Reference Manual

for the

NPP Granule Aggregation and Packaging Utility (nagg)

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**Tool Name:** nagg

**Syntax:**

nagg –h | --version

nagg [--version] [-n *N*] [-t *list* | -l *example*] [-g *criterion*] [-S]

[-A *seconds*] [-d *directory*] [-O *origin*] [-D *domain*] [--debug]

[--filter=*filter*] [--layout=*layout]* [--minimum=*size*] *INPUT*

**Purpose:**

To manipulate granules stored in NPP files into more easily processed NPP files.

**Description:**

The command-line utility nagg is the utility for grouping NPP granules into aggregate and package files.

Aggregates include time contiguous and gap-filled series of the same type of granules together in the same file. Packages include different, but related type granule aggregates with the same temporal and spatial extent together in the same file.

Input parameter INPUT is a list of one or more NPP files with the granules to aggregate and/or package.

Output of nagg is a file or set of files named according to the NPP file naming convention. Output files are aligned with the bucket boundary. For more information on bucket boundaries, see *JPSS Common Data Format Control Book – External Volume I*, pp. 131-133. Fill granules are generated when there are no data granules available in the input files for "slots" in a bucket. Leading and trailing fill granules are not generated for the first and last output files respectively. Therefore, first and last output files may contain fewer granules than requested.

The default behavior of nagg is to aggregate corresponding geolocation granules. nagg will find these corresponding granules if they are available in the input files listed or stored in external geolocation files. The geolocation granules in input files can be processed whether packaged with data product granules or existing in separate files. For external geolocation files the names of the file(s) can be found from the value(s) of an N\_GEO\_Ref attribute in the input file. The names of the output geolocation file(s) correspond temporally to those of the primary product.

nagg will fail if no input geolocation granule is available. The aggregating of geolocation granules can be overridden with the -g no command-line option which directs nagg to not use or look for geolocation input granules or files and to not produce geolocation output granules or files. For certain geolocation products associated with a designated geolocation product that has an equivalent geolocation product nagg will process either terrain corrected or not terrain corrected geolocation granules as designated with the –g <*product>* option (See RFC: Nagg extension for terrain corrected geolocation).

Geolocation file names can be approximate such that only the beginning parts up to the creation date are matched. Suppose the sensor data file defines its geolocation file as: GMTCO\_npp\_d20100906\_t0701368\_e0703013\_b00004\_c20111024161933653314\_noaa\_ops.h5. nagg will accept any file matching the following pattern and will use the one with the latest creation timestamp: GMTCO\_npp\_d20100906\_t0701368\_e0703013\_b00004\_c\*.h5. The -g strict command-line option can be used to tell nagg that the external geolocation file name must exactly match the N\_GEO\_Ref value.

nagg is non-destructive. It will not overwrite existing files.

**Limits Defined:**

**NAGG\_Granule\_info\_max 10000 Maximum number of granules managed**

**NAGG\_Product\_list\_max 30 Maximum number of products requested**

**NAGG\_outputfiles\_max 30 Maximum number of output files**

See “Appendix 2” in the *NPP Aggregation Tool Components* document for a complete list of size definitions in the nagg tool.

**Other Considerations:**

* nagg can de-aggregate files by setting -n 1 and operating on aggregate files.
* nagg can aggregate files by setting -n N and operating on a directory of single granule files.
* nagg can re-aggregate files by setting -n N to a number different from the number of granules in the input files.

**Command-Line Options and Parameters:**

-h, --help

Use to display the command-line syntax and to list valid granule types and packaging groupings.

--version

Displays the version information.

-t *list,* --type=*list*

*list* specifies a comma separated list of NPP record type mnemonics. Unless -S is specified, the granule types will be packaged together. Types must be compatible to be packaged together. Use -h to list valid package groupings. If –t is not specified, -g *<product>* must be given explicitly or through –l *example file* to aggregate only the geolocation product granules.

-n *N,* --number=*N*

*N* is the number of granules of each product in each aggregate file and must be greater than zero. If neither this option nor –l *example file* is specified, the default value of 1 (single granule files) will be used.

-g *criterion*, --geolocation=*criterion*

*criterion* is the criterion used for searching the geolocation granules. Valid values for *criterion* are the following:

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| no | 0 | Aggregate product files without geolocation input or output |
| yes | 1 | Allow approximate matching of geolocation input file names (default) |
| strict | 2 | Require exact matching of geolocation input file names |
| *<product>* | * With no data product specified: aggregate geolocation product *<product>* only. * With one or more data products: aggregate geolocation product <*product*> with data products. This is provided to allow selection of terrain corrected or not terrain corrected geolocation for products associated with a designated geolocation product that has an equivalent geolocation product (See RFC: Nagg extension for terrain corrected geolocation) |

-l *example, --like=example*

Package like the *example* file in number of granules, type list, and geoproduct only, without geoproduct, or with unpackaged geoproduct. *example* must be an existing NPP file. Options on the command line override the number of granules, type list, and geolocation options from the *example* file.

