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# **MET\_hobo Documentation**

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### 1.1 MET\_hobo

This module processes data from hobo data loggers performing basic QAQC and creating a directory of .hobo and CSV files formatted for easy import into GCE. Erroneous text and empty columns are removed, timezone is checked and converted to user defined value, measurement units are checked and values converted to user defined units, and timestep is synced to a standardized interval. All files are removed from the source directory and filed for storage. All file movement is tracked in log files.





### 2.1 Assigning directories

`MET_hobo/file_path.config` must be **edited by each user**. It defines 3 directories:

- `dir_source_files` - QAQC will be attempted on every csv file in this directory. The module contains options for wiping original files from this directory. This can be a server path.
- `dir_local_processing` - A temporary working directory. This directory is populated during processing, and wipes all temporary files and folders when processing is complete. It is recommended that this directory be local to the machine running the module.
- `dir_final_storage` - A directory where processed files, and any non-csv files, will be ultimately saved

**Warning:** The file is directly executed by Python, and must follow standard Python syntax, or it will generate an error.

### 2.2 Other Config Parameters

#### 2.2.1 `time_step`

Each file will be synchronize to whole values of this interval. Must be a [Pandas timeseries](#) string.

#### 2.2.2 `map_fname2dir`

Module contains options to use this parameter. This Python [dictionary](#) is used to map to final storage directory. The key (left side of `:`) is an identifying string of characters that will be in every file name. The values (right side of `:`) are a project name associated with those files. This will then place all identified files into `<dir_final_storage>\\<value>\\<filename left of “_”>\\<filename>`



### 3.1 file\_manager Module

This module makes a batch call to QAQC methods developed to process csv files created by HOBO sensors at [meteo-  
rological sites](#) on the HJ Andrews experimental forest. It also preforms other file storage and management functions. For a specified directory, it processes all files and creates a directory of new, processed csv files.

QAQC methods are imported from `hobo_qaqc.HOBodata.reformat_HOBO_csv()`.

When module is called `FileHandling.manage()` is executed.

This module is designed to minimize any read/write times by copying all files locally, performing all processes, and then transferring files to final directories. This is ideal with external or network drives, but if all directories are local, it will create source and final directories with duplicate file names.

**class** `file_manager.FileHandling`

Processes all files in assigned directory for timezone, units, and timestep sync, and converts values where necessary. Contains methods for archiving using .zip, wiping directories after processing, and adding to `./metdat` directory structure.

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**Todo:** possible change from `sys.platform` to `os.name` to decrease package dependencies

possible change from `shutil.rmtree` to `os.remove` `os.rmdir`

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**copy\_to\_final\_dir** (*file\_list, subdir, loc*)

Call OS specific system command to copy from temporary working directory to final storage. Selects files by site using wildcard selection.

**Example:** `RS12*`

**Parameters**

- **file\_list** – List of str to select files from. *Example:* `['RS12','RS04']` copies files `'RS12*' and 'RS04*'`

- **subdir** – str. Destination subdirectory within final storage directory. Files are moved to here.
- **loc** – str. Directory where files are currently located.

**Returns** List of strings of each filename copied to the final directory

**copy\_to\_wdir()**

Copies source files to local working directory using OS specific DOS, bash, or shell command. Results are output to log file.

**del\_files\_frm\_srcdir()**

Wipe all files from the `src_dir`, defined in `file_path.config` as `dir_source_files`. All files and sub- folders in this directory will be wiped.

If source directory and final directory are the same, this process will abort.

**Warning:** This uses destructive methods which will erase any and all contents of the target directory and any sub- directories within.

`shutil.rmtree()`

**Returns** List of strings of each filename wiped from the source directory

**del\_temp\_folders()**

This is to wipe temporary processing folders in the working directory. The convention maintained by this module is that all temp folders have the “\_” prefix

If any files are still in `_processed`, and have not been copied to a final storage directory, deletion of this directory will be aborted.

**Warning:** This uses destructive methods which will erase any and all contents of the target directory and any sub- directories within.

`shutil.rmtree()`

**index\_files()**

Identify files in source directory. Create list of `.hobo`, `.csv`, `.log` files, and any other file type encountered.

Identify site as any prefix to the left of “\_” in filename and generate a list of unique sites.

**manage()**

Execute file managment.

1. Copy files to working directory (`_data`).
2. Create list of `.csv`, `.hobo`, and `.logs` files in working directory.
3. Attempt to preform QAQC on all `.csv` files and transfer to `_processed`.
4. Create a `.zip` file for all `.hobo` files from each site. Disabled per bitbucket [issue #10](#).
5. Copy all files with `.csv`, `.log`, and unknown extension to final storage.
6. Delete temporary folders in working directory.
7. Wipe original source directory. This directory contains files where QAQC was not preformed. Disabled per bitbucket [issue #10](#).
8. Write log file.

