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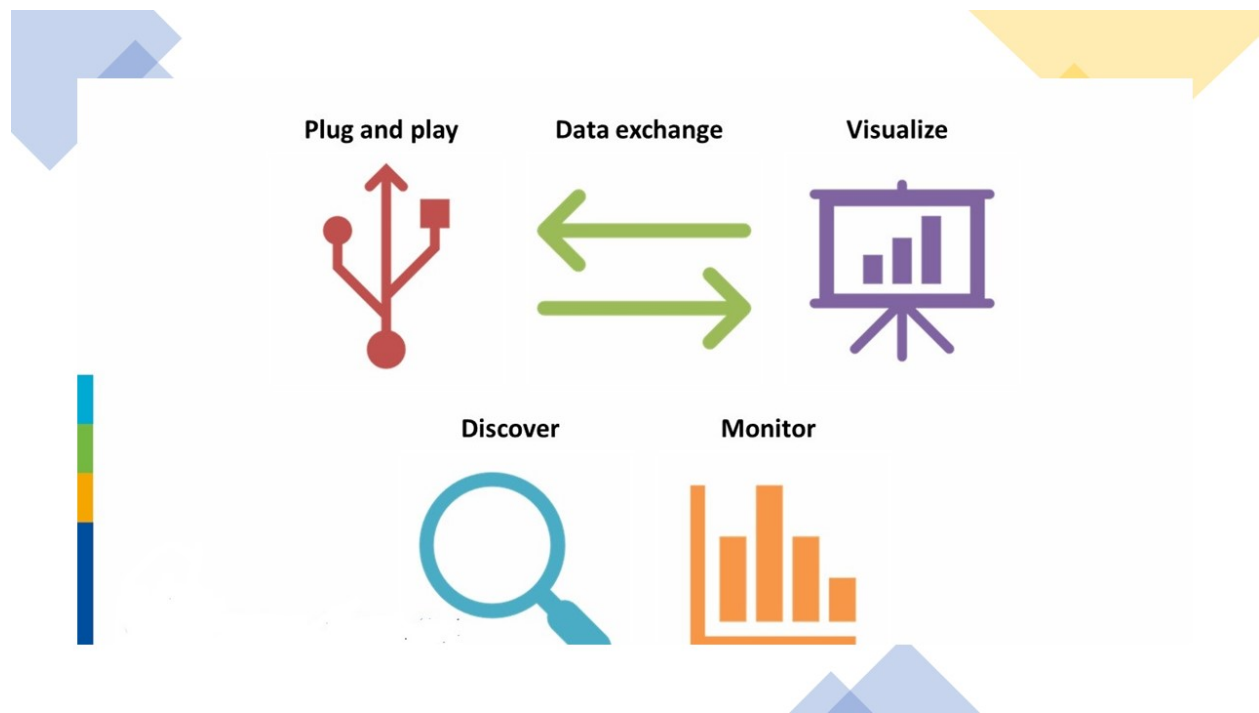




## OVERVIEW

wis2box is a Python reference implementation of a WMO WIS 2.0 node. The project provides a plug and play toolset to ingest, process, and publish weather/climate/water data using standards-based approaches in alignment with the [WIS 2.0 principles](#). In addition, wis2box also provides access to all data in the WIS 2.0 network, from other wis2box instances and global centres.

wis2box is designed to have a low barrier to entry for data providers, providing enabling infrastructure and services for data discovery, access, and visualization.



### 1.1 Features

- WIS 2.0 compliant: easily register your wis2box to WIS 2.0 infrastructure, conformant to WMO data and meta-data standards
- event driven or interactive data ingest/process/publishing pipeline
- visualization of stations/data on interactive maps
- discovery metadata management and publishing

- download/access of data from WIS 2.0 network to your local environment
- standards-based data services and access mechanisms:
  - Data
    - \* [BUFR](#)
  - APIs
    - \* [OGC API](#)
    - \* [MQTT](#)
    - \* [STAC](#)
- robust and extensible plugin framework. Write your own data processing engines and integrate seamlessly into wis2box!
- free and open source (FOSS)
- containerized: use of Docker, enabling easy deployment

## QUICKSTART

Download wis2box and start using Malawi test data:

```
git clone https://github.com/wmo-im/wis2box.git
cd wis2box
```

For the purposes of a quickstart, this deployment expects the test environment, which includes data and metadata. This is done by using the test environment file:

```
cp tests/test.env dev.env
vi dev.env
# ensure WIS2BOX_HOST_DATADIR is set to a local path on disk for persistent storage
```

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**Note:** For more information on deployment, see *Administration* and *Configuration*

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Start wis2box with Docker Compose and login to the wis2box container:

```
python3 wis2box-ctl.py start
python3 wis2box-ctl.py status --all # The --all flag shows all containers, even ones
↳ that are down.
python3 wis2box-ctl.py login
```

Once logged in, create the environment and verify it is correct:

```
wis2box environment create
wis2box environment show
```

Setup observation data processing and API publication:

```
wis2box data setup --topic-hierarchy data.core.observations-surface-land.mw.FWCL.
↳ landFixed
wis2box api add-collection --topic-hierarchy data.core.observations-surface-land.mw.FWCL.
↳ landFixed $WIS2BOX_DATADIR/metadata/discovery/surface-weather-observations.yml
```

Publish station collection and discovery metadata to the API:

```
wis2box metadata station cache $WIS2BOX_DATADIR/metadata/station/station_list.csv
wis2box metadata station publish-collection
wis2box metadata discovery publish $WIS2BOX_DATADIR/metadata/discovery/surface-weather-
↳ observations.yml
```

Process data via CLI:

```
wis2box data ingest --topic-hierarchy data.core.observations-surface-land.mw.FWCL.  
↳ landFixed --path $WIS2BOX_DATADIR/observations/WIGOS_0-454-2-AWSNAMITAMBO_2021-07-07.  
↳ csv  
wis2box api add-collection-items --recursive --path $WIS2BOX_DATADIR/data/public
```

Logout of wis2box container:

```
exit
```

Restart the wis2box API container:

```
python3 wis2box-ctl.py restart pygeoapi
```

From here, you can run `python3 wis2box-ctl.py status` to confirm that containers are running.

To explore your wis2box installation and services, visit <http://localhost:8999> in your web browser.

## **WIS 2.0**

The [WMO Information System](#) is a coordinated global infrastructure responsible for telecommunications and data management functions and is owned and operated by WMO Members.

WIS provides an integrated approach suitable for all WMO Programmes to meet the requirements for routine collection and automated dissemination of observed data and products, as well as data discovery, access, and retrieval services for weather, climate, water, and related data produced by centres and Member countries in the framework of any WMO Programme. It is capable of exchanging large data volumes, such as new ground and satellite-based systems, finer resolutions in numerical weather prediction, and hydrological models and their applications. These data and products must be available to National Hydrological and Meteorological Services (NHMS), but also national disaster authorities for more timely alerts where and when needed.

WIS is a vital data communications backbone for integrating the diverse real-time and non-real-time high priority data sets, regardless of location.

Further documentation on WIS 2.0 can be found at the following links:

- [WIS Overview](#)



## HOW WIS2BOX WORKS

wis2box is implemented in the spirit of the [Twelve-Factor App methodology](#).

wis2box is a [Docker](#) and [Python](#)-based platform with the capabilities for centres to integrate their data holdings and publish them to the WMO Information System with a plug and play capability supporting data publishing, discovery and access.

### 4.1 High level system context

The following diagram provides a high level overview of the main functions of wis2box:

