

# *WIS2 in a box (wis2box)* introduction and architecture



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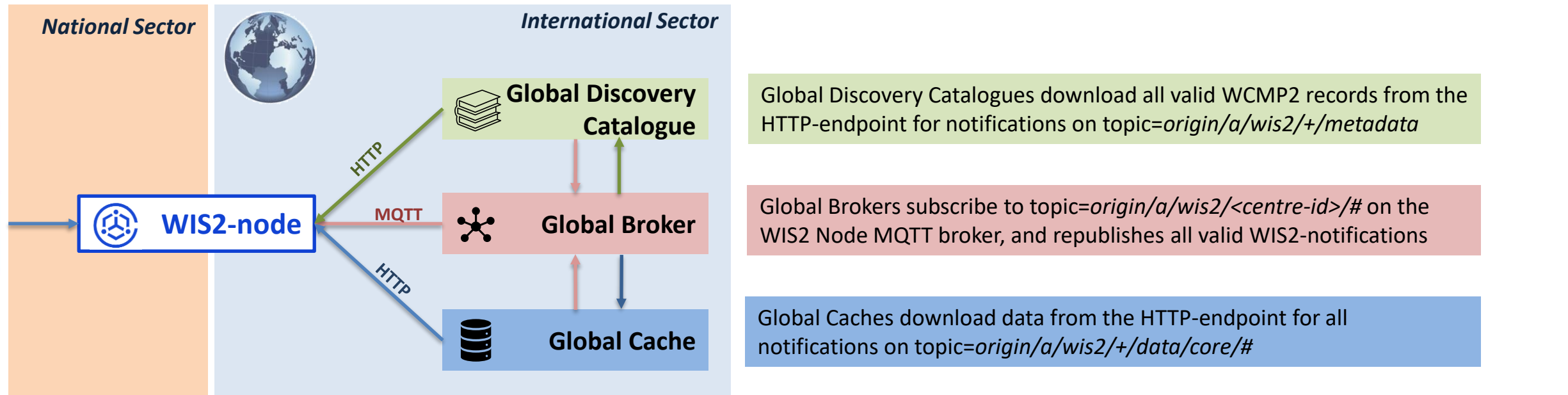
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# Reminder: What is a WIS2 Node ?

The WIS2 Node serves as a gateway between National MET systems and the WIS 2.0 Network

A WIS2 node is composed of 2 endpoints that need to be exposed over the public internet:

- **MQTT broker**: to publish WIS2-notifications for metadata and data
- **HTTP endpoint**: to enable the download of data and metadata records



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MQTT topic defined by the WIS2 Topic Hierarchy standard  
Discovery Metadata records defined by WCMP2 standard  
MQTT payload defined by the WIS2 Notification Message standard

# What is WIS2 in a box?

- WIS2 in a box (wis2box) is a **Reference Implementation of a WIS2 Node**
- Developed as Docker Compose stack using existing Free and Open Source implementations and wis2box-specific components
- Free Open-Source Software (FOSS) <https://github.com/wmo-im/wis2box>
- Designed to be cost-effective and low-barrier to operate
- Developed by WMO to **help accelerate the implementation of WIS 2.0**



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wis2box hosting requirements:

- minimum 2 vCPUs with 4GB Memory and 24GB of local storage
- requires Python, Docker and Docker Compose pre-installed
- HTTP and MQTT ports routed to a publicly accessible address
- See documentation at <https://docs.wis2box.wis.wmo.int>

# WIS 2.0 Training workshops

wis2box is used to enable practical exercises on exchanging data using WIS2.0 standard during training workshop

During the training each participant gets access to one virtual machine to setup their own WIS2 Node so they can practice preparing WIS2 datasets and publishing WIS2 data notifications



