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SECTION 1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Scope

1.1.1 Identification

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1.1.2 System Overview

The objective of the Naval Interactive Data Analysis System (NIDAS) is to provide the Naval Oceanographic Office (NAVOCEANO) with an interactive overlay capability for several types of oceanographic, meteorological, and satellite defined data, and create 3-D gridded fields of temperature and salinity profiles constructed from a combination of "provinced" data (user derived) and gridded data.

NIDAS is programmed totally within the Java Programming Environment which is a Sun Microsystems product. NIDAS strives to stay compatible with the Java version NAVOCEANO officially supports as well as the version of Microsoft Windows operating system. NIDAS supports the following versions:

Operating System: Windows NT, 2000, XP
Java Runtime Environment: 1.5.0_12

1.1.3 Data Overview

NIDAS operates using numerous oceanographic data categories stored in an internal data management system. Data management, configuration, and control functions for the data management system are performed internally within NIDAS. The data categories employed by NIDAS are:

- *Bathymetry* - ocean depth at a specific minute resolution,
- *Coastline* - vector coordinates of the shoreline at several different resolutions from the World Vector Shoreline datasets, and
- *LLT* - oceanographic profiles identified by a Latitude Longitude Time reference. NIDAS will analyze data such as temperature, salinity, sound speed, density, and conductivity and will graph that data against depth. Data formats for LLT data are prescribed by the Master Oceanographic Observation Data Set (MOODS). The formats for LLT are described in Appendix E.

The LLT data category is described as profile data taken at a specific latitude and longitude, at a specific time, and measured at multiple depths in the ocean. A profile contains depth values and will contain just temperature; temperature and salinity; or temperature, salinity, and sound speed. If the profile has just temperature and salinity, then sound speed, conductivity, and density are calculated when read into memory. If sound speed is measured, then only conductivity and density are calculated.

1.1.4 Functionality Overview

The NIDAS user interface is divided into two main modules. The first module is the Data Management Module (DMM) allowing project areas, datasets, and data versions to be created, edited, and deleted. The second is the Data Analysis Module (DAM) allowing the data to be manipulated, analyzed, quality controlled, synthesized, and exported.

1.1.5 Document Overview

The purpose of this document is to provide a user's guide for NIDAS and to describe techniques/procedures that users may employ in producing a useful oceanographic product using NIDAS. Appendix A contains a glossary of terms and acronyms used in this document. Appendix B provides the installation procedures for NIDAS. Appendix C provides a description of the properties file that NIDAS uses. A description of the icons used in NIDAS is available in Appendix D. Information about all the input and output files that NIDAS uses and creates is provided in Appendix E. Appendix F lays out the user's profile, while Appendix G provides the profile flags available.

1.2 Conventions

To simplify and standardize the communication of procedural details to the user, this manual adopts the following conventions:

- *Mouse Button Convention:* Most "click" or "select" operations with the mouse use the left button. Unless otherwise specified, instructions to "click" or "select" refer to the left mouse button. When a "click" or "select" using the middle or right

mouse button is required, the specific mouse button will be indicated in the text. Otherwise the left mouse button should be assumed.

- *Non-interactive Textboxes:* Textboxes with a tan-colored background are non-interactive. They provide information only and cannot be modified by the user.
- *Dragging the Mouse:* Dragging the mouse refers to clicking the left mouse button, moving the mouse across the screen, and then releasing the mouse button.
- *Polygoning:* The act of creating a polygon around data. Data that is located within a polygon is referred to as being polygoned.

SECTION 2

INSTALLATION AND EXECUTION

2.1 Installation

A full installation of NIDAS can only be done from an installation CD. The installation includes a starter database, a properties file, and a default user profile. The installation can be performed by either an administrator or a normal user. The difference is that as an administrator, program shortcuts and start menu items can be added for all users instead of a single user. Install instructions and requirements are provided with the CD and more information is available in Appendix B.

Upgrades are also provided and can be obtained from the NIDAS website or from the installation CD. The NIDAS website is located at <http://www.gri.msstate.edu/research/nidas>. Upgrades are packaged to minimize download size. This is done to allow the upgrade to fit on a floppy disk so that it can be easily moved from an unclassified environment to a classified one. In order to achieve this, previous upgrades are not necessarily included with the current upgrade, requiring upgrades to be applied in order.

2.2 Execution (Launching the Application)

NIDAS provides shortcuts for launching the application in the software directory, the start menu, and the user's desktop. If the shortcut is lost, it can be easily recreated with the following information:

Target:

<Java Software Directory>\bin\javaw.exe -Xmx100m -jar "<NIDAS Software Directory>\bin\n.jar"

Start in: "<NIDAS Software Directory>"

Icon: "<NIDAS Software Directory>\images\nidas.ico"

2.2.1 The Java Command

There are two java commands that can be used to start NIDAS. The default for NIDAS is "javaw.exe", or the window style. The other command is "java.exe", or the command prompt style. Using the window style will start NIDAS just like any normal application. The command prompt style will create a command prompt window with the application. The advantage to the command prompt style is that any command line messages that are produced from NIDAS can be seen, including java error messages. If problems are suspected within NIDAS, the command prompt style is preferred so that any error message can be reported to the NIDAS Bug Database (available from the website).

2.2.2 The Java Heap Size

The Java heap is an area of memory set aside for the use of NIDAS. NIDAS starts out at a default heap size and when more is needed, the heap grows up to the maximum heap size. When the maximum size is reached, NIDAS will produce error messages saying "Out of Memory". These messages can be seen through the command prompt window that is produced when using the "java.exe" command (refer to section 2.2.1). The maximum heap size can be set with the "-Xmx" option. The target provided for the shortcut in section 2.2 shows this option being used to set the maximum size to 100 megabytes (100m). The setting of 100 megabytes should be used as a minimum and can be increased as needed. This setting should not be set to more than half of the total memory available.

2.2.3 The Properties File

NIDAS has a properties file that provides the location of certain NIDAS components. Also provided are some default values and ranges for certain items within the software. More information on the properties file is provided in Appendix C.

2.2.4 The User's Profile

NIDAS creates a profile for each user the first time that user starts NIDAS. This profile stores the user's preferences on many items located within the application. Along with the profile, a "workspace" directory is created and is named the same as the user's name. The user profiles and the "workspace" directories are located in "<NIDAS software directory>\Users". More information on the user's profile is provided in Appendix F.

SECTION 3

DATA MANAGEMENT MODULE

3.1 Graphical User Interface

The Graphical User Interface (GUI) (Figure 1) for the DMM is arranged into three sections: the menubar section which includes a toolbar; the project section which shows both project areas and datasets; and the map section.

3.1.1 Main Menu

The menubar provides three main items and a toolbar. The main items on the menubar are File, Tools, and Help. The items under the Tools pull-down menu are also provided on the toolbar. The menu items are described in detail later and are listed here as follows:

- ❖ File
 - Reset – resets the selection on the project areas and the datasets. Also resets the map section.
 - Exit – exits out of the NIDAS application.
- ❖ Tools
 - Project Area
 - Create – creates a new project area.
 - Delete – deletes the selected project area. All datasets and data within the project area will be deleted.
 - Info – view the information for the selected project area. Certain items can be edited.
 - Dataset
 - Create – creates a new dataset.
 - Delete – deletes the selected dataset. All data within the dataset will be deleted.
 - Info – view the information for the selected dataset. Certain items can be edited.
 - Data
 - Ingest – ingest data into the dataset. Each data file ingested is referred to as a data version.
 - Delete – delete a data version from the dataset.
 - Inventory – inventory the dataset to see stored data.
 - Analysis – leave the DMM and enter into the DAM.
- ❖ Help – Displays some “about” information for NIDAS.

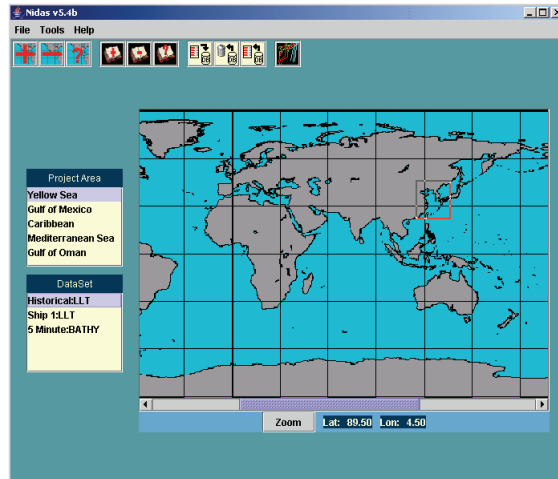


Figure 1. Data Management Module

3.1.2 Project Section

The project section shows the current project areas and datasets that have been setup for NIDAS. NIDAS allows project areas to be setup to allow a hierarchical structure to the data. For example, a project area could be an exercise in the Gulf of Mexico or the Yellow Sea. Under that project area, multiple datasets can be created to allow further structuring of the data. Within the same project area, different datasets could represent seasons, survey ships, instruments, or historical data. When a project area is selected, the region is shown by a bounding box in the map section.