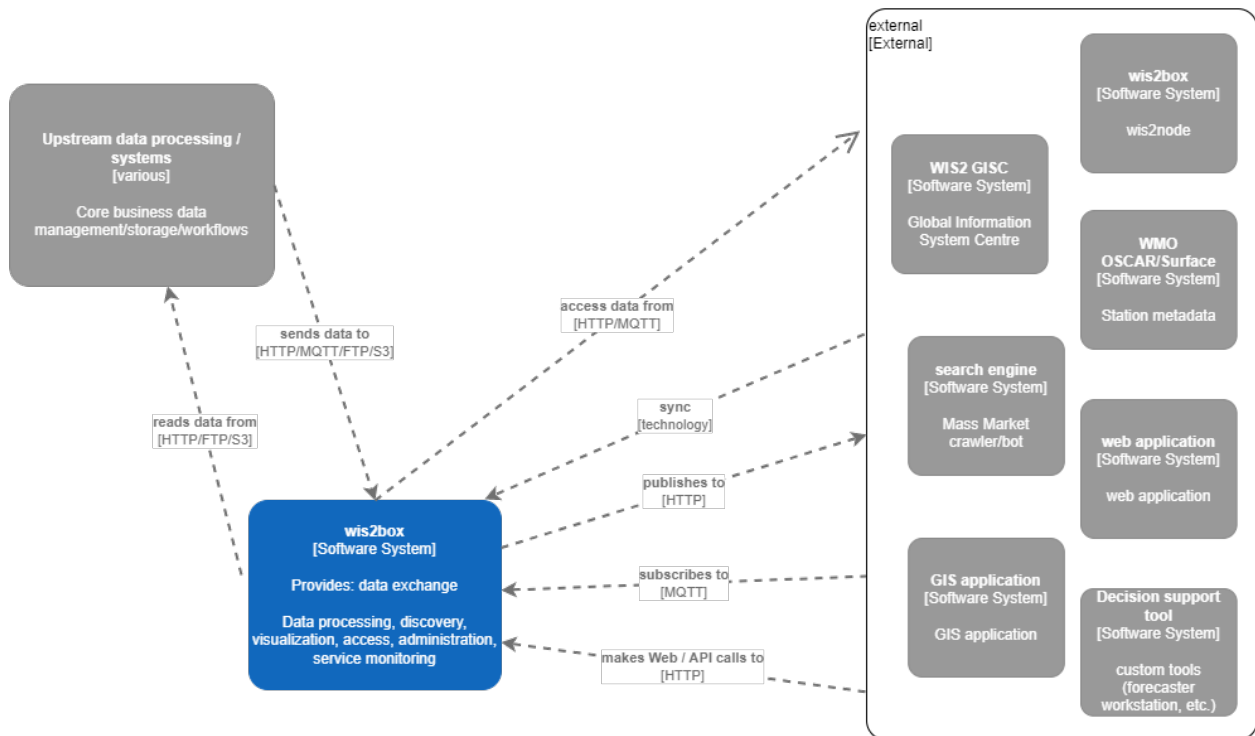
Core wis2box functionality includes the ability to:

- integrate your existing data processing pipeline
- cache station metadata from the [OSCAR/Surface](#) station metadata management tool
- process and transform your weather/climate/water data into official WMO data formats
- create and publish discovery metadata of your datasets
- provide your data via OGC and PubSub standards mechanisms to your data, enabling easy access for web applications, desktop GIS tools, mobile applications
- connect your wis2box to the WIS 2.0 network
- make your data and services available to market search engines
- subscribe to and download weather/climate/water data from the WIS 2.0 network

### 4.2 Docker Compose

wis2box is built as [Docker Compose](#) application, allowing for easy install and container management.

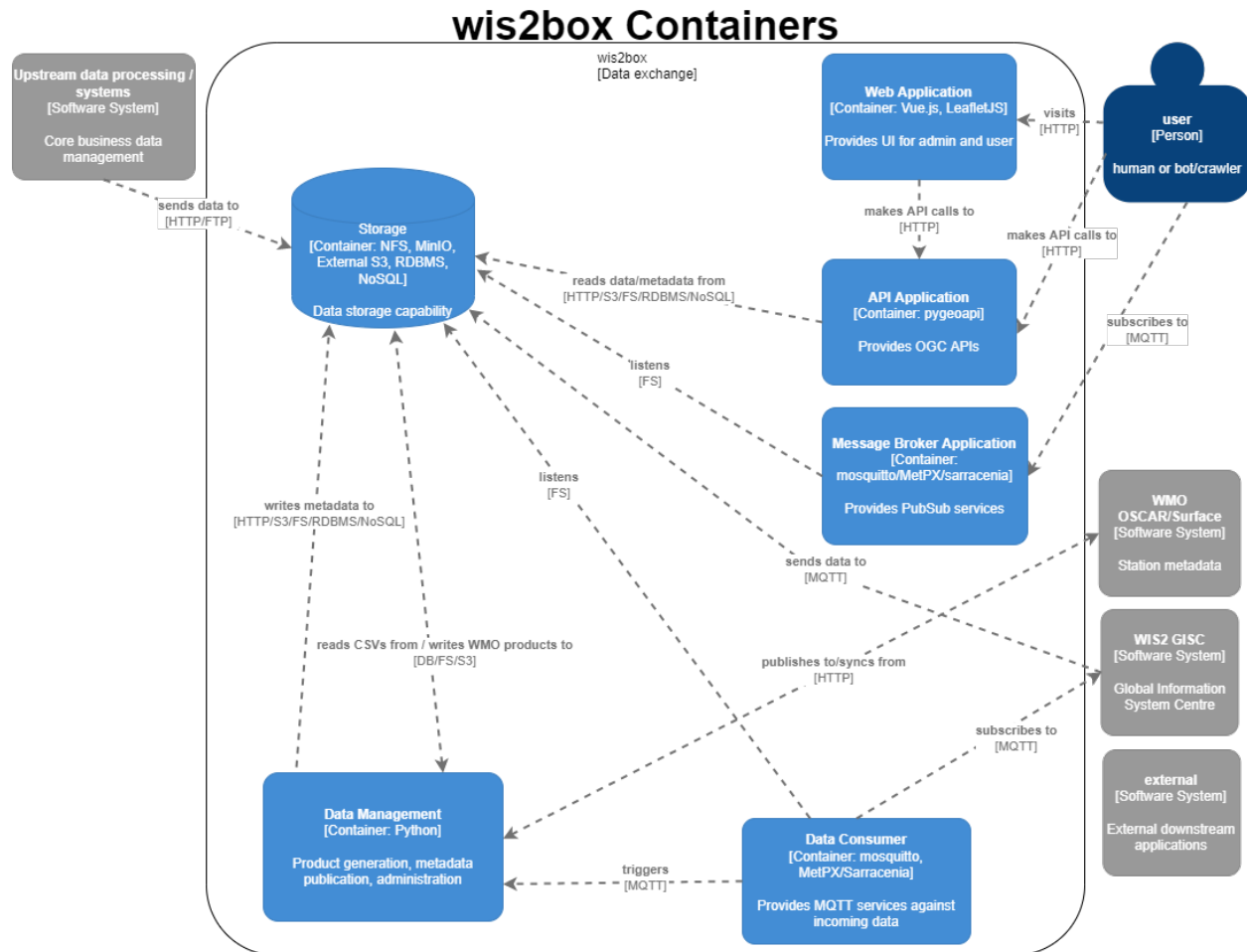
## wis2box System Context





## 4.3 Container workflow

Let's dive a little deeper. The following diagram provides a view of all wis2box containers:



Container functionality can be described as follows:

- **Data Consumer:** the data entry point of wis2box. Data pipelines and workflow begins here
- **Data Management:** the epicentre of wis2box. Provides core wis2box administration and data/workflow/publishing utilities
- **Storage:** core data persistence
- **API Application:** OGC APIs providing geospatial web services
- **Web Application:** user interface

## 4.4 Technology

wis2box is built on free and open source (FOSS) technology.

Container	Function	Technology	Standards
Data Consumer	PubSub	<a href="#">mosquitto</a>	<a href="#">MQTT</a>
Data Management	data processing and publishing	<a href="#">pygeometa</a> <a href="#">pyoscar</a>	WCMP (WMO Core Metadata Profile) WMDR (WIGOS Metadata Record)
API Application	data discovery and access	<a href="#">pygeoapi</a> <a href="#">Elasticsearch</a>	<a href="#">OGC API</a>
Web Application	data discovery and visualization	<a href="#">Vue.js</a> <a href="#">Leaflet</a>	<a href="#">OGC API</a>

## INSTALLATION

wis2box is built for easy installation across various operating systems and environments.

### 5.1 Requirements and dependencies

wis2box requires [Python 3](#) and [Docker 1.13+](#).

Core dependencies are installed as containers in the Docker Compose deployment of wis2box. This is true for the software wis2box itself, which runs as a container orchestrating the necessary data management workflows of a node as part of the WIS 2.0 network.

Once Python and Docker are installed, wis2box needs to be installed.

### 5.2 ZIP Archive

```
# curl, wget or download from your web browser
curl https://github.com/wmo-im/wis2box/archive/refs/heads/main.zip
cd wis2box-main
```

### 5.3 GitHub

```
# clone wis2box GitHub repository
git clone https://github.com/wmo-im/wis2box.git
cd wis2box
```

### 5.4 Summary

Congratulations! Whichever of the abovementioned methods you chose, you have successfully installed wis2box onto your system. From here, you can get started with test data by following the [Quickstart](#), or continue on to [Configuration](#).



## CONFIGURATION

Once you have installed `wis2box`, it is time to setup the configuration. `wis2box` setup is based on a simple configuration that can be adjusted depending the user's needs and deployment environment.

### 6.1 Environment variables

`wis2box` configuration is driven primarily by a small set of environment variables. The runtime configuration is defined in the [Env](#) format in a plain text file named `dev.env` and `docker/default.env`.

Any values set in `dev.env` override the default environment variables in `docker/default.env`. For further / specialized configuration, see the sections below.

