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ONE

OVERVIEW

The csv2bufr Python module contains both a Command Line Interface (CLI) and an API to convert data stored in a CSV file to the WMO BUFR data format. More information on the BUFR format can be found in the WMO Manual on Codes, Volume I.2

CHAPTER

TWO

INSTALLATION

2.1 Dependencies

The csv2bufr module relies on the ecCodes software library to perform the BUFR encoding. This needs to be installed prior to installing any of the Python packages, instructions can be found on the ecCodes documentation pages: https://confluence.ecmwf.int/display/ECC.

The following Python packages are required by the csv2bufr module:

- eccodes (NOTE: this is separate from the ecCodes library)
- jsonschema
- jsonpath_ng

Additionally, the command line interface to csv2bufr requires:

- click

For convenience and to download station metadata from OSCAR/Surface the pyoscar Python module is recommended.

- pyoscar

All the above packages can be installed by running:

```
pip install -r requirements.txt
```

2.2 Installation

2.2.1 Docker

The quickest way to install and run the software is via a Docker image containing all the required libraries and Python modules:

```
docker pull wmoim/csv2bufr
```

This installs a Docker image based on Ubuntu and includes the ecCodes software library, dependencies noted above and the csv2bufr module (including the command line interface).

2.2.2 Source

Alternatively, csv2bufr can be installed from source. First clone the repository and navigate to the cloned folder / directory:

```
git clone https://github.com/wmo-im/csv2bufr.git -b dev
cd csv2bufr
```

If running in a Docker environment, build the Docker image and run the container:

```
docker build -t csv2bufr .
docker run -it -v ${pwd}:/app csv2bufr
cd /app
```

The above step can be skipped if not using Docker. Now install the module and test:

```
python3 setup.py install
csv2bufr --help
```

The following output should be shown:

```
Usage: csv2bufr [OPTIONS] COMMAND [ARGS]...

  csv2bufr

Options:
  --version  Show the version and exit.
  --help     Show this message and exit.

Commands:
  data      data workflows
  mappings  stored mappings
```

CHAPTER

THREE

QUICK START

The csv2bufr Python module contains both a command line interface and an API to convert data stored in a CSV file to the WMO BUFR data format. For example, the command line interface reads in data from a CSV file, converts it to BUFR and writes out the data to the specified directory. e.g.:

```
csv2bufr data transform <my-csv-file.csv> \
    --bufr-template <csv-to-bufr-mapping.json> \
    --station-metadata <oscar-metadata-file.json> \
    --output <output-directory-path>
```

This command is explained in more detail below.

3.1 Command line interface

The following example transforms the data in file `my-csv-file.csv` to BUFR using template `csv-to-bufr-mapping.json` and writes the output to directory `output-directory-path`:

```
csv2bufr data transform <my-csv-file.csv> \
    --bufr-template <csv-to-bufr-mapping.json> \
    --station-metadata <oscar-metadata-file.json> \
    --output-dir <output-directory-path>
```

The command is built on the Python Click module and is formed of three components (`csv2bufr data transform`), 1 argument and 3 options (specified by –). The argument specifies the file to process and the options various configuration files to use.

1. `my-csv-file.csv`: argument specifying the CSV data file to process
2. `--bufr-template csv-to-bufr-mapping.json`: option followed by the bufr mapping template to use
3. `--station-metadata oscar-metadata-file.json`: option followed by name of json file containing the station metadata
4. `--output-dir output-directory-path`: option followed by output directory to write BUFR file to. The output filename is set using the md5 checksum of the BUFR data to ensure uniqueness, future versions will use the WIGOS ID and timestamp of the data to set the filename.

The output BUFR files can be validated using a tool such as the ECMWF BUFR validator.

3.1.1 Input CSV file

Currently, a single station per file is supported with each row treated as a separate record and one BUFR file per record created. The format of the input CSV file has a few requirements:

- A comma (i.e. `,`) must be used as the delimiter.
- Strings must be quoted.
- Missing values must be encoded as "None".
- The final row in the file must contain data and not be a new line.
- The timestamp of the records must be separated into components, i.e. year, month, day etc must each be in a separate column.
- The date/time elements should be in Universal Time Coordinated (UTC).

3.1.2 BUFR mapping template (`--bufr-template`)

The mapping from CSV to BUFR is specified in a JSON file (see the *BUFR template mapping page*).

3.1.3 Station metadata (`--station-metadata`)

In addition to the input CSV data file and BUFR template file a json file containing the station metadata is also required. At a minimum this file must contain the WIGOS station identifier as per the example below:

```
{
    "wigosIds": [
        {
            "wid": "<series>-<issuer>-<issue-number>-<local-identifier>"
        }
    ]
}
```

Where the parameters in brackets (<>) are replaced with their respective values. More information on the WIGOS identifiers can also be found in the Guide to the WMO Integrated Observing System, section 2 (WMO-No. 1165).

If the station has been registered within the WMO OSCAR/Surface database the metadata file can be downloaded using the pyoscar Python package. For example, to download station metadata for the station on Bird Island, South Georgia, with the WIGOS station identifier "0-20008-0-SGI" the following would be used:

```
pyoscar station --identifier 0-20008-0-SGI > 0-20008-0-SGI.json
```

This writes the output to the file 0-20008-0-SGI.json as specified by the redirect (>).