# wis2box is Free and Open

## Free and Open Source Software



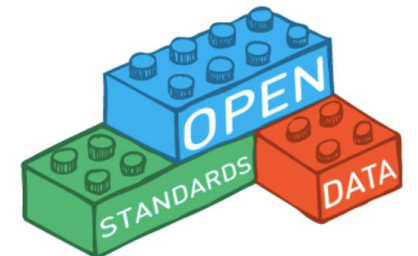
## Open Standards



- MQTT
- GeoJSON
- OGC APIs



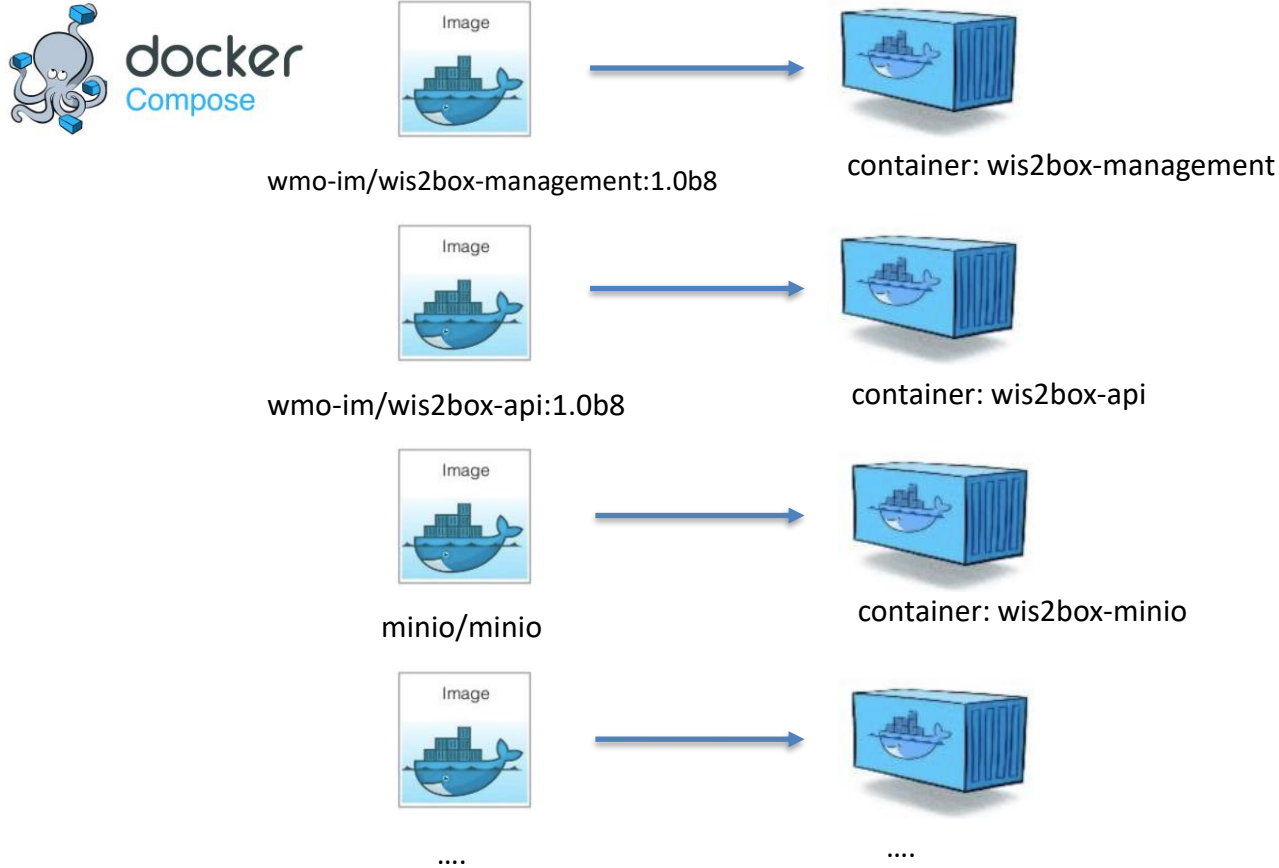
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# wis2box and docker

## wis2box uses Docker and Docker Compose

- Using pre-built Docker images to create containers each providing a specific service running on the wis2box-instance
- Python script 'wis2box-ctl.py' provides a wrapper around Docker Compose commands to interact with wis2box