#### 6.1.1 WIS2BOX\_HOST\_DATADIR

The minimum required setting in `dev.env` is the `WIS2BOX_HOST_DATADIR` environment variable. Setting this value is **required** to map the `wis2box` data directory from the host system to the containers.

It is recommended to set this value to an absolute path on your system.

### 6.2 Sections

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**Note:** A reference configuration can always be found in the `wis2box` [GitHub](#) repository. The *Quickstart* uses a variant of `wis2box.env` with mappings to the test data, as an example. For complex installations, it is recommended to start configuring `wis2box` by copying the example `wis2box.env` file and modifying accordingly.

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`wis2box` environment variables can be categorized via the following core sections:

- **Data:** locations of where data is stored as well as retention specifications
- **API:** API configuration for provisioning the OGC API capabilities
- **Logging:** logging configuration for `wis2box`
- **PubSub:** PubSub options
- **Other:** other miscellaneous options

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**Note:** Configuration directives and reference are described below via annotated examples. Changes in configuration require a restart of `wis2box` to take effect. See the [Administration](#) section for information on managing `wis2box`.

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## 6.2.1 Data

The data configurations provide control of directories on the host machine bound into the Docker volume and wis2box. The default relationship below resembles the directory structure within the wis2box volume.

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**Note:** Make sure to use **absolute paths** instead of relative paths.

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```
WIS2BOX_HOST_DATADIR=${PWD}/wis2box-data # wis2box host data directory
WIS2BOX_DATADIR=/data/wis2box # wis2box data directory
WIS2BOX_DATA_RETENTION_DAYS=7 # wis2box data retention time, in days. Data older than
↪ this value is
                                # is deleted on a daily basis
```

## 6.2.2 API

API configurations drive control of the OGC API setup.

```
WIS2BOX_API_TYPE=pygeoapi # server type
WIS2BOX_API_URL=http://localhost:8999/pygeoapi # public landing page endpoint
WIS2BOX_API_CONFIG=${PWD}/docker/pygeoapi/pygeoapi-config.yml # configuration file
WIS2BOX_API_BACKEND_TYPE=Elasticsearch # backend provider type
WIS2BOX_API_BACKEND_URL=http://elasticsearch:9200 # internal backend connection URL
```

## 6.2.3 Logging

The logging directives control logging level/severity and output.

```
WIS2BOX_LOGGING_LOGLEVEL=ERROR # the logging level (see https://docs.python.org/3/
↪ library/logging.html#logging-levels)
WIS2BOX_LOGGING_LOGFILE=stdout # the full file path to the logfile or ``stdout`` to
↪ display on console
```

## 6.2.4 PubSub

PubSub configuration provides connectivity information for the PubSub broker.

```
WIS2BOX_BROKER=mqtt://wis2box:wis2box@mosquitto/ # RFC 1738 syntax of internal broker
↪ endpoint
```

## 6.2.5 Other

Additional directives provide various configurationscontrol of configuration options for the deployment of wis2box.

```
WIS2BOX_OSCAR_API_TOKEN=some_token # OSCAR/Surface API token for OSCAR API interaction
WIS2BOX_URL=http://localhost:8999/ # public wis2box url
```

**Note:** To access internal containers, URL configurations should point to the named containers as specified in `docker-compose.yml`.

A full configuration example can be found below:

```
# Required
# Host machine data directory path
WIS2BOX_HOST_DATADIR=/path/to/local/data/directory
```

```
# Optional
# Environment variable overrides
```

```
# data paths and retention
WIS2BOX_DATADIR=/data/wis2box
WIS2BOX_DATA_RETENTION_DAYS=7
```

```
# API
WIS2BOX_API_TYPE=pygeoapi
WIS2BOX_API_URL=http://localhost:8999/pygeoapi
WIS2BOX_API_CONFIG=/data/wis2box/pygeoapi-config.yml
WIS2BOX_API_BACKEND_TYPE=Elasticsearch
WIS2BOX_API_BACKEND_URL=http://elasticsearch:9200
```

```
# logging
WIS2BOX_LOGGING_LOGLEVEL=ERROR
WIS2BOX_LOGGING_LOGFILE=stdout
```

```
# PubSub
WIS2BOX_BROKER=mqtt://wis2box:wis2box@mosquitto
```

```
# other
WIS2BOX_OSCAR_API_TOKEN=some_token
WIS2BOX_URL=http://localhost:8999
```

```
# mappings of topic hierarchy to wis2box data plugins
# optionally override default mappings from wis2box data plugins
# WIS2BOX_DATADIR_DATA_MAPPINGS=${PWD}/wis2box-data-mappings.yml
```

## 6.3 Docker Compose

The Docker Compose setup is driven from the resulting `dev.env` file created. For advanced cases and/or power users, updates can also be made to `docker-compose.yml` or `docker-compose.override.yml` (for changes to ports).

## 6.4 Summary

At this point, you have defined the runtime configuration required to administer your wis2box installation.



## ADMINISTRATION

wis2box is designed to be built as a network of virtual machines within a virtual network. Once this is built, users login into the main wis2box machine to setup their workflow and configurations for data processing and publishing.

The `wis2box-ctl.py` utility provides a number of tools for managing the wis2box containers.

The following steps provide an example of container management workflow.

```
# build all images
python3 wis2box-ctl.py build

# start system
python3 wis2box-ctl.py start

# stop system
python3 wis2box-ctl.py stop

# view status of all deployed containers
python3 wis2box-ctl.py status
```

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**Note:** Run `python3 wis2box-ctl.py --help` for all usage options.

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With wis2box now installed and started, it's time to start up the box and login to the wis2box container:

```
python3 wis2box-ctl.py start
python3 wis2box-ctl.py login
```

Now that you are logged into the wis2box container, it's now time to manage station metadata, discovery metadata and data processing pipelines.



## **RUNNING**

wis2box workflows can be categorized as design time (interactive) or runtime (automated).

### **8.1 Design time**

- environment creation
- topic hierarchy registration
- station metadata caching
- station metadata API publishing
- discovery metadata API publishing

### **8.2 Runtime**

- automated data processing and API/PubSub publishing

### **8.3 Running topics**

#### **8.3.1 Environment**

wis2box requires the environment to be initialized before data processing or publishing.

```
wis2box environment create
```

This command will create all the directories required. You can check the environment at any time with:

```
wis2box environment show
```

For the purposes of documentation, the value `WIS2BOX_DATADIR` represents the base directory for all data managed in wis2box.

### 8.3.2 Concepts

Let's clarify a few concepts as part working with wis2box:

- **topic hierarchy**: thesaurus defined by WMO to categorize and classify data, allowing for easy and efficient search
- **discovery metadata**: description of a dataset to be included in the WIS 2.0 global catalogue
- **catalogue**: a collection of discovery metadata records
- **station metadata**: description of the properties of an observing station, which provides observations and measurements
- **data mappings**: the wis2box mechanism to define and associate a topic hierarchy to a processing pipeline

### 8.3.3 Topic hierarchy

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**Note:** The WIS 2.0 topic hierarchies are currently in development. wis2box implementation of the topic hierarchies will change, based on ratifications/updates of the topic hierarchies in WMO technical regulations and publications.

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wis2box implements the WIS 2.0 topic hierarchies, which are designed to efficiently categorize and classify data, by implementing directory hierarchies. For example, the below exemplifies a WIS 2.0 topic hierarchy as implemented in wis2box:

WIS 2.0 topic hierarchy	wis2box directory
foo.bar.baz	foo/bar/baz

wis2box topic hierarchies are managed **under** the various wis2box directories, and are used as part of both design time and runtime workflow.

To create a wis2box topic hierarchy:

```
wis2box data setup --topic-hierarchy foo.bar.baz
```

This will create the topic hierarchy under the required wis2box directories in support of automated processing and publishing.

To view a given topic hierarchy setup:

```
wis2box data info --topic-hierarchy foo.bar.baz
```

### 8.3.4 Data mappings

Once a topic hierarchy is defined, it needs to be included in the wis2box data mappings configuration. wis2box provides a default data mapping:

```
data:
  data.core.observations-surface-land.mw.FWCL.landFixed: wis2box.data.observations.
  ↳ ObservationData
```

The format of the data property is `key: value`, where:

- **key**: the topic hierarchy defined in the system

- `value`: the codepath that implements the relevant data processing

The default data mapping can be overridden by user-defined data mappings with the following steps:

- create a YAML file similar to the above to include your topic hierarchy
- set the `WIS2BOX_DATA_MAPPINGS` environment variable to point to the new file of definitions
- restart `wis2box`

See [Extending wis2box](#) for more information on adding your own data processing pipeline.

### 8.3.5 Station metadata

`wis2box` is designed to support data ingest and processing of any kind. For observations, processing workflow typically requires station metadata to be present at runtime.

`wis2box` provides the ability to cache station metadata from the [WMO OSCAR/Surface](#) system.

To cache your stations of interest, create a CSV file formatting per below, specifying one line (with station name and WIGOS station identifier [WSI]) per station:

