WRF Domain Wizard

A GUI for the WRF Preprocessing System

WRF Portal

A GUI for running WRF

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What is WRF Domain Wizard?

- The graphical user interface for WPS
- Used to
  - Define the region and projection of a domain on map
  - Define any nests
  - Write information to namelist.wps, namelist.input
  - Run the WPS programs
  - Visualize the netCDF output files
- Version 2.30 released on February 3, 2011
  - Supports Linux (including Ubuntu now), AIX, Mac, Windows

WRF Domain Wizard Technical Info -1

- Software is written in Java
  - Minimum (Java) JRE 1.5
  - JRE 1.6 recommended for best performance
  - Runs on local computer or remote computer
  - Uses SFTP/SSH-2 to connect to remote computers
  - Can be run “locally” on a remote computer with X display forwarding
  - Can be run from web page as a Java Web Start app or download .zip file and run from the command line
  - 390 MB of RAM, 1024 x 768 (or better) video display
- Does not include WPS (must download/compile that separately)

WRF Domain Wizard Technical Info -2

- WDW supports
  - WPS/WRF 2.x, latest version of WRF/WPS 3.2
  - ARW, NMM
  - HWRF (Hurricane WRF, reads tcvitals file)
  - GLAPS domains (writes nest7grid.parms files)
  - Nests
  - Projections
    - Lambert Conformal
    - Polar Stereographic
    - Mercator
    - Lat-Lon Regional (WPS 3.x)
    - Lat-Lon Global (WPS 3.x)
    - Rotated Lat-Lon for NMM

WRF Domain Wizard – How to Run

- Run using Java Web Start (JWS)
  - JWS automatically downloads your software then runs it. No need to set up directories, run installation programs, or configure anything. Just click the link and the program runs.
    - The first time you click on the link, there is a delay while the software downloads
    - When you click the link in the future, if the software has been updated, you automatically received the updated portion
  - Java and Java Web Start (javaws) come standard with Linux and Mac. If you don't have Java on your system, download a Java Runtime Edition (JRE) from Sun

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WRF Domain Wizard - Mozilla Firefox

File Edit View History Bookmarks Tools Help

http://wrfportal.org/DomainWizard.html

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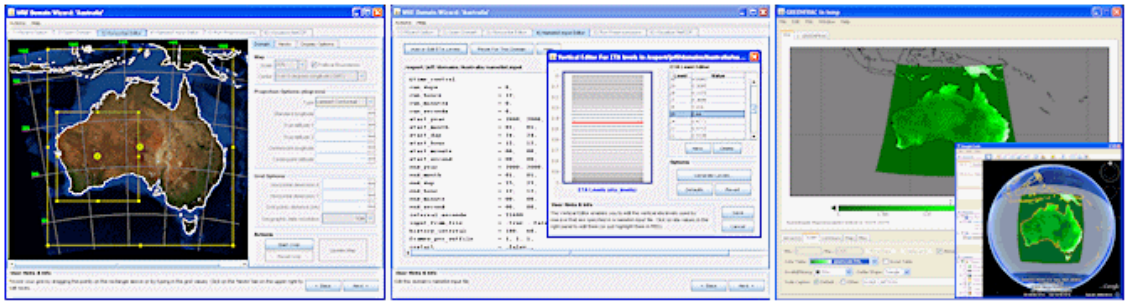
GUI for the WRF Preprocessor System (WPS) and namelist.input. Go here for LAPS Version
Version 2.30 for Linux, AIX, Mac, and Windows - released February 3, 2011



WRF Domain Wizard is the successor to the WRFSI GUI and is a graphical user interface (GUI) for the new WRF Preprocessing System (WPS). It enables users to easily define and localize domains (cases) by selecting a region of the Earth and choosing a map projection. Users can also define nests using the nests editor, edit namelist.input, run the WPS programs (geogrid, ungrib, and metgrid) through the GUI, and visualize the NetCDF output. WRF Domain Wizard is also a built-in component of WRF Portal. WRF Domain Wizard stores its information in namelist.wps, namelist.input (and nest7grid.parms for LAPS users).

WRF Domain Wizard can be run as a stand-alone application or it can be run from inside the WRF Portal application. There are two ways to launch the standalone version of WRF Domain Wizard: by downloading the application and unzipping it, or by launching it with Java Web Start. The advantages of running the Java Web Start version include being able to run it without doing an installation, and automatically receiving program updates. Having trouble running Domain Wizard? Please read the FAQ or troubleshooting tips.

Source Code is available here. Looking for the special version for LEAD? Go here.
What's new in version 2.30

Run WRF Domain Wizard using Java Web Start

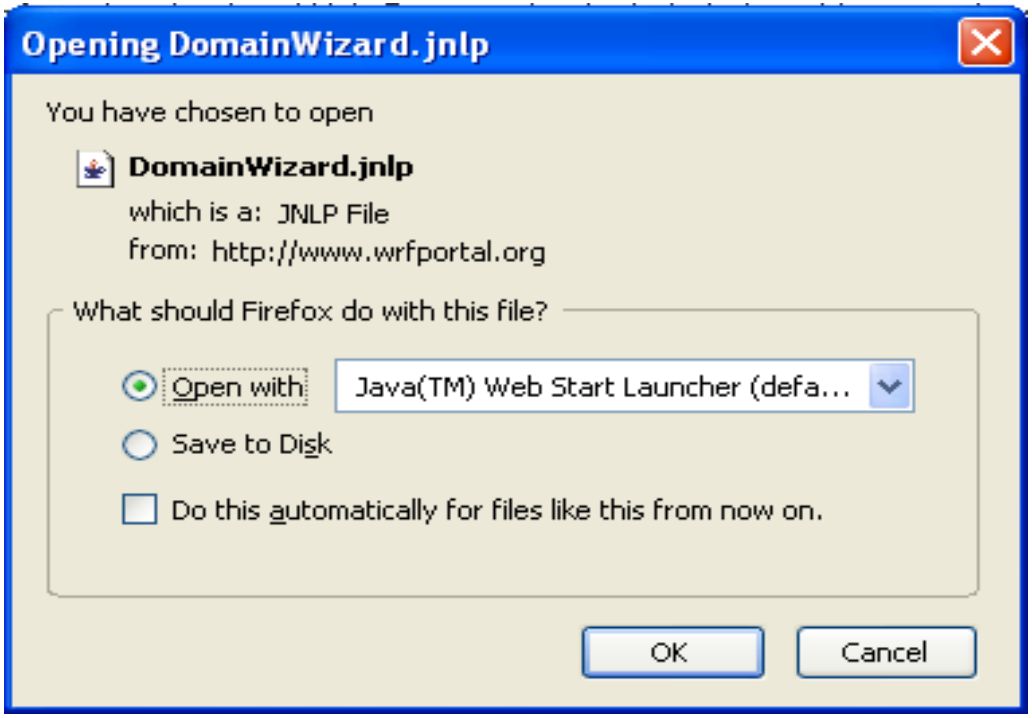
Click here to launch WRF Domain Wizard version 2.30
Requires Java 5 or later (go here if you can only run Java 1.4).

Help! WRF Domain Wizard doesn't launch! Here are some trouble-shooting tips

Click Here

WRF Domain Wizard – How to Run

- Run using Java Web Start



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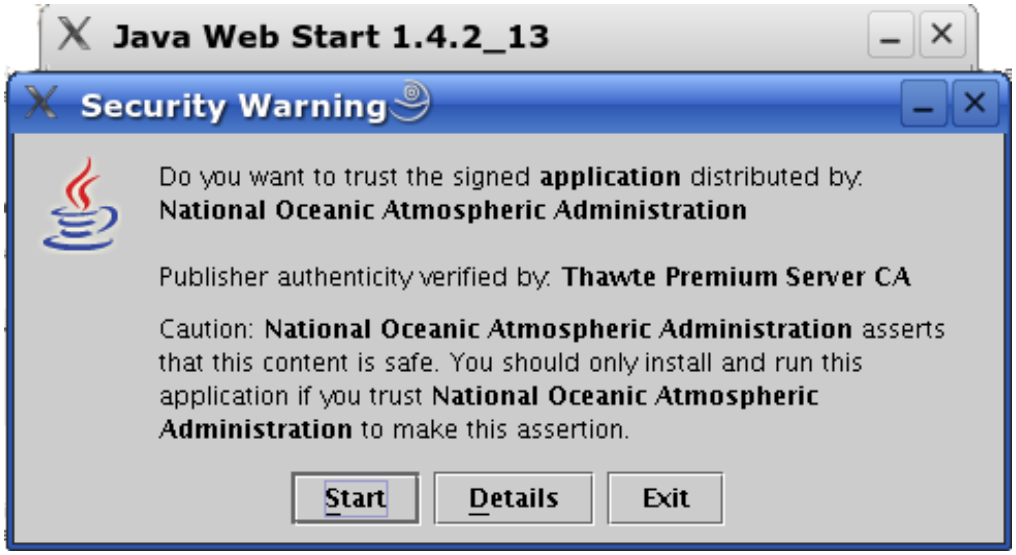

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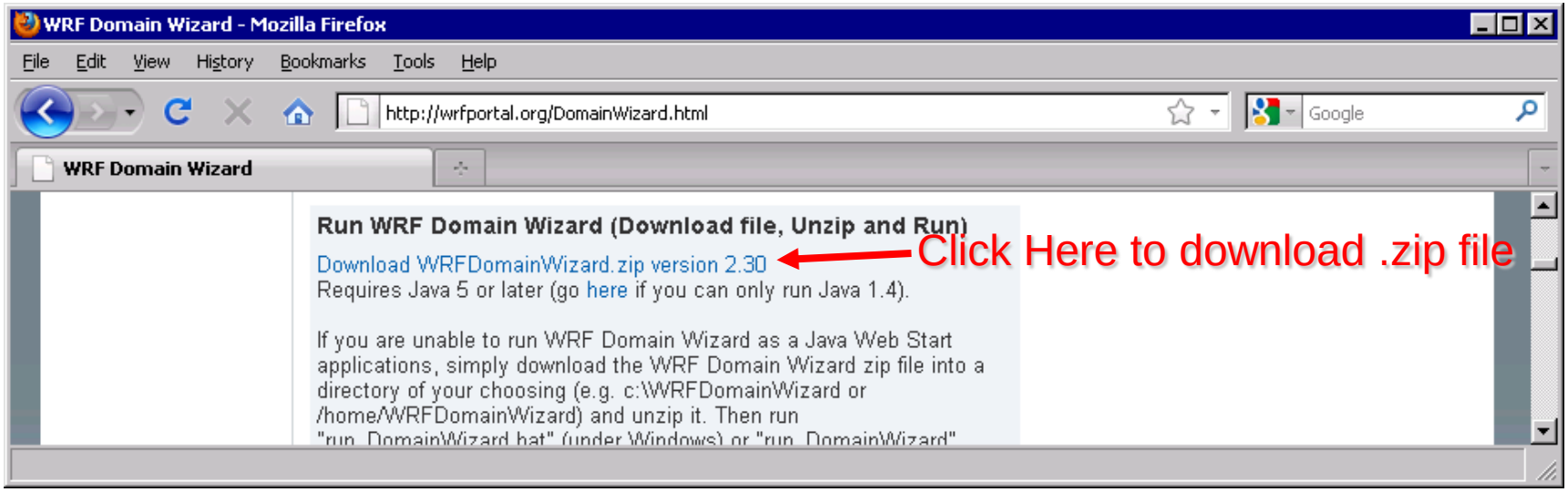
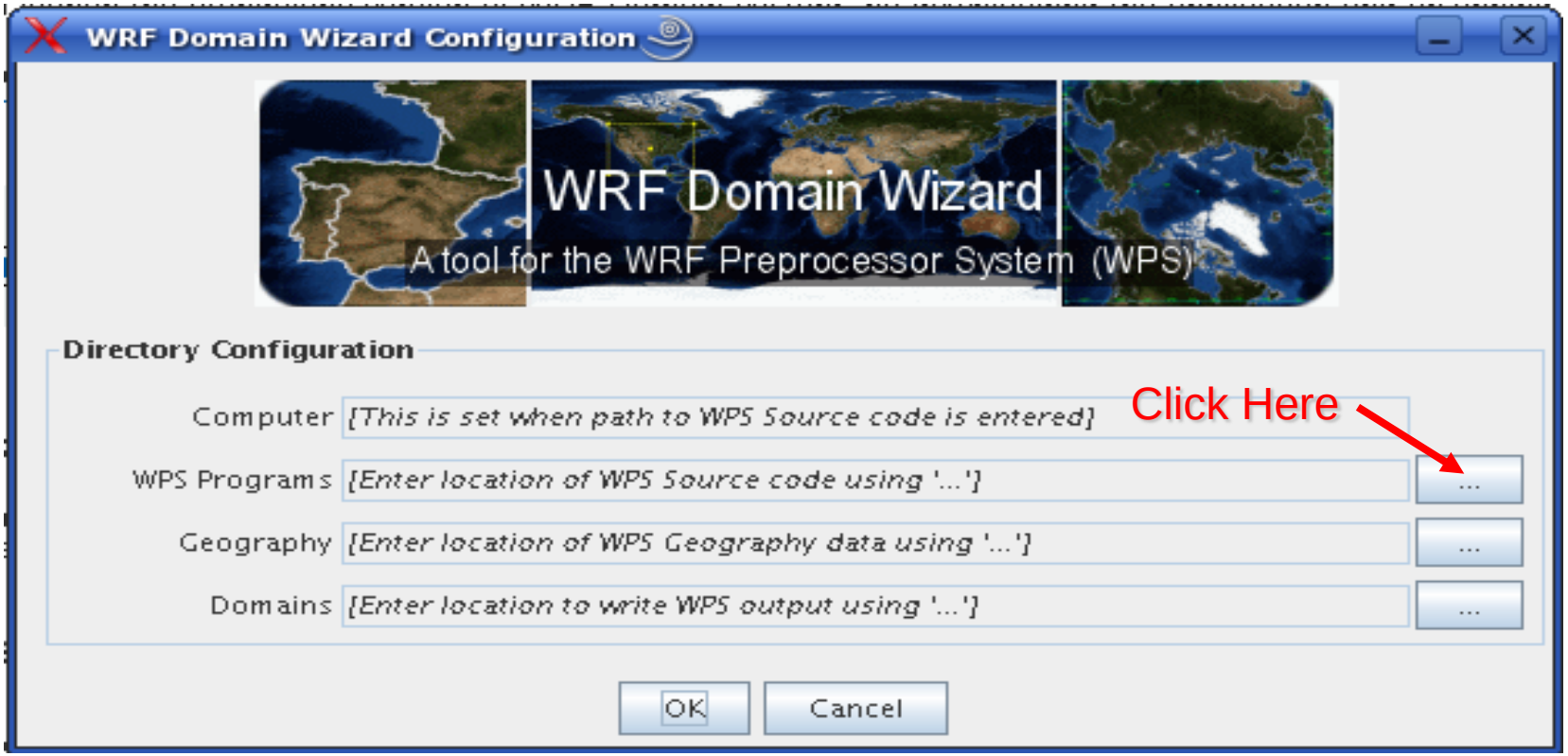
WRF Domain Wizard – How to Run (from Zip)