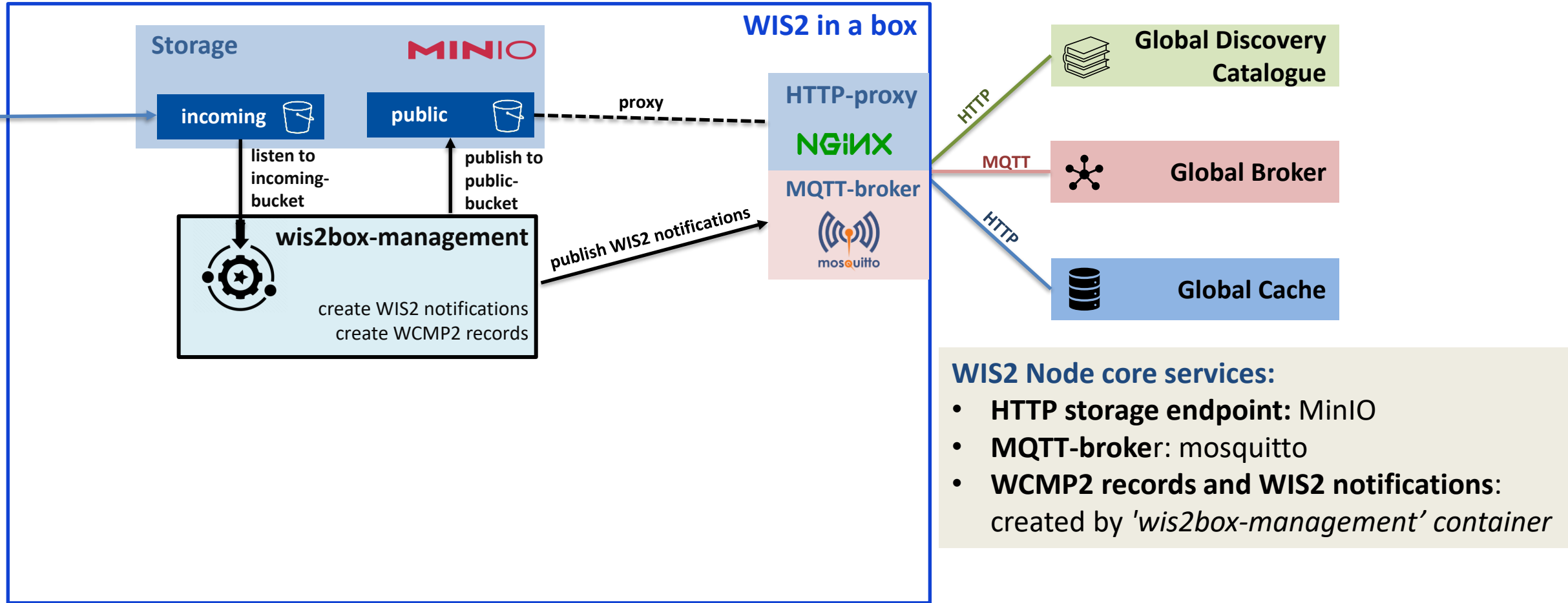
## *Why is wis2box composed as a set of Docker containers?*

- Docker **containers contain all necessary dependencies**, libraries, and binaries required to run the service
- Docker containers **run on any system with Docker installed**, regardless of underlying hardware or operating system
- Docker containers **provide process and resource isolation**, enhancing security

## **Software requirements on the host:**

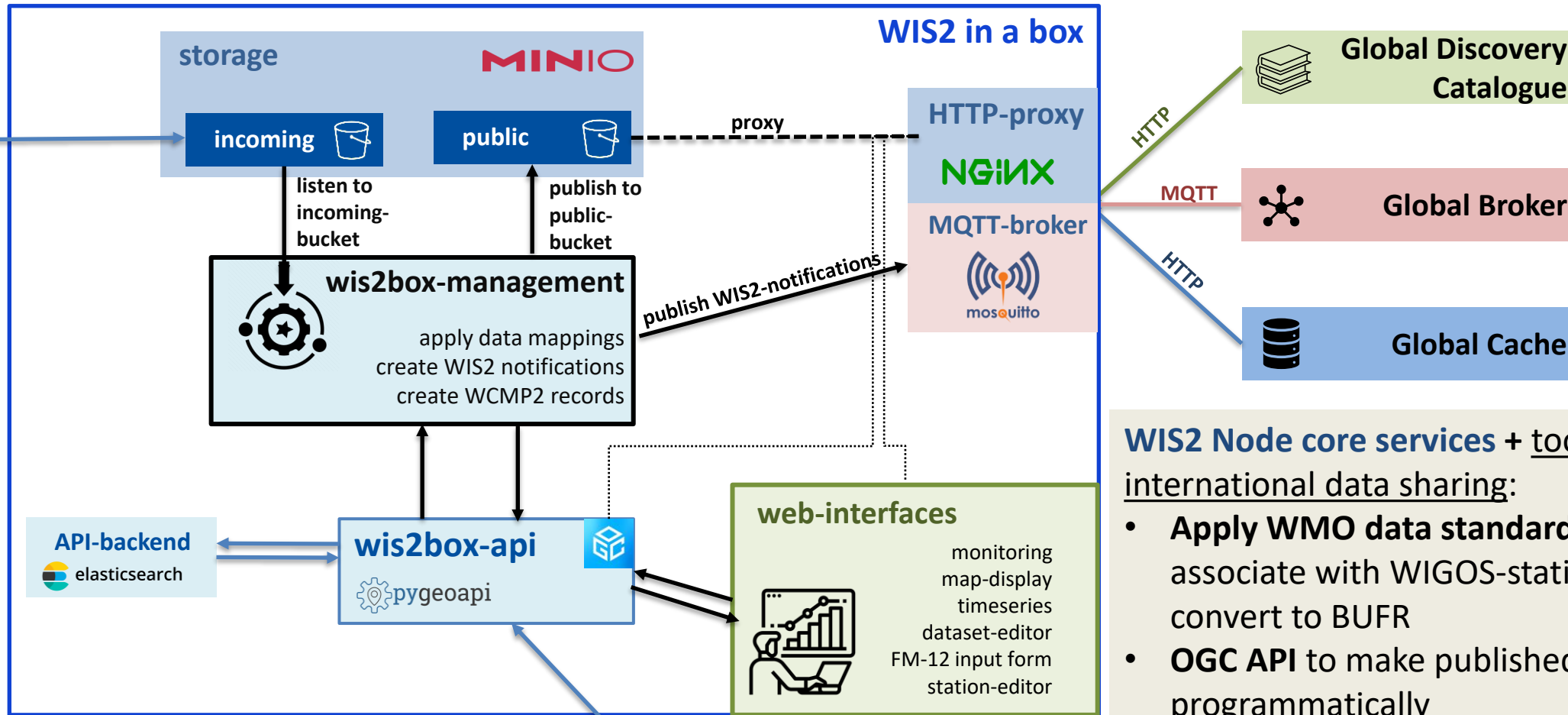
- Python: 3.8 or higher
- Docker Engine: 20.10.14 or higher
- Docker Compose: 2.0 or higher