**qaqc\_csv()**

Attempt to QAQC all csv files for timezone, timestep sync, and units.

For list of .csv files generated by `index_files()`, call `hobo_qaqc.HOBodata.reformat_HOBO_csv()`.

**Returns** list. strings of filenames processed with \n at end.

**Returns** int. number of csv files

**Returns** int. number of files processed

**set\_log\_header()**

Create header for log file. Assigns first items to list self.logs.

**write\_log()**

Write log to file. <final storage directory>\\logs\\hobo\_qaqc\_<date>.log.

Log is a list of strings until this function is called.

**zip\_hobo\_files()**

Collect all files with .hobo extension and write to a zip file in the temp directory \_processed.

Naming convention is <site>\_<today's date>.zip, where site is any filename prefix to the left of “\_”.

For list of .hobo files generated by `index_files()`

**Returns** List of strings of each filename and it's zipped filename with a \n at the end

**Returns** int. Count of hobo files

**Returns** int. Count of zipped files

## 3.2 hobo\_qaqc Module

**class hobo\_qaqc.HOBodata**

Load and process data from **HOB**O loggers produced by the ONSET company.

Handles csv files exported from the HoboWare program. The native format for HOB O loggers is a .hobo file. This proprietary binary file is not handled here and must be converted to a csv.

This class syncs timesteps, checks time zones, and units, and converts where needed.

**export\_to\_GCE\_csv(csvname)**

Export the HOB O data to a **GCE** friendly csv file

**Parameters** **csvname** – str. Filepath to output csv file

**format\_QAQC\_data(units='SI', tz=-8, timestep='5min')**

Reformat the data using basic QAQC for SI or US units and time zone consistency regardless of daylight savings.

**Parameters**

- **units** – str. keyword argument. The desired system of units. Default is ‘SI’.
- **tz** – flt. keyword argument. The desired time zone as an offset from Greenwich Mean Time. Default is -8 (PST)
- **tstep** – keyword argument. Interval to round time stamps to. Default ‘5min’.

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**Note:** `tstep` is input to the function `HOBObdata.format_sync_timestep()`. Valid types are listed there.

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**format\_intensity** (*col*='Intensity', *unit*='Lux')

Format light intensity records in desired units

**Parameters**

- **col** – keyword argument. str. Name of column containing light intensity data. Defaults to 'Intensity'.
- **unit** – keyword argument. str defining desired units. Default is 'Lux' (SI)

**format\_sync\_timestep** (*n\_min*='5min')

Sync timestamps to a defined measurement interval. Timestamps are increased to the next defined interval.

**Parameters** **n\_min** – str. keyword argument. Interval to round time stamps to. Default '5min'.

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**Note:** This uses the function `ceil` to round up to the next interval. The interval provided must match a known type and contain both a number and a letter such as '1D' to round up to the next whole day.

See documentation for valid types<sup>1</sup>

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**Warning:** This will change the index and timestamp of every record.

**format\_temp** (*col*='Temp', *unit*='C')

Format temperature records to desired units

**Parameters**

- **col** – keyword argument. str. Name of column containing temperature data. Defaults to 'Temp'
- **unit** – keyword argument. str defining desired unit. Default is 'C'

**format\_timezone** (*tz*=-8)

Check that timezone is correct, and if not, adjust the time zone.

**Parameters** **tz** – a timezone as number of hours offset from Greenwich Mean Time

**get\_csv\_GMT\_offset** (*header*, *lineno*=-1)

Get timezone as an offset from Greenwich Mean Time from the header file

**Parameters**

- **lineno** – keyword argument. index of header array. Function operates on specified index. Default -1
- **header** – array of header lines where each line is a single string.

**Returns** string of timezone offset from GMT

**Example:**

String for PST '-08:00'

**get\_csv\_col** (*header*, *lineno*=-1)

Extract column names from csv format

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<sup>1</sup> : <https://pandas.pydata.org/pandas-docs/stable/timeseries.html#offset-aliases>

**Parameters**

- **header** – array of header lines where each line is a single string.
- **lineno** – keyword argument. index of header array. Function operates on specified index. Default -1

**Returns** array of column names.

**get\_csv\_intensity\_unit** (*header, lineno=-1*)

Get unit for sunlight intensity

**Parameters**

- **header** – array of header lines where each line is a single string
- **lineno** – keyword argument. index of header array. Function operates on specified index. Default -1

**Returns** str defining units for sunlight intensity

**get\_csv\_sn** (*header, lineno=-1*)

**Parameters**

- **header** – array of header lines where each line is a single string.
- **lineno** – keyword argument. index of header array. Function operates on specified index. Default -1