```
station_name,wigos_station_identifier
Balaka,0-454-2-AWSBALAKA
Kayerekera,0-454-2-AWSKAYEREKERA
Lobi_EPA,0-454-2-AWSLOBI
Malomo_EPA,0-454-2-AWSMALOMO
Namitambo,0-454-2-AWSNAMITAMBO
Nkhoma_University,0-454-2-AWSNKHOMA
Toleza,0-454-2-AWSTOLEZA
```

Use this CSV to cache station metadata:

```
wis2box metadata station cache /path/to/station_list.csv
```

Resulting station metadata files (JSON) are stored in `WIS2BOX_DATADIR/data/metadata/station` and can be used by `wis2box` data processing pipelines. These data are required before starting automated processing.

#### 8.3.5.1 Summary

At this point, you have cached the required station metadata for your given dataset(s).

### 8.3.6 Discovery metadata

Discovery metadata describes a given dataset or collection. Data being published through a `wis2box` requires discovery metadata (describing it) to be created, maintained and published to the `wis2box` catalogue API.

`wis2box` supports managing discovery metadata using the WMO Core Metadata Profile (WCMP) 2.0 standard.

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**Note:** WCMP 2.0 is currently in development as part of WMO activities.

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Creating a discovery metadata record in `wis2box` is as easy as completing a YAML configuration file. `wis2box` leverages the [pygeometa](#) project's [metadata control file \(MCF\)](#) format. Below is an example MCF file.

```
wis2box:
  retention: P30D
  topic_hierarchy: data.core.observations-surface-land.mw.FWCL.landFixed
  data_category: observationsSurfaceLand
  country_code: mw
  originator: FWCL
  station_type: landFixed

mcf:
  version: 1.0

metadata:
  identifier: data.core.observations-surface-land.mw.FWCL.landFixed
  language: en
  language_alternate: fr
  charset: utf8
  hierarchylevel: dataset
  datestamp: 2021-11-29

spatial:
  datatype: vector
  geomtype: point

identification:
  language: en
  charset: utf8
  title:
    en: Surface weather observations (hourly)
  abstract:
    en: Surface weather observations (hourly)
  dates:
    creation: 2021-11-29
    publication: 2021-11-29
  keywords:
    default:
      keywords:
        en:
          - surface weather
          - temperature
          - observations
    wmo:
      keywords:
        en:
          - weatherObservations
      keywords_type: theme
      vocabulary:
        name:
          en: WMO Category Code
          url: https://github.com/wmo-im/wcmp-codelists/blob/main/codelists/WMO_
CategoryCode.csv
      wis2:
        keywords:
          en:
```

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```

        - mw.malawi.weatherObservations.dataset_name
    keywords_type: theme
    vocabulary:
        name:
            en: WMO Core Metadata profile topic hierarchy
            url: https://github.com/wmo-im/wcmp2-codelists/blob/main/codelists/topic_
↳ hierarchy.csv

    topiccategory:
        - climatologyMeteorologyAtmosphere
    extents:
        spatial:
            - bbox: [32.6881653175,-16.8012997372,35.7719047381,-9.23059905359]
              crs: 4326
        temporal:
            - begin: 2021-11-29
              end: null
              resolution: P1H
    fees: None
    accessconstraints: otherRestrictions
    rights:
        en: WMO Unified Policy for the International Exchange of Earth System Data
    url: https://example.org/malawi-surface-weather-observations
    status: onGoing
    maintenancefrequency: continual

contact:
    pointOfContact: &contact_poc
        organization: Department of Climate Change and Meteorological Services (DCCMS)
        url: https://www.metmalawi.gov.mw
        individualname: Firstname Lastname
        positionname: Position Name
        phone: +265-1-822-014
        fax: +265-1-822-215
        address: P.O. Box 1808
        city: Blantyre
        administrativearea: Blantyre District
        postalcode: M3H 5T4
        country: Malawi
        email: you@example.org
        hoursofservice: 0700h - 1500h UTC
        contactinstructions: email

    distributor: *contact_poc

dataquality:
    scope:
        level: dataset
    lineage:
        statement: this data was generated by the csv2bufr tool

```

**Note:** There are no conventions to the MCF filename. The filename does not get used/exposed or published. It is up

to the user to determine the best filename, keeping in mind your wis2box system may manage and publish numerous datasets (and MCF files) over time.

---

### 8.3.6.1 Summary

At this point, you have created discovery metadata for your given dataset(s).

## 8.3.7 Data ingest, processing and publishing

At this point, the system is ready for ingest/processing and publishing.

Data ingest, processing and publishing can be run in automated fashion or via the wis2box CLI. Data is ingested, processed, and published as WMO BUFR data, as well GeoJSON features.

### 8.3.7.1 Interactive ingest, processing and publishing

The *wis2box* CLI provides a data subsystem to process data interactively. CLI data ingest/processing/publishing can be run with explicit or implicit topic hierarchy routing (which needs to be tied to the pipeline via the *Data mappings*).

#### Explicit topic hierarchy workflow

```
# process a single CSV file
wis2box data ingest --topic-hierarchy foo.bar.baz -p /path/to/file.csv

# process a directory of CSV files
wis2box data ingest --topic-hierarchy foo.bar.baz -p /path/to/dir

# process a directory of CSV files recursively
wis2box data ingest --topic-hierarchy foo.bar.baz -p /path/to/dir -r
```

#### Implicit topic hierarchy workflow

```
# process incoming data; topic hierarchy is inferred from fuzzy filepath equivalent
# wis2box will detect 'foo/bar/baz' as topic hierarchy 'foo.bar.baz'
wis2box data ingest -p /path/to/foo/bar/baz/data/file.csv
```

### 8.3.7.2 Event driven ingest, processing and publishing

Once all metadata, topic hierarchies, and data configurations are setup, event driven workflow will immediately start to listen on files in WIS2BOX\_DATADIR/data/incoming as they are placed in the appropriate topic hierarchy directory.

---

**Note:** wis2box can make WIS2BOX/data/incoming accessible via webdav by enabling docker/docker-compose.webdav.yml.

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### 8.3.7.3 Summary

Congratulations! At this point, you have successfully setup a wis2box data pipeline. Data should be flowing through the system.

## 8.3.8 API publishing

At this stage:

- station metadata has been configured
- discovery metadata has been created
- data pipelines are configured and running

Let's dive into publishing the data and metadata:

wis2box provides an API supporting the [OGC API](#) standards using [pygeoapi](#).

### 8.3.8.1 Station metadata API publishing

The first step is to publish our station metadata to the API. The command below will generate local station collection GeoJSON for pygeoapi publication.

```
wis2box metadata station publish-collection
```

### 8.3.8.2 Discovery metadata API publishing

This step will publish dataset discovery metadata to the API.

```
wis2box metadata discovery publish /path/to/discovery-metadata.yml
```

### 8.3.8.3 Dataset collection API publishing

The below command will add the dataset collection to pygeoapi from the discovery metadata MCF created as described in the [Discovery metadata](#) section.

```
wis2box api add-collection $WIS2BOX_DATADIR/data/config/foo/bar/baz/discovery-metadata.  
↪ yml --topic-hierarchy foo.bar.baz
```

To delete the collection from the API backend and configuration:

```
wis2box api delete-collection --topic-hierarchy foo.bar.baz
```

Note that the data itself is being published to the API backend automatically given the event driven workflow. If manual ingest is needed, the following command can be run in interactive mode:

```
wis2box api add-collection-items --topic-hierarchy foo.bar.baz
```

#### 8.3.8.4 API container restart

Any change to API configuration requires a restart of the API container, which can be run via the following:

```
python3 wis2box-ctl.py restart wis2box
```

#### 8.3.8.5 Summary

At this point, you have successfully published the required data and metadata collections to the API.

### 8.3.9 Data retention

wis2box is configured to set data retention according to your requirements. Data retention is managed via the `WIS2BOX_DATA_RETENTION_DAYS` environment variable as part of configuring wis2box. Data retention includes cleaning of published data and archiving of incoming/raw data.

#### 8.3.9.1 Cleaning

Cleaning is performed by default daily at 0Z by the system, and can also be run interactively with:

```
# delete data older than WIS2BOX_DATA_RETENTION_DAYS by default
wis2box data clean

# delete data older than --days (force override)
wis2box data clean --days=$WIS2BOX_DATA_RETENTION_DAYS
```

#### 8.3.9.2 Archiving

Cleaning is performed on incoming data by default daily at 1Z by the system, and can also be run interactively with:

```
wis2box data archive
```

Data is archived to `WIS2BOX_DATADIR/data/archive`.

