

## DATA SET DESCRIPTION

### Most recent 10-minute station observations of precipitation for Germany

#### Version recent

**Cite data set as:** DWD Climate Data Center (CDC): Most recent 10-minute station observations of precipitation for Germany, version recent, 2019.

#### 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.

#### POINT OF CONTACT

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**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](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"
RWS_DAU_10	duration of precipitation within the last 10 minutes	min
RWS_10	precipitation heigth of the last 10 minutes	mm
RWS_IND_10	index	
	0	no precipitation
	1	precipitation has fallen
	3	precipitation has fallen and heating of instrument was on
eor	end of record	can be ignored

Missing values are marked as -999. The measurements relate to a time stamp (in UTC). The meaning of the time stamp is instrument dependent. For the instrument rain[e]H3, the time stamp denotes the end of the measurement interval. In case of instrument Pluvio Ott a time delay of approximately 5 minutes is introduced due to the inertia of the instrument response. The 10min values are calculated from the 1min values with the

respective time stamps. For instance, from November 2008 onward, the 10min value from Pluvio Ott with time stamp 11:50 UTC corresponds to the actual 10min intervall ending 11:45:00 UTC.

**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/.

## 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**

The data in this directory are updated daily. This document is maintained by the National Climate Data Centre (NKDZ) of DWD, last edited 26.02.2019.