

# WIS2 Introduction

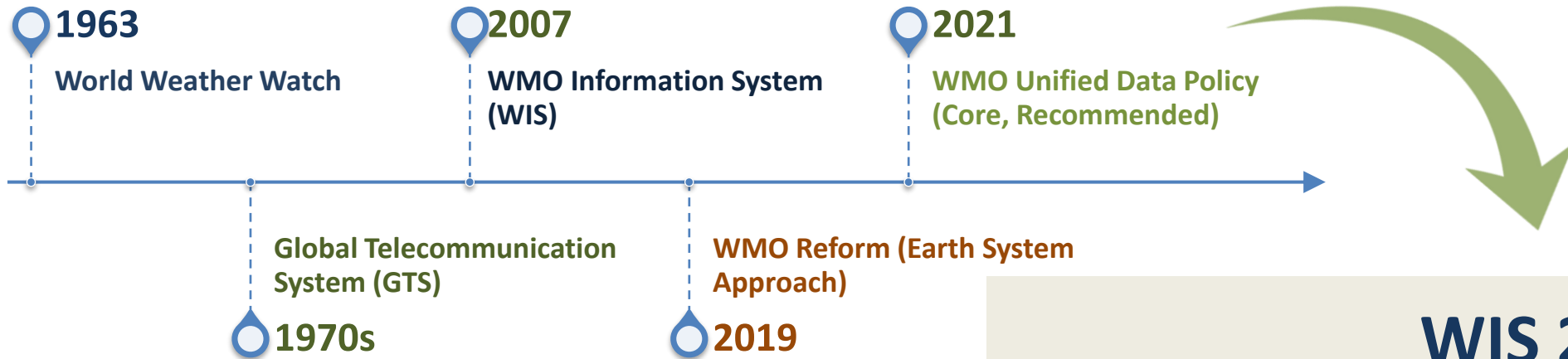
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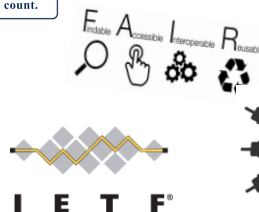
# Evolution of WMO data exchange



## WIS 2.0

*... collaborative system of systems using Web-architecture and open standards to provide simple, timely and seamless sharing of trusted data and information ...*

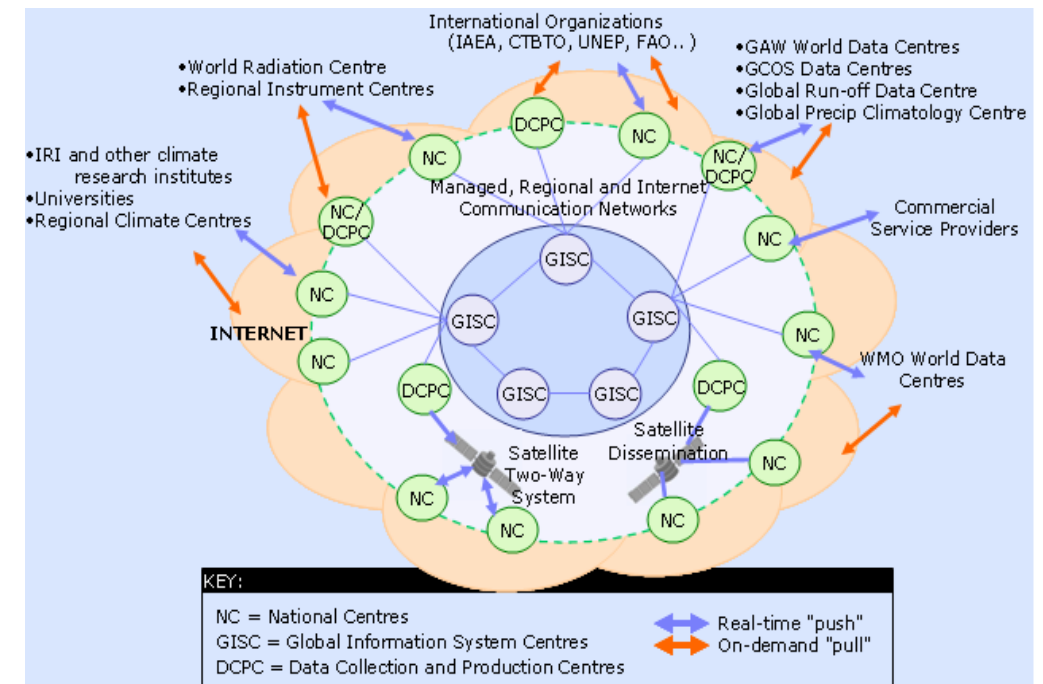
- Open Standards (OGC, W3C, IETF, ...)
- Free and Open Source tooling
- Data sharing through Web and real-time notifications with publication/subscription (pub/sub) protocols
- Cloud ready (turn-key solutions)
- Web services and APIs (Application Programming Interface)