## SERVICES

wis2box provides a number of data access services and mechanisms in providing data to users, applications and beyond.

### 9.1 OGC API

wis2box data and metadata are made available via the [OGC API - Features](#) and [OGC API - Records](#) standards.

The OGC API endpoint is located by default at <http://localhost:8999/pygeoapi>

TODO: example requests

### 9.2 SpatioTemporal Asset Catalog (STAC)

The wis2box [SpatioTemporal Asset Catalog \(STAC\)](#) endpoint can be found at:

<http://localhost:8999/stac>

...providing the user with a crawlable catalogue of all data on a wis2box.

### 9.3 Web Accessible Folder (WAF)

The wis2box [SpatioTemporal Asset Catalog \(STAC\)](#) endpoint can be found at:

<http://localhost:8999/data/>

...providing the user with a crawlable online folder of all data on a wis2box.

### 9.4 MQTT

The wis2box [MQTT](#) endpoint can be found at:

<mqtt://localhost:1883>

...providing a PubSub capability for event driven subscription and access.



## DATA ACCESS

### 10.1 Overview

This section provides examples of interacting with wis2box data services as described in [Services](#) using a number of common tools and software packages.

### 10.2 API

#### 10.2.1 Using Python, requests and Pandas

Python is a popular programming language which is heavily used in the data science domains. Python provides high level functionality supporting rapid application development with a large ecosystem of packages to work with weather/climate/water data.

Let's use the Python `requests` package to further interact with the wis2box API, and `Pandas` to run some simple summary statistics.

```
[106]: import json

import requests

def pretty_print(input):
    print(json.dumps(input, indent=2))

# define the endpoint of the OGC API
api = 'http://localhost:8999/pygeoapi'
```

##### 10.2.1.1 Stations

Let's find all the stations in our wis2box:

```
[107]: url = f'{api}/collections/stations/items?limit=50'

response = requests.get(url).json()

print(f"Number of stations: {response['numberMatched']}")
```

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```
print('Stations:\n')
for station in response['features']:
    print(station['properties']['name'])
```

Number of stations: 19

Stations:

```
BALAKA
BILIRA
CHIDOOLE
CHIKANGAWA
CHIKWEO
CHINGALE
KASIYA AWS
KASUNGU NATIONAL PARK AWS
KAWALAZI
KAYEREKERA
LENGWE NATIONAL PARK
LOBI AWS
MAKANJIRA
MALOMO
MLOMBA
MTOSA BENGGA
NAMITAMBO
NKHOMA UNIVERSITY
TOLEZA
```

### 10.2.1.2 Discovery Metadata

Now, let's find all the dataset that are provided by the above stations. Each dataset is identified by a WIS 2.0 discovery metadata record.

```
[108]: url = f'{api}/collections/discovery-metadata/items'

response = requests.get(url).json()

print('Datasets:\n')
for dataset in response['features']:
    print(f"id: {dataset['properties']['id']}, title: {dataset['properties']['title']}")

Datasets:

id: data.core.observations-surface-land.mw.FWCL.landFixed, title: Surface weather_
↪ observations (hourly)
```

Let's find all the data access links associated with the Surface weather observations (hourly) dataset:

```
[109]: dataset_id = 'data.core.observations-surface-land.mw.FWCL.landFixed'

url = f"{api}/collections/discovery-metadata/items/{dataset_id}"

response = requests.get(url).json()
```

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```
print('Data access links:\n')
for link in response['associations']:
    print(f"{link['href']} ({link['type']})")

[link['href'] for link in response['associations']]
```

Data access links:

```
http://localhost:8999/pygeoapi/collections/data.core.observations-surface-land.mw.FWCL.
↳ landFixed (OAFeat)
mqtt://mosquitto/ (MQTT)
```

```
[109]: ['http://localhost:8999/pygeoapi/collections/data.core.observations-surface-land.mw.FWCL.
↳ landFixed',
       'mqtt://mosquitto/']
```

Let's use the OGC API - Features (OAFeat) link to drill into the observations for Chidoole station

```
[110]: dataset_api_link = [link['href'] for link in response['associations'] if link['type'] ==
↳ 'OAFeat'][0]
```

dataset\_api\_link

```
[110]: 'http://localhost:8999/pygeoapi/collections/data.core.observations-surface-land.mw.FWCL.
↳ landFixed'
```

### 10.2.1.3 Observations

Let's inspect some of the data in the API's raw GeoJSON format:

```
[111]: url = f'{dataset_api_link}/items'

query_parameters = {
    'wigos_station_identifier': '0-454-2-AWSCHIDOOLE',
    'limit': 10000
}

response = requests.get(url, params=query_parameters).json()

pretty_print(response['features'][0])

{
  "id": "WIGOS_0-454-2-AWSCHIDOOLE_20220119T125500",
  "conformsTo": [
    "http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi-features-1/1.0/req/geojson",
    "http://www.wmo.int/spec/om-profile-1/-/req/geojson"
  ],
  "type": "Feature",
  "geometry": {
    "type": "Point",
    "coordinates": [
      34.5,
```

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```

    -15.47,
    929.0
  ]
},
"properties": {
  "identifier": "WIGOS_0-454-2-AWSCHIDOOLE_20220119T125500",
  "phenomenonTime": "2022-01-19T12:55:00+00:00",
  "resultTime": "2022-02-21T15:27:56+00:00",
  "wigos_station_identifier": "0-454-2-AWSCHIDOOLE",
  "metadata": [
    {
      "name": "height_of_station_above_ground_level",
      "value": 929.0,
      "units": "m"
    }
  ],
  "observations": {
    "air_pressure": {
      "value": 90903.14,
      "units": "Pa",
      "metadata": [
        {
          "name": "sensor_height_above_mean_sea_level",
          "value": 930.0,
          "units": "m"
        }
      ]
    }
  ],
  "pressure_at_mean_sea_level": {
    "value": 101623.7,
    "units": "Pa",
    "metadata": [
      {
        "name": "sensor_height_above_mean_sea_level",
        "value": 930.0,
        "units": "m"
      }
    ]
  },
  "change_of_air_pressure_over_past_3_hours": {
    "value": null,
    "units": "Pa",
    "metadata": [
      {
        "name": "sensor_height_above_mean_sea_level",
        "value": 930.0,
        "units": "m"
      }
    ]
  },
  "characteristic_of_pressure_tendency": {
    "value": 4.0,

```

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```

    "units": "CODE TABLE",
    "metadata": [
      {
        "name": "sensor_height_above_mean_sea_level",
        "value": 930.0,
        "units": "m"
      }
    ]
  },
  "air_temperature": {
    "value": 24.25,
    "units": "Celsius",
    "metadata": [
      {
        "name": "sensor_height_above_local_ground",
        "value": 1.5,
        "units": "m"
      }
    ]
  },
  "dew_point_temperature": {
    "value": 21.25,
    "units": "Celsius",
    "metadata": [
      {
        "name": "sensor_height_above_local_ground",
        "value": 1.5,
        "units": "m"
      }
    ]
  },
  "relative_humidity": {
    "value": 83.0,
    "units": "%",
    "metadata": [
      {
        "name": "sensor_height_above_local_ground",
        "value": 1.5,
        "units": "m"
      }
    ]
  },
  "duration_of_sunshine_1hr": {
    "value": 0.0,
    "units": "min",
    "metadata": [
      {
        "name": "time_period",
        "value": -1.0,
        "units": "h"
      }
    ]
  }
]

```

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```

},
"duration_of_sunshine_24h": {
  "value": 0.0,
  "units": "min",
  "metadata": [
    {
      "name": "time_period",
      "value": -24.0,
      "units": "h"
    }
  ]
},
"precipitation_amount_1h": {
  "value": 0.0,
  "units": "kg m-2",
  "metadata": [
    {
      "name": "time_period",
      "value": -1.0,
      "units": "h"
    },
    {
      "name": "sensor_height_above_local_ground",
      "value": 1.5,
      "units": "m"
    }
  ]
},
"air_temperature_maximum": {
  "value": 24.550000000000001,
  "units": "Celsius",
  "metadata": [
    {
      "name": "cell_methods",
      "description": "maximum"
    },
    {
      "name": "time_period_start",
      "value": -24.0,
      "units": "h"
    },
    {
      "name": "time_period_end",
      "value": 0.0,
      "units": "h"
    },
    {
      "name": "sensor_height_above_local_ground",
      "value": 1.5,
      "units": "m"
    }
  ]
}
]

```

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```

},
"air_temperature_minimum": {
  "value": 23.650000000000034,
  "units": "Celsius",
  "metadata": [
    {
      "name": "cell_methods",
      "description": "minimum"
    },
    {
      "name": "time_period_start",
      "value": -24.0,
      "units": "h"
    },
    {
      "name": "time_period_end",
      "value": 0.0,
      "units": "h"
    },
    {
      "name": "sensor_height_above_local_ground",
      "value": 1.5,
      "units": "m"
    }
  ]
},
"wind_from_direction": {
  "value": 104.0,
  "units": "deg",
  "metadata": [
    {
      "name": "cell_methods",
      "value": 2.0,
      "units": "CODE TABLE"
    },
    {
      "name": "time_period",
      "value": -10.0,
      "units": "min"
    },
    {
      "name": "sensor_height_above_local_ground",
      "value": 2.0,
      "units": "m"
    },
    {
      "name": "wind_sensor_type",
      "value": 0.0,
      "units": "FLAG TABLE"
    }
  ]
},