# wis2box core services



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# wis2box additional services



## WIS2 Node core services + tools to facilitate international data sharing:

- **Apply WMO data standards:** data-plugins to associate with WIGOS-station-metadata and convert to BUFR
- **OGC API** to make published data accessible programmatically
- **data visualization and monitoring** to detect issues and trigger corrective action
- **web-interfaces** for manual data input, configuring datasets and station metadata



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# Datasets in the wis2box

## Two ways to configure a new dataset in the wis2box:

- Use the **dataset-editor** in the wis2box-webapp
- ... or share an MCF file with the wis2box-management container and execute '**wis2box dataset publish <file-path>**'

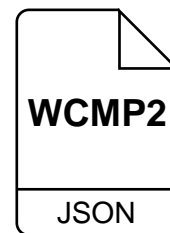
**new** WCMP2 notification on origin/a/wis2/<centre-id>/metadata  
**for every new dataset published**

**update** WCMP2 notification on origin/a/wis2/<centre-id>/metadata  
**for every updated dataset published**

**delete** WCMP2 notification on origin/a/wis2/<centre-id>/metadata  
**whenever a dataset is unpublished**



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new/update/delete



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Discovery  
Catalogue

# Dataset Editor in wis2box-webapp

### Dataset Editor Form

Please choose a dataset Dataset

Dataset loaded successfully.

#### Metadata Editor

##### Dataset Identification

Title: Hourly synoptic observations from fixed-land stations (SYNOP) (br-inmet)  
Description: Observation data from automatic weather stations  
Identifier: urn:wmo.md:br-inmet:surface-based-observations.synop

Centre ID: br-inmet | WMO Data Policy: core | Topic Hierarchy: br-inmet/data/core/weather/surface-based-observations/synop

Earth System Disciplines: Weather  
Keywords (3 minimum): observations, temperature, visibility, precipitation, pressure, clouds, snow depth, evaporation, radiation, wind, total sunshine, humidity


##### Temporal Properties

Start Date: 2024-06-05 | End Date in UTC:  | Dataset ongoing:  | Resolution: 1 | Unit: hour(s)

##### Spatial Properties

Choose an automatic bounding box (optional): Brazil  
Your country may not have an automatic bounding box

North Latitude: 5.24448639  
West Longitude: -73.9872354  
East Longitude: -34.7299934  
South Latitude: -33.7683777



- Step 1. Define metadata and validate form
- Step 2. Define data plugins
- Step 3. Submit the dataset for publication

##### Contact Information of the Data Provider

Organization Name: WMO | URL: https://wmo.int | Country: Switzerland  
Email: wis2-support@wmo.int | Phone number (optional):

[RESET FORM](#) [VALIDATE FORM](#)

