



Good Bye FTP, How to Access Data at PO.DAAC

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Abstract

NASA security has announced that all FTP will be shut down at all NASA centers. The problem with this is that the majority of PO.DAAC users obtain data via FTP. PO.DAAC has developed new ways of accessing data to replace FTP. This poster will show how data can be accessed without FTP via protocols, tools and services. HTTPS will provide the closest look and feel to FTP, but will require user registration. You can also choose to mount the PO.DAAC directory structure onto your own machine using EarthData Drive. The other services that PO.DAAC provides will remain, such as web services, OPeNDAP and THREDDS. Recipes on how to leverage these services can be found on the PO.DAAC forum.

When does FTP get shut down?

FTP will be shut down in spring of 2019. The tools and services discussed below are currently available to users now so they can begin migration. All users will need to login with EarthData Login to download data

Accessing Data via Protocols, Tools and Services

HTTPS/Drive

<https://podaac-tools.jpl.nasa.gov/drive>

Drive will provide the closest function to FTP with hierarchical file browse and can be used with rsync, curl or wget, along with other tools. It uses WebDAV so you can mount Drive to your machine.

PO.DAAC Drive

Current Location:		
files /		
	Name	Last Modified
	allData	2018-04-09 2
	common	2017-12-12 1
	GeodeticsGravity	2017-06-15 1
	misc	2017-12-12 1
	OceanCirculation	2017-06-15 1
	OceanTemperature	2017-06-15 2
	OceanWinds	2017-06-19 2
	SalinityDensity	2017-06-15 1
	Sealce	2017-06-15 1
	SeaSurfaceTopography	2017-06-15 1
	README	2016-10-25 1
	README.txt	2016-10-25 1

Figure 1. Directory listing of Drive

<https://podaac-tools.jpl.nasa.gov/drive/files>

PO.DAAC Drive

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PO.DAAC's WebDAV interface allows you to connect to PO.DAAC as if it were a local drive on your computer.

In order to connect with WebDAV, you'll need to use your URS username and the WebDAV password that's been assigned to you. Click the [WebDAV Credentials](#) button at the top of this screen to get your WebDAV password.

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Connecting via OS X

PO.DAAC Drive supports Mac OS X 10.9 and higher.

From the Finder, click Go/Connect to Server, or press ⌘-K.

In the window that appears, enter the following under **Server Address**: <https://podaac-tools.jpl.nasa.gov/drive/files>

Click **Connect**.

Connecting via command line clients:

- "file_url" indicates the URL of the file in PO.DAAC Drive you want to download. You can get it by right-clicking on the file in the browser and selecting "Copy Link Address".

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CURL:

Figure 2. Examples of help from

<https://podaac-tools.jpl.nasa.gov/drive/help>

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TOPICS	REPLIES	VIEWS	LAST POST
PO.DAAC drive on UNIX machines by jwilkin » Fri Apr 21, 2017 7:09 am	4	1990	by pacomet Wed Jun 06, 2018 11:
PO.DAAC Drive: For users with existing Earthdata Login by podaac » Thu May 10, 2018 1:11 pm	0	384	by podaac Thu May 10, 2018 1:1
Download the entire archive with a single request by podaac » Tue May 16, 2017 11:59 am	0	1140	by podaac Tue May 16, 2017 11:
CLOSED - PO.DAAC Drive UAT Testing Feedback by podaac » Tue Feb 23, 2016 3:24 pm	1	5431	by mgangl Wed Jan 18, 2017 12:
Download Multiple Data Files from PODAAC Drive Using wget by yiboj » Thu Dec 01, 2016 10:30 am	1	963	by mgangl Wed Jan 11, 2017 7:2
PO.DAAC Drive Data Recipes by mgangl » Tue Dec 20, 2016 10:09 am	4	8757	by mgangl Tue Mar 07, 2017 7:4
Data Access Webinar: PO.DAAC Drive and HITIDE by mgierach09 » Tue Oct 04, 2016 12:20 am	0	894	by mgierach09 Tue Oct 04, 2016 12:2

Figure 3. Forum topic on Drive

<https://podaac.jpl.nasa.gov/forum/viewforum.php?f=75>

EarthData Login/URS

<https://urs.earthdata.nasa.gov/home>

To download data all users will need to be registered through EarthData Login. This is the same login system used by all DAACs and EOSDIS so you only need one registration for all of them.

EARTHDATA LOGIN

Username

Password

[LOG IN](#)

[REGISTER](#)

[I don't remember my username](#)

[I don't remember my password](#)

[Help](#)

Why must I register?

The Earthdata Login provides a single mechanism for user registration and profile management for all EOSDIS system components (DAACs, Tools, Services). Your Earthdata login also helps the EOSDIS program better understand the usage of EOSDIS services to improve user experience through customization of tools and improvement of services. EOSDIS data are openly available to all and free of charge except where governed by international agreements.

Figure 4. EarthData Login and registration page

<https://urs.earthdata.nasa.gov/home>

Web Services

<https://podaac.jpl.nasa.gov/ws>

PO.DAAC web services are APIs that allow users to search, access and subset data from PO.DAAC via web protocols.

Web Services

The following is the list of available PO.DAAC Web Services	
Name	Description
Dataset Metadata	Dataset metadata service retrieves the metadata of a dataset on PO.DAAC's dataset catalog using the following parameters: datasetId, shortName, and format.
Dataset Search	Dataset Search service searches PO.DAAC's dataset catalog, over Level 2, Level 3, and Level 4 datasets, using the following parameters: datasetId, shortName, startTime, endTime, bbox, and others.
Dataset Variables	Provides list of dataset variables.
Granule Metadata	Granule metadata service retrieves the metadata of a granule on PO.DAAC's catalog using the following parameters: format and other optional parameters.
Granule Search	Search Granule does granule searching on PO.DAAC level 2 swath datasets (individual orbits of a satellite), and level 3 & 4 gridded datasets (time averaged to span the globe). The following parameters are supported: datasetId, startTime, endTime, bbox, and others.
Granule Preview	The PODAAC preview Image service retrieves pre-generated preview images for selected granules. This service uses a template provided by the Granule Search service and, therefore, Granule Preview must be preceded by Granule Search.
Granule Subset	Subset Granule service allows users to Submit subset jobs. Use of this service should be preceded by a Granule Search in order to identify and generate a list of granules to be subsetted.
Subset Status	Subset Granule Status service allows users to check the status of submitted subset job.

Table 1. PO.DAAC web services

<https://podaac.jpl.nasa.gov/ws>

OPeNDAP and THREDDS

<https://opendap.jpl.nasa.gov/opendap/> and <https://thredds.jpl.nasa.gov/thredds/catalog.html>

OPeNDAP and THREDDS are 3rd party protocols that allow for subsetting and data access via web protocols.