- Download zip file from web link and run
  - Download the **WRFDomainWizard.zip** to e.g. c:\WRFDomainWizard or /home/WRFDomainWizard
  - Follow the instructions on the web page

WRF Domain Wizard Configuration Window

- This window pops up when you start WDW

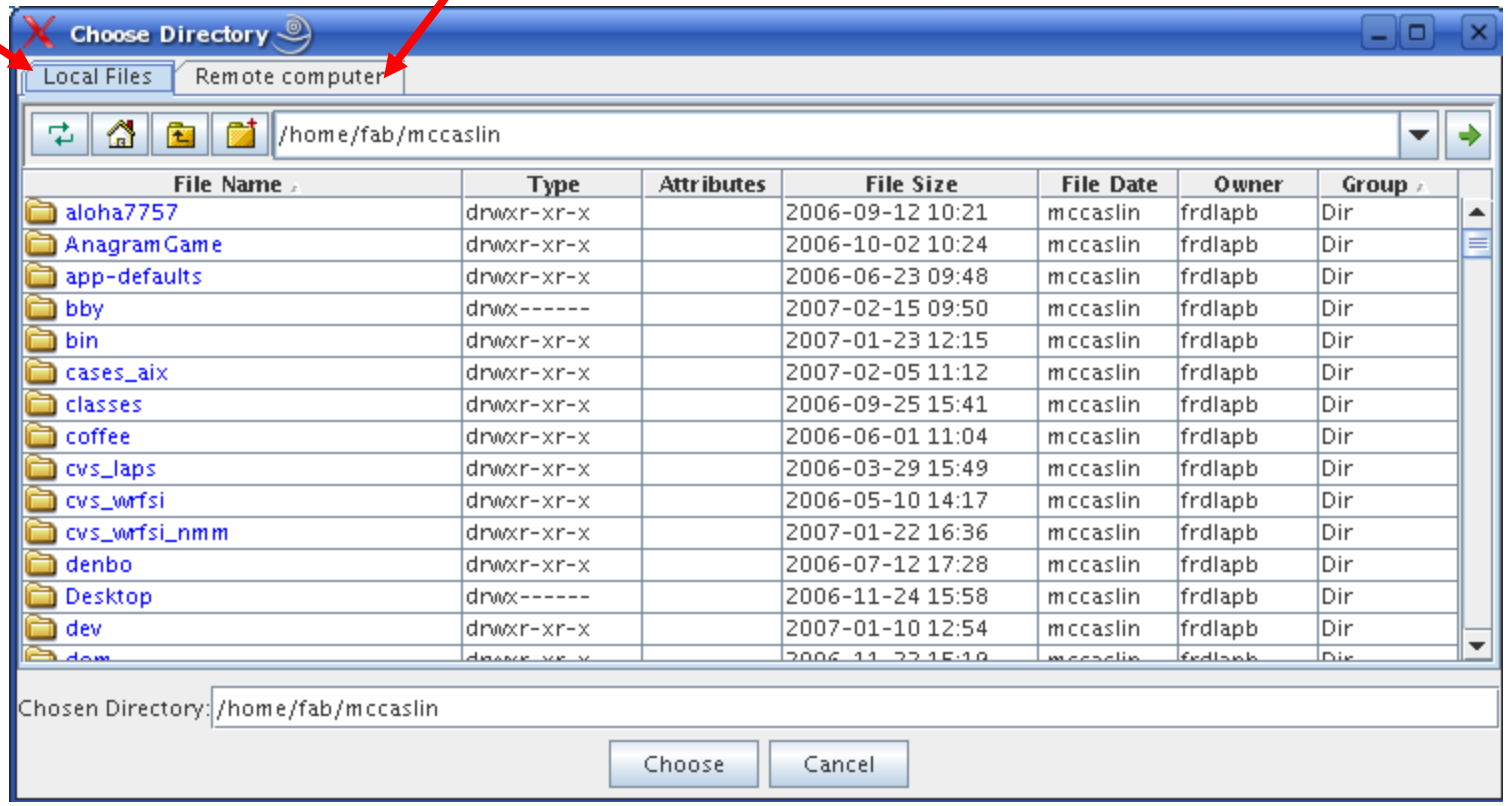


WRF Domain Wizard – How to Run

- Configuration Directory Chooser
  - Choose the computer and dir that WPS is installed on

Local Computer

Remote Computer (requires SSH login)



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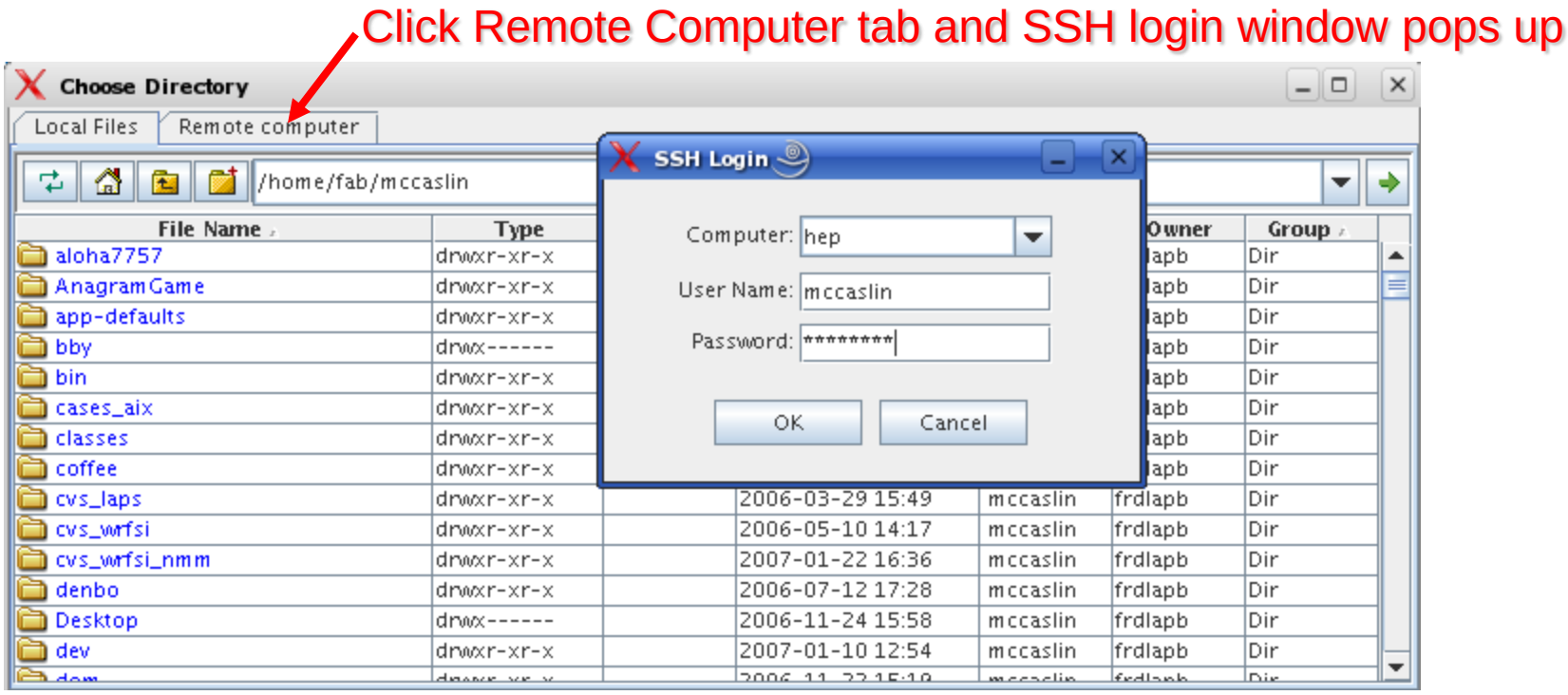
- Configuration selecting remote system



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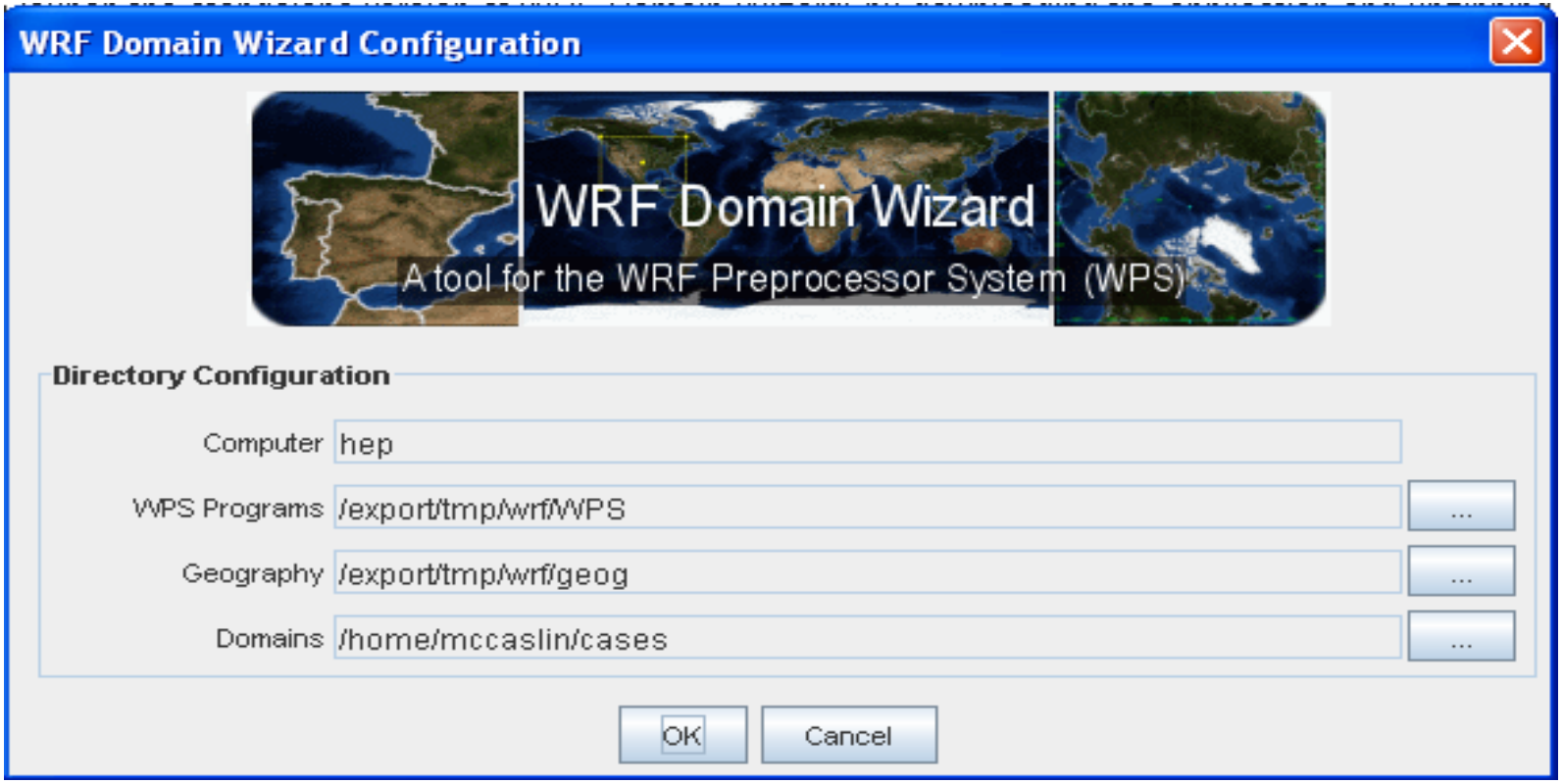
- Configuration complete



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- WDW writes configuration info to DomainWizard.cfg
  - Located in your home directory
  - Sample file:

    hep.fsl.noaa.gov

    /export/tmp/wrf/WPS

    /export/tmp/wrf/geog

    /export/jeff/domains

    /data/public/data/grib/ftp/7/0/84/211

(last line indicates the last grib files dir you selected)

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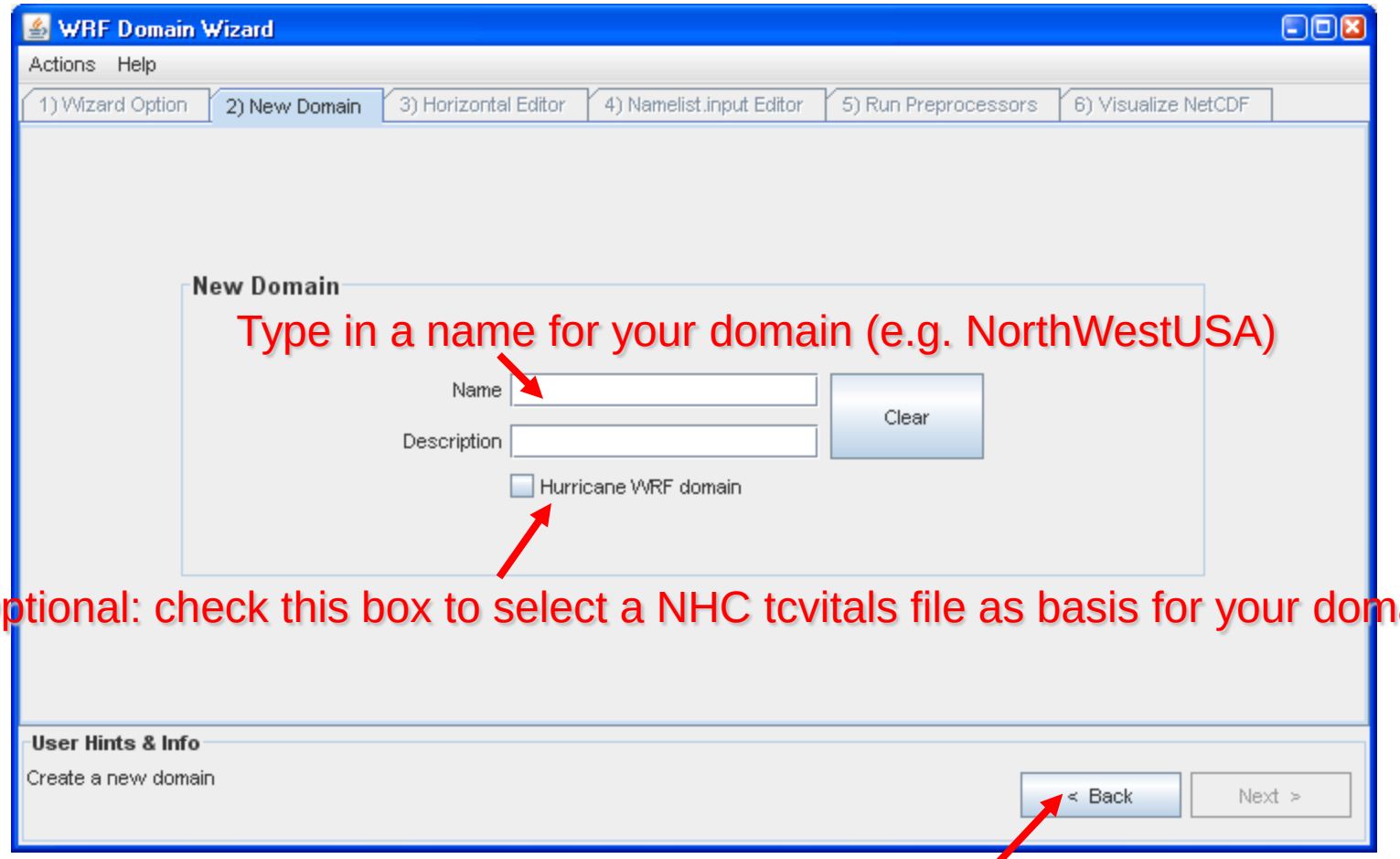