```

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```
"wind_speed": {
  "value": 0.878,
  "units": "m/s",
  "metadata": [
    {
      "name": "cell_methods",
      "value": 2.0,
      "units": "CODE TABLE"
    },
    {
      "name": "time_period",
      "value": -10.0,
      "units": "min"
    },
    {
      "name": "sensor_height_above_local_ground",
      "value": 2.0,
      "units": "m"
    },
    {
      "name": "wind_sensor_type",
      "value": 0.0,
      "units": "FLAG TABLE"
    }
  ]
},
"wind_speed_maximum_gust": {
  "value": 2.64,
  "units": "m/s",
  "metadata": [
    {
      "name": "cell_methods",
      "value": null,
      "units": "CODE TABLE"
    },
    {
      "name": "time_period",
      "value": null,
      "units": "min"
    },
    {
      "name": "sensor_height_above_local_ground",
      "value": 2.0,
      "units": "m"
    },
    {
      "name": "wind_sensor_type",
      "value": 0.0,
      "units": "FLAG TABLE"
    }
  ]
},
```

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```

    "surface_downwelling_shortwave_flux_in_air_1h": {
      "value": 287336.3,
      "units": "J m-2",
      "metadata": [
        {
          "name": "cell_methods",
          "description": "sum"
        },
        {
          "name": "time_period",
          "value": -1.0,
          "units": "h"
        }
      ]
    },
    "surface_downwelling_shortwave_flux_in_air_24h": {
      "value": 287336.3,
      "units": "J m-2",
      "metadata": [
        {
          "name": "cell_methods",
          "description": "sum"
        },
        {
          "name": "time_period",
          "value": -24.0,
          "units": "h"
        }
      ]
    }
  ],
  "id": "WIGOS_0-454-2-AWSCHIDOOLE_20220119T125500"
}

```

Let's inspect what's measured at Chidoole:

```

[112]: print('Observed properties:\n')
       for key, value in response['features'][0]['properties']['observations'].items():
         print(f'{key} ({value["units"]})')

```

Observed properties:

```

air_pressure (Pa)
pressure_at_mean_sea_level (Pa)
change_of_air_pressure_over_past_3_hours (Pa)
characteristic_of_pressure_tendency (CODE TABLE)
air_temperature (Celsius)
dew_point_temperature (Celsius)
relative_humidity (%)
duration_of_sunshine_1hr (min)
duration_of_sunshine_24h (min)
precipitation_amount_1h (kg m-2)

```

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```

air_temperature_maximum (Celsius)
air_temperature_minimum (Celsius)
wind_from_direction (deg)
wind_speed (m/s)
wind_speed_maximum_gust (m/s)
surface_downwelling_shortwave_flux_in_air_1h (J m-2)
surface_downwelling_shortwave_flux_in_air_24h (J m-2)

```

## 10.2.2 Pandas

Let's use the GeoJSON to build a more user-friendly table

```

[113]: import pandas as pd

datestamp = [obs['properties']['phenomenonTime'] for obs in response['features']]
air_temperature = [obs['properties']['observations']['air_temperature']['value'] for obs_
↪ in response['features']]

d = {
    'Date/Time': datestamp,
    'Air temperature (°C)': air_temperature
}

df = pd.DataFrame(data=d)

```

```

[114]: df
[114]:

```

	Date/Time	Air temperature (°C)
0	2022-01-19T12:55:00+00:00	24.25
1	2022-01-19T13:55:00+00:00	25.35
2	2022-01-19T14:55:00+00:00	24.55
3	2022-01-19T15:55:00+00:00	23.45
4	2022-01-19T16:55:00+00:00	21.95
..	...	...
151	2022-01-29T10:55:00+00:00	27.05
152	2022-01-29T11:55:00+00:00	29.95
153	2022-01-29T12:55:00+00:00	28.55
154	2022-01-29T13:55:00+00:00	27.35
155	2022-01-29T14:55:00+00:00	22.35

```

[156 rows x 2 columns]

```

```

[115]: print("Time extent\n")
print(f'Begin: {df["Date/Time"].min()}')
print(f'End: {df["Date/Time"].max()}')

print("Summary statistics:\n")
df[['Air temperature (°C)']].describe()

Time extent

```

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```

Begin: 2022-01-19T12:55:00+00:00
End: 2022-01-29T14:55:00+00:00
Summary statistics:

```

```

[115]:      Air temperature (°C)
count      156.000000
mean       22.708974
std        2.764659
min        16.650000
25%        20.725000
50%        22.250000
75%        25.075000
max        29.950000

```

### 10.2.3 Using Python and OWSLib

OWSLib is a Python package which provides Pythonic access to OGC APIs and web services. Let's see how easy it is to work with wis2box with standards-based tooling:

```

[13]: from owslib.ogcapi.features import Features

import pandas as pd

def pretty_print(input):
    print(json.dumps(input, indent=2))

api = 'http://localhost:8999/pygeoapi'

```

Let's load the wis2box API into OWSLib and inspect some data

```

[14]: oafeat = Features(api)

collections = oafeat.collections()
print(f'This OGC API Features endpoint has {len(collections["collections"])} datasets')

for dataset in collections['collections']:
    print(dataset['title'])

malawi_obs = oafeat.collection_items('data.core.observations-surface-land.mw.FWCL.
↳landFixed')
malawi_obs_df = pd.DataFrame(malawi_obs['features'])

# then filter by station
namitambo_obs = oafeat.collection_items('data.core.observations-surface-land.mw.FWCL.
↳landFixed', wigos_station_identifier='0-454-2-AWSNAMITAMBO')
namitambo_obs_df = pd.DataFrame(namitambo_obs['features'])
print(malawi_obs_df.dtypes)
print(malawi_obs_df.head(3))

```

```

This OGC API Features endpoint has 3 datasets
Surface weather observations (hourly)
Stations
Discovery metadata
id          object
conformsTo  object
type        object
geometry    object
properties  object
dtype: object

              id \
0  WIGOS_0-454-2-AWSBALAKA_20220114T075500
1  WIGOS_0-454-2-AWSBALAKA_20220114T085500
2  WIGOS_0-454-2-AWSBALAKA_20220114T095500

              conformsTo      type \
0  [http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi-features-1...  Feature
1  [http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi-features-1...  Feature
2  [http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi-features-1...  Feature

              geometry \
0  {'type': 'Point', 'coordinates': [34.97, -14.9...
1  {'type': 'Point', 'coordinates': [34.97, -14.9...
2  {'type': 'Point', 'coordinates': [34.97, -14.9...

              properties
0  {'identifier': 'WIGOS_0-454-2-AWSBALAKA_202201...
1  {'identifier': 'WIGOS_0-454-2-AWSBALAKA_202201...
2  {'identifier': 'WIGOS_0-454-2-AWSBALAKA_202201...

```

### 10.2.4 R

R is a common programming language for data analysis and visualization. R provides easy access to various statistical analysis libraries. We are going to use the R libraries: `sf` to load features, `dplyr` for data manipulation, and

Install Requirements

```
[ ]: install.packages("sf")
install.packages("dplyr")
```

Import Requirements

```
[1]: library(sf)
library(dplyr)

oapi <- "http://pygeoapi/pygeoapi" # jupyter is run through docker
#oapi = http://localhost:8999/pygeoapi # jupyter is run on host machine
```

Linking to GEOS 3.10.2, GDAL 3.4.1, PROJ 8.2.1; sf\_use\_s2() is TRUE

Attaching package: 'dplyr'

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The following objects are masked from ‘package:stats’:

filter, lag

The following objects are masked from ‘package:base’:

intersect, setdiff, setequal, union

### 10.2.4.1 Stations

```
[2]: stations <- read_sf(paste0(oapi, "/collections/stations/items?f=json"))
print(stations)
```

Simple feature collection with 7 features and 5 fields

Geometry type: POINT

Dimension: XYZ

Bounding box: xmin: 33.67305 ymin: -15.84052 xmax: 35.27428 ymax: -9.92951

z\_range: zmin: 618 zmax: 1288

Geodetic CRS: WGS 84

# A tibble: 7 × 6

	wigos_id	name	url	status	id	geometry
	<chr>	<chr>	<chr>	<chr>	<int>	<POINT [°]>
1	0-454-2-AWSLOBI	LOBI AWS	http...	opera...	65618	Z (34.07244 -14.39528 12...
2	0-454-2-AWSKAYEREKERA	KAYEREKERA	http...	opera...	91840	Z (33.67305 -9.92951 848)
3	0-454-2-AWSMALOMO	MALOMO	http...	opera...	91873	Z (33.83727 -13.14202 10...
4	0-454-2-AWSNKHOMA	NKHOMA UNI...	http...	opera...	91875	Z (34.10468 -14.04422 12...
5	0-454-2-AWSTOLEZA	TOLEZA	http...	opera...	91880	Z (34.955 -14.948 764)
6	0-454-2-AWSNAMITAMBO	NAMITAMBO	http...	opera...	91885	Z (35.27428 -15.84052 80...
7	0-454-2-AWSBALAKA	BALAKA	http...	opera...	91893	Z (34.96667 -14.98333 61...

