

Navigation and Ancillary Information Facility

Introduction to the Family of SPICE Toolkits

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Toolkit Architecture

- The SPICE Toolkit is available in Fortran, C, IDL (Interactive Data Language), and Matlab.
- The Fortran, C, IDL, and Matlab Toolkits are delivered as standalone products.
 - The IDL and Matlab Toolkits, by necessity, also include the complete C Toolkit.



Toolkit Architecture Pictorial





Toolkit Contents

- Software
 - Subroutine libraries, with source code
 - » SPICELIB (Fortran)
 - » CSPICE (C)
 - » Icy (C)
 - » Mice (C and Matlab script)
 - Executable programs
 - » application and utility programs
 - » cookbook examples
 - Installation/build scripts
- Documentation
 - Available in ASCII and HTML
- Data
 - Sample kernel files (supplied only for use with cookbook programs, <u>not valid for</u> <u>general use</u>).
- Toolkits delivered to missions or other special customers may be augmented with mission- or customer-specific products.



Toolkit Characteristics

- Computations are identical in all languages.
- For a given computer and operating system, all Toolkits use identical kernel files.
 - Refer to the "Porting Kernels" tutorial for information about using kernels received from a machine different from what you are using.
- Code is well tested before being released to users.
- New Toolkits are always backwards compatible.
 - An application that worked when linked against an older Toolkit will link and work, without need for changes, using a new Toolkit.
 - Past functionality is never changed or removed.
 - » Enhancements of existing routines are allowed.
 - » NAIF reserves the right to fix bugs.
- Extensive user-oriented documentation is provided.
 - Includes highly documented source code.



Toolkit Versions

- Toolkit Version
 - SPICE Toolkits have an associated Version number
 - » Example: "N0064" (also written as "N64")
 - The version number applies to the Fortran, C, IDL and Matlab implementations for all supported platforms.
- When does NAIF release a new SPICE toolkit version?
 - » Not according to a fixed schedule
 - » Primarily driven by addition of significant new capabilities
 - For example, Icy or Mice or the geometry finder subsystem
 - » On rare occasion a Toolkit update is released to fix bugs, improve documentation, or satisfy an urgent request from a flight project.



Toolkit Library Overview

- Toolkit libraries contain a broad set of capabilities related to the computations needed for "observation geometry" and time conversions.
- Not all functionality is present in all four language versions of the Toolkit library.
 - The Fortran (Toolkit) and C (CSPICE) Toolkits provide almost identical functionality.
 - The IDL (Icy) Toolkit duplicates most functionality available in the C Toolkit wrapper routines.
 - The Matlab (Mice) Toolkit provides interfaces to those routines NAIF considers the most often needed by users.



- 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
 - NORAD 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
- Geometry finder
 - Find times or time spans when a specified geometric situation is true
 - Find times or time spans when a specified geometric parameter is within a given range, or is at a maximum or minimum



- 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
- I/O support
 - Logical unit management (Fortran toolkits)
 - Open, read, write text files
 - Kernel pool API
- Exception handling
 - Control exception handling behavior: mode, set message, assign output device.



- Advanced data types
 - Cells, Sets
 - Windows (sometimes called schedules)
 - Symbol Tables
 - Planes, Ellipses



Fortran Toolkit

- "Toolkit," the Fortran 77 Toolkit.
 - Developed first: in use since February 1990.
 - Contains code written 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.
 - » While NAIF cannot guarantee proper functioning of SPICE under F90/F95 compilers except on officially supported environments, those compilers might properly compile SPICELIB with the resulting libraries being callable from F90/F95 code if that compiler supports the F77 standard.





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- "CSPICE," the C-language Toolkit
 - Designed to duplicate the functionality of the Fortran Toolkit.
 - All CSPICE source code is in ANSI C.
 - » The Fortran SPICE Toolkit code is 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
 - » f2c'd functions may be called directly, but this is strongly discouraged since f2c'd functions emulate Fortran functionality:
 - Call by reference
 - Fortran-style array indexing
 - Fortran-style strings

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C Toolkit, continued

- 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.
- 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 do not exist for every API provided in the Fortran toolkits.
 - Includes all the most commonly used modules.
 - More will be added as time permits.
 - » In some very limited cases, code generated by f2c fails to emulate Fortran accurately. Should not be a problem.
 - 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.