Back button takes you to previous screen

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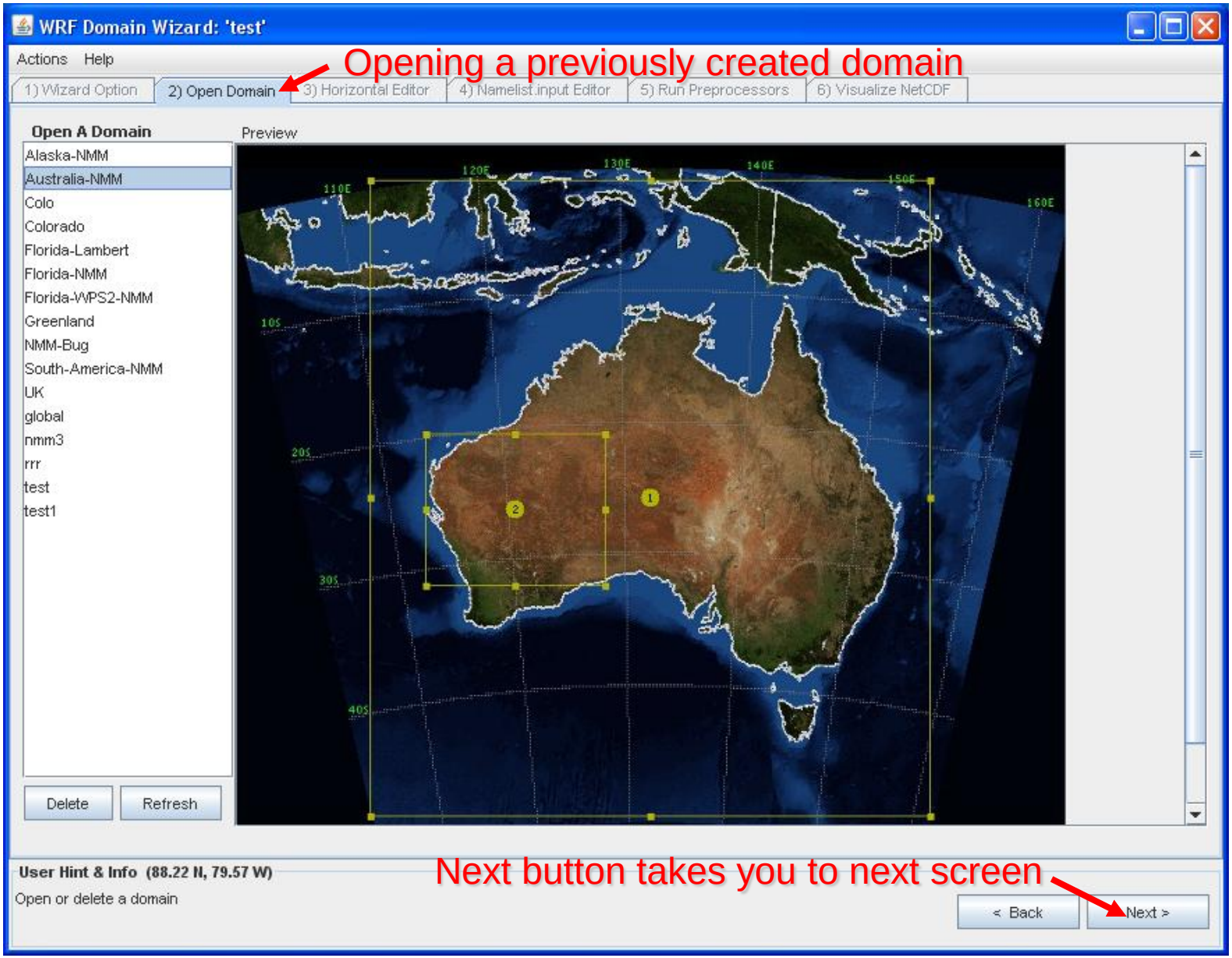

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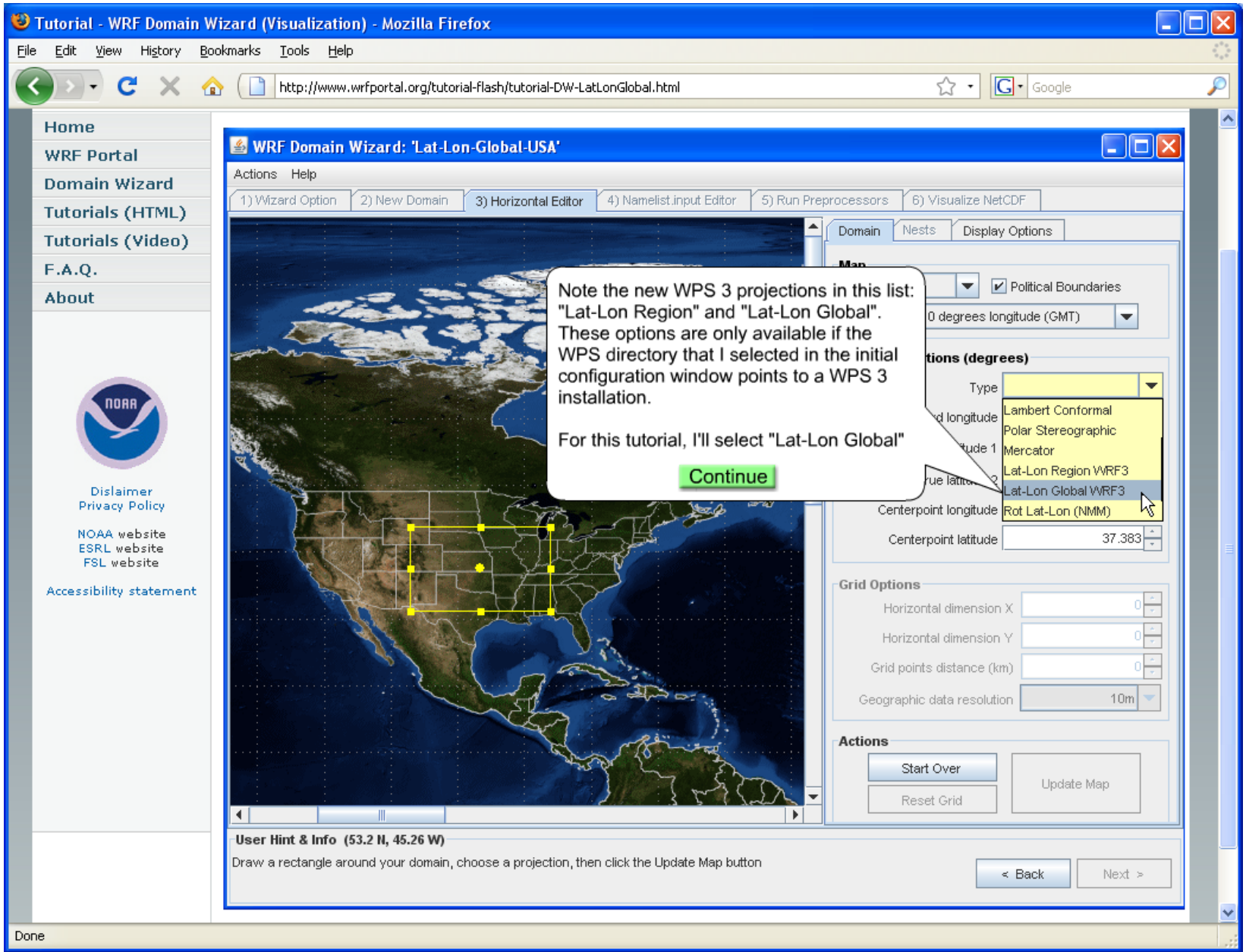

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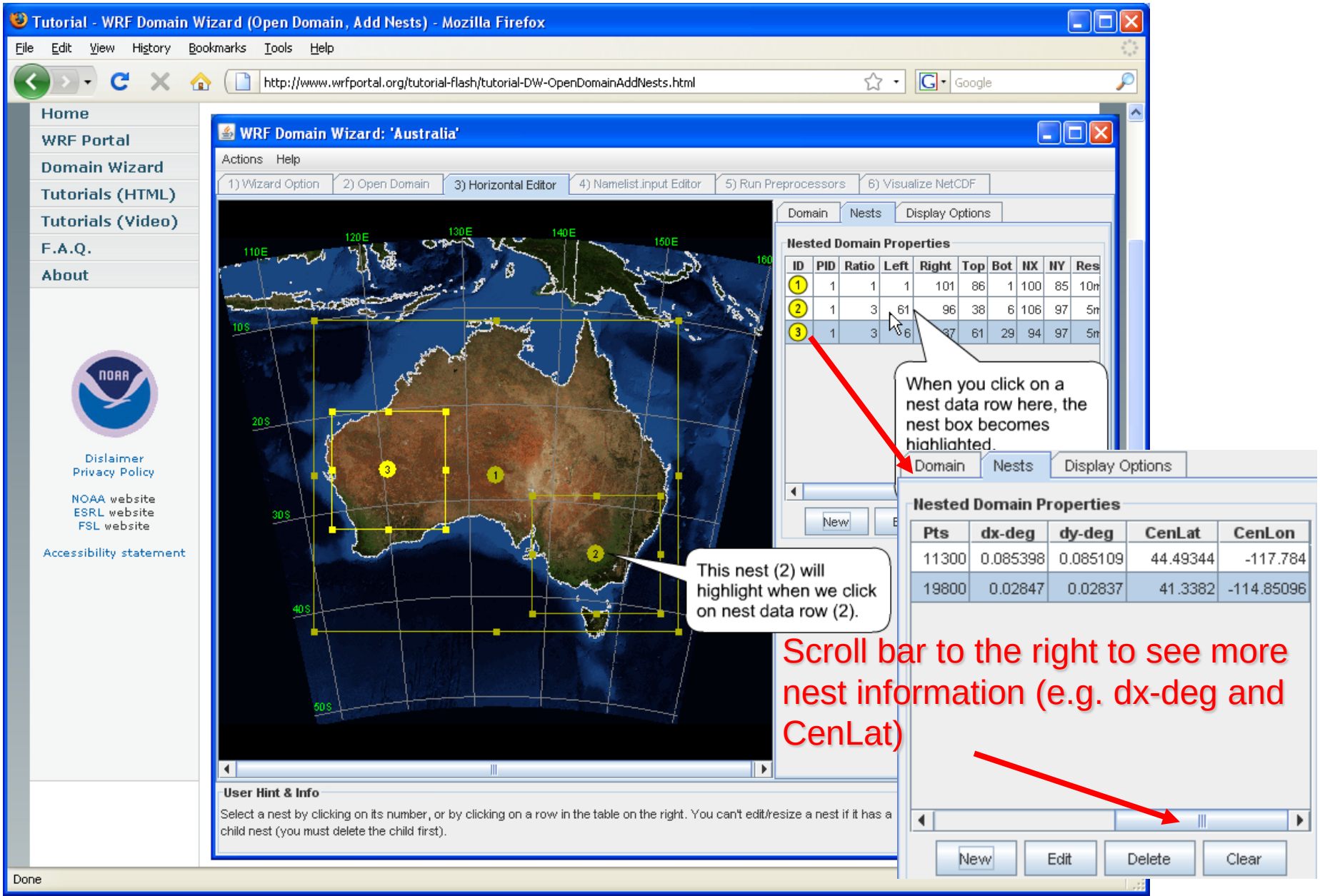