3.2 API

The command line interface uses the `transform` function from the csv2bufr module. This can be used directly, e.g.:

```
# import modules
import json
from csv2bufr import transform

# load data from file
with open("my-csv-file.csv") as fh:
    data = fh.read()

# load mapping
with open("csv-to-bufr-mapping.json") as fh:
    mapping = json.load(fh)

# load metadata
with open("oscar-metadata-file.json") as fh:
    metadata = json.load(fh)

# call transform function
result = transform(data, metadata, mapping)

# iterate over items
for item in result:
    # get id and phenomenon time to use in output filename
    wsid = item["_meta"]["wigos_id"]  # WIGOS station ID
    timestamp = item["_meta"]["data_date"]  # phenomenonTime as datetime object
    timestamp = timestamp.strftime("%Y%m%dT%H%MZ")  # convert to string
    # set filename
    output_file = f"{wsid}_{timestamp}.bufr4"
    # save to file
    with open(output_file, "wb") as fh:  # note binary write mode
        fh.write(item["bufr4"])
```

The `transform` function returns an iterator that can be used to iterate over each line in the data file. Each item returned contains a dictionary with the following elements:

- `item["bufr4"]` binary BUFR data
- `item["_meta"]` dictionary containing metadata elements
- `item["_meta"]["md5"]` the md5 checksum of the encoded BUFR data
- `item["_meta"]["identifier"]` identifier for result (set combination of `wigos_id` and `data_date`)
- `item["_meta"]["wigos_id"]` WIGOS station identifier
- `item["_meta"]["data_date"]` characteristic date of data contained in result (from BUFR)
- `item["_meta"]["originating_centre"]` originating centre for data (from BUFR)
- `item["_meta"]["data_category"]` data category (from BUFR)

CHAPTER

FOUR

ANATOMY OF A BUFR4 MESSAGE

In order to understand the mapping between a CSV file and its BUFR encoding it is first helpful to understand the anatomy of a BUFR message. A BUFR message is encoded in binary and contains 6 sections as shown in the diagram below. The ecCodes keys for the different elements are also shown as these are used to set certain elements (highlighted in red) as part of the conversion to BUFR. The non-highlighted elements (including those without an ecCodes key) are either set by the eccodes module based on the data, have a default value or can be omitted / set to missing.

The information cotained in Sections 0, 1, and 3 are essentially metadata specifying:

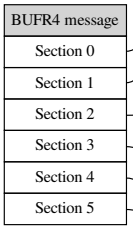
- the version of the BUFR tables used (editionNumber, masterTableNumber, masterTableVersionNumber);
- where the data have come from (bufrHeaderCentre, bufrHeaderSubCentre);
- the typical time of the observation (typicalYear … typicalSecond);
- the type of data and what parameters are included (dataCategory, internationalDataSubCategory and unexpandedDescriptors).

These are all specified in the BUFR template mapping file.

The edition number and master table number should be 4 and 0 respectively. BUFR edition 4 is the latest version and whilst it is possible to define new BUFR tables for different application areas only Master Table 0 (MT0) has been defined (meteorology). The tables in MT0 are updated approximately every 6 months as part of the WMO fast track process and the authoritative source can be found in the WMO Manual on Codes, Volume I.2. Updates to this can be delayed and the latest version, including machine readable tables, can be found at https://github.com/wmo-im/BUFR4/releases and it is recommended to use the the most recent release. The `master` branch contains the current working copy of the tables and is subject to change.

The BUFR header centre and bufr header sub centre are specified in Common Code Tables C-11 and C-12 respectively. The typical time of observation (typicalYear … typicalSecond) should be determined based on the data to be encoded. Within the csv2bufr module and CLI only a single observation / weather report is encoded per file and so these should be set to those columns in the CSV specifying the year, month, day etc. More information is provided in the page on the BUFR template mapping (link to follow).

The data category should be set according to BUFR Table A, i.e. 0 for “Surface data - land” and 1 for “Surface data - sea”. The international data sub category should be set according to Common Code Table C-13. The unexpanded descriptors specifies the data to be encoded in the data section is comprised of a list of the BUFR descriptors. These descriptors are detailed further on the next page (BUFR descriptors).



Section 0 – Indicator section		
ecCodes key	Length (bytes)	Description
	4	The string "BUFR" in CCITT-IA5
totalLength	3	Total length of the BUFR message in bytes
editionNumber	1	BUFR edition number (4)

Section 1 – Identification section		
ecCodes key	Length (bytes)	Description
section1Length	3	Length of section 1
masterTableNumber	1	BUFR master table user (MT0)
bufrHeaderCentre	2	Identification of originating/generating centre (see Common Code Table C–11)
bufrHeaderSubCentre	2	Identification of originating/generating sub-centre (allocated by originating/generating centre – see Common Code Table C–12)
updateSequenceNumber	1	Update sequence number (zero for original messages and for messages containing only delayed reports; incremented for the other updates)
section1Flags	1	Flag indicating presence of optional section (section 2)
dataCategory	1	Data category (Table A)
internationalDataSubCategory	1	International data sub-category (see Common Code Table C–13 and Note 3)
dataSubCategory	1	Local data sub-category (defined locally by automatic data-processing (ADP) centres – see Note 3)
masterTablesVersionNumber	1	BUFR master table version number (see Common Code Table C–0 and Note 2)
localTablesVersionNumber	1	Version number of local tables used to augment master table in use – see Note 2
typicalYear	2	Typical year of BUFR message contents
typicalMonth	1	Typical month of BUFR message contents
typicalDay	1	Typical day of BUFR message contents
typicalHour	1	Typical hour of BUFR message contents
typicalMinute	1	Typical minute of BUFR message contents
typicalSecond	1	Typical second of BUFR message contents
	0+	Optional data – for local use by ADP centres

