specified name, a file must be referred to using the same name throughout a program run.



• Icy is a SPICE Toolkit for IDL users.

- First delivered as part of the N0057 Toolkit in March, 2004.
- Has existed as a distributed prototype system for several years.
- Icy provides an IDL-callable "wrapper" interface for most CSPICE wrapper routines
 - Example:
 - » CSPICE: spkezr_c (targ, et, ref, abcorr, obs, state, <ime);
 - » lcy: cspice_spkezr, targ, et, ref, abcorr, obs, state, ltime
 - Currently 290 CSPICE wrappers are callable from IDL via the lcy interface.
 - Eventually most CSPICE wrappers will be callable from IDL via Icy
- By necessity all Icy Toolkit packages include the complete CSPICE Toolkit.

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Icy API software components

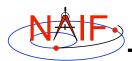
- IDL interface wrappers (implemented in ANSI C)
- Icy cookbook programs (implemented in IDL)

Icy Documentation

- Icy Reference Guide
 - » Each Icy wrapper has an HTML page serving as SPICE "module header"
 - » Principal documentation showing how to call Icy wrappers

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- » HTML pages contain code examples
- Icy Required Reading
 - » Provides background information essential for programming with Icy
- Icy Testing
 - A regression test suite (ticy) exercises the complete Icy API on all supported platforms.



Compatibility

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• The Fortran, CSPICE and IDL Toolkits use identical kernel files on all platforms.

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The SPICE Toolkit has been ported to a wide variety of popular platforms

- Each platform is characterized by
 - » Hardware type
 - » Operating System
 - » Compiler
 - » Selected compilation options
- NAIF provides separate SPICE Toolkit packages for each supported platform
 - If you cannot find a pre-built package for the platform of interest to you, contact NAIF
 - » Don't try to port the Toolkit from another platform



Product Name	Operating System	Compiler
HP	HP-UX	HP FORTRAN
Mac_OSX_Absoft	OS 10.x	Absoft f77
Mac_OSX_g77	OS 10.x	g77
PC_Cygwin	Windows/Cygwin	g77
PC_Lahey	Windows 95/98/NT/2K	Lahey 95
PC_Linux	Red Hat Linux 6.1+	g77
PC_Win95/NT_Digital FORTRAN	Windows 95/98/NT/2K	Visual Fortran (Digital/Compaq)
Sun_Solaris	Solaris 7+	Sun Fortran

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Supported Platforms - C

Product Name	Operating System	Compiler
HP_C	HP-UX	HP C
Mac_OSX_Apple_C	OS 10.x	Apple/gcc
PC_Cygwin_C	Windows/Cygwin	gcc
PC_Linux_C	Red Hat Linux 6.1+	gcc
PC_Win95NT_C	Win 95/98/NT/2K	MS Visual C/C++
Sun_Solaris_C	Solaris 7+	Sun C
Sun_Solaris_GCC	Solaris 7+	gcc
Sun_Solaris_GCC_64bit	Solaris 7+	gcc 64 bit



Supported Platforms - IDL

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Product Name	Operating System	Compiler
Mac_OSX_Apple_C	OS 10.x	Apple/gcc
PC_Linux_C	Red Hat Linux 6.1+	gcc
PC_Win95NT_C	Win 95/98/NT/2K	MS Visual C/C++
Sun_Solaris_C	Solaris 7+	Sun C
Sun_Solaris_GCC	Solaris 7+	gcc

IDL version is 6.2 for all of the above platforms

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• SPICE Toolkit utility programs are available to:

- port binary SPICE kernels between incompatible systems
 » tobin, toxfr, spacit
- add comments to binary kernels
 - » commnt
- read comments from binary kernels
 - » commnt, spacit
 - » inspekt (only for EK/ESQ files)
- summarize coverage of binary kernels
 - » brief, ckbrief, spacit
- merge or subset SPK files
 - » spkmerge
- Indicate current Toolkit version
 - » version



SPICE Toolkit application programs perform various tasks:

- create a new SPK file from a text file holding one of various kinds of state vectors
 - » mkspk
- carry out a wide assortment of time conversions » chronos
- query binary Event Kernels (EKs)
 - » inspekt

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Kernel read access

- "Load" kernels
- Get state or position vectors (SPK)
- Get orientation of planets, natural satellites, etc. (PCK)
- Get body shape parameters or physical constants (PCK)
- Get orientation of spacecraft or spacecraft instruments or structures (CK, FK)
- Get instrument parameters (e.g., FOV) (IK)
- Query binary EK files (EK-ESQ)

Kernel write access

- SPK writers
- CK writers
- EK writers (sequence component, ESQ)
- PCK writers (only for binary PCK files)



Additional ephemeris functions

- Classical osculating elements
- Two-body Keplerian propagation
- Two line elements sets (TLE) propagation
- Light time and Stellar aberration computation