##### Dataset Mappings Editor

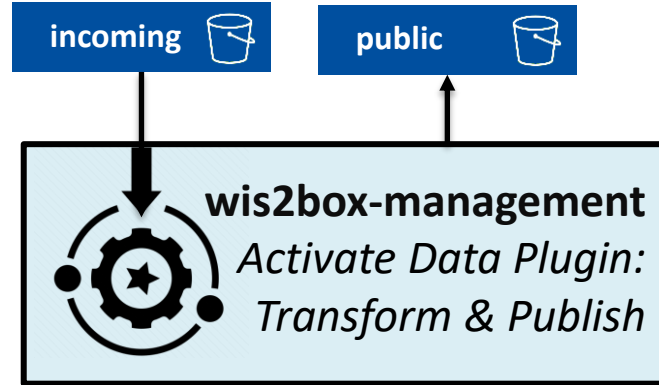
Plugins in use	File extension	File pattern	UPDATE	DELETE
BUFR data converted to BUFR	bin	^.*\.bin\$	<a href="#">UPDATE</a>	<a href="#">DELETE</a>
FM-12 data converted to BUFR	txt	^.*_(\d{4})_(\d{2}).*\.txt\$	<a href="#">UPDATE</a>	<a href="#">DELETE</a>
BUFR data converted to BUFR	b	^.*\.b\$	<a href="#">UPDATE</a>	<a href="#">DELETE</a>
CSV data converted to BUFR	csv	^.*\.csv\$	<a href="#">UPDATE</a>	<a href="#">DELETE</a>
BUFR data converted to GeoJSON	bufr4	^WIGOS_(\d+\d+\d+\d+)_.*\.bufr4\$	<a href="#">UPDATE</a>	<a href="#">DELETE</a>

[ADD A PLUGIN](#)

[EXPORT AS JSON](#) [SUBMIT](#)

*On "submit", the wis2box-management container creates a new WCMP2 record and/or publishes an update*

# wis2box data plugins



**In wis2box each dataset is associated to one or more Data Plugins**

A data plugin defines the actions taken to **transform** and **publish** the data

Data plugins use an abstract model/approach to enable extensibility and reuse

See [github.com/wmo-im/wis2box/tree/main/wis2box-management/wis2box/data](https://github.com/wmo-im/wis2box/tree/main/wis2box-management/wis2box/data)



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# wis2box data plugins

## wis2box contains the following built-in data plugins:

- wis2box.data.universal.UniversalData
- wis2box.data.cap\_message.CAPMessageData
- wis2box.data.bufr4.ObservationDataBUFR
- wis2box.data.synop2bufr.ObservationDataSYNOP2BUFR
- wis2box.data.csv2bufr.ObservationDataCSV2BUFR
- wis2box.data.bufr2geojson.ObservationDataBUFR2GeoJSON

Plugin Configuration

Plugin Name

File Extension

ets

Notify

Universal data without conversion

BUFR data converted to BUFR

FM-12 data converted to BUFR

CSV data converted to BUFR

BUFR data converted to GeoJSON

CAP messages

*Developers are encouraged to contribute new data plugins to wis2box!*



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# BUFR tools in wis2box



wis2box uses ECMWF's [ecCodes](#) software library to perform the BUFR encoding

'wis2box-api' container is based on a Docker image containing *ecCodes*

BUFR-conversion tools used by wis2box available as standalone python modules:

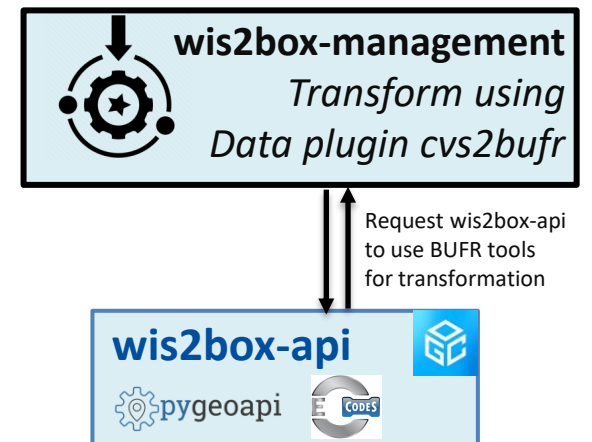
<https://github.com/wmo-im/csv2bufr>

<https://github.com/wmo-im/synop2bufr>

<https://github.com/wmo-im/bufr2geojson>



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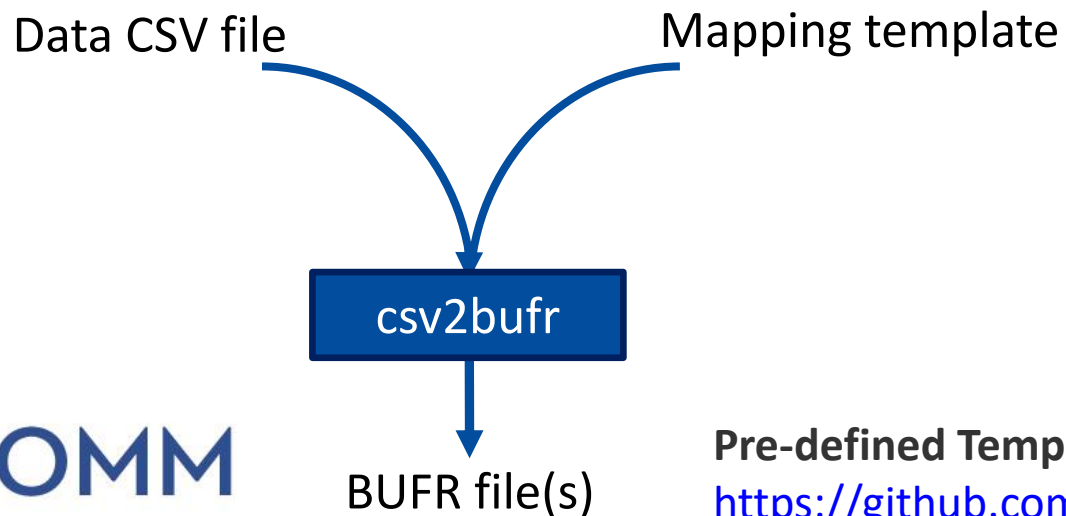


# csv2bufr mapping template

**csv2bufr uses a Mapping Template:** JSON file defining the mapping between columns in the input CSV data to codes encoded in the output BUFR data

... using the human-readable eccodes\_key rather than the 6 digit BUFR FXXYYY code

```
"data": [  
  ....  
  {"eccodes_key": "#1#nonCoordinatePressure", "value": "data:station_pressure", "valid_min": "const:50000", "valid_max": "const:150000"},  
  {"eccodes_key": "#1#pressureReducedToMeanSeaLevel", "value": "data:msl_pressure", "valid_min": "const:50000", "valid_max": "const:150000"},  
  {"eccodes_key": "#1#nonCoordinateGeopotentialHeight", "value": "data:geopotential_height", "valid_min": "const:-1000", "valid_max": "const:130071"},  
  {"eccodes_key": "#1#heightOfSensorAboveLocalGroundOrDeckOfMarinePlatform", "value": "data:thermometer_height", "valid_min": "const:0", "valid_max": "const:655.35"},  
  {"eccodes_key": "#1#airTemperature", "value": "data:air_temperature", "valid_min": "const:193.15", "valid_max": "const:333.15"},  
  ... ]
```



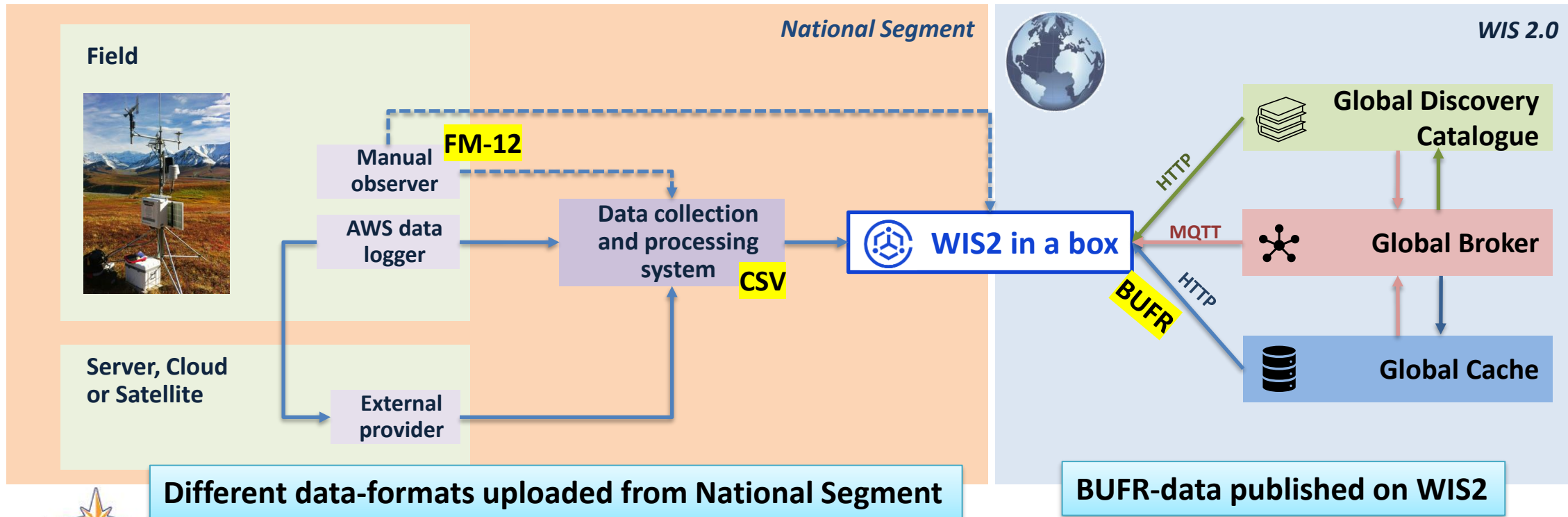
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Pre-defined Templates used in wis2box can be found here:  
<https://github.com/wmo-im/csv2bufr-templates>  
... or custom templates can be defined by the user