# Organization of WIS

- The WMO Information System (WIS) enables the collection, sharing, and access of Earth system data and products globally.
- WIS is structured around three main types of centres:

1. Global Information System Centre (GISC)
2. Data Collection or Production Centre (DCPC)
3. National Centres (NC)



# Global Information System Centre (GISC)

## Role:

- GISCs are responsible for supporting WIS centres in their area of responsibility (AoR) and ensuring the effective operation of WIS
- GISCs coordinate data sharing within the area of responsibility of the Global Information System Centre
- GISCs shall support NCs and DCPCs in their area of responsibility to effectively participate in WIS
- GISCs contribute to the Capacity building within the area of responsibility of the Global Information System Centre
- GISC contributes to the monitoring of WIS in their AoR
- Note: GISCs are not required to operate a Global Service component
- List of GISCs:

- GISC Beijing (China)
- GISC Brasilia (Brazil)
- GISC Casablanca (Morocco)
- GISC Exeter (UK)
- GISC Jeddah (Saudi Arabia)
- GISC Melbourne (Australia)
- GISC Moscow (Russia)
- GISC New Delhi (India)

- GISC Offenbach (Germany)
- GISC Pretoria (South Africa)
- GISC Seoul (Kouria)
- GISC Tehran (Iran)
- GISC Toulouse (France)
- GISC Washington (USA)
- GISC Tokyo (Japan)

# Data Collection or Production Centre (DCPC)

- A Data Collection or Production Centre (DCPC) is a WIS centre that is responsible for the collection, generation, and dissemination of regional or specialized meteorological, hydrological, or related environmental data and products.
- A DCPC may be operated by a national meteorological or hydrological service (NMHS), or by an international organization that performs data collection or production functions in support of WMO programmes and activities.

## Role:

- As appropriate to its role, a DCPC shall collect, store, and manage data as defined in Resolution 1 (Cg-Ext(2021)).
- A DCPC shall support the production and management of regional or specialized datasets.
- A DCPC shall create discovery metadata about the data it manages and ensure that these discovery metadata remain up to date.

## Examples of DCPCs:

- ECMWF (European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts)
- EUMETSAT (European Organization for the Exploitation of Meteorological Satellites)

# National Centre (NC)

National Centres are responsible for publishing data and discovery metadata using a component referred to as a WIS node

## Role:

- NC shall collect, store, and manage data as defined in Resolution 1 (Cg-Ext(2021))
- NC shall support the production and management of datasets
- NC shall create discovery metadata about the data it manages and ensure that these discovery metadata remain up to date

## Examples of NCs:

- National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs) of WMO Members (e.g., NWS (USA), Met Office (UK), DWD (Germany), IMD (India), BOM (Australia))

The list of NCs, DCPCs, and GISCs is provided in Volume I of the Manual on the WMO Information System.