3.1.3 Map Section

The map section provides a global map for the use of selecting or displaying areas that are associated with project areas. The user can create a bounding box around an area by clicking the left mouse button and dragging the mouse to encompass the area. The boxed area is cleared when the reset menu item is selected. The global map shows the current position of the mouse and provides a zoom utility.

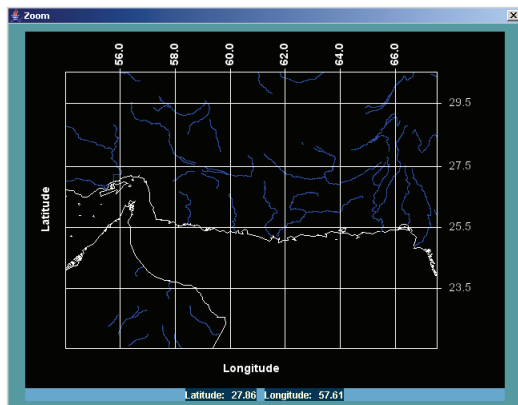


Figure 2. DMM Zoom with Grid and Rivers

The zoom utility provides a way for the area of interest to be more precise within small areas. With an area selected, click the “Zoom” button to display the area. While in the zoom window, a grid, country boundaries, and rivers can be overlaid by clicking the right mouse button within the zoom window and selecting the appropriate item (Figure 2). The new area can be made by dragging the mouse across the window to create a new box. Only the last box made is kept. When finished, choose the “Quit” item by clicking the right mouse button within the zoom window. If the area needs to be zoomed even further, click “Zoom” again.

3.2 Project Area

The project area is the top level container for data and defines the geographical region for the analysis module. Project areas can be created, deleted, or edited.

3.2.1 Create Project Area

A project area can be created by choosing the “Add Project Area” toolbar button or by choosing create under the “Tools->Project Area” menu option. Information for the project area includes the name, description, the user creating the area, a time stamp, an additional project identifier, classification, and the minimum-maximum latitude and

minimum-maximum longitude of the region. The creator and the time stamp are retrieved from the system and can not be changed and are therefore shown with a tan background. Tooltips are provided as the mouse hovers over the text fields.

Project Area Name – 50 character string. After creation, the name can not be edited.

Description – 50 character string. After creation, the description can be edited.

Creator – Prefilled by the system and can not be changed.

Date (time stamp) – Prefilled by the system and can not be changed.

Project – An extra project descriptor. After creation, the project can be edited.

Class – The general classification for the project area. This field is not used anywhere else and can be edited.

Minimum and maximum Latitude and Longitude – These values are specified in decimal degrees and can be provided by one of three ways. The user can provide these values directly, by creating a bounding box on the global map before entering this dialog, or by selecting another project area before entering this dialog. When a bounding box has been created or when the user has selected another project area, those coordinates are prefilled in this dialog. These values can be edited after creation.

After all the values have been provided, press “Add” to create the project area. All fields must be provided.

3.2.2 Delete Project Area

A project area can be deleted by selecting the project area from the list and selecting the “Delete Project Area” button from the toolbar or by selecting “Tools->Project Area->Delete” from the menubar. A dialog will display all of the area’s information and will provide a “Delete” button. Once the dialog’s “Delete” button is pressed, the project area will be deleted along with all datasets and data versions located under that project area. CAUTION, THERE IS NO OPTION TO UNDO THIS ACTION.

Figure 3. Project Area Dialog

3.2.3 Project Area Info

By selecting the “Project Area Info” button from the toolbar, or from the “Tools->Project Area” menubar, all of the area’s information will be displayed as shown in Figure 3. If editing is needed, the user can make changes and press the “Update” button. Those items that display a tan background are not editable. When editing the region’s latitudes and

longitudes, NIDAS will notify the user when the new coordinates result in a data version within the project area being excluded by the new coordinates.

3.3 Dataset

The dataset allows further structuring of data within the project area. For example, different datasets could represent different exercises in the same region. The dataset also defines some default data options for use within the analysis module. Datasets can be created, deleted, or edited.

3.3.1 Create Dataset

A dataset can be created by choosing the “Add Dataset” toolbar button or by choosing create under the “Tools->Dataset” menu option. Information for the dataset includes the name, datatype, the user creating the dataset, a time stamp, classification, description, and some default values for the dataset. The creator and the time stamp are retrieved from the system and can not be changed and are therefore shown with a tan background. Tooltips are provided as the mouse hovers over the text fields.

After all the values have been provided, press “Add” to create the dataset. All fields must be provided.

Dataset Name – 50 character string. After creation, the name can not be edited.

Datatype – LLT or Bathy. After creation, the type can not be edited.

Creator – Prefilled by the system and can not be changed.

Date (time stamp) – Prefilled by the system and can not be changed.

Class – The general classification for the dataset. This field is not used anywhere else and can be edited.

Description – 50 character string. After creation, the description can be edited.

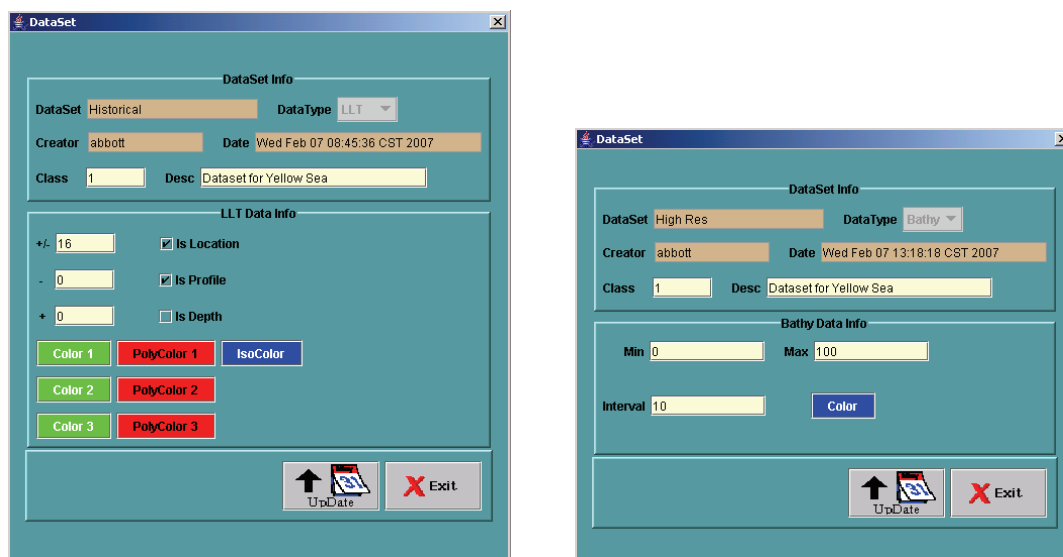


Figure 4. Dataset Dialog for LLT and Bathymetry

3.3.1.1 LLT Datatype Options

Most of the options for the LLT datatype, shown in Figure 4, are associated with three “time ranges”. When data is ingested, the center Julian date is determined. Three subsets are created based on that center date. The first subset includes data that is within a plus or minus range around the center date. The second subset is an additional minus range from the first subset.

The third subset is an additional plus range from the first subset. For example, a data version may include data for all 12 months. The center date is calculated to be day 182, or July 1st. The first subset value of 60 would include data from May, June, July, and August (from day 122 to 242). The second subset value of 120 would include data from January, February, March, and April (from day 2 to 121). The third subset value of 120 would include data from September, October, November, and December (from day 243 to 362).

To allow all the data to display together in the same subset with the example above, set the “+/-” value to 182 and both the “-” and the “+” value to 0. This will put all 12 months in the same subset.

+/- (plus/minus) – Days plus or minus from center date.

- (minus) – Additional days before the plus/minus field.

+ (plus) – Additional days after the plus/minus field.

Color 1 – Display color for data residing in the “+/-” range.

Color 2 – Display color for data residing in the “-” range.

Color 3 – Display color for data residing in the “+” range.

PolyColor 1 – Display color for data residing in the “+/-” range that has been polygoned.

PolyColor 2 – Display color for data residing in the “+/-” range that has been polygoned.

PolyColor 3 – Display color for data residing in the “+/-” range that has been polygoned.

IsoColor – Display color for a profile that has been isolated through the “Profile Isolation” tool.

IsLocation – Display data on the Region window.

IsProfile – Display data on the Profile windows.

IsDepth – Display depth vertices on the profiles.

3.3.1.2 Bathy Datatype Options

Bathymetry data is based on bottom depth at a specific resolution. To display bathymetry, NIDAS takes a range of depths and displays every nth depth. For instance, NIDAS can display every 10th depth from 100 meters to 200 meters. This would show depths 100 meters, 110 meters, 120 meters, and so on.

Min – Minimum depth.

Max – Maximum depth.

Interval – Depth interval to display.

Color – Display color for depths.

3.3.2 Delete Dataset

A dataset can be deleted by selecting the dataset from the list and selecting the “Delete Dataset” button from the toolbar or by selecting “Tools->Dataset->Delete” from the menubar. A dialog will display all of the area's information and will provide a “Delete” button. Once the dialog's “Delete” button is pressed, the dataset will be deleted along with the data versions located within that dataset. CAUTION, THERE IS NO OPTION TO UNDO THIS ACTION.

