

DATA SET DESCRIPTION

Most recent 10-minute station observations of max/min - mean wind speed and wind gust for Germany

Version recent

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INTENT OF THE DATASET

These low time latency, high time resolution data are from automatic weather stations of DWD and legally and qualitatively equivalent partner stations. The data from directory "now" have not completed quality control yet.

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DATA DESCRIPTION

Spatial coverage stations in Germany

Temporal coverage yesterday - today

Temporal resolution 10 minutes sampling interval

Format(s) The station observations (produkt_*.txt) are zipped for each station in one file. An overview over all stations with start and end dates is given in the station list: https://opendata.dwd.de/climate_environment/CDC/help/zehn_min_tu_Beschreibung_Stationen.txt. Note that for convenience, the list comprises not only stations given here, but also stations with more complicated copyright regulations which may be obtained for certain applications, requiring discussion with the point of contact.

Parameters The file produkt*.txt comprises following parameters:

STATIONS_ID	station identification number	
MESS_DATUM	time stamp	yyyymmddhhmi
QN	quality level of next columns	coding see paragraph "Quality information"
FX_10	maximum wind gust of the last 10 minutes	m/s
FNX_10	minimum 10-minute mean wind velocity. The 10-minutes interval is moved in 10s steps over the last 20 minutes	m/s
FMX_10	maximum 10-minute mean wind velocity. The 10-minutes interval is moved in 10s steps over the last 20 minutes	m/s
DX_10 eor	wind direction of highest wind gust end of record	in Grad can be ignored

Missing values are marked as -999. The measurements relate to a time stamp (in UTC), which denotes the end of the 10 minutes interval. The instrument samples the instantaneous wind velocity every 0.25 seconds, and writes out the max value of a 3 second period, the highest occurring within the 10min interval is given here as the maximum wind gust.

Uncertainties The stations are selected and operated according to WMO guidelines.

Quality information The quality level "Qualitätsniveau" (QN) given here applies for the following columns. QN and describes the method of quality control applied to a complete set of parameters, reported at a common time. the individual parameters of the set are connected with individual quality bytes in the DWD data base, which are not given here. Values marked as wrong are not given here. Different quality control procedures (and at different levels) have been applied to detect which values are identified as erroneous or suspicious. Over time, these procedures have changed.
quality level (column header: QN)
1- only formal control during decoding and import
2- controlled with individually defined criteria
3- ROUTINE automatic control and correction with QUALIMET

DATA ORIGIN

These data are from the station networks of Deutschen Wetterdienst. For details the measurement procedures VuB 3 Beobachterhandbuch (DWD, 2014a), VuB 3 Technikerhandbuch (DWD, 2014b) and VuB 2 Wetterschlüsselhandbuch (DWD, 2013).

VALIDATION AND UNCERTAINTY ESTIMATE

The data in directory "now" have not completed quality control yet.

CONSIDERATIONS FOR APPLICATIONS

Data sets with quality level QN=1 may contain significant errors. Users have to decide whether for their particular application the more error prone 10-minute data should be used or rather the higher quality data (hourly or daily values). When investigating long term changes or trends, consider the station specific metadata provided in Metadaten_Parameter*, Metadaten_Geraete* and Metadaten_Geographie*, which are stored according to parameter in the subdirectories ../meta_data/. Rather many (and large) inhomogeneities have to be expected within the time series of wind velocities (compared with other parameters), often caused by change in height in sensor height (see accompanying metadata), but also due to changing local influences (buildings, growing trees) which might not be recorded.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The data covering yesterday and 500 days back in time are stored in subdirectory /recent/. Versioned data extending the data further into the past can be found in the subdirectory "historical/". For metadata see ../meta_data/. When using data from subdirectories "historical", "recent" and "now" together, the change in quality should be considered.

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REVISION HISTORY

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