WRF Domain Wizard Tutorial -5

namelist.wps file

```
 interval_seconds = 10800,
 io_form_geogrid = 2,
 opt_output_from_geogrid_path = '/wrf-data/domains/UK/',
 debug_level = 0,
/

&geogrid
 parent_id         = 1,1,1,
 parent_grid_ratio = 1,3,3,
 i_parent_start    = 1,41,30,
 j_parent_start    = 1,15,76,
 e_we              = 100,136,106,
 e_sn              = 119,130,85,
 geog_data_res = '10m','10m','10m',
 dx = 11400,
 dy = 11400,
 map_proj =  'mercator',
 ref_lat   = 54.804,
 ref_lon   = -4.195,
 truelat1  = 54.804,
 truelat2  = 0,
 stand_lon = -4.195,
 geog_data_path = '/wrf-data/geog10m',
 opt_geogrid_tbl_path = '/wrf-data/domains/UK/',
 ref_x = 50.0,
 ref_y = 59.5,
/
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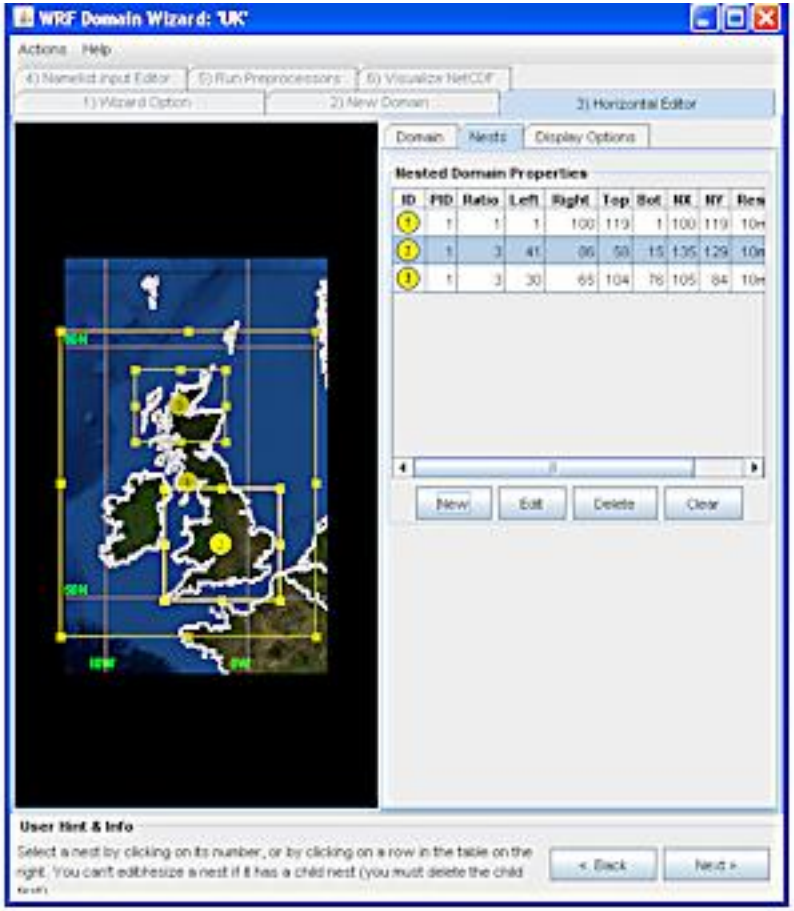

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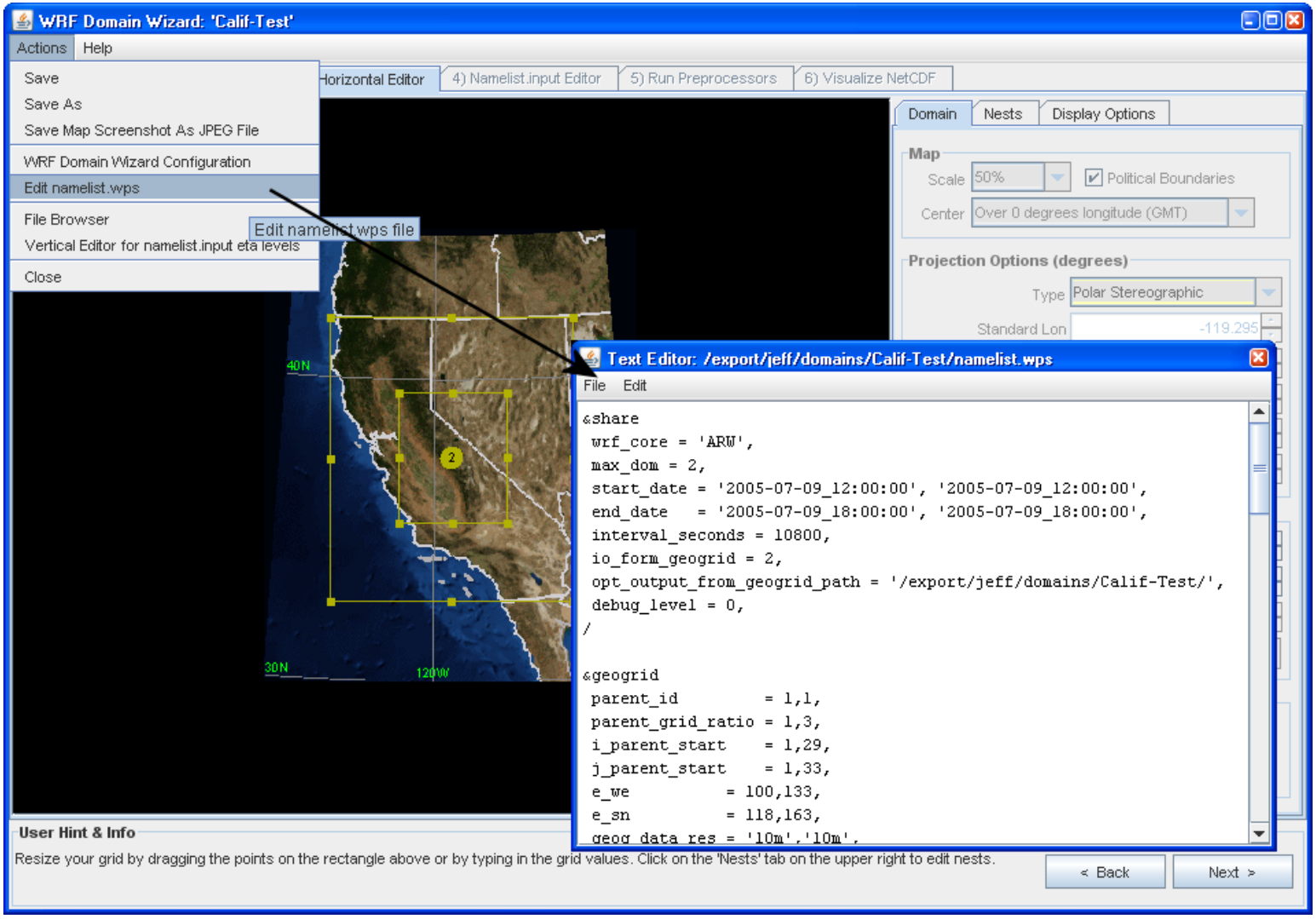
Can edit namelist.wps manually file in built-in text editor



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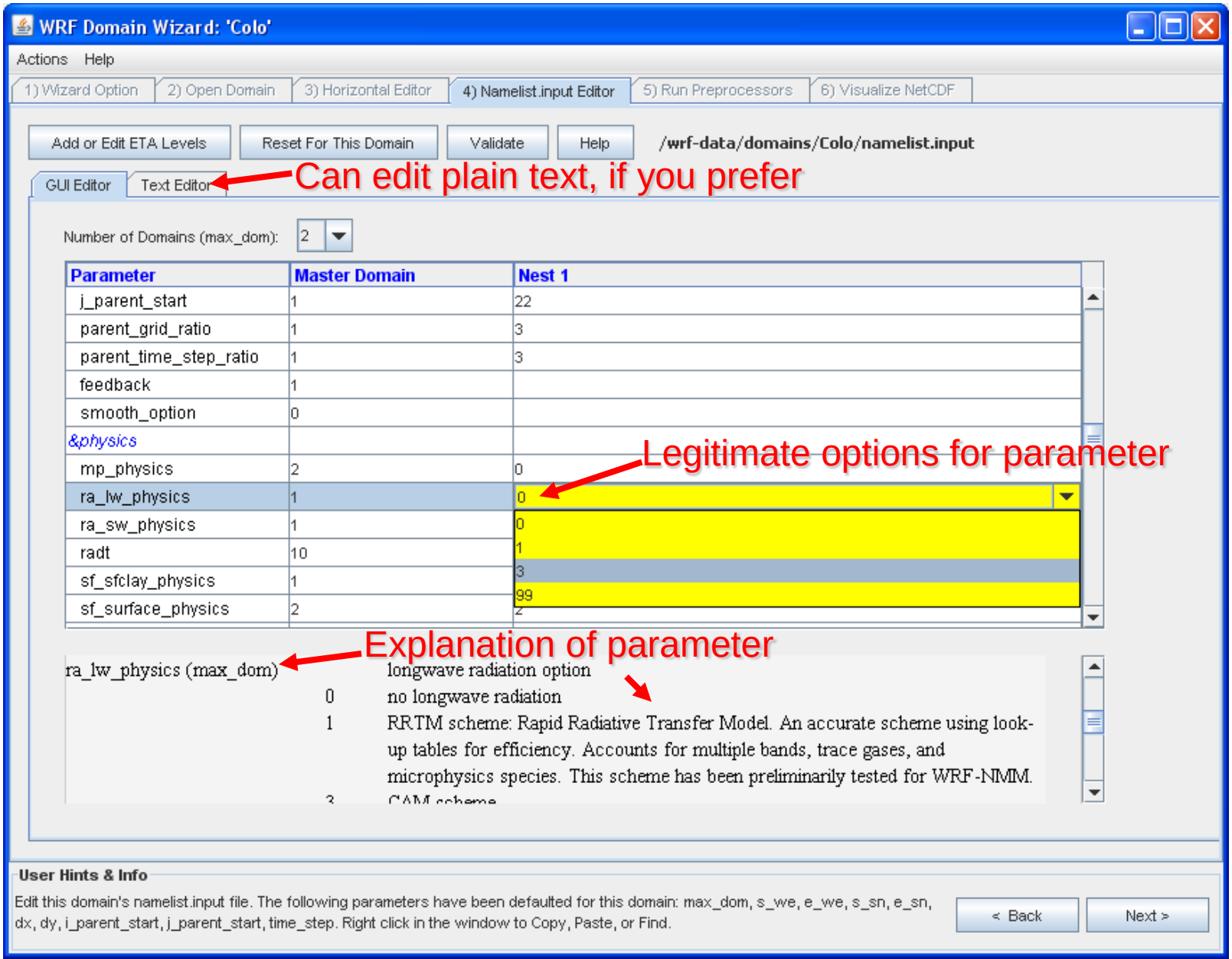

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namelist.input file

```
&dynamics
w_damping             = 0,
diff_opt              = 1,
km_opt                = 4,
base_temp             = 290.,
damp_opt              = 0,
zdamp                 = 5000.,   5000.,   5000.,
dampcoef              = 0.01,    0.01,    0.01,
khdif                 = 0,       0,       0,
kvdif                 = 0,       0,       0,
smdiv                 = 0.1,     0.1,     0.1,
emdiv                 = 0.01,    0.01,    0.01,
epssm                 = 0.1,     0.1,     0.1,
time_step_sound       = 4,       4,       4,
h_mom_adv_order       = 5,       5,       5,
v_mom_adv_order       = 3,       3,       3,
h_sca_adv_order       = 5,       5,       5,
v_sca_adv_order       = 3,       3,       3,
non_hydrostatic       = .true.,  .true.,  .true.,
pd_moist              = .true.,  .true.,  .true.,
pd_scalar             = .true.,  .true.,  .true.,
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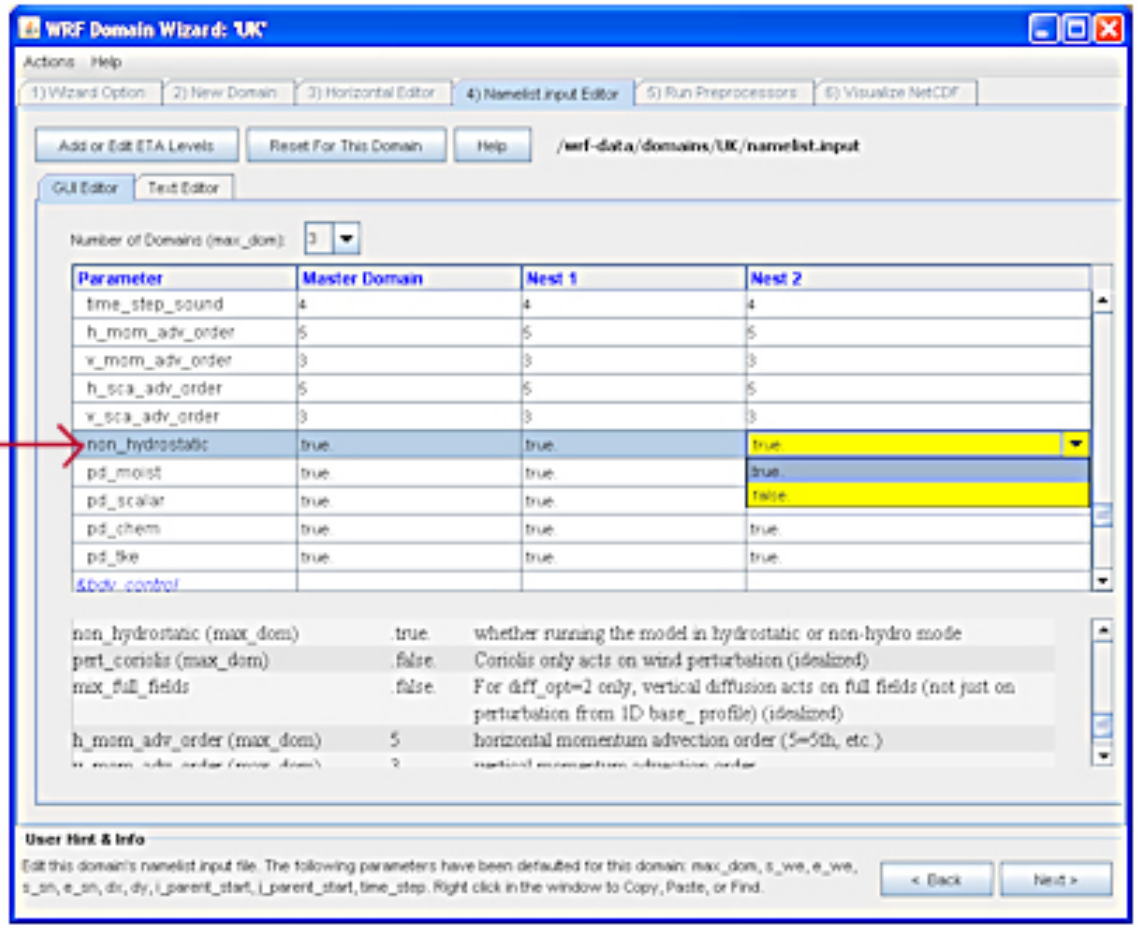

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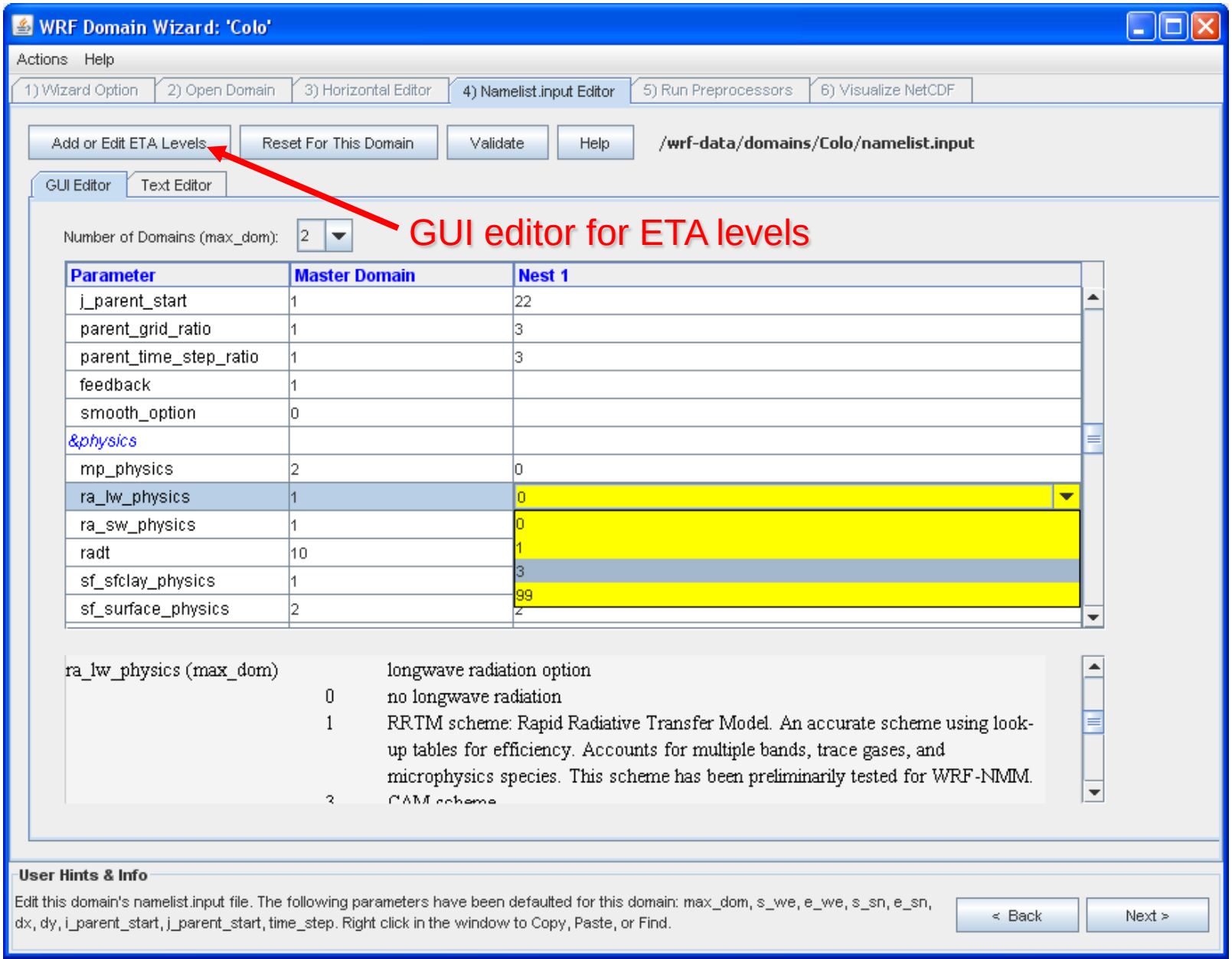