# WMO Unified data policy

## WMO Unified Data Policy, [Resolution 1](#) (Cg-Ext(2021))

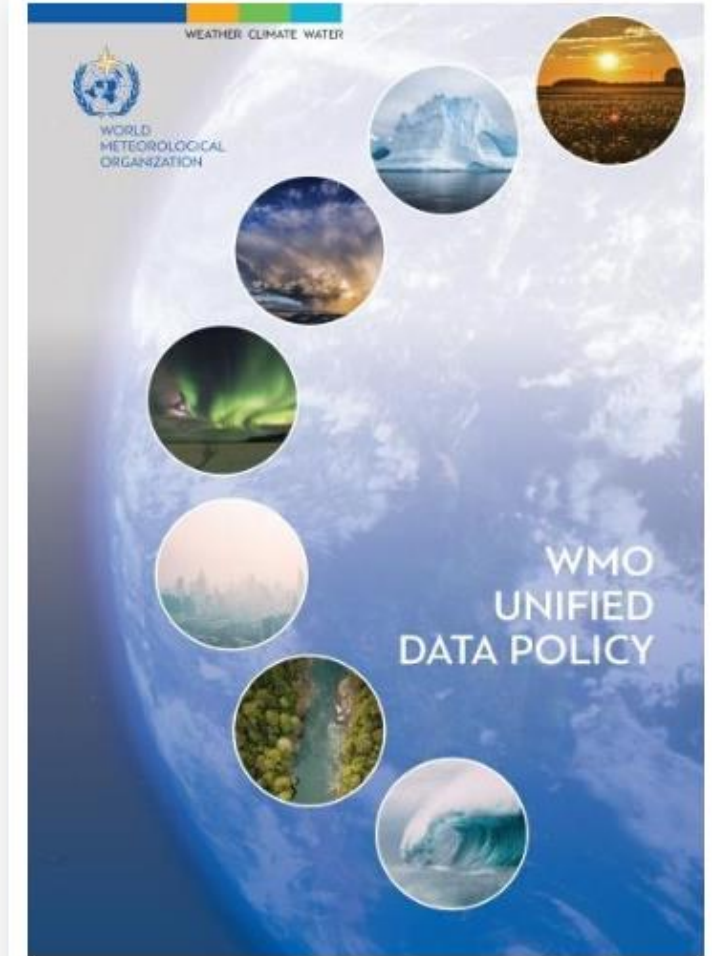
Adopted in 2021, this unified policy for the international exchange of Earth system data reaffirms WMO's commitment to free and unrestricted exchange of Earth system data necessary for the provision of services in support of the protection of life and property and for the well-being of all nations.

International provision and exchange of Earth system data shall follow a 2-tier approach

- (1) Members **shall** provide on a free and unrestricted basis **Core** data that is necessary for the provision of safety critical services
- (2) Members **should** provide the **Recommended** data that are required to support Earth system monitoring and prediction

Members **should** provide **Recommended** data without charge to public research and educational communities for non-commercial use

Encourages all users of Earth system data to **attribute** the source of data wherever possible



# WIS2 node and Global Services

- Each WMO Member shall implement at least one WIS2 node to share data in WIS2
- A WIS2 node replaces the GTS Message Switching System
- Data and metadata are shared through a WIS2 node
- A WIS2 Node shares data via an HTTPS service and sends notifications to MQTT subscribers
- A WIS2 node shares notifications with Global Broker





# WIS2 Components: Global Services



## Global Services



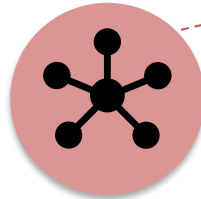
Global  
Monitoring

Discovers datasets



Global  
Discovery  
Catalogue

Provides an API to  
discover datasets and  
services



Global  
Broker



Global  
Cache

Sends notifications  
of new data to be  
downloaded from  
Global Caches or  
WIS2 nodes

Provides users HTTP  
download of core  
data cached from  
WIS2 nodes

Downloads core data



WIS2 node



WIS2 node



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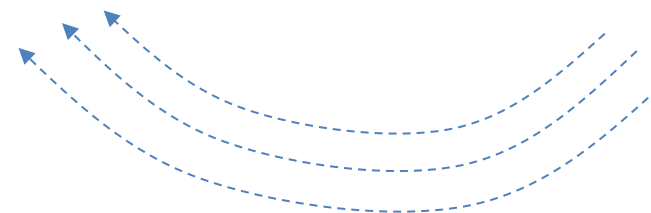


Data users

Downloads recommended data

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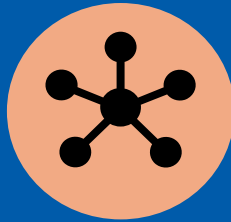
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Scale to highly-available, global data sharing

