

Unit Testing in CESM

Introducing a new tool set

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Using run_tests.py

Example with CTest output

```
|> cd ${CESMROOT}/tools/unit_testing
|> run_tests.py --compiler=nag \
|>   --test-spec-dir=${CESMROOT}/models/lnd/clm/src \
|>   --build-dir=${TMPDIR}/clm_tests
  <<<Tons of CMake/CTest output.>>>
```

```
100% tests passed, 0 tests failed out of 7
```

```
Total Test time (real) = 0.15 sec
```

Test Failures

Example with a CTest failure

```
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1/7 Test #1: daylength .....***Failed
Error regular expression found in output.
Regex=[FAILURES!!!] 0.00 sec
  <<<pFUnit and CTest output.>>>
86% tests passed, 1 tests failed out of 7

Total Test time (real) = 0.08 sec

The following tests FAILED:
  1 - daylength (Failed)
Errors while running CTest
```


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Resources

- Martin Fowler on the definition of “unit test”:
<http://martinfowler.com/bliki/UnitTest.html>
- The pFUnit home page:
<http://sourceforge.net/p/pfunit>
- CESM and PIO CMake modules:
https://github.com/CESM-Development/CMake_Fortran_utils
- This presentation (once posted):
<http://www.cesm.ucar.edu/events/workshops.html>

Other Features

- Only changed files are rebuilt unless `-clean` is passed.
- Using `CESM` or `CESM_DEBUG` as the build type will extract the corresponding compiler flags from Machines. (Set by `-build-type`.)
- `-ctest-args` and `-verbose` can be used to change flags sent to the underlying commands.

pFUnit test fixtures

Global data Annotate setup and teardown routines with `@Before` and `@After`, respectively.

Test-specific data Subclass `TestClass` with a type that has the data you need, and annotate it with `@TestCase`. The `setUp`, `tearDown`, and test routines will be passed an argument of your type called `this`.

test_fd_solver.pf

Module header

```
module test_fd_solver
use pfunit_mod
! <More use statements, implicit none, comments>

! Grid size used by these tests.
integer, parameter :: n = 101

! The grid itself (mid-points and distances
! between points).
real(r8) :: x(1,n), deltas(1,n-1)

contains
! <Continued...>
```

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setUp/tearDown

@Before

```
subroutine setUp()  
  integer :: i  
  ! Grid is n points between 0 and 1.  
  x(1,:) = [( real(i, r8) / real(n-1, r8), i = 0, n-1 )]  
  ! Introduce nonuniformity.  
  x = x*x  
  deltas = x(:,2:) - x(:, :n-1)  
end subroutine setUp
```

@After

```
subroutine tearDown()  
  ! Fight pollution!  
  x = 0._r8  
  deltas = 0._r8  
end subroutine tearDown
```


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solves_decay

```

@Test
subroutine solves_decay()
  ! Time step.
  real(r8) :: dt
  ! PDE coefficients.
  real(r8) :: coef_q(1,n)
  ! Array to evolve.
  real(r8) :: q(1,n), q_expected(1,n)
  ! Decomposed diffusion matrix.
  type(lu_decomp) :: diff_decomp

  ! Equation to solve is dq/dt = -q
  coef_q = -1._r8
  dt = 1._r8
  ! Decomposition
  diff_decomp = vd_lu_decomp(dt, deltas, &
    coef_q=coef_q)

```

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  ! We are seeking the solution
  !  $q(x,t) = e^{-t} * \cos(\pi*x)$ 
  ! Set q for t = 0.
  q = cos(pi*x)
  ! Expected result after one step.
  q_expected = cos(pi*x)*exp(-dt)

  call diff_decomp%solve(q)