3.3.3 Dataset Info

By selecting the “Dataset Info” button from the toolbar, or from the “Tools->Dataset” menubar, all of the dataset's information will be displayed. If editing is needed, the user can make changes and press the “Update” button. Those items that display a tan background are not editable.

3.4 Data

The data area is where the “real” data is located. The “real” data is stored as data versions. Data versions could represent different months within the same dataset. Data versions can be ingested, deleted, or inventoried.

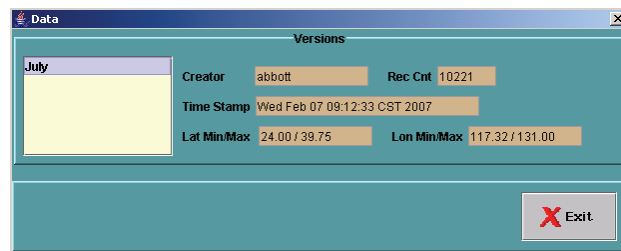


Figure 5. Data Version Dialog

3.4.1 Ingest Data

Data can be ingested by choosing the “Data Ingest” toolbar button or by choosing “Ingest” under the “Tools->Data” menu option. Information for the data includes the file name and the version name. For LLT data, new data can be appended to an existing version by providing the same version name.

After all the values have been provided, press “Add” to ingest the data. All fields must be provided. In order for the version to be ingested, some of that data has to reside within the project area's region. If the entire data file being ingested resides outside the region, an error message is generated. If some of the data resides within the region and some outside the region, a warning message is generated and the data is ingested.

Data files that can be ingested are Bathymetry Charter files, LLT Master files, LLT MoodsAdmin files, LLT Moods2K files, and LLT Model Data files. These data files are described in Appendix E.

3.4.2 Delete Data

A data version can be deleted by selecting the “Data Delete” button from the toolbar or by selecting “Tools->Data->Delete” from the menubar. A dialog will display all of the

versions available in the dataset. Selecting a version will display the version's information and will provide a "Delete" button. Once the dialog's "Delete" button is pressed, the version will be deleted. CAUTION, THERE IS NO OPTION TO UNDO THIS ACTION.

3.4.3 Inventory Data

By selecting the "Data Inventory" button from the toolbar, or from the "Tools->Data" menubar, all of the versions available in the dataset are listed (Figure 5). Selecting a version will display the version's information, none of which are editable.

3.5 Analysis

The "Analysis" tool takes you from the DMM and into the DAM. A project area must be selected. The DMM windows will disappear while in the DAM and will reappear when the DAM is exited. The DAM is discussed in detail in Section 4.

3.6 Help

The Help menu currently only provides an "About" item which displays information about the NIDAS application. A dialog will appear showing the version of the NIDAS software, the release date of this version, the version of the Java Runtime Environment (JRE) for which NIDAS was released for, and the version of the JRE currently running.

SECTION 4 DATA ANALYSIS MODULE

The GUI for the DMM is arranged into three areas: the analysis control window, the tools window, and the graphical windows. The analysis control window is where everything is driven and controlled. A set of tools are provided in one central location. The graphical windows are a set of seven windows where data is displayed and manipulated. There is one graphical window showing a regional, top-down view of the project area that was selected before entering the DAM. Five windows are vertical profile graphs of Depth verses Temperature, Salinity, Sound Speed, Conductivity, and Density, while one window is plotting Temperature verses Salinity.

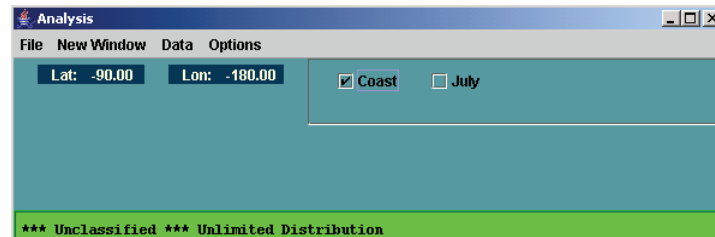


Figure 6. DAM Analysis Control Window

4.1 Analysis Control Window

The control window, shown in Figure 6, is divided into four sections providing a menubar, mouse tracking, classification status, and a data container holding data that has been read into memory.

4.1.1 Main Menu

The menubar provides four pulldown menus providing control of the DAM. The pulldowns includes File, New Window, Data, and Options. These menus are also accessible by clicking the right mouse button between the data container and the classification area. The menu items are described in detail later and are listed here as follows:

- ❖ File
 - Create ViewGraph – provides a method to create a viewgraph of the different graphical windows. This capability is meant to provide a starting point for items going into publications.
 - Exit – exits out of the DAM and enters back into the DMM.
- ❖ New Window
 - Region – Opens the regional graph window. Opens by default when entering the DAM.
 - TvD – Opens the Temperature verses Depth graph window.
 - SvD – Opens the Salinity verses Depth graph window.
 - SSDvD – Opens the Sound Speed verses Depth graph window.
 - CvD – Opens the Conductivity verses Depth graph window.
 - DvD – Opens the Density verses Depth graph window.
 - TvS – Opens the Temperature verses Salinity graph window.
- ❖ Data
 - Read Data – Reads Data into memory.
 - Status – Provides a status window on data in memory.
- ❖ Options
 - Change Units – Allows the units to be changed for the depth and temperature values.
 - Bring to Front – Changes the reaction of windows to the position of the mouse.
 - Where's the Tools – Location of the Tools window.
 - RePaint All – Refreshes all of the windows.
 - Save Profile – Saves the user's profile.
 - Save Entire Profile – Saves without user interaction.
 - Save Partial Profile – Saves with user specifying the items to save.
 - Reset – Resets the user's profile.

4.1.1.1 Create ViewGraph

The user can take the graphical windows that are open and put together a viewgraph for use outside of NIDAS. This capability is only meant to provide a starting point and expects the viewgraph to be finished in a professional imaging package.

The viewgraph window allows the user to add or remove any of the graphical windows that were opened before entering the viewgraph tool. The view area allows those images to be moved around by dragging them with the mouse. Text can be added and placed on the view area. When clicking on an object, whether an image or text, a thin box is shown around the object identifying it has been selected.

When adding text to the view area, the user can set the font, the initial position of the text, the font size, the style, and color. Once applied, the text is added to the view area, and can be moved by dragging it with the mouse. The text can be edited by double-clicking the text.

The size of the page can be changed, however the largest size is 792 pixels by 612 pixels. The page can have either a portrait or a landscape orientation. This size equals to a 8.5" by 11" page. The canvas color can also be changed.

The viewgraph can be saved as an image or sent to the printer. The image formats available are GIF, JPEG, PNG, or TIF. It is suggested that if the user desires the viewgraph to be printed, it should be saved and printed outside of NIDAS. The Java print function tends to take a lot of time to send to the printer.

4.1.1.2 Read Data

The "Read Data" dialog, shown in Figure 7, allows the user to read data that has been ingested in the data management system and makes it available for displaying and analyzing. The dialog allows the user to select the type of data and which dataset is to be read. The data types available are LLT and Bathy while the available datasets are dependent upon what the user previously setup before entering the DAM. Once the data type and dataset has been selected, the user then chooses which data version to read from the "Versions" list. For the convenience of the user, the ETOPO5 bathymetry global dataset has been provided with NIDAS and is available for use.

DataSets		Minimum		Maximum	
<input type="radio"/> Bathy <input checked="" type="radio"/> LLT		Latitude	20.0	49.0	
<input type="checkbox"/> Historical		Longitude	115.0	144.0	
		Time	1/1/1800:0	3/14/2008:15	
		Month	January	December	
		Tau	0	0	
		Classification	Min	Max	
		Parameters	2 - T	3 - TS	
		Cruise ID	0	1000000000	
		Instrument	0	99	
		Source Code	0	99	
		Water Depth	-99	10000000	

Versions		
Version	RecCnt	TimeStamp
July	10221	Mar 14 2008 15:08:59

Read Close

Figure 7. Read Data Dialog

NIDAS provides the ability to filter the LLT data based on 18 parameters. The data that is filtered is not read into memory. The parameters are as follows:

Latitude/Longitude – The default settings for the latitude and longitude are set to the region of the project area. Changing this parameter allows the user to restrict the data being read to a certain area within the project area.

Time – The default setting for the time range is from January 1, 1800 at 0 hours to the current date and hour. Setting this parameter allows the user to restrict the reading to a specific time range. For example, if a historical dataset contains data from years 1995 to 2000, the user can request only the data from 1997.

Month – The default for the month range is all twelve months. Setting this parameter allows the user to read only a specific month range from the dataset. From the example for Time, the user may only want the summer months in the year 1997.

Tau – The default range for tau is 0. Setting this parameter allows the user to restrict the data being read to a specific tau. This parameter is only applicable when reading model data.

Classification – The default for the classification is the minimum to the maximum classification. Setting this parameter allows the user to restrict the reading to just a specific class of data.