IDL Toolkit

- "Icy," the Interactive Data Language Toolkit
 - Provides an IDL-callable "wrapper" interface for many CSPICE wrapper routines.
 - » Example:
 - CSPICE: spkezr_c (targ, et, ref, abcorr, obs, state, <ime);
 - Icy: cspice_spkezr, targ, et, ref, abcorr, obs, state, ltime
 - » NAIF will add additional interfaces to Icy as time permits.
 - By necessity all Icy Toolkit packages include the complete CSPICE Toolkit.
 - » Additional Icy software components are:
 - IDL interface wrappers (implemented in ANSI C)
 - Icy cookbook programs (implemented in IDL)
 - Icy Documentation
 - » Icy Reference Guide
 - Principal documentation showing how to call Icy wrappers.
 - Each Icy wrapper has an HTML page containing usage examples serving as the Icy "module header".
 - » Icy Required Reading
 - Provides background information essential for programming with Icy.
- See the "IDL_Interface" tutorial for details



Matlab Toolkit

- "Mice," the Matlab Toolkit
 - Mice provides a Matlab-callable "wrapper" interface for many CSPICE wrapper routines
 - » Example:
 - CSPICE: spkezr_c (targ, et, ref, abcorr, obs, state, <ime);
 - Mice: [state, Itime] = cspice_spkezr(targ, et, ref, abcorr, obs)
 - By necessity all Mice Toolkit packages include the complete CSPICE Toolkit.
 - » Additional Mice software components are:
 - Matlab interface wrappers (implemented in Matlab wrapper scripts calling the ANSI C based interface library)
 - Mice cookbook programs (implemented in Matlab script)
 - Mice Documentation
 - » Mice Reference Guide
 - Principal documentation showing how to call Mice wrappers
 - Each Mice wrapper script has a documentation header containing usage examples, serving as SPICE "module header", available from the help command. This documentation also exists as a HTML page.
 - » Mice Required Reading
 - Provides background information essential for programming with Mice
- See the "Matlab_Interface" tutorial for details



Directory Structure

- The top level directory name for each Toolkit is:
 - "toolkit" for Fortran Toolkits.
 - "cspice" for C Toolkits.
 - "icy" for IDL Toolkits.
 - "mice" for Matlab Toolkits.
- Directory structures for the Toolkits are almost identical. However...
 - The CSPICE, Icy and Mice Toolkits also have a directory for include files.
 - The names for application source code directories in CSPICE, Icy and Mice differ slightly from those in the Fortran toolkit.
 - Icy and Mice include additional directories for :
 - » Icy/Mice source code
 - » Icy/Mice cookbook programs



Directory Structure

- The next level is comprised of:
 - data
 - » Cookbook example kernels (use ONLY for training with cookbook programs).
 - doc
 - » Text documents *.req, *.ug, spicelib.idx/cspice.idx, whats.new, dscriptn.txt, version.txt.
 - » Subdirectory containing HTML documentation, called "html".
 - The "html" subdirectory contains a single file the top level HTML documentation index called "index.html" and a number of subdirectories, one for each of the various groups of documents in HTML format (API Reference Guide pages, User's Guide pages, etc.).
 - etc
 - » In generic Toolkits this directory is empty.
 - exe
 - » Executables for brief, chronos, ckbrief, commnt, inspekt, mkspk, msopck, spacit, spkdiff, frmdiff, spkmerge, tobin, toxfr, version.
 - » Executables for the several cookbook example programs.



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- include (applies to CSPICE, Icy, and Mice)
 - » API header files.
 - File to include in callers of CSPICE is SpiceUsr.h
- lib
 - » Toolkit libraries:
 - For Fortran SPICE Toolkits
 - spicelib.a or spicelib.lib (public modules; use these)
 - support.a or support.lib (private modules; don't use these)
 - For CSPICE Toolkits
 - cspice.a or cspice.lib (public modules; use these)
 - csupport.a or csupport.lib (private modules; don't use these)
 - For Icy Toolkits:
 - icy.so (shared object library)
 - icy.dlm (dynamically loadable module)
 - cspice.a or cspice.lib
 - csupport.a or csupport.lib
 - For Mice Toolkits:
 - mice.mex* (shared object library)
 - cspice.a or cspice.lib
 - csupport.a or csupport.lib

- src

» Source code directories for executables and libraries

- Files have type *.f, *.for, *.inc, *.pgm, *.c, *.h, *.x, *.pro, *.m
- *.h files appearing here are not part of the user API



Toolkit Application Programs

- SPICE Toolkit application programs perform various tasks. Some examples are:
 - create a new SPK file from a text file of state vectors or elements
 - » mkspk
 - compare (diff) two SPKs
 - » spkdiff
 - compare (diff) two reference frames
 - » frmdiff
 - create a new CK from a text file of attitude data
 - » msopck
 - carry out a wide assortment of time conversions
 - » chronos
 - query Event Kernels (EKs)
 - » inspekt