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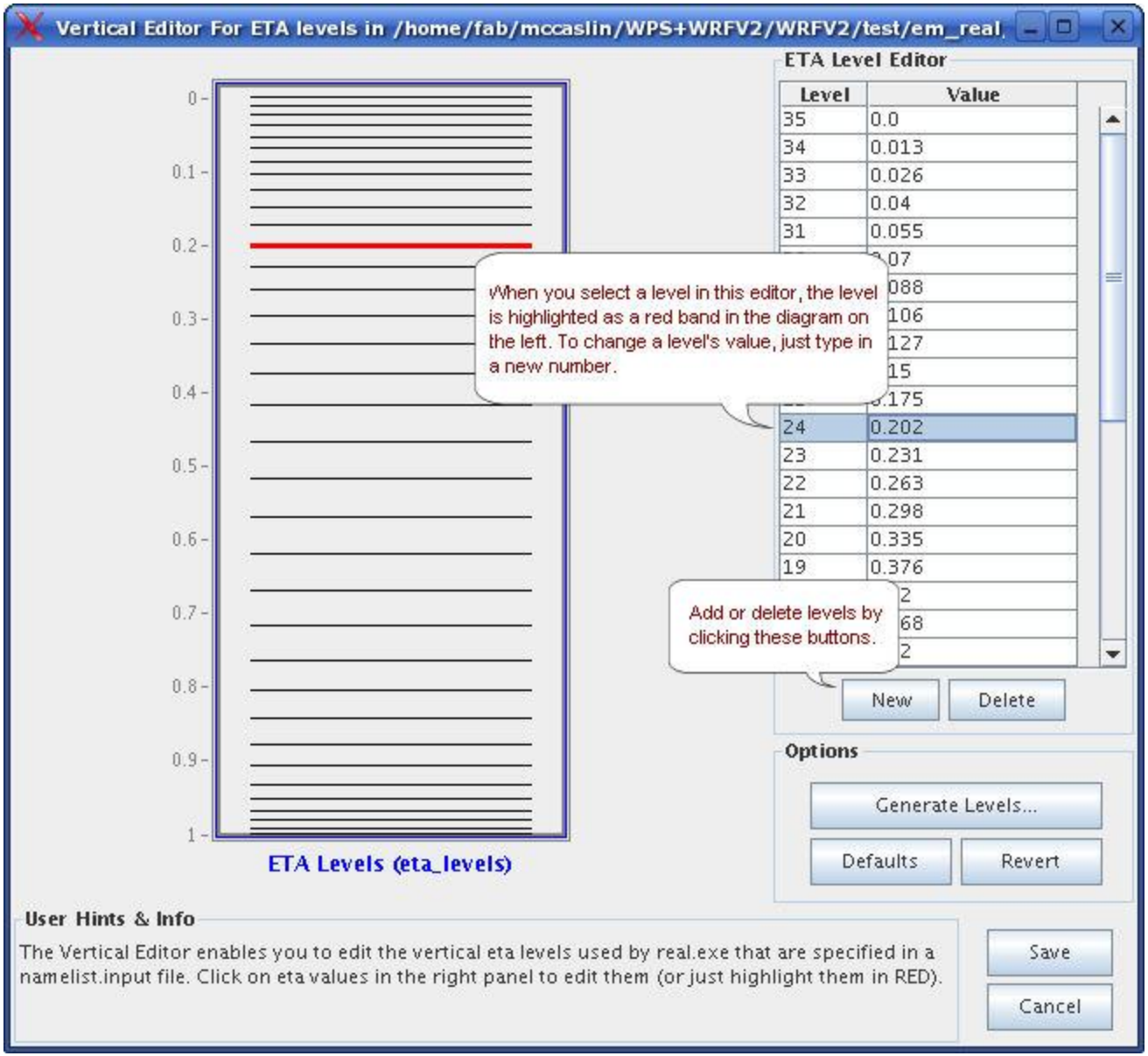