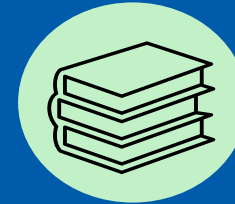
# WIS2 Global Service instances

**Global  
Broker**



Brazil  
France  
China  
USA

**Global  
Discovery  
Catalogue**



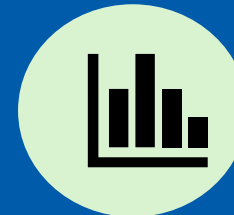
Canada  
China  
Germany

**Global  
Cache**



China  
Germany  
Japan  
Korea  
Saudia Arabia  
USA/UK

**Global  
Monitoring**



China  
Morocco

# Who can operate a WIS2 Node ?

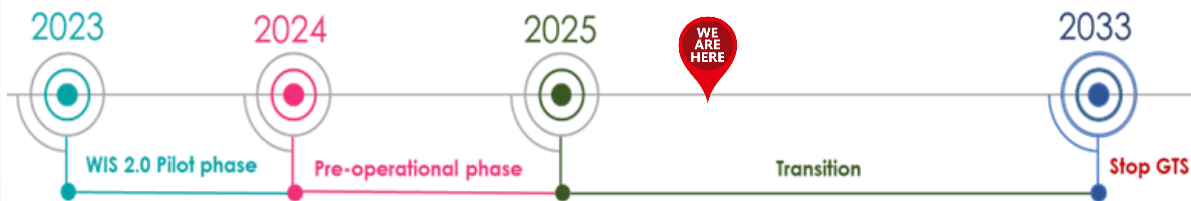
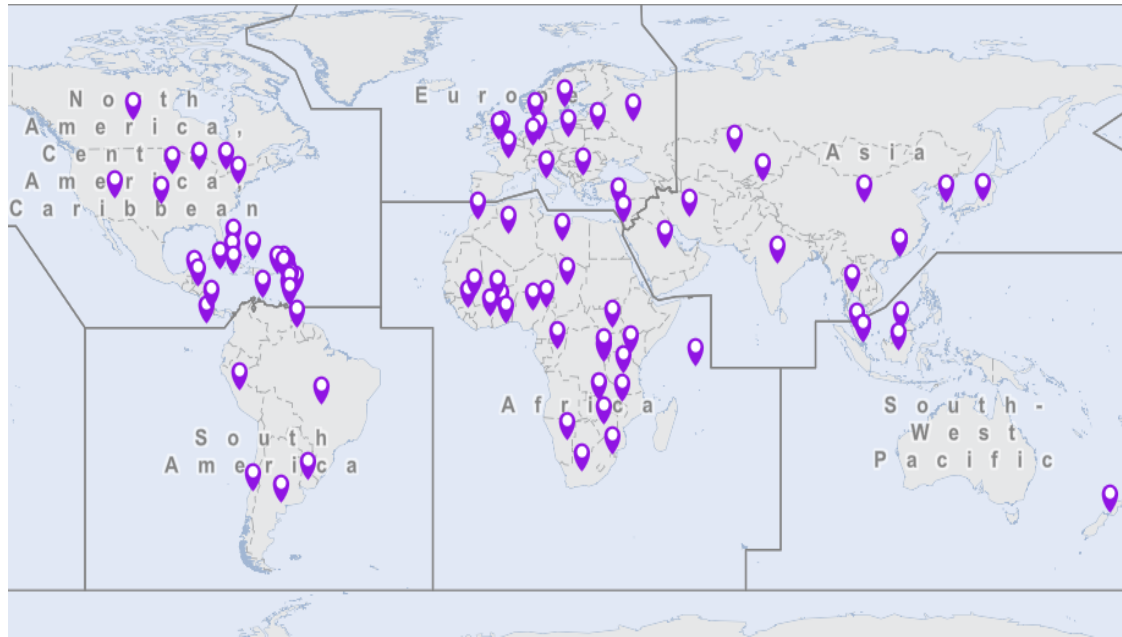
## **National Center (NC)**

Each WMO Member has a NC with responsibility to share core and recommended data

## **Data Collection and Production Center (DCPC)**

- DCPC has the role of collecting, storing, managing and/or producing programme-related data
- DCPC operates a WIS2 node to share data and metadata through WIS2
- Official list of WMO designated DCPCs for WIS2 is in the Manual on WIS (WMO-No 1060) Vol. II
- Designation of a new DCPC requires a formal process involving INFCOM, please contact the Secretariat to start the process.