### 10.2.4.2 Discovery Metadata

```
[3]: discovery_metadata <- read_sf(paste0(oapi, "/collections/discovery-metadata/items"))
print(discovery_metadata)
```

Simple feature collection with 1 feature and 13 fields

Geometry type: POLYGON

Dimension: XY

Bounding box: xmin: 32.68817 ymin: -16.8013 xmax: 35.7719 ymax: -9.230599

Geodetic CRS: WGS 84

# A tibble: 1 × 14

	identifier	externalId	title	description	themes	providers	language	type	extent
	<chr>	<chr>	<chr>	<chr>	<chr>	<chr>	<chr>	<chr>	<chr>
1	data.core...	"[ { \"sc...	Surf...	Surface we...	"[ { ...	"[ { \"n...	en	data...	"
	→ { \"...								

# ... with 5 more variables: created <date>, rights <chr>,

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```
# X_metadata.anytext <chr>, id <chr>, geometry <POLYGON [°]>
```

### 10.2.4.3 Observations

```
[4]: malawi_obs <- read_sf(paste0(oapi,"/collections/data.core.observations-surface-land.mw.
  ↪FWCL.landFixed/items"))
print(malawi_obs)
```

Simple feature collection with 10 features and 7 fields

Geometry type: POINT

Dimension: XYZ

Bounding box: xmin: 35.27 ymin: -15.84 xmax: 35.27 ymax: -15.84

z\_range: zmin: 806 zmax: 806

Geodetic CRS: WGS 84

# A tibble: 10 × 8

	identifier <chr>	phenomenonTime <dtm>	resultTime <dtm>	wigos_station_i... <chr>	metadata <chr>
1	WIGOS_0-45...	2021-07-07 14:55:00	2022-02-21 14:15:14	0-454-2-AWSNAMI...	"[ { \"...
2	WIGOS_0-45...	2021-07-07 15:55:00	2022-02-21 14:15:14	0-454-2-AWSNAMI...	"[ { \"...
3	WIGOS_0-45...	2021-07-07 16:55:00	2022-02-21 14:15:14	0-454-2-AWSNAMI...	"[ { \"...
4	WIGOS_0-45...	2021-07-07 17:55:00	2022-02-21 14:15:14	0-454-2-AWSNAMI...	"[ { \"...
5	WIGOS_0-45...	2021-07-07 18:55:00	2022-02-21 14:15:14	0-454-2-AWSNAMI...	"[ { \"...
6	WIGOS_0-45...	2021-07-07 19:55:00	2022-02-21 14:15:15	0-454-2-AWSNAMI...	"[ { \"...
7	WIGOS_0-45...	2021-07-07 20:55:00	2022-02-21 14:15:15	0-454-2-AWSNAMI...	"[ { \"...
8	WIGOS_0-45...	2021-07-07 21:55:00	2022-02-21 14:15:15	0-454-2-AWSNAMI...	"[ { \"...
9	WIGOS_0-45...	2021-07-07 22:55:00	2022-02-21 14:15:15	0-454-2-AWSNAMI...	"[ { \"...
10	WIGOS_0-45...	2021-07-07 23:55:00	2022-02-21 14:15:15	0-454-2-AWSNAMI...	"[ { \"...

# ... with 3 more variables: observations <chr>, id <chr>, geometry <POINT [°]>

```
[ ]:
```

## 10.3 PubSub

### 10.3.1 Using Python and paho-mqtt

This example will use widely available and used python language and libraries to download some announcements, and then retrieve the corresponding data, using only the [paho-mqtt](#) client library, in addition to Python standard libraries.

```
[13]: import json
import paho.mqtt.client as mqtt
import random
import urllib
import urllib.request

host='localhost'
user='wis2box'
password='wis2box'
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```

r = random.Random()
clientId='MyQueueName'+ f"{r.randint(1,1000):04d}"
# number of messages to subscribe to.
messageCount = 0
messageCountMaximum = 5

# maximum size of data download to print.
sizeMaximumThreshold = 1023

```

The above imports the required modules. It is also assumed that localhost is set up and is publishing messages. Message queuing protocols provide real-time notification about availability of products.

The standard Python package used to subscribe to messages is paho-mqtt (paho.mqtt.client). The package uses callbacks.

Note that messageCount is used to limit the length of the demonstration (otherwise infinite, as it is a continuous flow).

Let's investigate our callbacks.

```

[14]: def sub_connect(client, userdata, flags, rc, properties=None):
        print("on connection to subscribe: ", mqtt.connack_string(rc))
        for s in ["xpublic/#"]:
            client.subscribe(s, qos=1)

```

The sub\_connect callback needed is called when the connection is established, which required to subscribe to topics we are interested in (topics are: xpublic/#, where / is a topic separator and # is a wildcard for any tree of topics).

The qos=1 refers to Quality of Service, where 1 establishes reception of messages at least once. qos=1 is recommended.

The next callback is called every time a message is received, and decodes and prints the message.

To keep the output short for the demonstration, we limit the subscriber to a few messages.

```

[15]: def sub_message(client, userdata, msg):
        """
        print messages received. Exit on count received.
        """

        global messageCount, messageCountMaximum

        m = json.loads(msg.payload.decode('utf-8'))

        print(f"message {messageCount} topic: {msg.topic} received: {m}")
        print(f"message {messageCount} data: {getData(m)}")

        messageCount += 1

        if messageCount > messageCountMaximum:
            client.disconnect()
            client.loop_stop()

```

The message handler above calls the getData() (below). The messages themselves are usually announcements of data availability, but when data is small, they can include the data itself (inline) in the content field. Usually the message refers to the data using a link. Here is a routine to obtain the data given an announcement message:

```
[16]: def getData(m, sizeMaximum=1000):
    """
    given a message, return the data it refers to
    """

    if 'size' in m and m['size'] > sizeMaximum:
        return f" data too large {m['size']} bytes"
    elif 'content' in m:
        if m['content']['encoding'] == 'base64':
            return b64decode(m['content']['value'])
        else:
            return m['content']['value'].encode('utf-8')
    else:
        url = m['baseUrl'] + '/' + m['relPath']
        with urllib.request.urlopen(url) as response:
            return response.read()
```

The calling code then registers the callbacks, connects to the broker, and starts the event loop:

```
[18]: client = mqtt.Client(client_id=clientId, protocol=mqtt.MQTTv5)
client.on_connect = sub_connect
client.on_message = sub_message
client.username_pw_set(user, password)
client.connect(host)

client.loop_forever()