# wis2box data plugins

*csv2bufr* enables any system to prepare a data-extract for publication without needing local BUFR conversion tools

*synop2bufr* enables publication of FM-12 synop reports from manual observers



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# SYNOP FORM in wis2box web-application

## Submit FM 12–XIV Ext. SYNOP Bulletin

See the WMO [Manual on Codes, Volume I.1](#), for a description of the FM 12-XIV Ext. SYNOP format

select month/year

Month and year in UTC

Enter or copy-paste FM-12 SYNOP

FM 12

```
SMR001 YRBK 121200
AAXX 17121
15015 01597 71702 10057 20036 39390 42628 50004 60021 78082 87300 333
4/000
55304 0//// 20643 3//// 69977 91003 91108=
```

Raw FM 12 bulletin

Dataset Identifier

urn:wmo:md:io-wis2dev-test2:core.surface-based-observations.synop

select dataset-id from dropdown

testing csv2bufr

wis2box auth token for 'processes/wis2box'

.....

provide wis2box auth token for processes/wis2box

SUBMIT

Publish on WIS2

Turn off "Publish on WIS2" to test conversion without publishing



# SYNOP FORM in wis2box web-application

open output list

**Result: success**

WIS2 notifications published: 0

- Warnings: 0
- Errors: 0
- Output BUFR files: 1

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- Warnings: 0
- Errors: 0
- Output BUFR files: 1

WIGOS\_0-1234-5-WMOHQ\_20240817T120000.bufr4

**DOWNLOAD** **INSPECT**

WIGOS\_0-1234-5-WMOHQ\_20240817T120000.bufr4

WIGOS Station Identifier: 0-1234-5-WMOHQ

Station name: 0-1234-5-WMOHQ

Station latitude: 46.22335

Station longitude: 6.14365

Station elevation: 422.00 (m)

Barometer height above mean sea level: 123.00 (m)

Nominal report time: 2024-08-17T12:00:00Z



observedProperty	value	units	description
non coordinate pressure	939	hPa	
3 hour pressure change	0.4	hPa	
characteristic of pressure tendency	0	CODE TABLE	INCREASING, THEN DECREASING; ATMOSPHERIC PRESSURE THE SAME OR HIGHER THAN THREE HOURS AGO
non coordinate geopotential height	628	gpm	
air temperature	5.7	Celsius	
dewpoint temperature	3.6	Celsius	
relative humidity	86	%	
horizontal visibility	10000	m	
total snow depth	0	m	
cloud cover total	0	%	
cloud amount	0	CODE TABLE	0
cloud type	30	CODE TABLE	NO CL CLOUDS
cloud type	20	CODE TABLE	NO CM CLOUDS
cloud type	10	CODE	NO CH CLOUDS