Frame transformation

- Obtain 3x3 matrices for frame transformations of positions
- Obtain 6x6 matrices for frame transformations of states

Time conversion

- Conversion between standard systems: TDB, TT (TDT), UTC
- Conversion between SCLK and other systems
- Parsing and formatting

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- Math
 - Vector/Matrix operations
 - Rotations, Euler angles, quaternions
 - Coordinate conversion (systems: latitudinal, cylindrical, rectangular, RA and DEC, spherical, geodetic, planetographic)
 - Geometry: ellipsoids, ellipses, planes
 - High-level functions: illumination angles, sub-observer point, sub-solar point, surface intercept point.
- Constants
 - Julian date of epoch J2000, SPD(seconds per day), PI, etc.
- Strings
 - Parsing: find tokens, words
 - Numeric conversion



- Pattern matching
- Replace marker, substring
- Suffix, prefix
- Case conversion
- Find first/last non-blank character, first/last printing character
- Arrays
 - Sorting, finding order vector, reordering
 - Searching: linear, binary
 - Insertion and deletion
- Name/code conversion
 - Bodies
 - Frames

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I/O support

- Logical unit management
- Open, read, write text files
- Kernel pool API

Exception handling

- Control exception handling behavior: mode, message set, output device
- Construct error messages

Advanced data types

- Cells, Sets
- Schedules
- Symbol Tables
- Planes, Ellipses



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Module headers

- Act as functional specification: I/O, exceptions, particulars defining behavior of module
- Contain code examples
- Standard format, used for each routine or entry point

intrdctn.txt

- Introduction to the SPICE Toolkit : organization and contents

Required Reading

- References for principal subsystems
- Provides many low-level details
- Provides code examples

User's guides for applications

- brief.ug, commnt.ug, chronos.ug, etc.

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NAIF Toolkit Documentation - 2

- Permuted Index
 - Maps phrases describing functionality to corresponding module names and file names
 - Shows locations of entry points in Fortran toolkits
- dscriptn.txt
 - Describes the directory structure and contents of an installed Toolkit
 - Customized based on set of delivered products and platform
- README
 - Contains Toolkit installation instructions
- whats.new
 - Describes new features and bug fixes
- version.txt
 - Indicates Toolkit version
- HTML pages
 - For User's Guides, Required Reading, and Module Headers



- Fortran, C and IDL Toolkits are delivered as distinct, standalone products
 - The IDL product includes the CSPICE Toolkit
- Directory structures for the Toolkits are almost identical. However...
 - Unlike SPICE, CSPICE and Icy have a directory for include files
 - The names for application source code directories in CSPICE differ, slightly, from those in SPICE
 - Icy has additional directories for
 - » Icy source code
 - » Icy cookbook programs
 - » Icy HTML pages comprising the Icy Reference Guide

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Directory structure

- The top level is
 - "toolkit" for Fortran Toolkits
 - "cspice" for C Toolkits
 - "icy" for IDL Toolkits
- The next level is comprised of:
 - data
 - » cookbook example kernels (use ONLY for training with cookbook programs)
 - doc
 - » *.req, *.ug, spicelib.idx/cspice.idx, whats.new, dscriptn.txt, intrdctn.txt, version.txt
 - » Now contains HTML documentation as well in "html" subdirectory
 - » For Icy, the "html" subdirectory contains an "icy" subdirectory for the HTML pages comprising the Icy Reference Guide.
 - etc
 - » Miscellaneous items. Example: nav libraries for the conversion program niospk (not part of the generic Toolkit). This directory is empty by default.



– exe

- » Toolkit executables: brief, chronos, ckbrief, commnt, inspekt, spacit, spkmerge, tobin, toxfr
- include (Applies to CSPICE and Icy)
 - » API header files.
 - · File to include in callers of CSPICE is SpiceUsr.h

– lib

» Toolkit libraries:

- · spicelib.a / cspice.a (public modules; use these)
- support.a / csupport.a (private modules; don't use these)
- For icy:
 - icy.so (shared object library)
 - icy.dlm (dynamically loadable module)
- src
 - » Source code directories for products: executables, libraries. Files have type *.f, *.for, *.inc, *.pgm, *.c, *.h, *.x, .pro
 - » .h files appearing here are not part of user API

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Toolkit Versions

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 Generic SPICE Toolkits have an associated Version number

- Example: "N0060" (also written as "N60")

- The version number applies to the FORTRAN, C and IDL implementations for all supported platforms.
- Toolkit deliveries to flight projects normally consist of the current generic Toolkit, possibly augmented with a few mission-specific extras
- When does NAIF release new SPICE Toolkit versions?
 - Not according to a fixed schedule
 - Primarily driven by addition of significant, new capabilities to Toolkit
 » Icy, for example
 - Occasionally minor Toolkit updates are released to fix bugs, improve documentation, or satisfy an urgent request from a flight project