Parameters – The default for the parameters is to read only that data that has Temperature only or that has Temperature and Salinity. Changing this setting will allow the user to read that data with only Salinity or with Sound Speed. Warning: The default setting for this parameter may filter out some data.

Cruise ID – The default for cruise ID is set to a minimum to maximum value. Setting this value will allow the user to filter data based on a specific MOODS cruise ID.

Instrument – The default for instrument is set to a minimum to maximum value. Setting this value will allow the user to filter data based on a specific instrument.

Source Code – The default for source code is set to a minimum to maximum value. Setting this value will allow the user to filter data based on a specific source code.

Water Depth - The default for water depth is set to a minimum to maximum value. Setting this value will allow the user to filter data based on a specific water depth.

First Depth - The default for first depth is set to a minimum to maximum value. Setting this value will allow the user to filter data based on its first depth value.

Last Depth - The default for last depth is set to a minimum to maximum value. Setting this value will allow the user to filter data based on its last depth value.

Originators Station Name - The default for the originator's station name is blank. Setting this value will allow the user to filter data based on the originator's station name.

Cast Number - The default for cast number is set to a minimum to maximum value. Setting this value will allow the user to filter data based on a specific cast number.

Cruise Number - The default for the cruise number is blank. Setting this value will allow the user to filter data based on a specific NAVOCEANO cruise number.

Security Key - The default for the security key is set to a minimum to maximum value. Setting this value will allow the user to filter data based on a specific key.

Quality Review Code - The default for the quality review code is set to a minimum to maximum value. Setting this value will allow the user to filter data based on a specific code.

After setting the parameters and selecting the version to read, click the “Read” button to read the data into memory. A toggle button for controlling that data will appear in the data container on the Analysis Control Window with the name of the version. The user can select another data version to read or close the read dialog.

4.1.1.3 Data Status

The “Data Status” dialog, as seen in Figure 8, provides the user with metadata about each data version in memory. The format for each version is shown along with the version's name. Then the total number of profiles stored for that version in the database is shown. The number of profiles read from the database and the number being displayed is also shown. The number that was read may be different from the total number in that version depending upon the filter parameters when read. The number being displayed may be different from that which was read depending upon the display flags and the time frames from the version's display options (refer to Section 3.3.1.1). The user should click the “Update” button to make sure the information being provided are the current numbers.

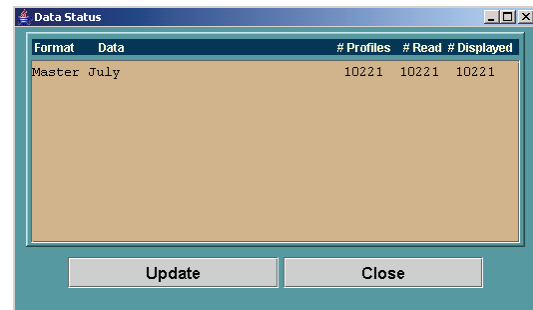


Figure 8. Data Status Dialog

4.1.1.4 Change Units

The “Change Measurement Units” dialog provides the ability for the user to change the units in which the depth values and the temperature values are shown. The choices for depth are meters (default), feet, and fathoms. The choices for temperature are Centigrade (default) and Fahrenheit.

4.1.1.5 Bring to Front

The “Bring to Front” menu item changes the behavior of the graphical windows in response to the mouse. By default, when the mouse moves into one of the graphical windows, the user must click on the window in order to bring that window to foreground. By selecting the “Bring to Front” menu item, the graphical window will be brought to the foreground when the mouse moves over that window, thus removing the need to click the window.

4.1.1.6 Where's the Tools

The “Where's the Tools” menu item provides a method to bring the Tools window to the foreground. While the user is analyzing and manipulating data, the Tools window may get lost behind other windows. With this option, the user can find the tools without having to move windows out of the way.

4.1.1.7 Repaint All

The “Repaint All” menu item provides a method to refresh all of the graphical windows. The repaint removes polygon lines and highlighted profiles and leaves the graphical windows with a normal view of the data being displayed.

4.1.1.8 Save User Profile

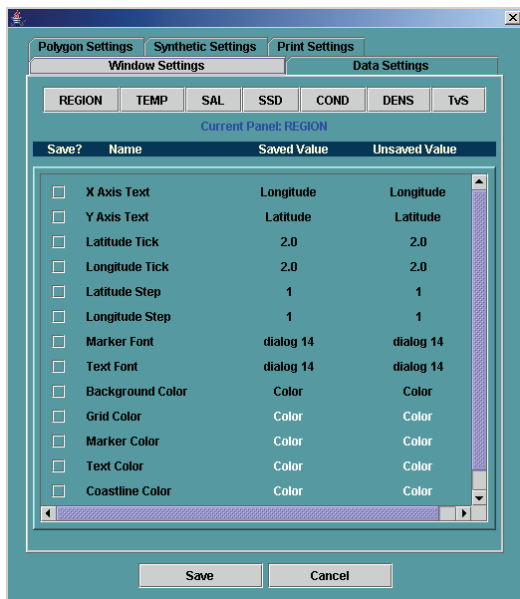


Figure 9. Save User Profile Dialog

The user's profile can be saved either in its entirety or partially. Saving the user's profile entirely requires no interaction from the user and a message is shown that the profile was saved. Saving the profile partially requires the user to select which items are to be saved. The dialog (Figure 9) contains five tabs organizing the items in the profile. The five tabs are window settings, data settings, polygon settings, synthetic settings, and print settings. In addition, the window settings are further divided into the seven different graphical windows. By default, all of the items in the profile that have been changed are selected to be saved. The changed items are shown with the saved value and the unsaved value. Refer to Appendix F for more information on the items in the user's profile.

4.1.2 Mouse Position

The mouse tracking section of the Analysis Control Window, shown in Figure 6, provides the position of the mouse within all of the graphical windows. When the mouse is in the Region window, the latitude and longitude position is reported. The other windows similarly report the position of the mouse labeled with the appropriate parameters. When no position is reported, the mouse is not within one of the graphical windows.

4.1.3 Classification Status

The classification status section of the Analysis Control Window provides the highest classification statement for all the data that is currently in memory within NIDAS. If multiple versions are in memory with different classification levels, only the highest is shown.

4.1.4 Data Container

The data container section of the Analysis Control Window (Figure 6) provides a holding area for all of the data that is in memory. The container will provide scroll bars if needed. Versions can be turned on or off as needed. Each version within the container is an object and has menu items available by clicking the right mouse button on the version. By default, the first version in the container is the coastline being used within the Region window. Every version listed in the data container, with exception of the coastline, can

be renamed or deleted from memory. Each item in the container has associated data options. The LLT data items can be exported to an external file and each has a “Save Flags” item. The flags for each LLT data version can be saved back to the database for later use.

4.1.4.1 Coastline Data Options

Data options for the coastline data can be changed by right clicking the “Coast” data item in the Analysis Control Window data container. The user can change the resolution of the coastline and the color. The choices for the resolution are 20 km, 8 km, 3 km, 1 km, 600 m, and 400 m.

4.1.4.2 LLT Data Options

Data options for LLT data can be changed by right clicking the data item in the Analysis Control Window data container. There are several sections on the Data Options Dialog (Figure 10) with settings for the user to change.

The “Time Frames” section allows the user to change the settings for the three time range subsets that are available (refer to Section 3.3.1.1 for a description of the three time subsets). The default values for the time frames are set to the values specified for the dataset when it was created within the DMM (refer to Section 3.3.1). The center date was found for the version and is shown. The center can be shifted from its original value and a Julian calculator is provided for the user. The number of days, along with data color and polygon color can be changed for all three time subsets.

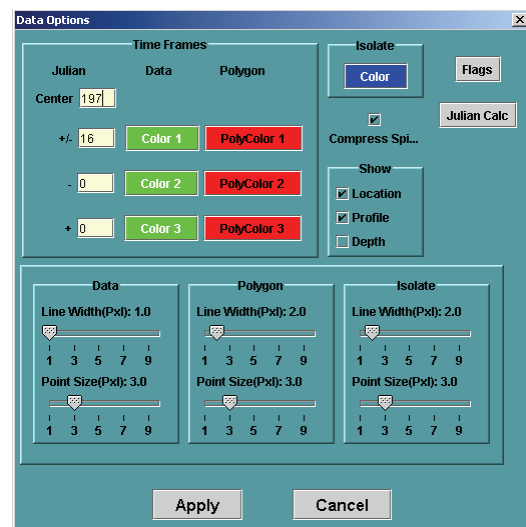


Figure 10. LLT Data Options Dialog

The line size and point size for the displaying of the data, the polygoned data, and the isolated data can be changed. The default values for these sizes are stored in the user's profile. The line size is used in the profile windows while the point size is used in the Region window.

The color for isolated profiles can be changed along with the “Show” options. These items default to the settings provided when the dataset was created. The “Show” options include the “Location”, “Profile”, and “Depth” toggle buttons. The location button determines if the data will be shown in the Region window. The profile button determines if the data will be shown in the profile windows, and the depth button determines if a vertex will be drawn at each depth point on the profile.