Section 2 – Optional section		
ecCodes key	Length (bytes)	Description
	3	Length of section if present
	1	Set to zero
	0+	Reserved for local use by ADP centres

Section 3 – Data description section		
ecCodes key	Length (bytes)	Description
section3Length	3	length of section
	1	Set to zero
numberOfSubsets	2	Number of data subsets
section3Flags	1	Flags used to indicate compressed and observed data
unexpandedDescriptors	2+	List of data descriptors describing data contained in section 4 e.g. [301150, 307080])

Section 4– Data section		
ecCodes key	Length (bytes)	Description
ecCodes key	Length (bytes)	Description
	3	Length of section 4
	1	Set to zero
		Binary string of encoded data.

Section 5 – End section		
ecCodes key	Length (bytes)	Description
	4	The string "7777" encode in CCITT IA-5

CHAPTER

FIVE

BUFR4 DESCRIPTORS

5.1 Introduction

As part of the BUFR format, a list of the included parameters is embedded within the file using the unexpandedDescriptors element of Section 3. This element takes a list of the parameters to be included and the order of those parameters. For example, the unexpanded descriptor list (in text, see format of descriptors below):

```
["unexpandedDescriptors"] = ["wigosID", "year", "month", "day", "hour", "minute", \
                             "latitude", "longitude", "pressure reduced to mean sea␣
↪level"]
```

would specify that the station identifier (wigosID) followed by the date, time, location and then the pressure reduced to mean sea level would be included in the data section. For conciseness, aliases (or sequences in BUFR terminology) exist to group commonly reported parameters together, for example grouping the year, month and day together in the group date. Using sequences, the above example becomes:

```
["unexpandedDescriptors"] = ["wigosID", "date", "time", "location", "pressure reduced to␣
↪mean sea level"]
```

where

```
["date"] = ["year", "month", "day"]
["time"] = ["hour", "minute"]
["location"] = ["latitude", "longitude"]
```

These sequences form building blocks that can be used to create much longer sequences using a small number of descriptors.

5.2 Format of BUFR descriptors

Whilst text strings have been used above to represent the parameters to report this has been done for ease of reading and explanation. Within the BUFR format these are specified by 6 digit codes of the form FXXYYY, with each of F, XX and YYY having specific meaning.

- F: Type of BUFR descriptor
  - 0: element descriptor (BUFR Table B);
  - 1: replication (or repetition) descriptor;
  - 2: operator (BUFR Table C);
  - 3: sequence descriptor (BUFR Table D)

- XX: Sub-table (class) within type of descriptor
- YYY: Index within in sub-table.

As an example, the table below shows the first few entries from BUFR Table B 01.

For the above example, using the FXXYYY notation, the list of abbreviated (or unexpanded) descriptors becomes:

```
["unexpandedDescriptors"] = [301150, 301011, 301012, 301023, 010051]
```

where:

```
[301150] = [001125, 001126, 001127, 001128] # (wigosID)
         = ["WIGOS identifer series", "WIGOS identifier issuer", "WIGOS identifier issue␣
↪number", "WIGOS local identifier"]
[301011] = [004001,  004002, 004003] # (date)
         = ["year", "month",  "day"]
[301012] = [004004,   004005] # (time)
         = ["hour", "minute"]
[301023] = [    005002,      006002] # (location)
         = ["latitude", "longitude"]
[010051] = ["pressure reduced to mean sea level"]
```

5.3 Replication / repetition

Within the BUFR format, elements can be repeated using the replication descriptors (F=1 in FXXYYY). For example, we may want to repeat temperature and humidity measurements as part of an atmospheric profile or, alternatively, the daily minimum and maximum temperatures within a month. In some cases we may know the number of repetitions before encoding and all data of the same type may have the same number of repetitions. In this case the number of replications can be set before hand and included in the sequence. In other cases, there may be a variable number of repetitions and so the number is set at the time of encoding.

When using the replication descriptor (1XXYYY), the XX component indicates the number of following descriptors to repeat and the YYY component the number of replications. For example, to repeat the day of month, maximum and minimum temperatures 5 times we would use:

$$[\text{unexpandedDescriptors}] = \left[\underbrace{\overbrace{103005}^{\text{repeat (1) next 3 (03) descriptors 5 (005) times}}}_{FXXYYY}, \overbrace{004003, 012016, 012017}^{\text{descriptors to be repeated}}\right]$$

In expanded form, or without using the replication, this would be equivalent to:

$$\begin{aligned}[\text{expandedDescriptors}] = [\ & 004003, 012016, 012017, && (5.1)\\ & 004003, 012016, 012017, && (5.2)\\ & 004003, 012016, 012017, && (5.3)\\ & 004003, 012016, 012017, && (5.4)\\ & 004003, 012016, 012017] && (5.5)\end{aligned}$$

If we do not known the number of replications, or there can be a variable number of replications, for a given sequence of descriptors we can set the YYY element (number of replications) to zero and follow the replication descriptor with a delayed replication factor.

$$[\text{unexpandedDescriptors}] = \left[\underbrace{\overbrace{103000}^{\text{(repeat (1) next 3 (03) items n time)}}, \overbrace{031001}^{\text{(delayed number (n) of replications)}}}_{\text{replication and delayed replication factor}}, \overbrace{004003, 012016, 012017}^{\text{(descriptors to be repeated)}}\right]$$

This works in the same way as the regular replication except that the number of replications (n) is set at the the time of encoding and included in data. Often, within sequences, delayed descriptors are used to specify optional elements using the short delayed descriptor replication factor (031000) that takes a value of either 0 or 1.