WRF Domain Wizard Tutorial -11

GUI editor for ETA levels

namelist.wps file

```
&domains
eta_levels   = 1.000, 0.994, 0.987, 0.979, 0.97,
               0.96, 0.949, 0.937, 0.924, 0.909,
               0.892, 0.873, 0.851, 0.826, 0.798,
               0.768, 0.736, 0.702, 0.666, 0.629,
               0.5915, 0.5536, 0.5153, 0.4773, 0.44,
               0.404, 0.3695, 0.3375, 0.3085, 0.2845,
               0.2645, 0.2465, 0.2305, 0.2165, 0.2035,
               0.1915, 0.1792, 0.1667, 0.1539, 0.1407,
               0.1272, 0.1134, 0.0995, 0.0855, 0.0713,
               0.0571, 0.0429, 0.0287, 0.0145, 0.000,
time_step              = 68,
time_step_fract_num    = 0,
time_step_fract_den    = 1,
max_dom                = 3,
s_we                   = 1,     1,     1,
e_we                   = 100,   136,   106,
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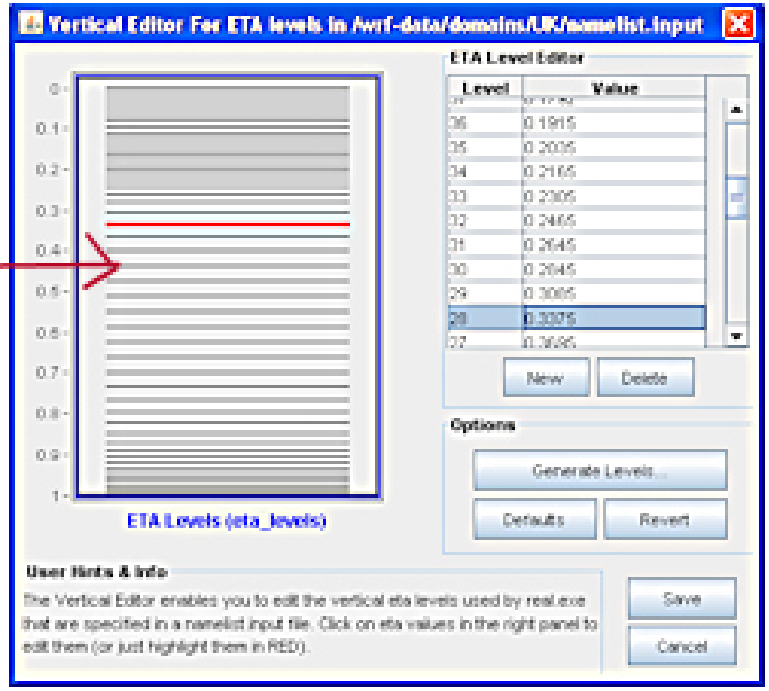

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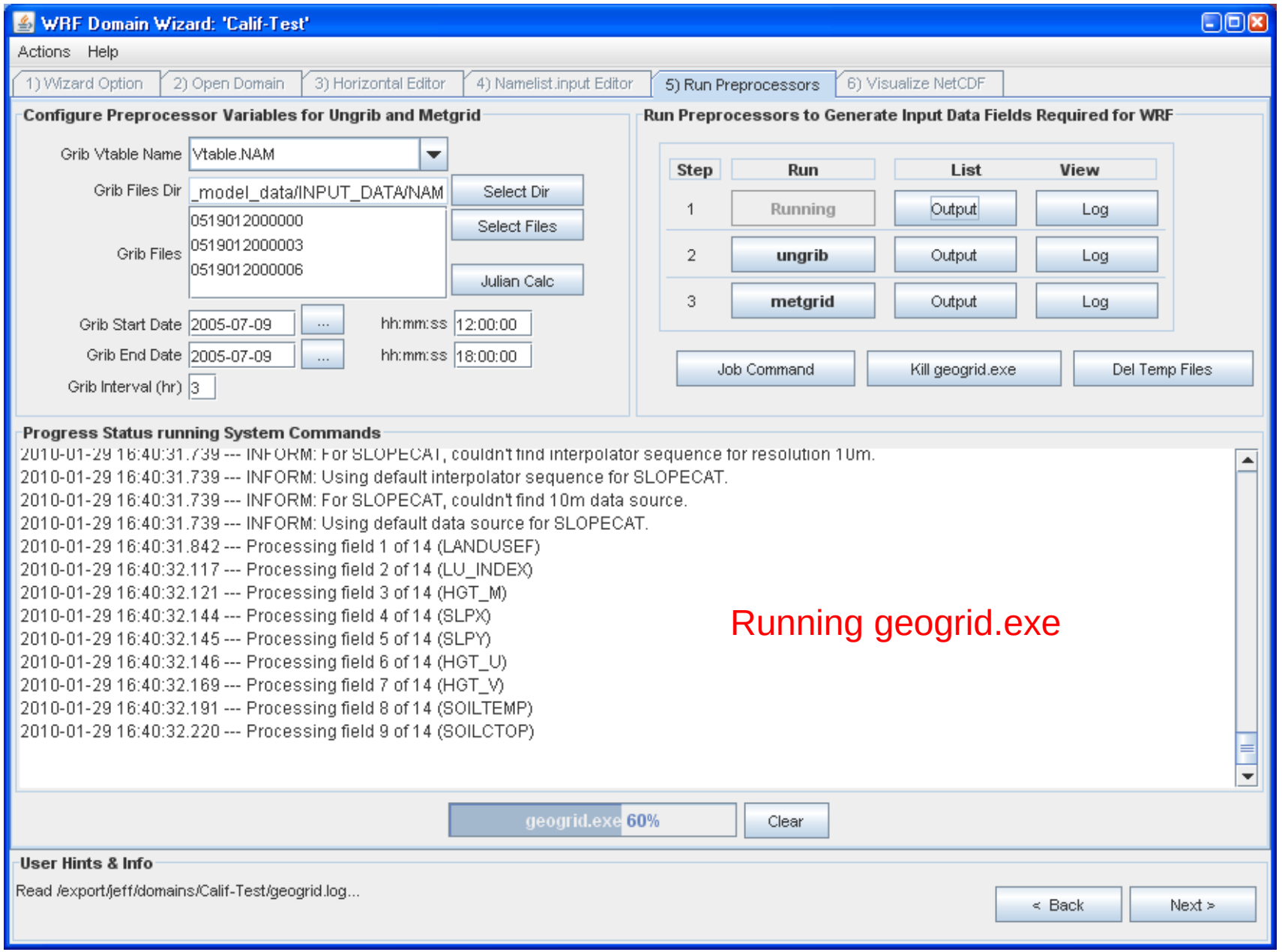

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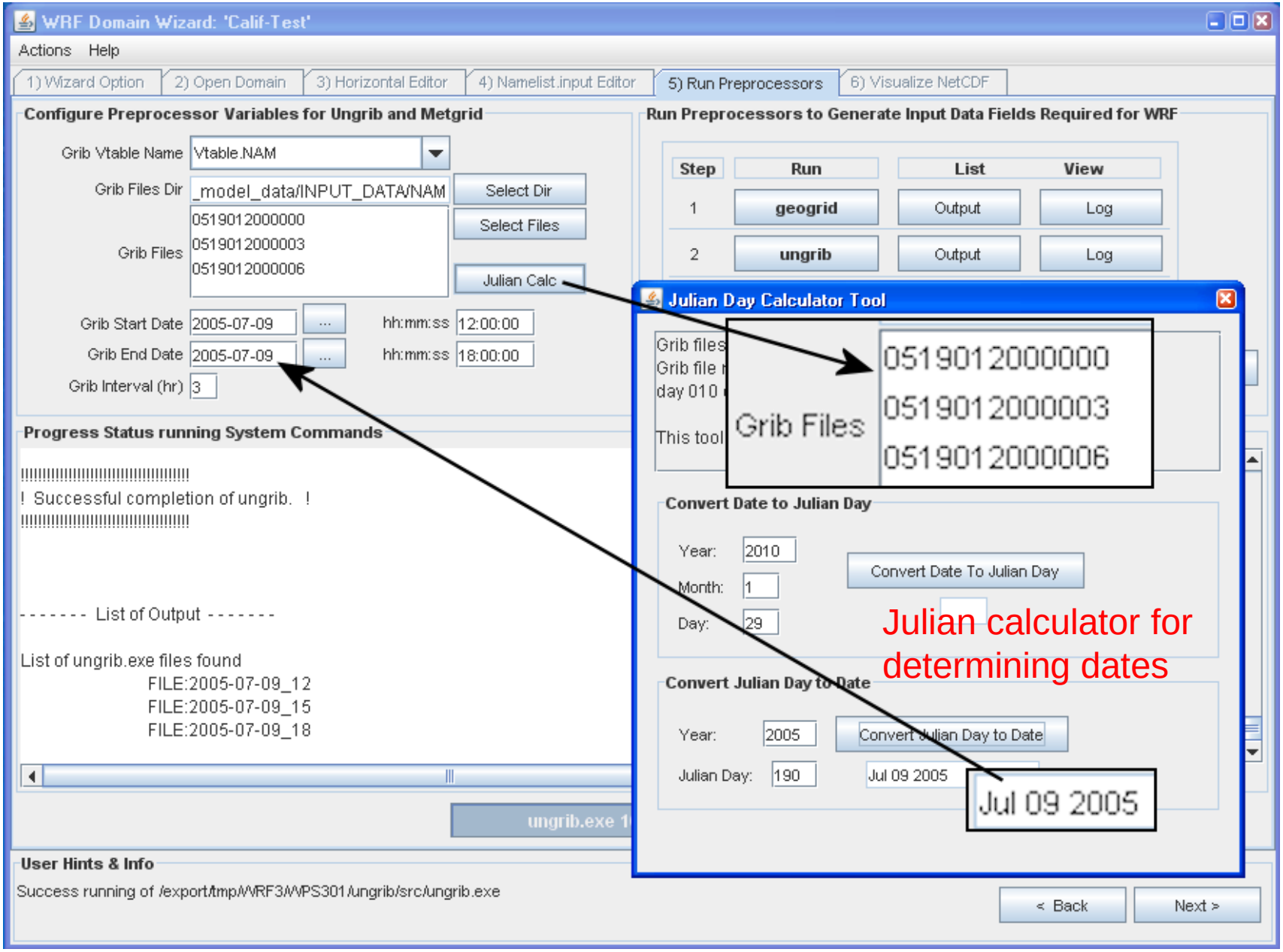

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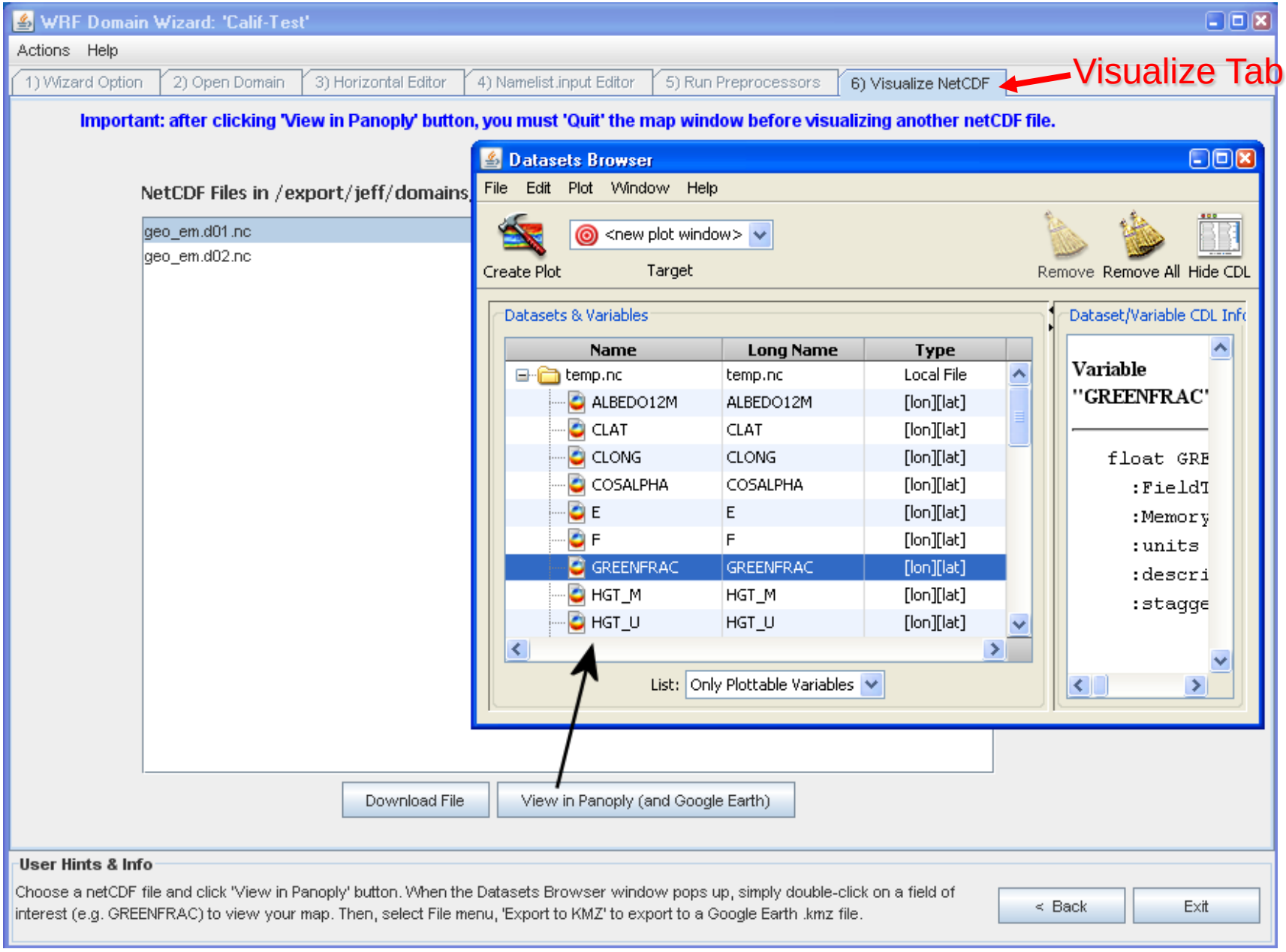

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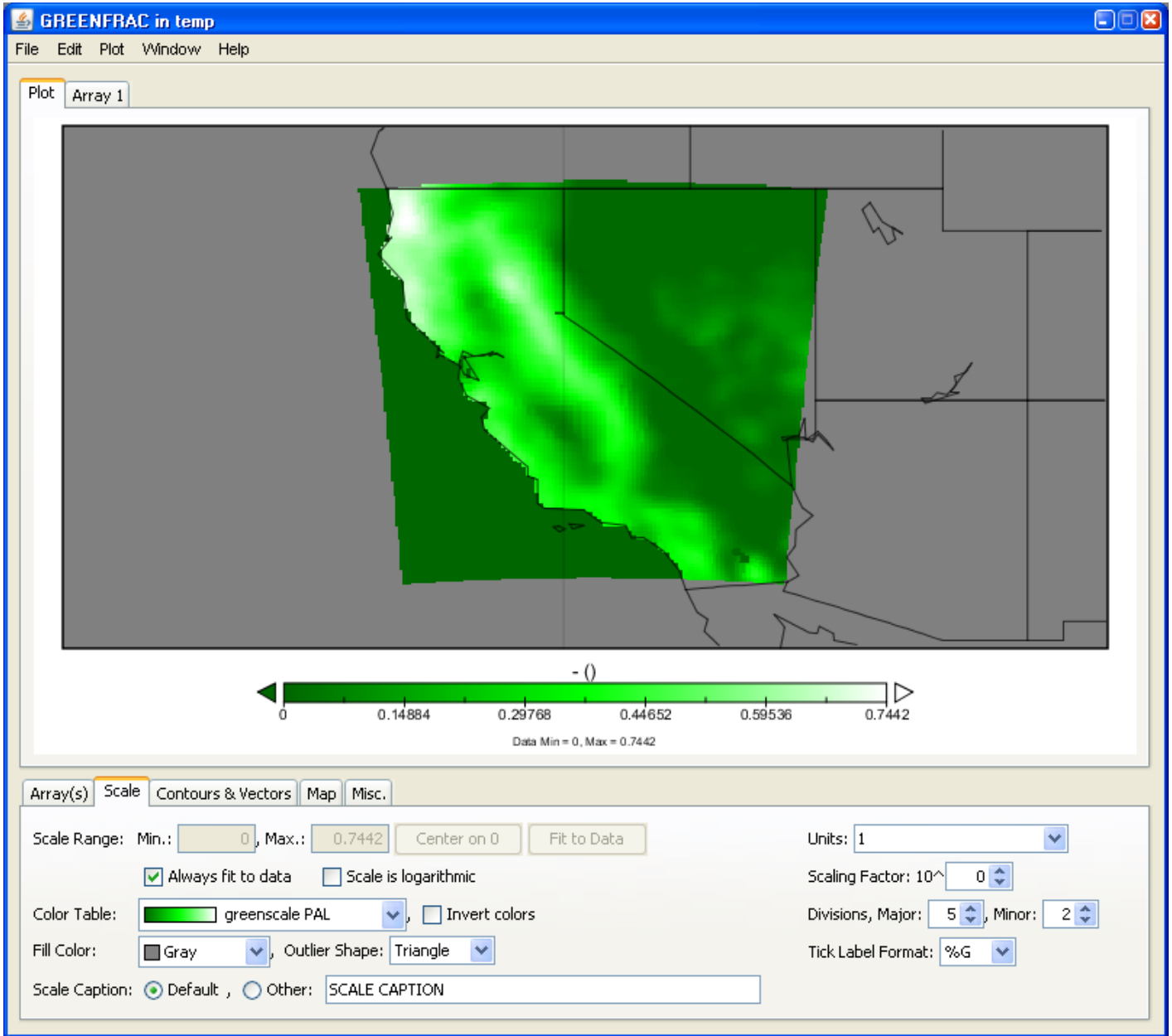

Panoply is a slick tool/library for viewing NetCDF, HDF, Grib1, Grib2 files.

It has many display options, including selecting color tables like this greenscale.

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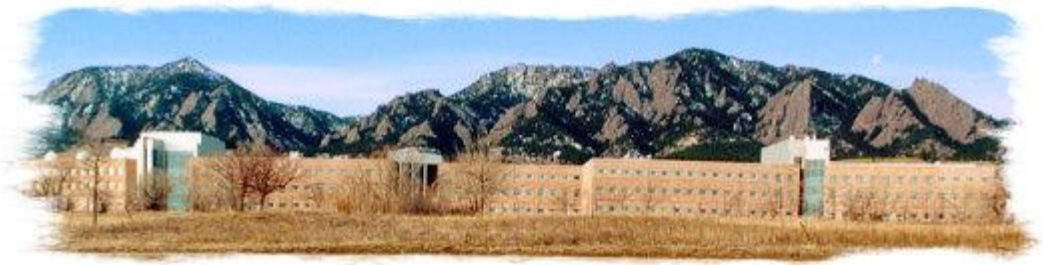