**Returns** str containing serial number

**get\_csv\_temp\_unit** (*header, lineno=-1*)

Get unit for temperature records

**Parameters**

- **header** – array of header lines where each line is a single string.
- **lineno** – keyword argument. index of header array. Function operates on specified index. Default -1

**Returns** str with single letter defining units for temperature.

**get\_header\_nlines** (*file\_name*)

Estimate how many header lines exist in a file

**Parameters** **file\_name** –

**Returns** int that is index of last header line

**Warning:** This is a simplistic filter that searches for the first row where there are no quotes and returns line\_num - 1 on a 1 based index.

Complex files with quotes around data fields, or no quotes in header lines will not be caught.

**Example:**

```
'Plot Title: RS12' '#','Date Time, GMT-07:00','Temp, °C','Intensity, lum/ft2','Coupler At-
tached','Stopped','End Of File' 1,11/17/2014 11:10:00 AM,3.472,16.0,,,
```

returns 2

**get\_timestamp\_col** (*col*)

Time stamps can be exported by HOBO into either 1 or 2 columns

**Parameters** `col` – an array of column names

**Returns** list of index locations

**Returns** list of column name(s) that make the timestamp

**intensity\_lumft2\_to\_lux** (*intensity*)

Convert light intensity records from lumen ft-2 into Lux

**Parameters** `intensity` – an intensity value or list of intensity values in lumen ft-2

**Returns** an intensity or list of intensity values in Lux

**is\_intensity\_lux** ()

Read units definition from header and return True if units are Lux

**Returns** Boolean. True if light intensity is recorded in Lux

**is\_temp\_celsius** ()

Read units definition from header and return true if units are celsius

**Returns** Boolean. True if temperature is recorded in celsius.

**is\_timezone\_correct** (*tz*)

Check the timezone in which data was recorded against the expected timezone

**Parameters** `tz` – a timezone as number of hours offset from Greenwich Mean Time

**Returns** Boolean

**load\_csv\_data** (*fname*)

Load csv file output by HOB0 pendants into a Pandas DataFrame.

**Parameters** `fname` – str. Filepath of csv data file

**read\_csv\_header** (*file\_name*)

Read the header lines from the beginning of a file. Reads `n_lines`, and stores them as headers object.

**Parameters** `file_name` – str. File path of file to be read.

**reformat\_HOB0\_csv** (*infile*, *outfile*=None, *units*='SI', *tz*=-8, *tstep*='5min')

Imports a csv file output by HoboWare software and checks for:

- units
- timezone
- time sync (09:07 vs 09:05)

File is converted to specified settings and exported to a [GCE](#) friendly format.

**Parameters**

- **infile** – str. Filename to read
- **outfile** – str. Filename to output. Defaults to same as `infile`
- **units** – str. System of units desired. Defaults to SI
- **tz** – int or flt. Timezone as offset from GMT
- **tstep** – str. Time interval to sync to. Default is '5min'. See [HOB0data.format\\_sync\\_timestep\(\)](#) or<sup>2</sup> for valid formats.

**set\_data\_GMT\_offset** (*hr\_offset*)

Define time zone of DataFrame timestamps in offset from UTC/GMT

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<sup>2</sup> : <https://pandas.pydata.org/pandas-docs/stable/timeseries.html#offset-aliases>



**Parameters** `hr_offset` – floating point of time zone in hours difference from Greenwich Mean Time

**temp\_F\_to\_C** (*temp*)

Convert temperature records from Fahrenheit

**Parameters** `temp` – a temperature value or list of temperature values in degrees fahrenheit.

**Returns** a temperature value or list of temperature values in degrees celsius

### 3.3 Config

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**Warning:** Change file paths before use! Copy variable names EXACTLY from example.

Files can be located on a remote server, or locally, however a directory needs to be defined for:

- source files - QAQC will be attempted on every csv file in this directory.
- local processing (should be local to executing console)
- storage of processed data

Within the final storage directory, subdirectories will be created to sort files by project, then site.

**Example** `dir_source_files = “\server/HOBO_DROP/”`

`dir_local_processing = “C:/HOBO_DROP/”`

`dir_final_storage = “\server/”`

**Note:** This file is directly executed by Python. Python syntax must be enforced.

`time_step` format

“””

`map_fname2dir = {“RS”:“REFSTAND”, “TS”:“STREAMT”}`

`time_step = ‘15min’` # other options for timestep # ‘15min’ ‘10min’ ‘30min’ ‘1H’ ‘1d’ ‘1W’ ‘1m’ # @amkennedy will fill in timestep doc



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