Within the csv2bufr module the number of delayed replications needs to be set within the mapping file using the inputDelayedDescriptorReplicationFactor key. More information is provided on the mappings page.

5.4 Scope of descriptors

BUFR Table B descriptors within classes 0 - 8 contain metadata about the observations. For example, the location of an observations, the instrumentation used to make an observation or the time period over which an observation was made or averaged. These descriptors remain in force and apply to all subsequent elements until they are either reused or set to missing. For example the sequence `[007032, 012001, 007032, 012001, 007032]` could be used to record air temperature measurements at two different heights, e.g.:

```
# set height of sensor for following observations
[007032] = ["heightOfSensorAboveLocalGroundOrDeckOfMarinePlatform"] = 2.0
[012001] = ["airTemperature"] = 280.15 # air temperature at 2 m height
# redefine height of sensor to 10 m
[007032] = ["heightOfSensorAboveLocalGroundOrDeckOfMarinePlatform"] = 10.0
[012001] = ["airTemperature"] = 280.07 # air temperature at 10 m height
# cancel height of sensor, following observations will have an undefined height
[007032] = ["heightOfSensorAboveLocalGroundOrDeckOfMarinePlatform"] = None
```

5.5 Commonly used sequences

Listed below are some commonly used sequences:

- 307080: Sequence for representation of synoptic reports from a fixed land station suitable for SYNOP data.
- 315008: Sequence for the representation of data from moored buoys.
- 315009: Sequence for the representation of data from drifting buoys.
- As this documentation is developed further additional examples will be added.

5.6 Further information

The description of the BUFR operators (F = 2 in the FXXYYY notation) is beyond the scope of this documentation. For users wanting to define new sequences, including the use of the operators, it is recommended to refer to Volume I.2 of the WMO Manual on Codes. However, before defining a new sequence it is recommended to check if any of the existing sequence meet the user requirements. See the *support page* for information on how to get further information and support..

CHAPTER

SIX

BUFR TEMPLATE MAPPING

The mapping between the input CSV data and the output BUFR data is specified in a JSON file. The csv2bufr module validates the mapping file against the schema shown at the bottom of this page prior to attempted the transformation to BUFR. This schema specifies 6 primary properties:

- `inputDelayedDescriptorReplicationFactor` - array of integers, values for the delayed descriptor replication factors to use
- `number_header_rows` - integer, the number of header rows in the file before the data rows
- `names_on_row` - integer, which row the column names appear on
- `header` - array of objects (see below), header section containing metadata
- `data` - array of object (see below) section mapping from the CSV columns to the BUFR elements
- `wigos_identifier` - object (see below), section to contain the WIGOS station identifier

Out of these, only the `inputDelayedDescriptorReplicationFactor`, `header` and `data` are mandatory, with the `unexpandedDescriptors` described on the previous page included in the `header` section. Both the `number_header_rows` and `names_on_row` default to one if not specified.

The header and data sections contain arrays of `bufr_element` objects mapping to either the different fields in the header sections of the BUFR message or to the data section respectively. More information is provided below. In both cases the field eccodes_key is used to indicate the BUFR element being mapped to rather than the 6 digit FXXYYY code. For example, the code block below shows how the pressure reduced to mean sea level would be mapped from the column "mslp" in the CSV file to the BUFR element indicated by the eccodes key "pressureReducedToMeanSeaLevel" (FXXYYY = 010051).

```
{
    "data":[
        {"eccodes_key": "pressureReducedToMeanSeaLevel", "csv_column": "mslp"}
    ]
}
```

In addition to mapping to the CSV columns, constant values and values from the JSON metadata file can be mapped using the "value" and "jsonpath" fields. Building on the prior example:

```
{
    "header":[
        {"eccodes_key": "dataCategory", "value": 0}
    ],
    "data":[
        {"eccodes_key": "latitude", "jsonpath": "$.locations[0].latitude"},
        {"eccodes_key": "longitude", "jsonpath": "$.locations[0].latitude"},
        {"eccodes_key": "pressureReducedToMeanSeaLevel", "csv_column": "mslp"},
```

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```
    ]
}
```

Would map: the `dataCategory` field in BUFR section 1 (see *Anatomy of a BUFR4 message*) to the constant value 0; the `latitude` and `longitude` to the elements specified by resolving the jsonpath in the metadata file; and the `pressureReducedToMeanSeaLevel` to the data from the "mslp" column in the CSV file.

The keys used for the header elements are listed on the *Anatomy of a BUFR4 message* page, with the mandatory keys highlighted in red. The list of keys can also be found at:

- https://confluence.ecmwf.int/display/ECC/BUFR+headers

Similarly the keys for the different data elements can be found at:

- https://confluence.ecmwf.int/display/ECC/WMO%3D37+element+table

6.1 inputDelayedDescriptorReplicationFactor

Due to the way that eccodes works any delayed replication factors need to be specified before encoding and included in the mapping file. This currently limits the use of the delayed replication factors to static values for a given mapping. For example every data file that uses a given mapping file has the same optional elements present or the same number of levels in an atmospheric profile present.

For sequences that do not include delayed replications the inputDelayedDescriptorReplicationFactor must still be included but may be set to an empty array, e.g.