Toolkit Utility Programs

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- SPICE Toolkit utility programs are available to:
 - port binary SPICE kernels between incompatible systems*
 - » tobin, toxfr, spacit
 - » bingo (available only from the NAIF webpage)
 - port text SPICE kernels between incompatible systems
 - » bingo (available only from the NAIF webpage)
 - 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

* Usually not needed



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- All Toolkits include documentation in plain text and HTML formats.
 - Plain text documents are located under the "doc" directory
 - HTML documents are located under the "<toolkit_name>/doc/ html" (Unix) or "<toolkit name>\doc\html" (Windows) directory
 - » index.html" is the top level index... your starting point
- All Toolkits include the following kinds of documents
 - Module headers
 - » Act as primary functional specification: I/O, exceptions, particulars defining behavior of module
 - » Contain code examples
 - » A standard format is used for each routine or entry point
 - » Location of HTML Module Headers:
 - Use the "API Reference Guide" link from the top level index
 - » Location of plain text Module Headers:
 - Fortran: the top comment block in the source code files under "src/spicelib"
 - C: the top comment block in the source code files under "src/cspice"
 - IDL: Icy Module Headers are not available in plain text format
 - Matlab accessible via "help function_name" command

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- "Required Reading" documents
 - » Extensive technical references for principal subsystems
 - Provide many low-level details
 - Provide code examples
 - » HTML versions are are accessible using the "Required Reading Documents" link from the top level index.
 - » Plain text versions are located under "doc" and have extension ".req"
 - » Not all of Required Readings were adapted for all languages
 - Some of the Required Reading documents provided with CSPICE are still based upon Fortran SPICE
 - Some of the Required Readings for Icy or Mice toolkits are still based upon CSPICE
- User's Guides
 - » Interface specifications for the Toolkit utility programs and applications.
 - » HTML versions are accessible using the "User's Guide Documents" link from the top level index.
 - » Plain text versions are located under "doc" and have extension ".ug."



- Other documents
 - Permuted Index
 - » Maps phrases describing functionality to corresponding module names and file names
 - » Shows names of all entry points in Fortran toolkit APIs
 - » HTML version is accessible using the "Permuted Index" link from the top level index.
 - » Plain text version is located under "doc" and has extension ".idx":
 - Fortran: spicelib.idx
 - C: cspice.idx
 - IDL: icy.idx and cspice .idx
 - Matlab: mice.idx and cspice.idx
 - Toolkit Description
 - » Describes the directory structure and contents of an installed Toolkit
 - » Customized based on set of delivered products and platform
 - » HTML version is accessible using the "Toolkit Contents" link from the top level index.
 - » Plain text version is "doc/dscriptn.txt"



- Other documents (continued)
 - Introduction to SPICE
 - » HTML document containing a brief introduction to the Toolkit and SPICE system; accessible using the "Introduction to the SPICE System" link from the top level index.
 - What's New in SPICE
 - » Describes new features and bug fixes in each Toolkit release.
 - » Plain text version is "doc/whats.new".
 - » HTML version is accessible using the "What's New in SPICE" link from the top level index.
 - Toolkit Version Description
 - » Indicates Toolkit version
 - » Plain text version is "doc/version.txt"
 - » Not available in HTML



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Supported Environments



Supported Environments

- NAIF ports the SPICE Toolkit to many popular environments.
 - Each environment is characterized by
 - » Language
 - » Hardware type (platform)
 - » Operating System
 - » Compiler
 - » Selected compilation options
- NAIF provides SPICE Toolkit packages for each supported environment.
 - If you cannot find a package built for the environment of interest to you, contact NAIF.
 - » Please don't try to use or port a Toolkit built for another environment.