The “Compress Spikes” option provides the ability to compress spike depths from data so they do not appear. Spikes are depths that have missing temperature or salinity data. Missing values are specified as being -99, and if drawn would show the profile spiking out from the rest of the depths.

The flagging option provides a method for the user to display only profiles with specific flags. By default, flags are set to those that are considered acceptable profiles. For the Master and MoodsAdmin format, there are ten flags for temperature and ten for salinity. For displaying data, these flags are OR'ed together. For the M2K data, the user can select the behavior. There is also an option to quickly select or deselect all flags. There is a major difference in the way profiles are display by flags between the Master/MoodsAdmin format and the M2K format. The Master/MoodsAdmin format splits the temperature and salinity profiles so they are displayed independently. Therefore, the temperature profile could be shown without the corresponding salinity profile, and vice versa. The M2K format shows the corresponding temperature and salinity no matter which one was selected by the display flags. Flags are discussed in Appendix G.

4.1.4.3 Bathymetry Data Options

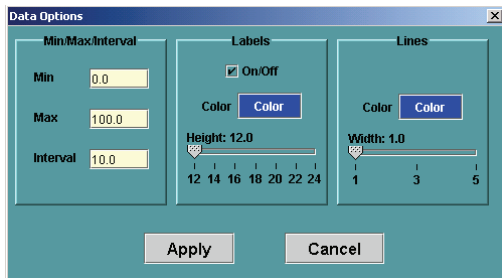


Figure 11. Bathymetry Data Options Dialog

Data options for Bathymetry data can be changed by right clicking the data item in the Analysis Control Window data container. The user can modify the minimum, maximum, and interval values (refer to Section 3.3.1.2 and Figure 11). The isolines that are produced from the bathy data can be labeled with the depth. The user can toggle this label on and off and change its color and size. The color of the isolines can be changed along with the line width.

4.1.4.4 Export Data

The “Export” dialog, shown in Figure 12, provides a way for the user to export LLT data and can be invoked from one of three methods. The first two methods are accessible by right clicking the desired data version while the last method is accessible only from the profile isolation tool. The first method is by exporting all the data of the displayed version. The second is by exporting data that has been polygoned, and the third is by exporting data that has been isolated. In all three methods, the export dialog functions in a similar manner.

The export dialog represents the entire dataset from the version, data that has been polygoned, or data that has been isolated, depending upon how the user invoked the export dialog. The export dialog provides an option for a header statement which is only used in the text formats and the Master format. The user can choose the location and

name of the saved file by clicking on the browse button. The location of the saved file defaults to the user's export directory provided by NIDAS. This export directory is located in the user's workspace provided by NIDAS (refer to Section 2.2.4).

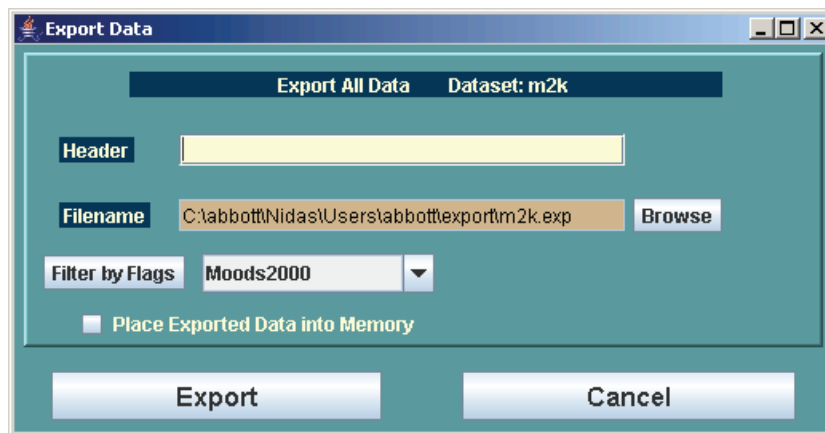


Figure 12. Export Data Dialog

The user also has the capability to export based on flags for each profile. There are two different sets of flags that can be shown depending on the format of the data. One set is used for data in the M2K format and another set based on the Master flags. The Master flags are ten temperature flags and ten salinity flags. The temperature flags are AND'ed together with the salinity flags. The M2K format has several flags for temperature, salinity, and sound speed, and several miscellaneous flags. The behavior can be set to either AND each section together or to OR them together. An option is also provided for the user to quickly select all flags. The flags for each data version are preset to export what is normally considered an acceptable profile. If the number of profiles exported is not what is expected, check the export flags. Refer to Appendix G for more information on flags.

The format section allows the user to select the export format. Each format is discussed in detail in Appendix E. The formats available for exporting is the Master format, the MoodsAdmin format, Moods2K, CASTAR, and a simple Text format. Each format contains more information than what NIDAS uses and is not always convertible to other formats. Table 1 shows the compatibility between formats.

	Master	MoodsAdmin	Moods2K	CASTAR	Text
Master	X			X	X
MoodsAdmin	X	X		X	X
Moods2K			X		X

Table 1. Format Compatibility

When exporting polygoned data, an option is provided for exporting the polygon information. This option exports the vertices of the polygon into a file by the same name as the export file with a “.poly” extension. The export dialog also provides an option to place the exported data into memory for analysis. This places a new version in the data container.

When all of the export options have been set, the user can start the exporting by clicking “Export”. A status window will appear showing how many profiles were exported.

4.1.5 Keyboard Shortcuts

The Analysis Control Window provides a few keyboard shortcuts for ease of use. These shortcuts are also available from the graphical windows. The shortcuts are as follows:

Ctrl-G - Create Viewgraph
F1 - Open the Region Window
F2 - Open the Temperature Window
F3 - Open the Salinity Window
F4 - Open the Sound Speed Window
F5 - Open the Conductivity Window
F6 - Open the Density Window
F7 - Open the Temperature vs. Salinity Window
Ctrl-R - Read Data
F8 - Where's the Tools
F9 - Repaint All

4.2 Tools Window

The Tools Window, shown in Figure 13, currently has four tools for the analyzing of data. These tools include the zoom tool, the polygon tool, the profile isolation tool, and the synthetic profile tool. The current tool selected is indicated at the bottom of the window. Where applicable, the tool is turned on by clicking the tool button once and turned off by a second click. A tool may also be turned off when another tool is turned on. Where applicable, these tools may have configuration options that may be seen by right clicking over its button.

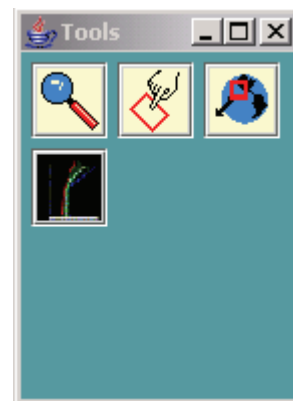


Figure 13. DAM Tools Dialog

4.2.1 Zoom

The zoom tool allows the user to zoom into a specific region on the Region window. The user can also zoom into the graphical windows in order to narrow the view to a certain section of the graph. The user zooms by dragging the mouse across the graphical window to the desired location. When zooming from the Region window, the profile

windows only display the profiles located within the new zoomed area. The user can zoom back out of the region by right clicking in the graphical window and selecting “Zoom Out”. The window zooms out by the same intervals that it was zoomed into. When the window reaches its original view, the user can no longer zoom out.

4.2.2 Polygon

The polygon tool allows the user to draw a polygon around certain data. The process of drawing a polygon includes two steps: drawing the vertices and then closing the polygon. The user must first create the polygon's vertices by clicking the left mouse button at the desired locations. When the vertices have been placed, the user closes the polygon by clicking the middle mouse button. The polygon is then drawn and data within that polygon are highlighted (Figure 14). A normal polygon requires at least three vertices. However, the profile windows will allow a special “polygon” with only two vertices. This will grab the data that intersects the polygon. The data that is polygoned is highlighted with the characteristics that are defined in the data's display options.

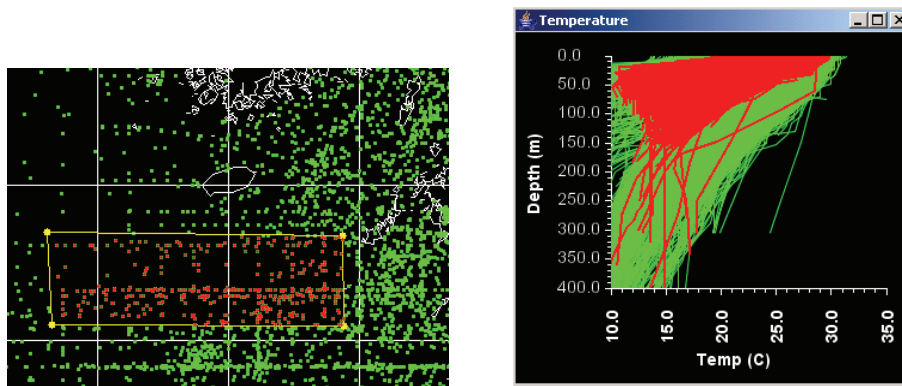


Figure 14. Polygoned Data

By right clicking the polygon tool button, the user can invoke the polygon's options dialog (Figure 15). The vertex color and style can be selected as well as the edge color, that is, the color of the connecting line between the vertices. The vertex size and edge size can be changed.