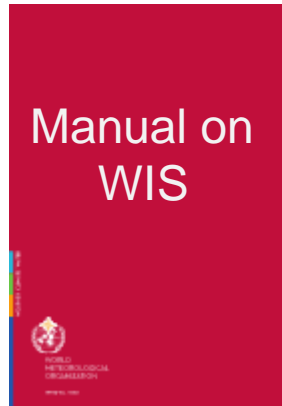
# WIS2 Nodes



NC	Algeria	I	NC	Anguilla	IV	DCPC	Hong Kong, China	II
NC	Benin	I	NC	Antigua and Barbuda	IV	DCPC	Singapore	V
NC	Burundi	I	NC	Bahamas	IV	DCPC	United States of America	IV
NC	Burkina Faso	I	NC	Barbados	IV	DCPC	ECMWF	VI
NC	Cameroon	I	NC	Belize	IV	DCPC	EUMETSAT	VI
NC	Chad	I	NC	British Virgin Islands	IV	DCPC (Pre-approval)	Canada	IV
NC	Congo	I	NC	Canada	IV	DCPC (TBC)	United States of America	IV
NC	Eswatini	I	NC	Cayman Islands	IV			
NC	Ghana	I	NC	Costa Rica	IV			
NC	Guinea	I	NC	Cuba	IV			
NC	Kenya	I	NC	Curaçao and Sint Maarten	IV			
NC	Libya (State of)	I	NC	Dominica	IV			
NC	Malawi	I	NC	Honduras	IV			
NC	Mali	I	NC	Jamaica	IV			
NC	Morocco	I	NC	Montserrat	IV			
NC	Namibia	I	NC	Saint Lucia	IV			
NC	Nigeria	I	NC	St. Kitts and Nevis	IV			
NC	Rwanda	I	NC	Trinidad and Tobago	IV			
NC	Seychelles	I	NC	Turks and Caicos Islands	IV			
NC	South Africa	I	NC	Brunei Darussalam	V			
NC	Togo	I	NC	Indonesia	V			
NC	United Republic of Tanzania	I	NC	Malaysia	V			
NC	China	II	NC	New Zealand	V			
NC	Hong Kong, China	II	NC	Singapore	V			
NC	India	II	NC	Belarus	VI			
NC	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	II	NC	Bulgaria	VI			
NC	Japan	II	NC	Cyprus	VI			
NC	Kazakhstan	II	NC	Denmark	VI			
NC	Kyrgyzstan	II	NC	France	VI			
NC	Republic of Korea	II	NC	Germany	VI			
NC	Saudi Arabia	II	NC	Israel	VI			
NC	Thailand	II	NC	Italy	VI			
NC	Argentina	III	NC	Poland	VI			
NC	Brazil	III	NC	Russian Federation	VI			
NC	Chile	III	NC	Sweden	VI			
NC	Colombia	III	NC	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	VI			
NC	Guyana	III						
NC	Peru	III						

# WIS2 regulatory material

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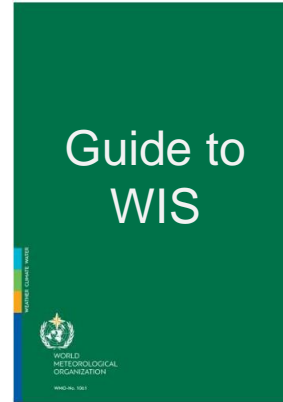
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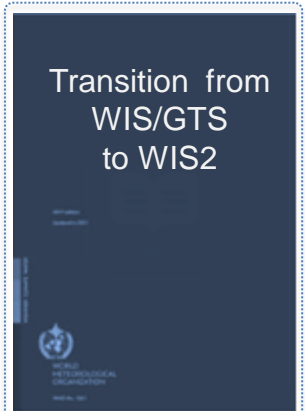
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TRANSITION  
FROM WIS 1.0  
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# The Manual On The WIS Metadata