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What is WRF Portal? -1

- A graphical user interface for running WRF
  - Also being used to run FIM (as FIM Portal)
- Also a Java Web Start program
- It simplifies and automates:
  - configuring and running of model workflows
  - launching and monitoring runs
  - halting or canceling runs/jobs
  - visualization of your model's output
  - includes WDW (you can just download WRF Portal and you'll also have WRF Domain Wizard)

What is WRF Portal? -1

- Does not include WRF (you must download and compile that separately)
- Includes an internal workflow manager that works “out of the box” and supports SGE, LSF, PBS, and Torque.
- Optional external workflow manager (‘WFM’, written by Chris Harrop at ESRL) must be installed separately and is more powerful and robust. It supports SGE, LSF, Load Leveler
- More info here: http://wrfportal.org/ExternalWorkflowManager.html

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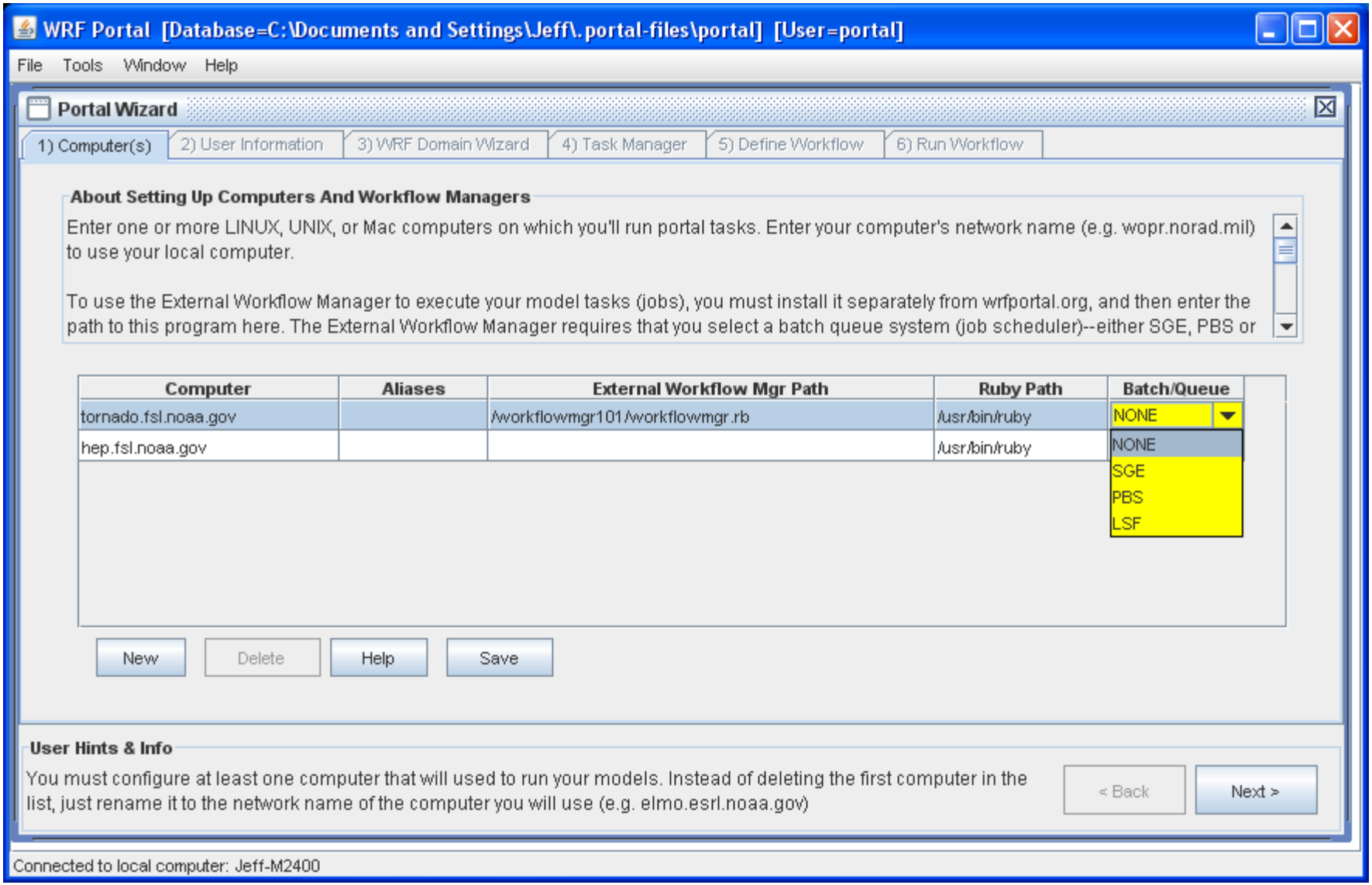
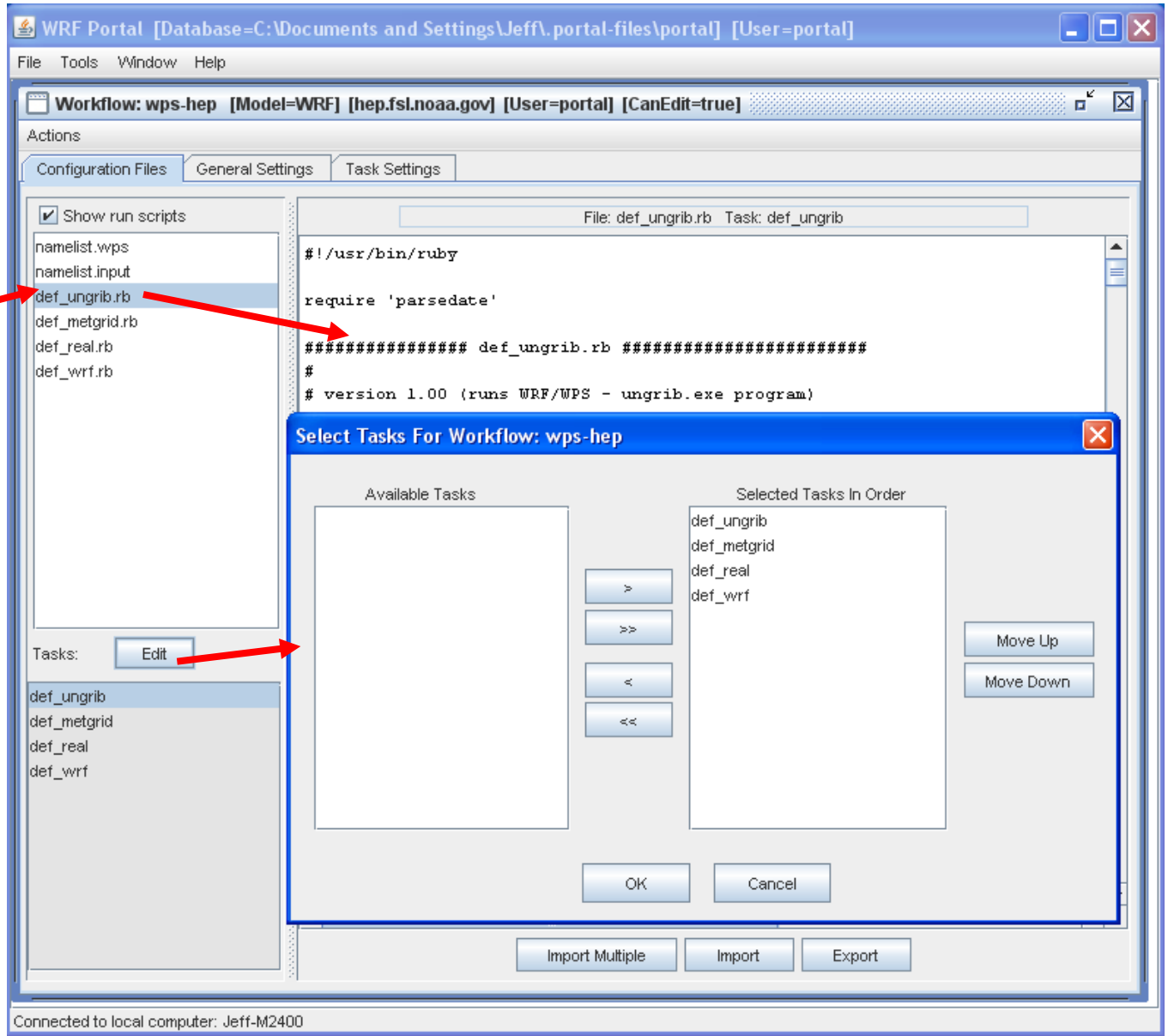
- Graphical netcdf/grib viewers to visualize model input/output
- Stores its information in a database so you can easily search and retrieve your information without the tedium of hunting through a myriad of files in directories directories

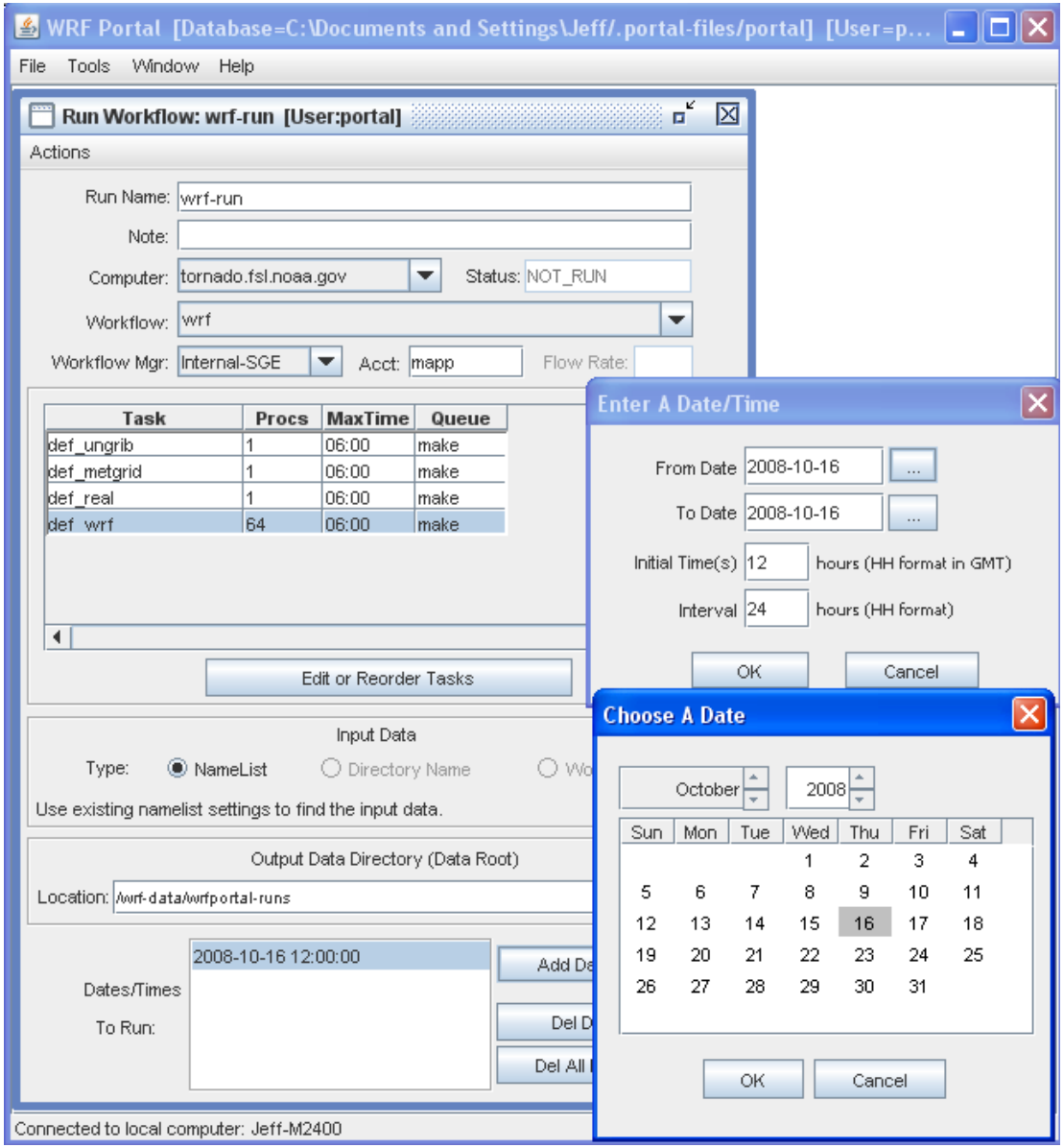
- **Portal Wizard** walks you through the process of configuring your computers and the tasks in your workflows