The polygon tool has an additional behavior that can be turned on called “Multiple Polygons”. This behavior allows the user to quickly compare different areas of the region by displaying each set of data in a different color. The different colors are set within the polygon option dialog. When the polygon tool is turned off, the polygon tool is reset to the original behavior.

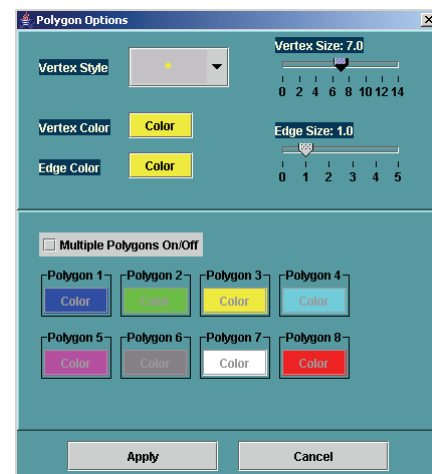


Figure 15. Polygon Options Dialog

4.2.3 Profile Isolation

The profile isolation tool must have polygoned data before it can be invoked. The isolation tool opens a “Polygon Subset” dialog (Figure 16) with a list of the profiles within the polygon. This list shows certain information about each profile such as the

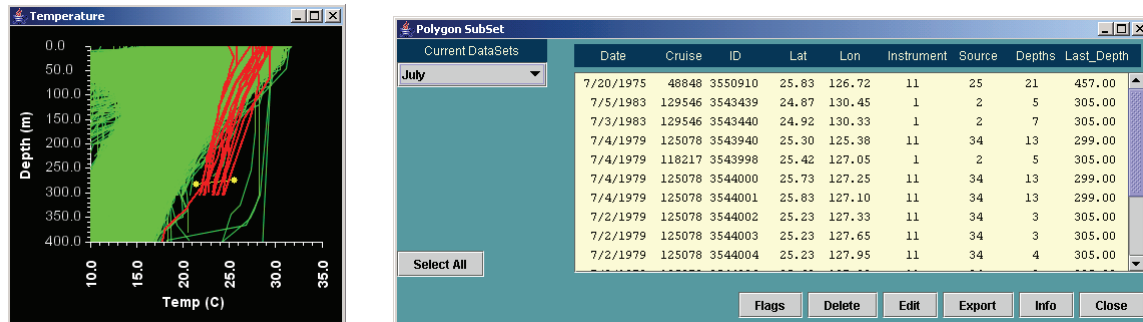


Figure 16. Polygoned Profiles and the Polygon Subset Dialog

profile date, cruise number, ID, latitude, longitude, instrument number, source number, number of depths, and the value of the last depth. The user can select one or more profiles and they are highlighted on the profile windows. The user can select multiple profiles by selecting the profile with the mouse while the shift or the control button is pressed. The characteristics of the isolated profiles are defined in the data's display options. If there are multiple data versions being displayed, the user can choose the active data version. There is an option for the user to select all of the profiles in the list.

There are several operations that can be performed on the isolated profiles. The user can look at the raw data for a single profile. If multiple profiles are selected, then the first profile's information is displayed. The selected profiles can be exported to an external file. Refer to Section 4.1.4.4 for exporting data. The user can choose to delete profiles which are only deleted out of memory. When the data version is read from the database again, these profiles will still be present.

If the data version is in the Master or MoodsAdmin format, a profile can be edited. Only one profile can be edited at a time. Therefore, when multiple profiles are selected, the first profile is used. The “Edit Profile” opens with two additional graph views, shown in Figure 17, displaying the temperature and salinity profiles for that record. The dialog also has a list showing the depths with the corresponding temperature, salinity, sound speed, conductivity, and density. The user can select a depth from the list and that depth is shown on the graphs. The segment from the shallower depth to the depth selected is highlighted in red and the segment from the depth selected to the next depth is highlighted in blue. The user has the ability to add a new depth providing the depth value, the temperature value, and the salinity value. That depth is then added into the profile. The user can edit an existing depth, providing a new depth, temperature, or salinity value. The user can remove a specific depth from the profile. Changes that are made must be exported. Changes are not saved to the database.

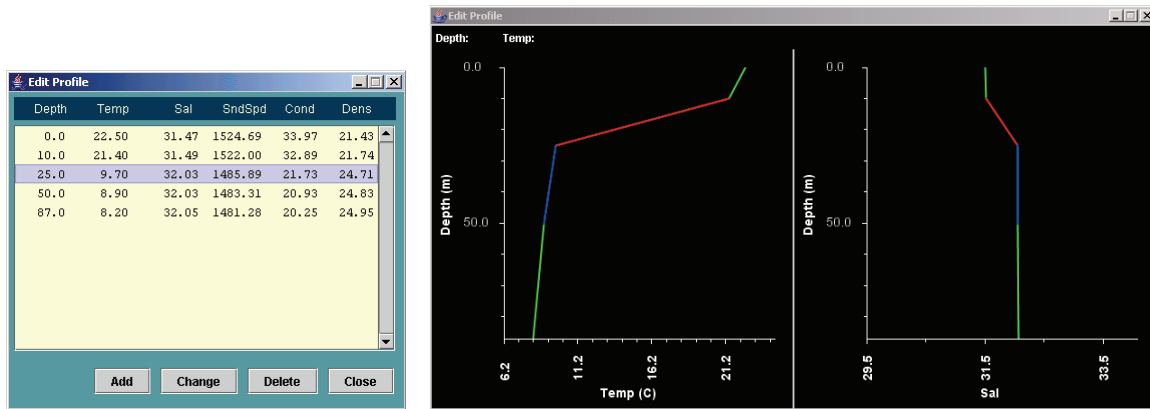


Figure 17. Profile Editing Dialog

The user also has the option of flagging profiles by selecting one or more profiles and using the “Flags” button. Flagging is a way for the user to specify which profiles are good, bad, or somewhere in between. With the Master and MoodsAdmin data, ten flags are provided for temperature and ten for salinity. Since a record can just have salinity and no temperature, or temperature and no salinity, there are notifications that tell the user if some of the profiles that have been selected have no temperature or salinity. The current flags for the profile are shown in blue. For the M2K data, there are flags for the temperature, salinity, and sound speed parameters as well as some miscellaneous flags. The current flags are shown to be selected by default. Flags can be saved by one of two ways. The user can use the “Save Flags” menu discussed in Section 4.1.4. The user can also export the data version with the current flags and have them saved to an external file. Exporting is discussed in more detail in Section 4.1.4.4. The available flags are discussed in Appendix G.

4.2.4 Synthetic Profiles

The synthetic profile tool provides a way for the user to create some synthetic profiles to be representative of the data version being displayed. The different types of profiles that the user can create are an average, a minimum, a maximum, and six alternatives, as shown in Figure 18. The user can create a “province” which is similar to a polygon representing the area of interest for the synthetic profiles. The “Province” button must be selected as the user uses the left mouse button to place the vertices on the region window and the middle button to close the province. If the province looks good, then it can be saved, or the user can cancel and try again. Once the province has been saved, a new province can be drawn if needed.

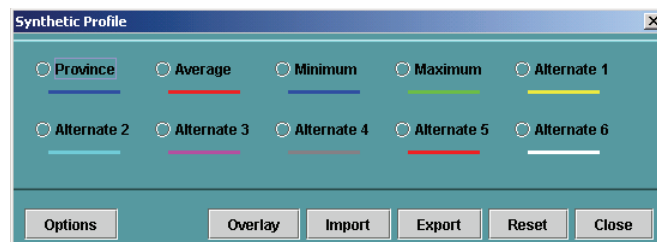


Figure 18. Synthetic Profiles Dialog

Profiles representing the minimum and maximum data can be drawn for temperature, salinity, sound speed, and density. Although the user can draw a profile for conductivity, conductivity synthetics are ignored and are not exported. The minimum and maximum profiles are independent records for each parameter. For example, there will be a record showing depth and value for temperature, a different record showing depth and value for salinity, and different records for the rest of the parameters. This behavior can be altered for a special minimum and maximum profile (see below). The user selects the minimum or maximum button and uses the left mouse button to place the vertices and the middle button to save the profile.