on connection to subscribe: Connection Accepted.
message 0 topic: xpublic/v03/WIS/us/mobile_rgnl_al/surface/aviation/metar/us received: {
  ↳ 'mode': '664', 'mtime': '20220224T052208.259097815', 'atime': '20220224T052208.
  ↳ 259097815', 'pubTime': '20220224T052208.264983', 'baseUrl': 'http://localhost:8999/
  ↳ data/20220224T05', 'relPath': 'WIS/us/mobile_rgnl_al/surface/aviation/metar/us/SAUS44_
  ↳ KMOB_240503_COR_8d674aab16213ac2b13fab2d79950456.txt', 'integrity': {'method': 'md5',
  ↳ 'value': 'jWdKqxYh0sKxP6steZUEVg=='}, 'size': 137}
message 0 data: b'SAUS44 KMOB 240503 COR\r\r\nMTRPRN\r\r\nMETAR KPRN 240458Z AUTO_
  ↳ 200006G15KT 10SM OVC006 19/16 A3016 RMK A02 \r\r\nSLP161 T01940161 402830183\r\r\n\r\r\
  ↳ n\x03'
message 1 topic: xpublic/v03/WIS/pr/tjgu/surface/miscellaneous/pr received: {'mode': '664
  ↳ ', 'mtime': '20220224T052208.427098989', 'atime': '20220224T052208.427098989', 'pubTime
  ↳ ': '20220224T052208.430775', 'baseUrl': 'http://localhost:8999/data/20220224T05',
  ↳ 'relPath': 'WIS/pr/tjgu/surface/miscellaneous/pr/SXPU52_TJGU_240418_
  ↳ a8f650c50a0c0e38a41b0867a011574f.txt', 'integrity': {'method': 'md5', 'value':
  ↳ 'qPZQxQoMDjikGwhnoBFXTw=='}, 'size': 67}
message 1 data: b'SXPU52 TJGU 240418\r\r\nAAXX 24044\N78523 35/// /0503 30151 222//\r\r\
  ↳ r\x03'
message 2 topic: xpublic/v03/WIS/ca/canadian_met_centre/upperair/aircraft/airep/north-
  ↳ atlantic received: {'mode': '664', 'mtime': '20220224T052209.0511043072', 'atime':
  ↳ '20220224T052209.0511043072', 'pubTime': '20220224T052209.056451', 'baseUrl': 'http://
  ↳ localhost:8999/data/20220224T05', 'relPath': 'WIS/ca/canadian_met_centre/upperair/
  ↳ aircraft/airep/north-atlantic/UANT01_CWAO_240503_2d512e655e32ce80001105dfa2fc19f0.txt',
  ↳ 'integrity': {'method': 'md5', 'value': 'LVEuZV4yzoAAEQXfovWZ8A=='}, 'size': 135}
message 2 data: b'UANT01 CWAO 240503\r\r\nARP BAW17V 5329N04306W 0503 F400 5400N04000W_
  ↳ 0515 5400N03000W MS70\r\r\n 260/88 KT\r\r\nGZBKN DDL XXH 240503 L48A\r\r\n\r\r\n\r\r\
  ↳ n\x03'
```

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```

message 3 topic: xpublic/v03/WIS/pr/tjgu/surface/miscellaneous/pr received: {'atime':
  ↳ '20220224T052208.435099125', 'mtime': '20220224T052208.435099125', 'mode': '664',
  ↳ 'pubTime': '20220224T052208.440895', 'baseUrl': 'http://localhost:8999/data/20220224T05
  ↳ ', 'relPath': 'WIS/pr/tjgu/surface/miscellaneous/pr/SXPU52_TJGU_240413_
  ↳ 63e3ff1d1e3bc11b1f430024622ae5aa.txt', 'integrity': {'method': 'md5', 'value': 'Y+P/
  ↳ HR47wRsfQwAkYirlqg=='}, 'size': 67}
message 3 data: b'SXPU52 TJGU 240413\r\r\nAAXX 24044\n78523 35/// /0404 30151 222//\r\r\n
  ↳ \r\n\x03'
message 4 topic: xpublic/v03/WIS/us/wallops_i__wallops_station_va/surface/miscellaneous/
  ↳ nc received: {'mode': '664', 'atime': '20220224T052208.44309926', 'mtime':
  ↳ '20220224T052208.44309926', 'pubTime': '20220224T052208.445723', 'baseUrl': 'http://
  ↳ localhost:8999/data/20220224T05', 'relPath': 'WIS/us/wallops_i__wallops_station_va/
  ↳ surface/miscellaneous/nc/SXNC50_KWAL_240503_99baec43c8b040b9e8496a762be9a891.txt',
  ↳ 'integrity': {'method': 'md5', 'value': 'mbrsQ8iwQLnoSWp2K+mokQ=='}, 'size': 132}
message 4 data: b'SXNC50 KWAL 240503\r\r\n\x1e326A9318 055050324 \r\n07.54 \r\n002 \r\n
  ↳ n120 \r\n038 \r\n041 \r\n100 \r\n13.0 \r\n027.0 \r\n347 \r\n005 \r\n000000 \r\n 44+0NN
  ↳ 28W\r\r\n\x03'
message 5 topic: xpublic/v03/WIS/pr/tjgu/surface/miscellaneous/pr received: {'mode': '664
  ↳ ', 'mtime': '20220224T052208.455099344', 'atime': '20220224T052208.455099344', 'pubTime
  ↳ ': '20220224T052208.457988', 'baseUrl': 'http://localhost:8999/data/20220224T05',
  ↳ 'relPath': 'WIS/pr/tjgu/surface/miscellaneous/pr/SXPU52_TJGU_240403_
  ↳ 0034251607312a5feff05fd760128747.txt', 'integrity': {'method': 'md5', 'value':
  ↳ 'ADQlFgcxKl/v8F/XYBKHRw=='}, 'size': 67}
message 5 data: b'SXPU52 TJGU 240403\r\r\nAAXX 24044\n78523 35/// /0306 30151 222//\r\r\n
  ↳ \r\n\x03'

```

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## 10.4 Running These Examples

To be able to run these examples, one needs to start up a Jupyter Notebook environment. Below is an example of starting a Jupyter session:

```

git clone https://github.com/wmo-im/wis2box.git
cd docs/source/data-access
jupyter notebook --ip=0.0.0.0 --port=8888

```

When Jupyter starts up it may open a browser window for you. If not you would need to point a browser at <http://localhost:8888> to see the menu of notebooks available in this directory.

## 10.5 Summary

The above examples provide a number of ways to utilize the wis2box suite of services.



## EXTENDING WIS2BOX

At its core, wis2box is a plugin architecture orchestrating all the required components of a node in the WIS 2.0 network. Driven by topic hierarchies, wis2box can be used to process and publish any type of geospatial data beyond the requirements of the WIS 2.0 itself.

In this section we will explore how wis2box can be extended. wis2box plugin development requires knowledge of how to program in Python as well as Python's packaging and module system.

### 11.1 Building your own data plugin

The heart of a wis2box data plugin is driven from the `wis2box.data.base` abstract base class (ABC) located in `wis2box/data/base.py`. Any wis2box plugin needs to inherit from `wis2box.data.base.BaseAbstractData`. A minimal example can be found below:

```
from datetime import datetime
from wis2box.data.base import BaseAbstractData

class MyCoolData(BaseAbstractData):
    """Observation data"""
    def __init__(self, topic_hierarchy: str) -> None:
        super().__init__(topic_hierarchy)

    def transform(self, input_data: Path) -> bool:
        # transform data
        # populate self.output_data with a dict as per:
        self.output_data [{
            '_meta': {
                'identifier': 'c123'
                'data_date': datetime_object
            },
            'buf4': bytes(12356),
            'geojson': geojson_string
        }]
        return True
```

The key function that plugin needs to implement is the `transform` function. This function should return a `True` or `False` of the result of the processing, as well as populate the `output_data` property.

The `output_data` property should provide a list of objects with the following properties:

- `_meta`: object with identifier and Python `datetime` objects based on the observed datetime of the data

- `<format-extension>`: 1..n properties for each format representation, with the key being the filename extension. The value of this property can be a string or bytes, depending on whether the underlying data is ASCII or binary, for example

## 11.2 Packaging

The next step is assembling your plugin using standard Python packaging. All plugin code and configuration files should be made part of the package so that it can operate independently when running in wis2box. For distribution and installation, you have the following options:

- publish to the [Python Package Index \(PyPI\)](#) and install in the wis2node container with `pip3 install wis2box-mypackage`
- `git clone` or download your package, and install via `python3 setup.py install`

See the [Python packaging tutorial](#) or [Cookiecutter PyPackage](#) for guidance and templates/examples.

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**Note:** It is recommended to name your wis2box packages with the convention `wis2box-MYPLUGIN-NAME`, as well as adding the keywords/topics `wis2box` and `plugin` to help discovery on platforms such as GitHub.

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## 11.3 Integration

Once your package is installed on the wis2box container, the data mappings need to be updated to connect your plugin to a topic hierarchy. See [Data mappings](#) for more information.

An example plugin for proof of concept can be found in <https://github.com/wmo-cop/wis2box-malawi-observations>

## 11.4 Example plugins

The following plugins provide useful examples of wis2box plugins implemented by downstream applications.

Plugin(s)	Organization/Project	Description
<a href="#">wis2box-malawi-observations</a>	WMO	plugin for Malawi surface observation data
<a href="#">wis2box-pyopencdms-plugin</a>	OpenCDMS	plugin for connecting the Open Climate Data Management System to wis2box



## DEVELOPMENT

wis2box is developed as a free and open source project on GitHub. The wis2box codebase can be found at <https://github.com/wmo-im/wis2box>.

### 12.1 Testing

#### 12.1.1 Unit testing

TODO

#### 12.1.2 Integration testing

TODO

#### 12.1.3 Functional testing

All commits and pull requests to wis2box trigger continuous integration (CI) testing on [GitHub Actions](#).

### 12.2 Versioning

wis2box follows the [Semantic Versioning Specification \(SemVer\)](#).

### 12.3 Code Conventions

Python code follows [PEP8](#) coding conventions.



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