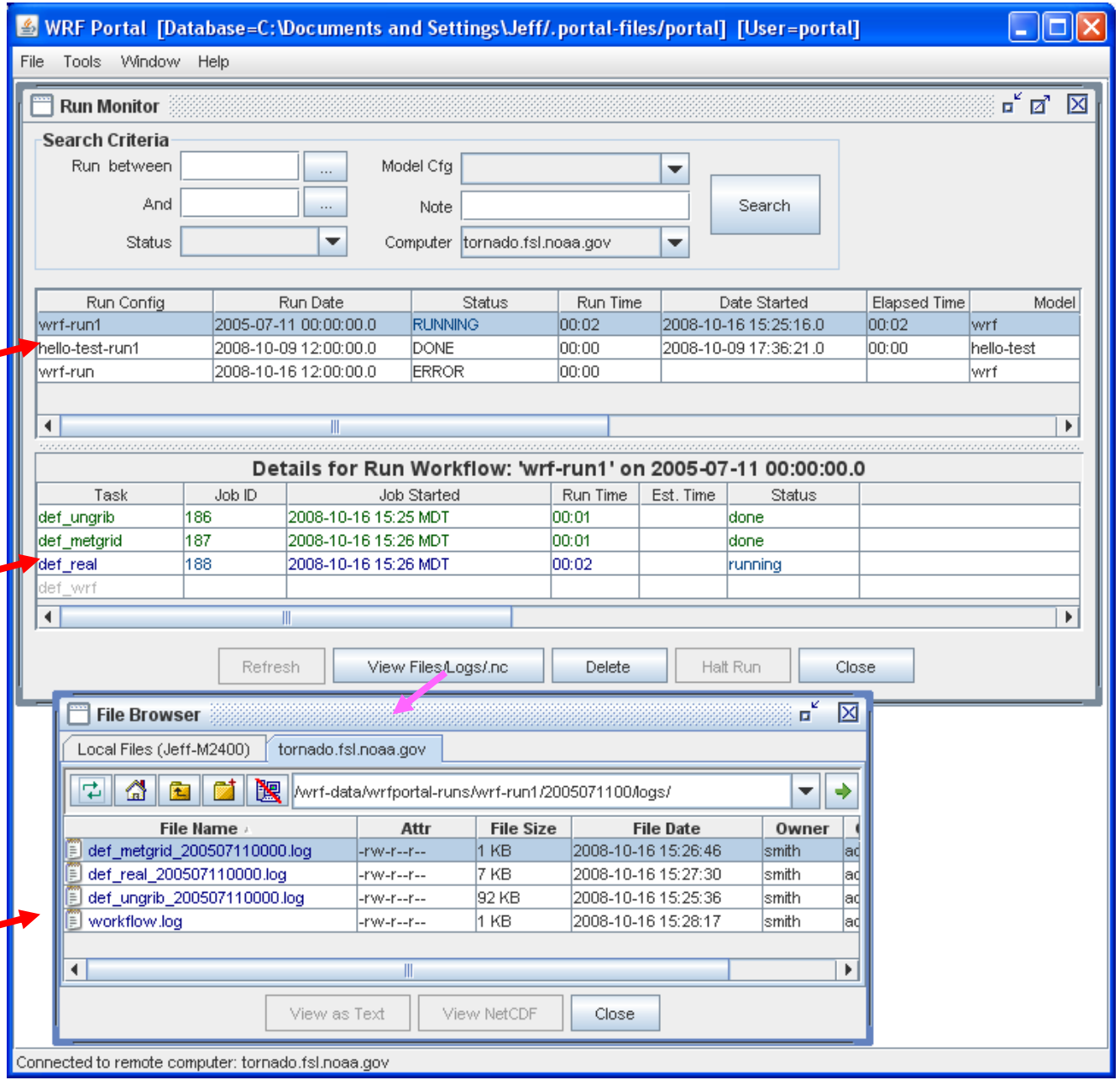
- **Workflow Window** is where you add tasks (scripts) to your workflow, configure any required env vars, etc.



- **Run Workflow** window is where a user selects the workflow, computer, tasks, number of processors allocated to each task, & dates



Run Monitor enables a user to follow the progress of runs

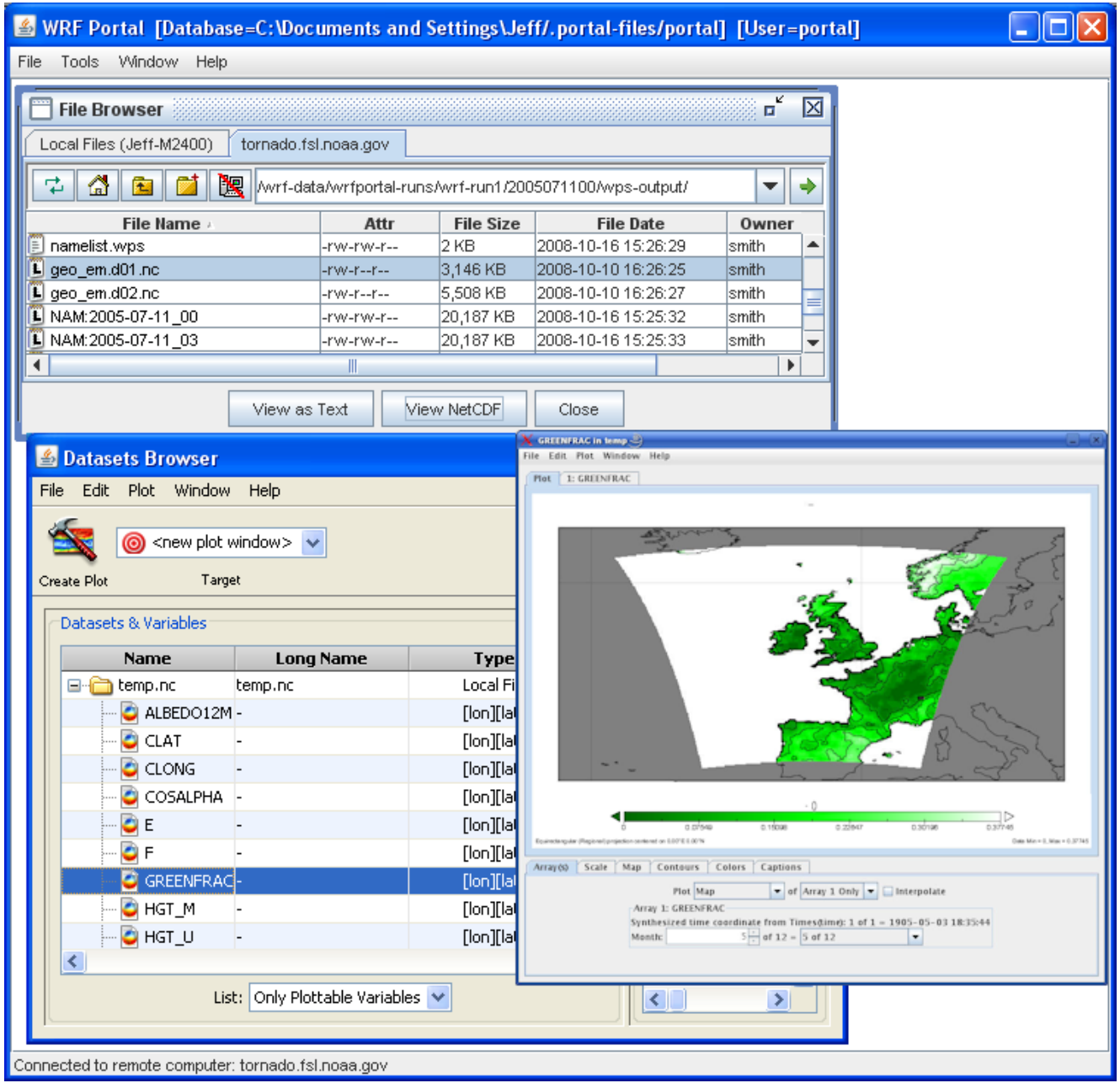


List of runs

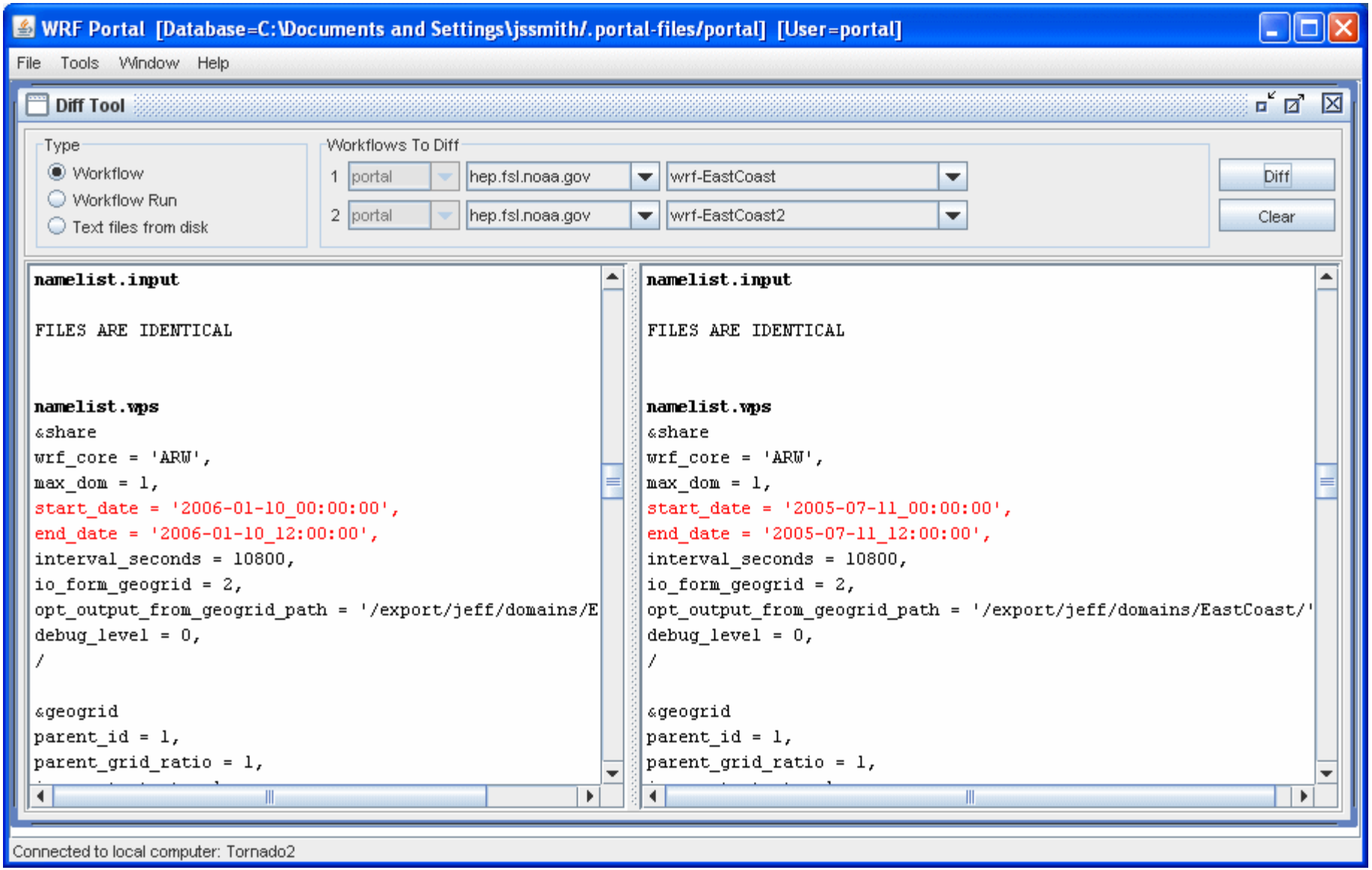
Tasks in run

Log files

NetCDF and GRIB Viewer



Diff Tool compares workflows, runs, text files (e.g. namelists)

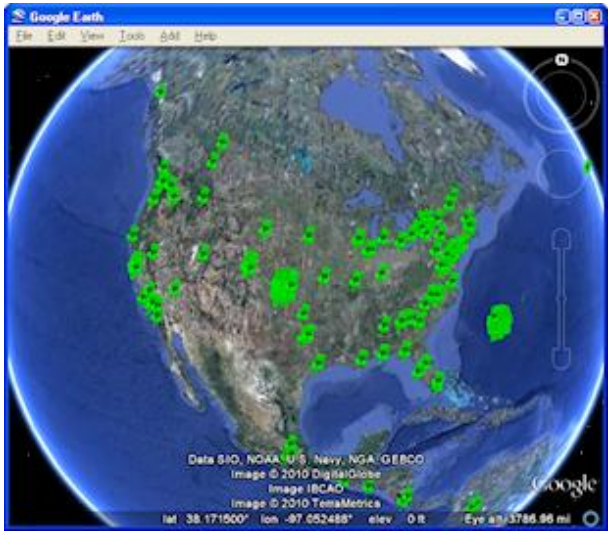


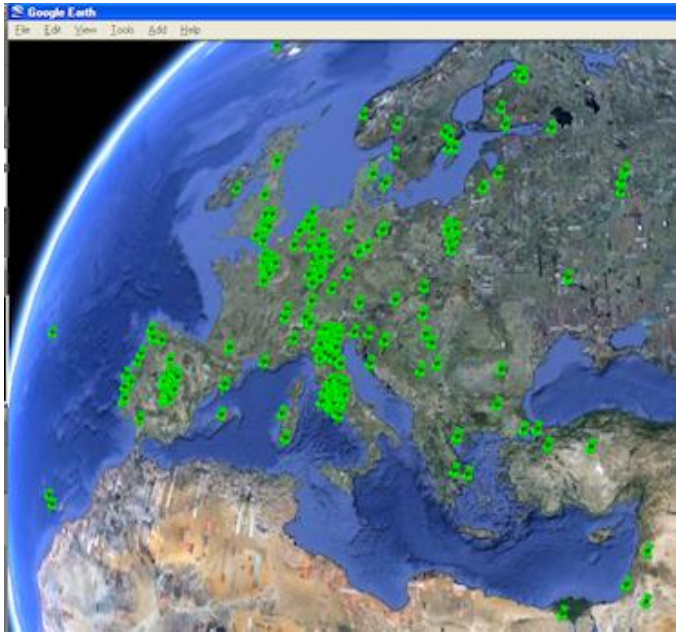
Who uses WRF Domain Wizard and WRF Portal?

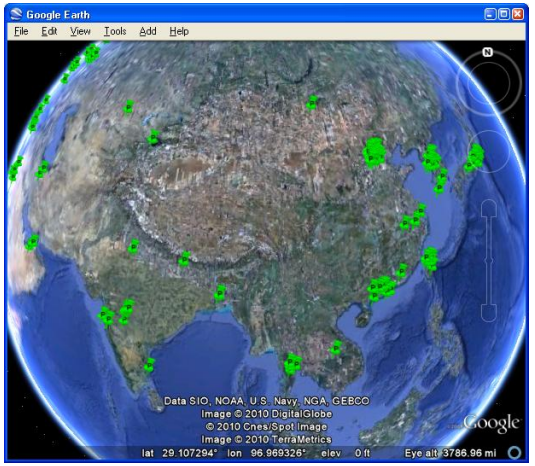
- Our users come from many different countries and their backgrounds run the gamut of academia, government and private industry
- See http://wrfportal.org/about.html

Estimated Worldwide Users of This Software

Software	Est. Users	Countries	Google Earth
WRF Portal	964	66	open in Google Earth
WRF Domain Wizard	1472	69	open in Google Earth
Ext. Workflow Mgr	74	18	open in Google Earth







WRF Portal and WDW Support

- Web form for submitting bug reports or to ask questions: http://wrfportal.org/RequestInfoOrBugReport.html

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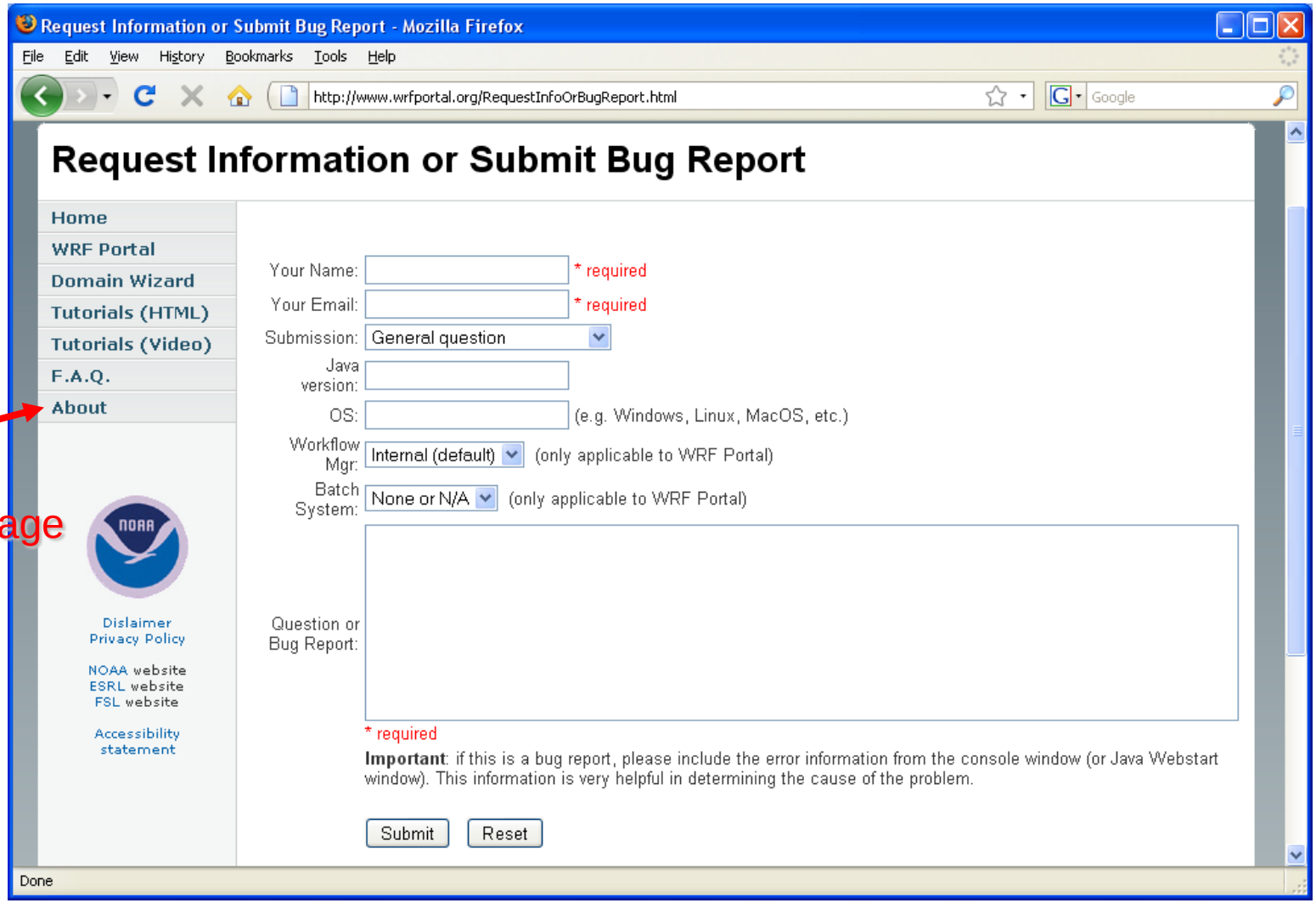

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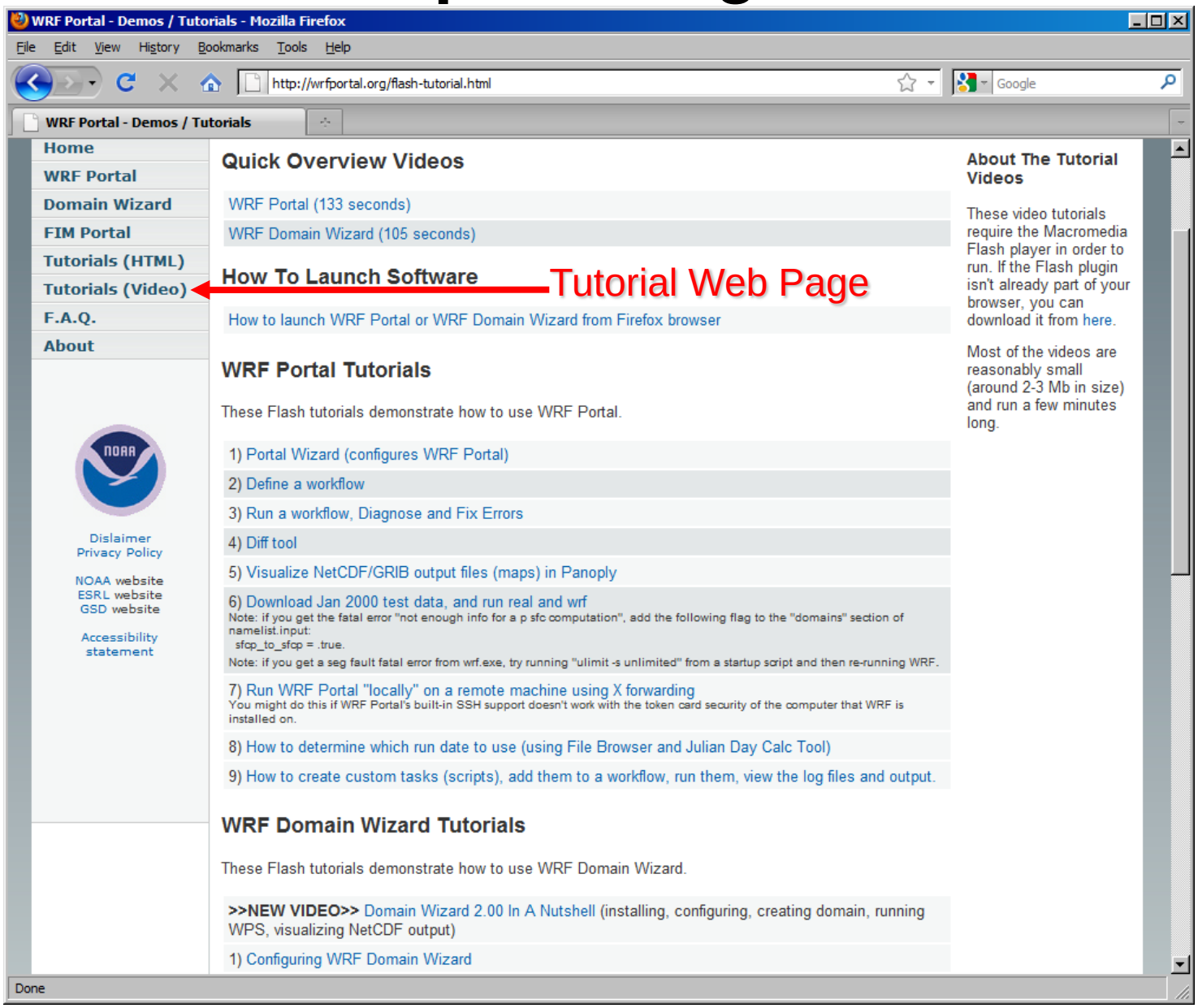

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