```
{
    "inputDelayedDescriptorReplicationFactor": []
}
```

6.2 bufr_element

Each item in the `header` and `data` arrays of the mapping template must conform with the definition of the `bufr_element` object specified in the schema shown below. This object contains an `eccodes_key` field specifying the BUFR element the data are being mapped to as described above and up to 3 others pieces of information:

- the source of the data (`value`, `csv_column`, `jsonpath`)
- valid range information (`valid_min`, `valid_max`
- simple scaling and offset parameters (`scale`, `offset`)

Only one source can be mapped, if multiple sources are specified the validation of the mapping file by csv2bufr will fail. The `value` source maps a constant value to the indicated BUFR element. The `csv_column` source maps the indicated column from the CSV file to the indicated BUFR element. The `jsonpath` source maps from the value found by resolving the JSON path in the metadata file to the indicated BUFR element.

The `valid_min` and `valid_max` are optional and can be used to perform a basic quality control of numeric fields. If these fields are specified the csv2bufr module checks the value indicated extracted from the source to the indicated valid minimum and maximum values. If outside of the range the value is set to missing.

The `scale` and `offset` fields are conditionally optional, either both can be omitted or both can included. Including only one will result in a failed validation of the mapping file. These allow simple unit conversions to be performed, for

example from degrees Celsius to Kelvin or from hectopascals to Pascals. The scaled values are calculated as:

$$\text{scaled\_value} = \text{value} \times 10^{\text{scale}} + \text{offset}$$

The scaled value is then used to set the indicated BUFR element. For example:

```
{
    "data":[
        {
            "eccodes_key": "pressureReducedToMeanSeaLevel",
            "csv_column": "mslp",
            "scale": 2,
            "offset": 0
        }
    ]
}
```

Would convert the value contained in the "mslp" column of the CSV file from hPa to Pa by multiplying by 100 and adding 0.

For each of the above elements (`value`, `csv_column`, `jsonpath`, `valid_min`, `valid_max`, `scale`, `offset`) null values must be excluded from the mapping file.

An individual BUFR descriptor can occur multiple times within a single BUFR message. To allow the indexing of the descriptors within a particular message, and the inclusions of multiple descriptors or keys with the same name, eccodes prepends an index number to the eccodes_key. For the first occurrence the index number can be omitted but for all other cases it should be included. The index is indicated within the eccodes_key using `#index#eccodes_key`, an example is given below.

```
{
    "data":[
        {
            "#1#eccodes_key": "pressureReducedToMeanSeaLevel",
            "csv_column": "mslp",
            "scale": 2,
            "offset": 0
        }
    ]
}
```

6.3 Units

It should be noted that the units of the data to be encoded into BUFR should match those specified in BUFR table B (e.g. see https://confluence.ecmwf.int/display/ECC/WMO%3D37+element+table), i.e. Kelvin for temperatures, Pascals for pressure etc. Simple conversions between units are possible as specified above using the `scale` and `offset` fields. Some additional examples are given below.

```
{
    "data":[
        {
            "eccodes_key": "airTemperature",
            "csv_column": "AT-fahrenheiht",
            "scale": -0.25527,
```

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```
            "offset": 459.67
        },
        {
            "eccodes_key": "airTemperature",
            "csv_column": "AT-celsius",
            "scale": 0,
            "offset": 273.15
        },
        {
            "eccodes_key": "pressure",
            "csv_column": "pressure-hPa",
            "scale": 2,
            "offset": 0
        }
    ]
}
```

6.4 Schema

```
{
    "$id": "csv2bufr.wis2.0.node.wis",
    "$schema": "https://json-schema.org/draft/2020-12/schema",
    "type": "object",
    "properties": {
        "inputDelayedDescriptorReplicationFactor": {
            "type": "array",
            "items": {"type": "integer"}
        },
        "number_header_rows": {
            "type": "integer",
            "description": "Number of header rows in the file"
        },
        "names_on_row": {
            "type": "integer",
            "description": "Which row the column names appear on"
        },
        "header":{
            "type": "array",
            "items": {"$ref": "#/$defs/bufr_element"},
            "description": "Contents of header sections of BUFR message"
        },
        "data": {
            "type": "array",
            "items": {"$ref": "#/$defs/bufr_element"},
            "description": "mapping from CSV file (or metadata json file) to BUFR"
        },
        "wigos_identifier": {
            "type": "object",
            "description": "Field to contain WIGOS identifier (currently unused)",
            "properties": {
```