Profiles representing the average profile and six alternate profiles can be drawn. However, these synthetics work differently across the parameters compared to the minimum and maximum profiles. The average or alternate profiles can be created for temperature and/or salinity, or the profiles can be created for either sound speed or density. Again, conductivity is ignored and not exported. If an average profile is drawn for sound speed or density, then a temperature or salinity profile can not be drawn without clearing the average profile. The same applies to the alternates. If an average is

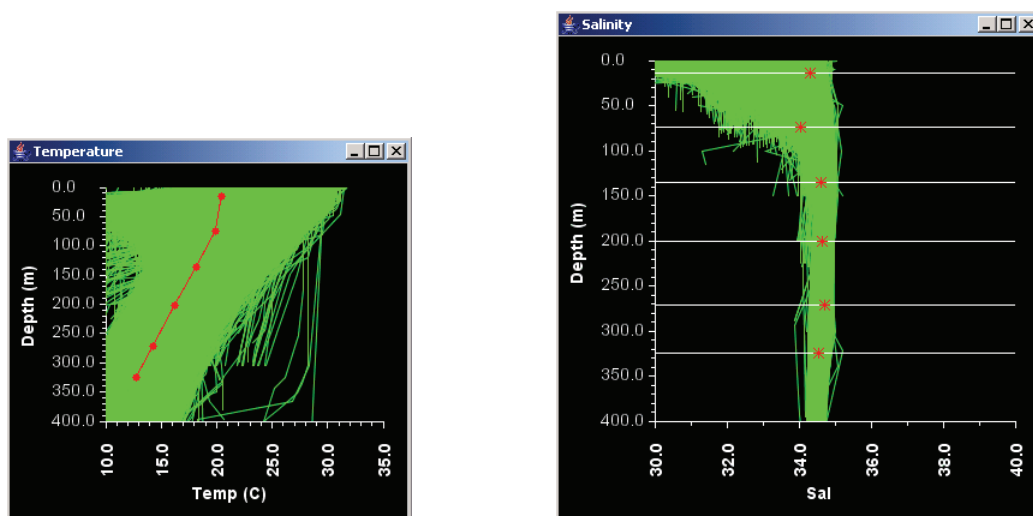


Figure 19. Synthetic Average for Temperature and Salinity

drawn for temperature or salinity, then a sound speed or density profile can not be drawn without clearing the average profile. The same also applies to the alternates. The user draws the profile with the left mouse button and saves it with the middle button. When an average (or alternate) profile has been drawn for temperature, and the user selects average (or alternate) again for salinity, depth lines are placed on the salinity window, shown in Figure 19, to guide the user to match the placement of the vertices to that of the temperature. Vertices for the salinity are “snapped” to the same depth level as that of the temperature. The same applies when the salinity is drawn first and then the temperature. When the average (or alternate) has been drawn, the profiles for sound speed and density are drawn from calculated values. The temperature and salinity profiles for average (or

alternate) are paired together in the same record with the calculated sound speed and density values.

Options are available for the province and the different synthetic profiles. The synthetic profile options dialog provides options for the user to specify what the first depth and last depth will be. The first depth can be forced to be 0, which will take the first vertex for the profile and automatically place it at the 0 depth. The last depth can be set to user specified value, which will add a vertex at that depth when the profile is ended with the middle mouse button. The depth markers can be toggled on and off from the display windows. With the depth on, a point will be placed at each vertex in the profile. Colors, line widths, and line styles for each item can be set.

Another option that is available within the options dialog is the “Convert Alt 5/6 to Special Min/Max” option. As described above, the default behavior for a minimum and maximum profile treats them as separate records for the different parameters. This behavior can be changed with this convert option. The minimum and maximum profiles are turned off and alternates 5 and 6 are converted to an alternate minimum and maximum profile. This gives you a minimum and maximum profile with the same behavior as the average and alternates. The default for this behavior can be set within the NIDAS properties file discussed in Appendix B and C.

The synthetic dialog has a Overlay tool which simply repaints the synthetic profile back on the graphical windows. Synthetic profiles can be exported to a file and can be imported back into NIDAS. To export the synthetic profiles, the user provides some header information for the synthetics. The date and hour are prefilled with current information unless synthetics were imported into the system. In that case, the header information is prefilled with the imported information. The user has the option to save these synthetic profiles in the user's synthetic database in addition to the exporting. Once the profiles have been exported, they are cleared from memory.

Synthetic profile can easily be import back into NIDAS by using the import button. Caution must be given when importing minimum and maximum profiles. If importing “normal” profiles while the “alternate” behavior is turned on, the minimum and maximum profiles will display but will be un-editable. If importing “alternate” minimum and maximum profiles while the “alternate” behavior is turned off, the profile will be imported as alternates 5 and 6.

Synthetic profiles can be cleared from memory by selecting the appropriate toggle button and pressing reset. For example, if the user wishes to clear the average profiles, then the average toggle button would be selected when clicking reset. The average profiles for all parameters would be reset. All synthetic profiles are cleared when the user closes the synthetic profile dialog.

Users may wish to have data highlighted before working with synthetic profiles. This allows the data in which the synthetics are based on to be visible while synthetics are being created. This is achieved by drawing a polygon in the region window before using

the synthetic tool. The profiles will stay highlighted while drawing profiles. However, when drawing a province, the highlighted profiles may disappear. Typically, the province will be drawn on top of the highlighting polygon. After the province has been saved, another highlighting polygon can be drawn on top of the province to highlight the profiles again.

4.3 Graphical Windows

The graphical windows provide a place where data is drawn and analyzed. These windows include the region window, the temperature window, the salinity window, the sound speed window, the conductivity window, the density window, and the temperature vs. salinity window. The region window provides a top-down view of the region specified in the project area, while the rest shows a 2-D graph of the profile data. Each window can be resized, moved, minimized, or closed. However when resized, the region window will snap to the closest size to have the proper map projection. All of the graph windows are treated alike and have the same characteristics.

4.3.1 Region Window

The region window, shown in Figure 20, provides a top-down view of the region specified in the project area and of the data read into memory. The window is shown with a grid of latitude and longitude with a Mercator projection. Data is shown as a point at the location of each profile.

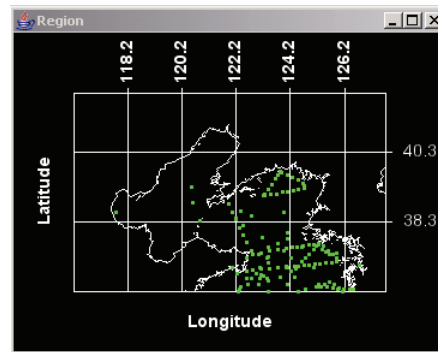


Figure 20. Region Window

A pop-up menu can be seen when right-clicking the mouse. There are options for the user to add a river dataset to the map as well as political boundaries. The user can redraw the window which is similar to a repaint (refer to Section 4.1.1.7). However, a redraw will keep polygons and highlighted data shown on the map while a repaint clears them. The “Zoom Out” option zooms the window back out at that same intervals it was zoomed into until the original area is reached (refer to Section 4.2.1).

An “Area of Interest” (AOI) can be added to the region window to allow the user to mark a certain area for special focus. The AOI dialog allows the user to provide boundaries of the box as well as color, styles, and width options. The user can also provide the boundary from an external file (refer to Appendix E). The AOI can be hidden by turning off the display.

The “Win Options” opens the region window options dialog. The window option dialog is divided into three tabs. The Grid/Graph tab allows the user to set the latitude and longitude tick and step marks. The tick specifies the interval at which a grid line is to be placed. For example, a setting of 2.0 specifies a grid line to be placed at every two degrees. The step specifies the interval at which a label is placed by the grid line. A

setting of 2 would place a label at every two grid lines. The grid color and the window background color can also be set. The Axes Label tab allows the user to set the x-axis and the y-axis label, label color, font and font size for the window. The Tick Mark tab allows the color, font, and font size for the tick mark labels to be set.

The region window can also be saved as an image. The saved image will be representative of what is currently shown in the window. The save dialog allows the user to save an image as a JPEG, GIF, PNG, or a TIFF.

4.3.2 Graph (Profile) Windows

The graph windows, shown in Figure 21, display a 2-D graph of the profile data either for temperature, salinity, sound speed, conductivity, or density verses depth. Another graph window is also available to plot temperature verses salinity.

A pop-up menu can be seen when right-clicking the mouse. The user can redraw the window which is similar to a repaint (refer to Section 4.1.1.7). However, a redraw will keep polygons and highlighted data shown on the graph while a repaint clears them. The “Zoom Out” option zooms the window back out at the same intervals it was zoomed into until the original area is reached (refer to Section 4.2.1).