Buttons for each generated BUFR-file

**DOWNLOAD:** download the file

**INSPECT:** display the content of the BUFR

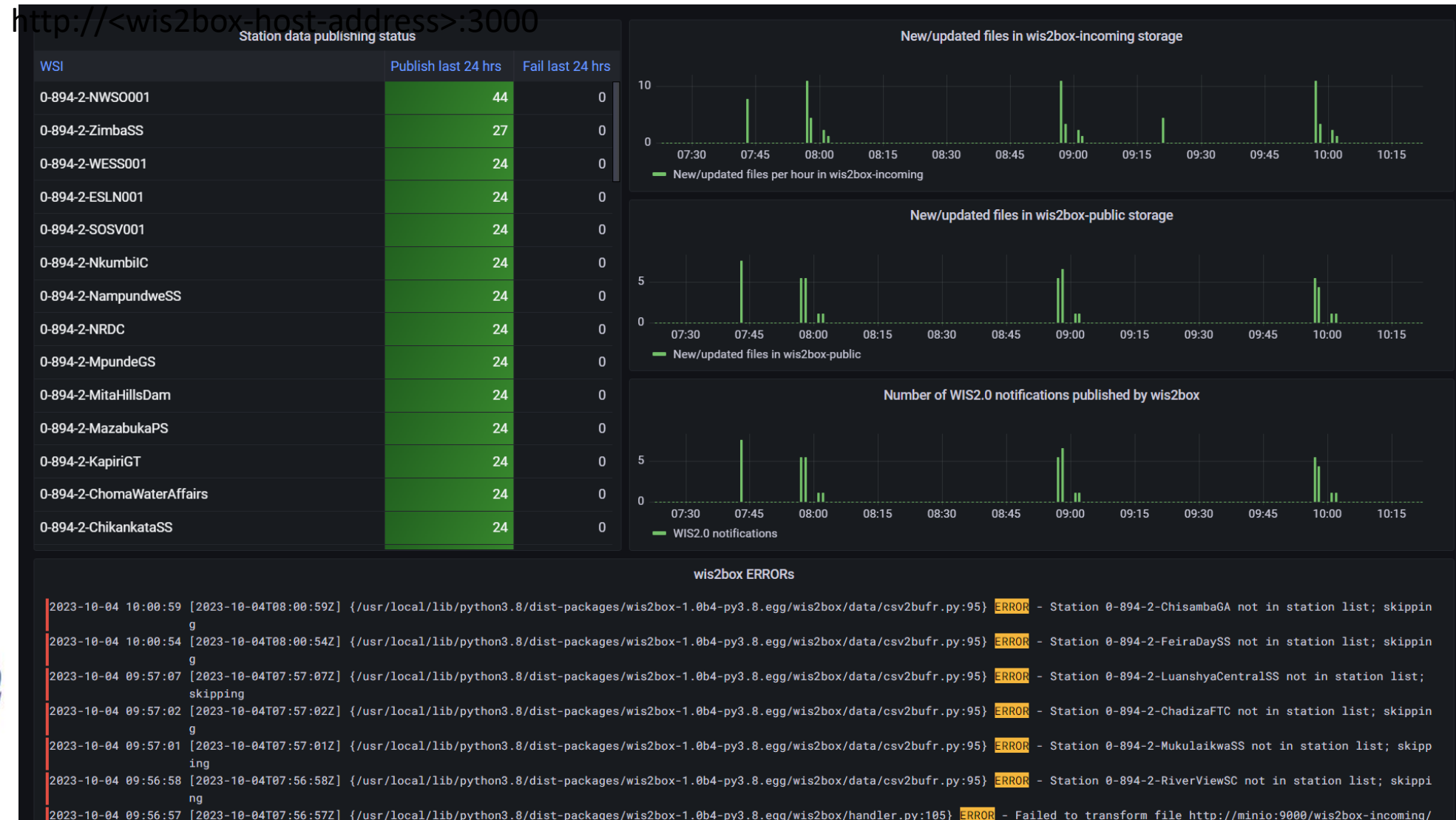
**Use the INSPECT-option to check if the content of the BUFR is correct**



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# wis2box monitoring tools

Grafana, Prometheus and Loki included in wis2box-stack to enable monitoring the wis2box data publication and enable log access for debugging and corrective action



# Summary

## **wis2box is an Open Source Reference Implementation of a WIS2 Node**

- Based on docker and docker-compose using pre-built images
- Using existing Open Source components: minio, mosquitto, nginx, pygeoapi
- Source code publicly available: <https://github.com/wmo-im/wis2box>
- Developed by WMO to help accelerate the implementation of WIS 2.0

## **wis2box provides additional tools to facilitate international data sharing**

- Data conversion to BUFR (using extensible plugin-structure)
- Web-interfaces:
  - to visualize data content and monitor data publication
  - FM-12 input form for uploading manual observations
  - Enable configuring datasets and station metadata
- Monitoring using Grafana, Loki and Prometheus



## **wis2box is software not hardware**

- requires a hosting solution: recommend to use **cloud** (public or private)
- host needs to be accessible via public IP address to function as WIS2 Node
- documentation: <https://docs.wis2box.wis.wmo.int>

National Segment



WIS 2.0



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HTTP

MQTT

HTTP



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TEMPS CLIMAT EAU



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