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```
                "csv_column": {"type": "string"},
                "jsonpath": {"type": "string"},
                "value": {"type": "string"}
            },
            "oneOf": [
                        {"required": ["value"]},
                        {"required": ["csv_column"]},
                        {"required": ["jsonpath"]}
                    ]
        }
    },
    "required" : ["inputDelayedDescriptorReplicationFactor","header","data"],
    "$defs":{
        "bufr_element": {
            "type": "object",
            "properties": {
                "eccodes_key": {
                    "type": "string",
                    "descripition": "eccodes key used to set the value in the BUFR data"
                },
                "value": {
                    "type": [
                        "boolean", "object", "array", "number", "string", "integer"
                    ],
                    "description": "fixed value to use for all data using this mapping"
                },
                "csv_column": {
                    "type": "string",
                    "description": "column from the CSV file to map to the BUFR element␣
↪indicated by eccodes_key"
                },
                "jsonpath": {
                    "type": "string",
                    "description": "json path to the element in the JSON metadata file"
                },
                "valid_min": {
                    "type": "number",
                    "description": "Minimum valid value for parameter if set"
                },
                "valid_max": {
                    "type": "number",
                    "description": "Maximum value for for the parameter if set"
                },
                "scale": {
                    "type": "number",
                    "description": "Value used to scale the data by before encoding␣
↪using the same conventions as in BUFR"
                },
                "offset": {
                    "type": "number",
                    "description": "Value added to the data before encoding to BUFR␣
↪following the same conventions as BUFR"
```

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```
                }
            },
            "required": ["eccodes_key"],
            "allOf": [
                {
                    "oneOf": [
                        {"required": ["value"]},
                        {"required": ["csv_column"]},
                        {"required": ["jsonpath"]}
                    ]
                },
                {
                    "dependentRequired": {"scale": ["offset"]}
                },
                {
                    "dependentRequired": {"offset": ["scale"]}
                }
            ]
        }
    }
}
```

CHAPTER

SEVEN

EXAMPLES

This page follows through a worked example:

1. Example data file
2. Example metadata file
3. Creating a new mapping file
4. Editing the mapping file
5. Running the transformation

All the example files used are downloadable at the end of this page.

7.1 Data file (example-data.csv)

Table 1: example-data.csv

year	month	day	hour	minute	latitude	longitude	slp	mslp	ppp	a	brmh
2022	02	10	6	0	46.2475	6.12774	978.3	1029.90	-0.4	8	412.3

7.2 Metadata file (example-metadata.json)

```
{
  "wigosIds": [
    {
      "wid": "0-20000-0-06700"
    }
  ]
}
```

7.3 Creating a new mapping file

A command line tool to create an empty BUFR mapping template has been included as part of the csv2bufr module. This can be invoked using the `csv2bufr mappings create <BUFR descriptors>` command. E.g.:

```
csv2bufr mappings create 301150 301011 301012 301021 007031 302001 > bufr-mappings.json
```

generates the following file:

```
{
    "inputDelayedDescriptorReplicationFactor": [],
    "number_header_rows": 1,
    "names_on_row": 1,
    "header": [
        {
            "eccodes_key": "edition",
            "value": null,
            "csv_column": null,
            "jsonpath": null,
            "valid_min": null,
            "valid_max": null,
            "scale": null,
            "offset": null
        },
        {
            "eccodes_key": "masterTableNumber",
            "value": null,
            "csv_column": null,
            "jsonpath": null,
            "valid_min": null,
            "valid_max": null,
            "scale": null,
            "offset": null
        },
        {
            "eccodes_key": "bufrHeaderCentre",
            "value": null,
            "csv_column": null,
            "jsonpath": null,
            "valid_min": null,
            "valid_max": null,
            "scale": null,
            "offset": null
        },
        {
            "eccodes_key": "bufrHeaderSubCentre",
            "value": null,
            "csv_column": null,
            "jsonpath": null,
            "valid_min": null,
            "valid_max": null,
            "scale": null,
            "offset": null
```

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```
        },
        {
            "eccodes_key": "updateSequenceNumber",
            "value": null,
            "csv_column": null,
            "jsonpath": null,
            "valid_min": null,
            "valid_max": null,
            "scale": null,
            "offset": null
        },
        {
            "eccodes_key": "dataCategory",
            "value": null,
            "csv_column": null,
            "jsonpath": null,
            "valid_min": null,
            "valid_max": null,
            "scale": null,
            "offset": null
        },
        {
            "eccodes_key": "internationalDataSubCategory",
            "value": null,
            "csv_column": null,
            "jsonpath": null,
            "valid_min": null,
            "valid_max": null,
            "scale": null,
            "offset": null
        },
        {
            "eccodes_key": "dataSubCategory",
            "value": null,
            "csv_column": null,
            "jsonpath": null,
            "valid_min": null,
            "valid_max": null,
            "scale": null,
            "offset": null
        },
        {
            "eccodes_key": "masterTablesVersionNumber",
            "value": null,
            "csv_column": null,
            "jsonpath": null,
            "valid_min": null,
            "valid_max": null,
            "scale": null,
            "offset": null
        },
        {
```


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```
            "eccodes_key": "localTablesVersionNumber",
            "value": null,
            "csv_column": null,
            "jsonpath": null,
            "valid_min": null,
            "valid_max": null,
            "scale": null,
            "offset": null
        },
        {
            "eccodes_key": "typicalYear",
            "value": null,
            "csv_column": null,
            "jsonpath": null,
            "valid_min": null,
            "valid_max": null,
            "scale": null,
            "offset": null
        },
        {
            "eccodes_key": "typicalMonth",
            "value": null,
            "csv_column": null,
            "jsonpath": null,
            "valid_min": null,
            "valid_max": null,
            "scale": null,
            "offset": null
        },
        {
            "eccodes_key": "typicalDay",
            "value": null,
            "csv_column": null,
            "jsonpath": null,
            "valid_min": null,
            "valid_max": null,
            "scale": null,
            "offset": null
        },
        {
            "eccodes_key": "typicalHour",
            "value": null,
            "csv_column": null,
            "jsonpath": null,
            "valid_min": null,
            "valid_max": null,
            "scale": null,
            "offset": null
        },
        {
            "eccodes_key": "typicalMinute",
            "value": null,
```