Supported Environments - Fortran

Product Name	Operating System	Compiler
Mac/Intel, OS-X, Intel FORTRAN, 32bit	OS X 10.6.8	Intel Fortran 10.1
Mac/Intel, OS-X, Intel FORTRAN, 64bit	OS X 10.6.8	Intel Fortran 10.1
Mac/Intel, OS-X, gfortran, 32bit	OS X 10.6.8	gfortran, GNU Fortran 4.3
Mac/Intel, OS-X, gfortran, 64bit	OS X 10.6.8	gfortran, GNU Fortran 4.3
PC, CYGWIN, g77, 32bit	Windows/Cygwin	g77, GNU Fortran 3.2
PC, Linux, Intel FORTRAN, 32bit	Red Hat Linux (RHE4)	Intel Fortran 10.0
PC, Linux, g77, 32bit	Red Hat Linux (RHE4)	g77, GNU Fortran 3.4
PC, Linux, gfortran, 32bit	Red Hat Linux (RHE4)	gfortran, GNU Fortran 4.3
PC, Linux, gfortran, 64bit	Red Hat Linux (RHE4)	gfortran, GNU Fortran 4.3
PC, Windows, Intel FORTRAN, 32bit	Windows XP	Intel Fortran 9.1
PC, Windows, Intel FORTRAN, 64bit	Windows XP	Intel Fortran 9.1
Sun/Intel, Solaris, SUN FORTRAN, 32bit	Solaris 9	Sun FORTRAN 95 8.2
Sun/SPARC, Solaris, SUN FORTRAN, 32bit	Solaris 9	Sun FORTRAN 95 8.2



Supported Environments - C

Product Name	Operating System	Compiler
Mac/Intel, OS-X, Apple C. 32bit	OS X 10.4.x	gcc, GNU C 4.2.1
Mac/Intel, OS-X, Apple C, 64bit	OS X 10.4.x	gcc, GNU C 4.2.1
PC, CYGWIN, gCC, 32bit	Windows/Cygwin	gcc, GNU C 3.2
PC, Linux, gCC, 32bit	Red Hat Linux (RHE4)	gcc, GNU C 3.4.6
PC, Linux, gCC, 64bit	Red Hat Linux (RHE4)	gcc, GNU C 3.4.6
PC, Windows, Microsoft Visual C, 32bit	Windows NT/2K/XP	Microsoft Visual Studio 2008 C
PC, Windows, Microsoft Visual C, 64bit	Windows NT/2K/XP	Microsoft Visual Studio 2008 C
Sun/Intel, Solaris, gCC, 32bit	Solaris 9	gcc, GNU C 3.3.2
Sun/Intel, Solaris, gCC, 64bit	Solaris 9	gcc, GNU C 3.3.2
Sun/SPARC, Solaris, gCC, 32bit	Solaris 9	gcc, GNU C 3.3.2
Sun/SPARC, Solaris, gCC, 64bit	Solaris 9	gcc, GNU C 3.3.2
Sun/SPARC, Solaris, SUN C, 32bit	Solaris 9	Sun C 5.8
Sun/SPARC, Solaris, SUN C, 64bit	Solaris 9	Sun C 5.8



Supported Environments - IDL*

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Product Name	Operating System	Compiler
Mac/Intel, OS-X, Apple C/IDL, 32bit	OS X 10.6.8	gcc, GNU C 4.2.1
Mac/Intel, OS-X, Apple C/IDL, 64bit	OS X 10.6.8	gcc, GNU C 4.2.1
PC, Linux, gcc/IDL, 32bit	Red Hat Linux (RHE4)	gcc, GNU C 3.4.6
PC, Linux, gcc/IDL, 64bit	Red Hat Linux (RHE4)	gcc, GNU C 3.4.6
PC, Windows, Microsoft Visual C/IDL, 32bit	Windows XP	Microsoft Visual Studio 2008 C
PC, Windows, Microsoft Visual C/IDL, 64bit	Windows XP	Microsoft Visual Studio 2008 C
Sun, Solaris, gcc/IDL, 32bit	Solaris 9	gcc, GNU C 3.3.2
Sun, Solaris, gcc/IDL, 64bit	Solaris 9	gcc, GNU C 3.3.2
Sun, Solaris, SUN C/IDL, 32bit	Solaris 9	Sun C 5.8

*NAIF built and tested Icy using IDL version 8.1.



Supported Environments - Matlab*

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Product Name	Operating System	Compiler
Mac/Intel, OS-X, Apple C, 32bit	OS X 10.6.8	gcc, GNU C 4.2.1
Mac/Intel, OS-X, Apple C, 64bit	OS X 10.6.8	gcc, GNU C 4.2.1
PC, Linux, gCC, 32bit	Red Hat Linux (RHE4)	gcc, GNU C 3.4.6
PC, Linux, gCC, 64bit	Red Hat Linux (RHE4)	gcc, GNU C 3.4.6
PC, Windows, Microsoft Visual C/ Matlab, 32bit	Windows XP	Microsoft Visual Studio .NET 7.0 C
PC, Windows, Microsoft Visual C/ Matlab, 64bit	Windows XP	Microsoft Visual Studio 2008 C
Sun, Solaris, SUN C/Matlab, 32bit	Solaris 9	Sun C 5.8

*Mice requires use of Matlab version 7.2 (R2006a) or higher