## Amendments to the Manual on WIS

Addition of

### **WMO Core Metadata Profile 2.0 (WCMP2)– *New standard for WIS Metadata***

- Discovery metadata describes a given dataset or collection
- Aligning with the WIS 2.0 Principles, discovery metadata will be published to the Global Discovery Catalogue
- WCMP2 is an extension of the International Standard OGC API - Records



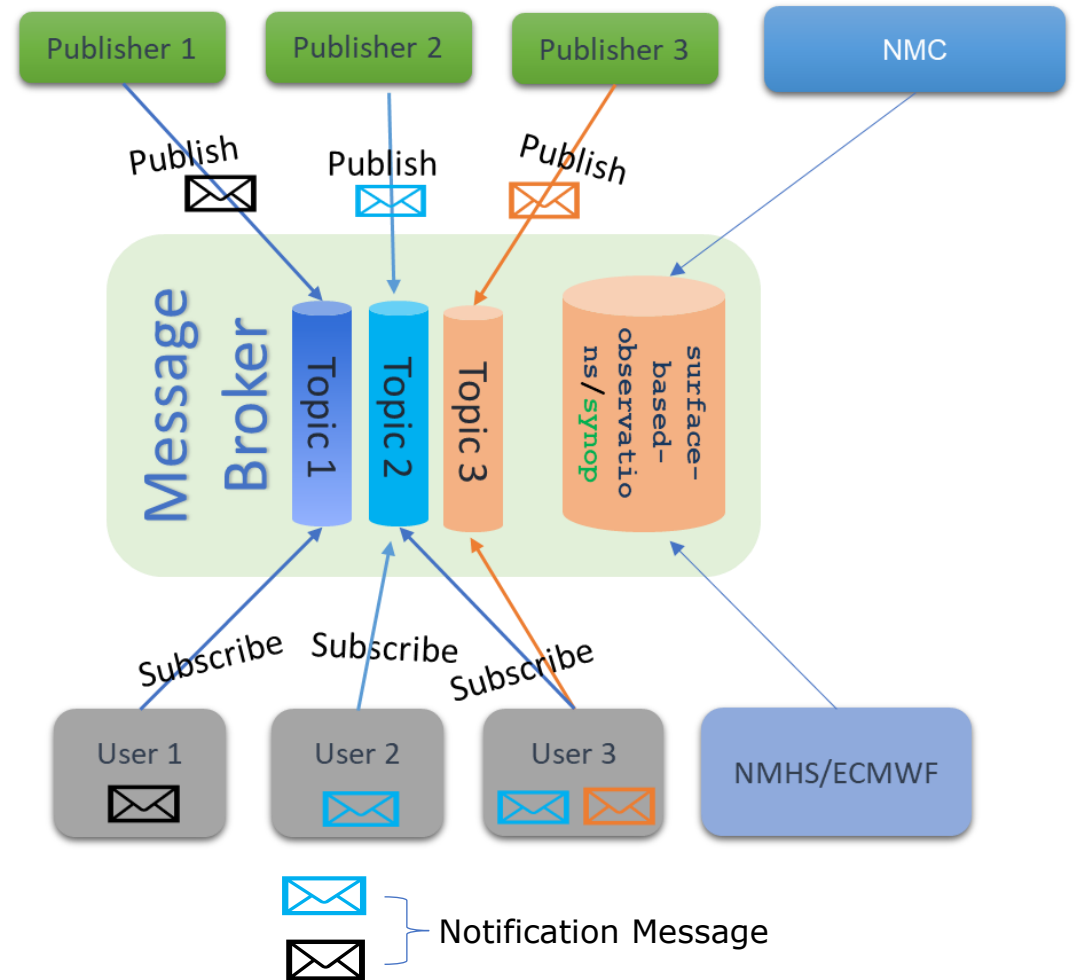


# The Manual On The WIS

## Topic Hierarchy and Notification Message

**WIS2 Topic Hierarchy** – “Backbone” of the notification architecture where the messages will be available

**WIS2 Notification Message** – Format of the Notification Messages



**Example:**

```
origin/a/wis2/ca-eccc-msc/data/core/weather/ surface-based-observations/synop
cache/a/wis2/int-ecmwf/data/core/weather/prediction/forecast/medium-range/deterministic/global
```



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