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```
            "csv_column": null,
            "jsonpath": null,
            "valid_min": null,
            "valid_max": null,
            "scale": null,
            "offset": null
        },
        {
            "eccodes_key": "typicalSecond",
            "value": null,
            "csv_column": null,
            "jsonpath": null,
            "valid_min": null,
            "valid_max": null,
            "scale": null,
            "offset": null
        },
        {
            "eccodes_key": "typicalDate",
            "value": null,
            "csv_column": null,
            "jsonpath": null,
            "valid_min": null,
            "valid_max": null,
            "scale": null,
            "offset": null
        },
        {
            "eccodes_key": "typicalTime",
            "value": null,
            "csv_column": null,
            "jsonpath": null,
            "valid_min": null,
            "valid_max": null,
            "scale": null,
            "offset": null
        },
        {
            "eccodes_key": "numberOfSubsets",
            "value": null,
            "csv_column": null,
            "jsonpath": null,
            "valid_min": null,
            "valid_max": null,
            "scale": null,
            "offset": null
        },
        {
            "eccodes_key": "observedData",
            "value": null,
            "csv_column": null,
            "jsonpath": null,
```


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```
            "valid_min": null,
            "valid_max": null,
            "scale": null,
            "offset": null
        },
        {
            "eccodes_key": "compressedData",
            "value": null,
            "csv_column": null,
            "jsonpath": null,
            "valid_min": null,
            "valid_max": null,
            "scale": null,
            "offset": null
        },
        {
            "eccodes_key": "unexpandedDescriptors",
            "value": [
                301150,
                301011,
                301012,
                301021,
                  7031,
                302001
            ],
            "csv_column": null,
            "jsonpath": null,
            "valid_min": null,
            "valid_max": null,
            "scale": null,
            "offset": null
        },
        {
            "eccodes_key": "subsetNumber",
            "value": null,
            "csv_column": null,
            "jsonpath": null,
            "valid_min": null,
            "valid_max": null,
            "scale": null,
            "offset": null
        }
    ],
    "data": [
        {
            "eccodes_key": "#1#wigosIdentifierSeries",
            "value": null,
            "csv_column": null,
            "jsonpath": null,
            "valid_min": null,
            "valid_max": null,
            "scale": null,
```


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```
            "offset": null
        },
        {
            "eccodes_key": "#1#wigosIssuerOfIdentifier",
            "value": null,
            "csv_column": null,
            "jsonpath": null,
            "valid_min": null,
            "valid_max": null,
            "scale": null,
            "offset": null
        },
        {
            "eccodes_key": "#1#wigosIssueNumber",
            "value": null,
            "csv_column": null,
            "jsonpath": null,
            "valid_min": null,
            "valid_max": null,
            "scale": null,
            "offset": null
        },
        {
            "eccodes_key": "#1#wigosLocalIdentifierCharacter",
            "value": null,
            "csv_column": null,
            "jsonpath": null,
            "valid_min": null,
            "valid_max": null,
            "scale": null,
            "offset": null
        },
        {
            "eccodes_key": "#1#year",
            "value": null,
            "csv_column": null,
            "jsonpath": null,
            "valid_min": null,
            "valid_max": null,
            "scale": null,
            "offset": null
        },
        {
            "eccodes_key": "#1#month",
            "value": null,
            "csv_column": null,
            "jsonpath": null,
            "valid_min": null,
            "valid_max": null,
            "scale": null,
            "offset": null
        },
```


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```
        {
            "eccodes_key": "#1#day",
            "value": null,
            "csv_column": null,
            "jsonpath": null,
            "valid_min": null,
            "valid_max": null,
            "scale": null,
            "offset": null
        },
        {
            "eccodes_key": "#1#hour",
            "value": null,
            "csv_column": null,
            "jsonpath": null,
            "valid_min": null,
            "valid_max": null,
            "scale": null,
            "offset": null
        },
        {
            "eccodes_key": "#1#minute",
            "value": null,
            "csv_column": null,
            "jsonpath": null,
            "valid_min": null,
            "valid_max": null,
            "scale": null,
            "offset": null
        },
        {
            "eccodes_key": "#1#latitude",
            "value": null,
            "csv_column": null,
            "jsonpath": null,
            "valid_min": null,
            "valid_max": null,
            "scale": null,
            "offset": null
        },
        {
            "eccodes_key": "#1#longitude",
            "value": null,
            "csv_column": null,
            "jsonpath": null,
            "valid_min": null,
            "valid_max": null,
            "scale": null,
            "offset": null
        },
        {
            "eccodes_key": "#1#heightOfBarometerAboveMeanSeaLevel",
```