  ! Max error in this case is
  !  $(1/2 - 1/e)*dt*maxval(x)$ 
  ! which is
  !  $\sim dt*maxval(x)/6.$ 
  @assertEqual(q_expected, q, &
    tolerance=dt*maxval(x)/6._r8)
end subroutine solves_decay

```

Suggested Workflow Summary - Non-pFUnit Tests

- 1** Define (or borrow) a very basic `assert` subroutine that can signal a test failure to CMake (e.g. using a non-zero return code).
- 2** Write a minimal program for each test.
- 3** Make separate modules for shared setup/teardown routines.

A Short Non-pFUnit Example

- `assert` is defined off-screen, using `stop 1`.
- Conundrum: a dozen executables, or a dozen asserts in just one?

test_infnan.F90 (excerpt)

```
real(r8) :: inf
integer(i8), parameter :: dpinfpatt = &
    int('077760000000000000000000',i8)
inf = transfer(dpinfpatt,inf)

call assert(shr_infnan_isposinf( inf ), &
    "Test that value set to inf is inf" )
```

Top Level CMakeLists.txt (Approach 1)

- Include the `CESM_utils` module.
- First subdirectories define global sourcelist variables.
- Further subdirectories contain unit tests.

CMakeLists.txt (CAM, excerpt)

```
list (APPEND CMAKE_MODULE_PATH ${CESM_CMAKE_MODULE_DIRECTORY})  
include (CESM_utils)  
  
set (CAMROOT ../../..)  
set (CESMROOT ${CAMROOT} ../../..)  
add_subdirectory ("${CESMROOT}/models/csm_share/shr" csm_share)  
list (APPEND cam_sources ${share_sources})  
add_subdirectory (${CAMROOT}src/physics/cam physics_cam)  
  
add_subdirectory (linear_ld_operators)  
add_subdirectory (vdiff_lu_solver)
```

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- `extract_sources` expands basenames to absolute paths.
- `create_pFUnit_test` handles pFUnit builds (including preprocessing), and adds the test to CTest.

CMakeLists.txt (linear_1d_operators)

```
# Local pFUnit files.
set(pf_sources test_diagonal.pf test_derivatives.pf
    test_arithmetic.pf)

# Sources to test.
set(sources_needed shr_kind_mod.F90 linear_1d_operators.F90)
extract_sources("${sources_needed}" "${cam_sources}"
    test_sources)

# Do source preprocessing and add the executable.
create_pFUnit_test(linear_1d_operators linear_1d_operators_exe
    "${pf_sources}" "${test_sources}")
```

Top Level CMakeLists.txt (Approach 2)

- Similar to Approach 1, except that `${clm_sources}` is used to create a library before adding test directories.

CMakeLists.txt (CLM, excerpt)

```
add_library(csm_share ${share_sources})  
add_library(clm ${clm_sources})  
add_dependencies(clm csm_share)
```

Test Directory CMakeLists.txt (Approach 2)

- Using `extract_sources` is not necessary.
- Instead, link against libraries that are already added.

CMakeLists.txt (excerpt from CLM)

```
set(pfunit_sources
  test_update_landunit_weights_one_gcell.pf
  test_update_landunit_weights.pf)

create_pFUnit_test(dynLandunitArea
  test_dynLandunitArea_exe "${pfunit_sources}" "")

target_link_libraries(test_dynLandunitArea_exe clm
  csm_share)
```

Limitations

- pFUnit has more limited compiler support than CESM.
 - PGI's Fortran 2003 support is not adequate to compile pFUnit, largely due to compiler bugs.
 - You need a very recent version of GCC to compile with gfortran (4.8 for pFUnit 2.1, 4.9 for pFUnit 3.0).
- Making CTest work on MPI code on some HPC systems is not trivial.

Missing Features

- The CMake/CTest system currently doesn't help you much with batch systems.
- There's no connection between aggregation at different levels. CTest treats pFUnit executables as a single test (but can print pFUnit's output, so you can still see how many tests failed).
- CTest is only pass/fail; there's no recognized way to skip tests.
- Not all pFUnit capabilities are leveraged. (E.g. there's a verbose output mode that we don't provide a way to turn on via CTest.)