-A *seconds*

*seconds* is the number of seconds in each aggregate file. The aggregation’s size is a fixed number of granules per file equal to seconds divided by the period of the granule rounded up to the next integer number of granules. The formula for this is

NumGranules/File = *seconds*/GranulePeriod

where

NumGranules/File is the number of granules in the aggregated file,

*seconds* is the number of seconds that are used to determine the size of the aggregated file, and

GranulePeriod is the number of seconds worth of data held by each granule.

If, for example, *seconds* is set to 60 and GranulePeriod is 31.997 seconds per granule, then the following steps show the calculation:

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| --- | --- |
| **Calculation** | **Comments** |
| NumGranules/File = 60 seconds/31.997seconds/granule | This is the setting of this parameter divided by the granule period. |
| NumGranules/File = 1.875 granules | This is the actual value of the calculation. |
| NumGranules/File = 2 granules | This is the value of the calculation rounded up to the next integer. |

-S*,* --simple

Simple aggregates are produced. Each type is packaged separately. All granule types including geolocation products are packaged in one file.

-d *directory*, --directory=*directory*

Directory where the output files should be placed. The default is the current working directory. The tool will fail if the directory does not exist.

-O *origin*

The origin identifier is a four-character string in the output file name. Only the first four characters will be used. If fewer than four characters are specified, the origin will be pre-pended with the character “X”. The default is “XXXX”.

-D *domain*

The domain identifier is a three-character string in the output file name. Only the first three characters will be used. If fewer than three characters are specified, the domain will be pre-pended with the character “X”. The default is “XXX”.

--debug

In debug mode, all of the granules in the input files including those not specified by the –t list are read in, all of the granules are displayed, and the execution is ended without generating the normal output files. Note that this option is intended for tool debugging. Files or output generated should not be used for production purposes: the behavior of debug mode may change from version to version.

--filter=*filter*

Filter Type. Use to specify a filter to be used. This option can be used more than once on a command line. Filters will be applied in the order they are listed on the command line.

The value of *filter* is a string of the following format:

*list\_of\_objects* : *name\_of\_filter*[=*filter\_parameters*]

where

*list\_of\_objects* is a comma separated list of object names to which the filter(s) will be applied. If no object names are specified, the filter will be applied to all objects.

*name\_of\_filter* specifies the filter and can be one of the following values:

| ***name\_of\_filter*** | **Comments** |
| --- | --- |
| GZIP | The HDF5 gzip filter (gzip compression) |
| SZIP | The HDF5 Szip filter (Szip compression) |
| SHUF | The HDF5 shuffle filter |
| FLET | The HDF5 checksum filter |
| NBIT | The HDF5 N-bit filter |
| SOFF | The HDF5 scale/offset filter |
| NONE | To remove any filter(s) |

*filter\_parameters* specifies optional filter settings. Possible settings are listed below. See the HDF5 User Guide at [http://www.hdfgroup.org/HDF5/doc/UG/10\_Datasets.html Section 5.6](http://www.hdfgroup.org/HDF5/doc/UG/10_Datasets.html%20Section%205.6) for detailed information about HDF5 built-in filters.

| ***name\_of\_filter*** | ***filter\_parameter*** | **Usage** | **Comments** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| GZIP | *deflation\_level* | GZIP=# | # is a number from 1-9. |
| SZIP | *pixels\_per\_block,coding\_method* | SZIP=#,XX | # is an even number from 2-32, and XX is either EC or NN\*. |
| SHUF | None |  | There are no parameters for this filter. |
| FLET | None |  | There are no parameters for this filter. |
| NBIT | None |  | There are no parameters for this filter. |
| SOFF | *scale\_factor,scale\_type* | SOFF=#,YY | # is an integer, and YY is either IN or DS\*\*. |
| NONE | None |  | There are no parameters for this filter.  \*Coding methods:  EC: Entropy coding  NN: Nearest neighbor  \*\*Scale types  IN: Integer  DS: Floating point  D-scaling |
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--layout=*layout*

Layout Type. *layout* specifies the type of layout that will be used and will be a string of the following format:

*list\_of\_objects : layout\_type[=layout\_parameters]*

where

*list\_of\_objects* is a comma separated list of object names to which the layout will be applied. If no object names are specified, the layout will be applied to all objects.

*layout\_type* specifies the type of layout that will be applied and can be one of the following values:

| **Value** | **Comments** |
| --- | --- |
| CHUNK | The chunk layout |
| COMPA | The compact layout |
| CONTI | The contiguous layout |

*layout\_parameters* will be present only with the CHUNK layout and specifies the chunk size of each dimension in the following format with no intervening spaces:

*dim\_1 × dim\_2 × ... dim\_n*

Note: If no compression or storage layout property is specified, the properties of the datasets in the input files will be preserved.

--minimum=*size*

Size Threshold. Apply filter(s) and layout(s) only to objects whose size in bytes is equal to or greater than *size*. *size* must be an integer greater than one ( 1 ).

*Default:* If no size is specified, a threshold of 1024 bytes is assumed.

*INPUT*

*INPUT* is a list of one or more NPP files and should always be the final option on the command line.

**Exit Status:**

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| --- | --- |
| 0 | Succeeded. |
| >0 | An error occurred. |