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```
            "value": null,
            "csv_column": null,
            "jsonpath": null,
            "valid_min": null,
            "valid_max": null,
            "scale": null,
            "offset": null
        },
        {
            "eccodes_key": "#1#nonCoordinatePressure",
            "value": null,
            "csv_column": null,
            "jsonpath": null,
            "valid_min": null,
            "valid_max": null,
            "scale": null,
            "offset": null
        },
        {
            "eccodes_key": "#1#pressureReducedToMeanSeaLevel",
            "value": null,
            "csv_column": null,
            "jsonpath": null,
            "valid_min": null,
            "valid_max": null,
            "scale": null,
            "offset": null
        },
        {
            "eccodes_key": "#1#3HourPressureChange",
            "value": null,
            "csv_column": null,
            "jsonpath": null,
            "valid_min": null,
            "valid_max": null,
            "scale": null,
            "offset": null
        },
        {
            "eccodes_key": "#1#characteristicOfPressureTendency",
            "value": null,
            "csv_column": null,
            "jsonpath": null,
            "valid_min": null,
            "valid_max": null,
            "scale": null,
            "offset": null
        }
    ],
    "wigos_identifier": {
        "value": null,
        "jsonpath": null,
```


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```
        "csv_column": null
    }
}
```

7.4 Customising the mapping file (bufr-mappings-edited.json)

Editing the bufr mappings file to map to the above example CSV data we have:

```
{
    "inputDelayedDescriptorReplicationFactor": [],
    "number_header_rows": 1,
    "names_on_row": 1,
    "header": [
        {
            "eccodes_key": "edition",
            "value": 4
        },
        {
            "eccodes_key": "masterTableNumber",
            "value": 0
        },
        {
            "eccodes_key": "updateSequenceNumber",
            "value": 0
        },
        {
            "eccodes_key": "dataCategory",
            "value": 0
        },
        {
            "eccodes_key": "internationalDataSubCategory",
            "value": 6
        },
        {
            "eccodes_key": "masterTablesVersionNumber",
            "value": 36
        },
        {
            "eccodes_key": "typicalYear",
            "csv_column": "year"
        },
        {
            "eccodes_key": "typicalMonth",
            "csv_column": "month"
        },
        {
            "eccodes_key": "typicalDay",
            "csv_column": "day"
        },
        {
```

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```
            "eccodes_key": "typicalHour",
            "csv_column": "hour"
        },
        {
            "eccodes_key": "typicalMinute",
            "csv_column": "minute"
        },
        {
            "eccodes_key": "numberOfSubsets",
            "value": 1
        },
        {
            "eccodes_key": "observedData",
            "value": 1
        },
        {
            "eccodes_key": "compressedData",
            "value": 0
        },
        {
            "eccodes_key": "unexpandedDescriptors",
            "value": [
                301150,
                301011,
                301012,
                301021,
                  7031,
                302001
            ]
        }
    ],
    "data": [
        {
            "eccodes_key": "#1#wigosIdentifierSeries",
            "jsonpath": "$.wigosIds[0].wid_series"
        },
        {
            "eccodes_key": "#1#wigosIssuerOfIdentifier",
            "jsonpath": "$.wigosIds[0].wid_issuer"
        },
        {
            "eccodes_key": "#1#wigosIssueNumber",
            "jsonpath": "$.wigosIds[0].wid_issue_number"
        },
        {
            "eccodes_key": "#1#wigosLocalIdentifierCharacter",
            "jsonpath": "$.wigosIds[0].wid_local"
        },
        {
            "eccodes_key": "#1#year",
            "csv_column": "year"
        },
```


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```
        {
            "eccodes_key": "#1#month",
            "csv_column": "month"
        },
        {
            "eccodes_key": "#1#day",
            "csv_column": "day"
        },
        {
            "eccodes_key": "#1#hour",
            "csv_column": "hour"
        },
        {
            "eccodes_key": "#1#minute",
            "csv_column": "minute"
        },
        {
            "eccodes_key": "#1#latitude",
            "csv_column": "latitude"
        },
        {
            "eccodes_key": "#1#longitude",
            "csv_column": "longitude"
        },
        {
            "eccodes_key": "#1#heightOfBarometerAboveMeanSeaLevel",
            "csv_column": "brmh"
        },
        {
            "eccodes_key": "#1#nonCoordinatePressure",
            "csv_column": "slp",
            "scale": 2,
            "offset": 0
        },
        {
            "eccodes_key": "#1#pressureReducedToMeanSeaLevel",
            "csv_column": "mslp",
            "scale": 2,
            "offset": 0
        },
        {
            "eccodes_key": "#1#3HourPressureChange",
            "csv_column": "ppp",
            "scale": 2,
            "offset": 0
        },
        {
            "eccodes_key": "#1#characteristicOfPressureTendency",
            "csv_column": "a"
        }
    ]
}
```

Note that the sequence includes no delayed replications and so the `inputDelayedDescriptorReplicationFactor` can be left as an empty array. Elements that would be set to null have been removed.

7.5 Transformation

```
csv2bufr data transform ./example-data.csv --bufr-template ./bufr-mappings-edited.json \
    --station-metadata ./example-metadata.json --output-dir ./
```

The links below can be used to download the example files:

- example-data.csv
- bufr-mappings-edited.json
- example-metadata.json
- example output (d0464c97a88ea99f119e87629844c5dd.bufr4)

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