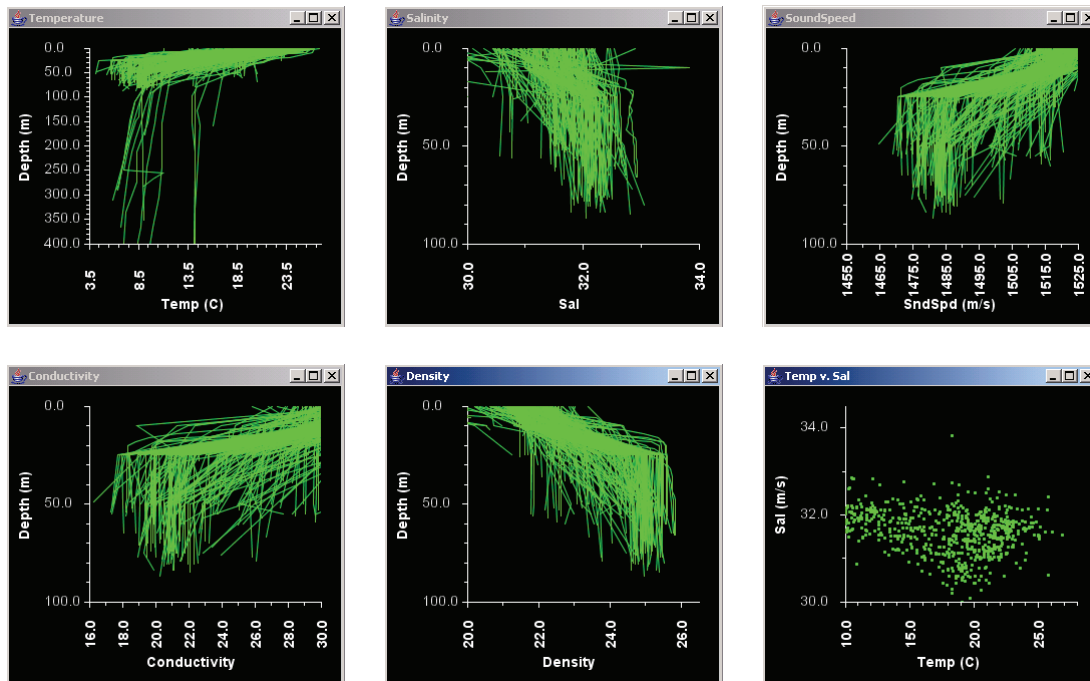


Figure 21. Profile Windows

The “Win Options” opens the profile window options dialog. The window option dialog is divided into three tabs. The Grid/Graph tab allows the user to set the minimum and maximum values as well as the tick and step values for the x-axis and the y-axis. The tick specifies the interval at which a tick mark is to be placed. For example, a setting of 10.0 specifies a tick mark to be placed at every ten meters, or ten degrees. The step

specifies the interval at which a label is placed by the tick mark. A setting of 2 would place a label at every two tick marks. The user has the option to split the y-axis into two different views. The user specifies at what depth value to split at. That depth is then stretched and placed in the middle of the graph. The top portion of the graph follows the tick and step settings mentioned above. The bottom portion of the graph is identified as the second view. The user can then specify the tick and step settings for the second view. This function allows part of the profile data to be viewed with greater detail. The user can also distribute these settings across all of the graph windows by cascading the y-axis values. The axis color and the window background color can also be set. The option to allow the user to set the window size (sizes are in pixels) is provided. The Axes Label tab allows the user to set the x-axis and the y-axis label, the unit labels, label color, font and font size for the window. The Tick Mark tab allows the color, font, and font size for the tick mark labels to be set.

The graph windows can also be saved as an image. The saved image will be representative of what is currently shown in the window. The save dialog allows the user to save an image as a JPEG, GIF, PNG, or a TIFF.

APPENDIX A

Glossary

bathymetry/bathy – Measurement of ocean depths.

DMM - Data Management Module. NIDAS module that performs data management functions such as creating, deleting, and editing project areas, datasets, and data versions.

DRM - Data Analysis Module. NIDAS module responsible for the manipulation and analysis of data within NIDAS.

Graphical User Interface (GUI) - NIDAS module responsible for interfacing with the user and controlling the functionality of the NIDAS displays.

Julian - The day of the year according to the Julian calendar with January 1 being day 1 and December 31 being day 365 (adjustments are made for leap year). A Julian date does not include a year as part of its simple format.

lat - Latitude.

LLT - Latitude Longitude and Time. LLT is used to classify data that is identified by the position it was taken (latitude and longitude) and by the time stamp at which it was taken.

lon - Longitude.

metadata - Information about a dataset, either descriptive or definitive as to quantity, quality, quantity or format.

MOODS - Master Oceanographic Observation Data Set.

NAVOCEANO - Naval Oceanographic Office.

NIDAS - Naval Interactive Data Analysis System.

rubberband - The act of dragging the mouse to define an area on the screen. A mouse button is pressed and held while the mouse is maneuvered to a second position on the screen and released. The result creates a box.

sal – Salinity referring to the saltiness of the water.

sound speed/sndspeed – The characteristic of the water referring to the speed at which sound travels from point A to point B.

APPENDIX B

Installation Procedures

Java Runtime Environment (JRE)

The JRE is no longer available with the NIDAS installation. The required version of the JRE can be downloaded and installed from

<http://java.sun.com/javase/downloads/index.jsp>. The installation of the JRE will require administrative privileges.

NIDAS Installation

Windows Platform

NIDAS was originally developed for the Windows NT platform. The platform focus has shifted from NT to Win 2K and finally to Win XP. NIDAS continues to be compatible with Win NT and Win 2K.

Starting the CD

The CD should start when inserted into the CDROM. If not, then it can be started by the following:

1. StartMenu--Programs--Command Prompt
2. E: <enter> - Where E is the drive letter of your CDROM
3. Java\x\bin\javaw.exe -Xmx100m -jar autoInst.jar - Where 'x' is the java version required for this NIDAS release. (ex. j2re1.5.0_12)
4. The CD should start.
5. Follow instructions from the installer.

Installing vs. Upgrading

The NIDAS CD provides the ability to install NIDAS or to upgrade a previous version. When the CD starts, the option to install or to upgrade will be available. Refer to the Upgrading section below.

Manual Installation

NIDAS can be installed manually by following these steps:

<dest> = Destination directory

1. Copy the contents of the NidasV<version #> folder into <dest>

2. Create a text file in <dest> with the name 'nidas.properties' with the following content (Note the <dest> and make changes where needed):

```
#
# Properties for Nidas
#
#

# The Directory properties depend on the platform
# Examples:
#   Windows = NIDAS.SW: D:\\Nidas
#   Windows = NIDAS.DB: D:\\Nidas\\nidas_db
#   UNIX = NIDAS.SW: /data/NIDAS_SW
#   UNIX = NIDAS.DB: /data/NIDAS_SW/nidas_db
NIDAS.SW: <dest>
NIDAS.DB: <dest>\\nidas_db

# The Sound Directory is to be specified as a url
# Examples:
#   SOUNDS.URL: /D:/Nidas/sounds/
SOUNDS.URL: /<dest>/sounds/

#Possible Coastlines are:
# 20 = wvs_20km_cst.dat.j
# 8 = wvs_8km_cst.dat.j
# 3 = wvs_3km_cst.dat.j
# 1 = wvs_1km_cst.dat.j
# 600 = wdb_600m_cst.dat.j
# 400 = wvs_400m_cst.dat.j
NIDAS.DCoastline: 8

# DataSet Defaults
# Defaults for creating new datasets for
# Bathymetry and LLT

# DATADIR is used for the default dir for
# selecting a datafile to ingest from the
# version dialog.
#   NT = DS.DATADIR: D:\\Nidas
#   UNIX = DS.DATADIR: /data/NIDAS_SW
DS.DATADIR: D:\\Package Nidas\\test

DS.CLASS: 1

# LLT Section
DS.PLUSMIN: 16
```

DS.PLUS: 0
DS.MINUS: 0

Boolean values must be 'TRUE' or 'FALSE'.

DS.ISLOC: TRUE
DS.ISPROF: TRUE
DS.ISDPATH: FALSE

Colors are in RGB form (R,G,B)

Example: 255,0,0 is red

DS.PMCOL1: 0,255,0
DS.PMCOL2: 0,255,0
DS.PMCOL3: 0,255,0
DS.POLYCOL1: 255,0,0
DS.POLYCOL2: 255,0,0
DS.POLYCOL3: 255,0,0
DS.ISOCOL: 0,0,255

Bathy Section

DS.BATMIN: 0
DS.BATMAX: 100
DS.BATINT: 10
DS.BATCOL: 255,0,0

SYNTHETIC DEFAULTS

#

SPECIAL ALTERNATIVE FOR MIN AND MAX PROFILES

(MUST BE 'TRUE' OR 'FALSE')

SYN.SPECMINMAX: FALSE

3. Create shortcuts for Desktop and start-menu where desired:

- Name = Nidas
- Target = C:\WINNT\System32\javaw.exe -Xmx100m -jar "<dest>\bin\n.jar"
- Start in = "<dest>"
- Icon = <dest>\images\nidas.ico

(Tools)

- Name = BinMaster
- Target = C:\WINNT\System32\javaw.exe -jar "<dest>\bin\binmaster.jar"
- Start in = "<dest>"

- Name = FileFacs
- Target = C:\WINNT\System32\javaw.exe -jar "<dest>\bin\filefacs.jar"
- Start in = "<dest>"

Upgrading

1. Download the self extracting executable from www.gri.msstate.edu/research/nidas.
2. Execute the self extracting executable.
3. Follow instructions.

Creating Shortcuts:

Create shortcuts for Desktop and startmenu where desired:

- Name = Nidas
- Target = C:\WINNT\System32\javaw.exe -Xmx100m -jar "<dest>\bin\n.jar"
- Start in = "<dest>"
- Icon = <dest>\images\nidas.ico

(Tools)

- Name = BinMaster
- Target = C:\WINNT\System32\javaw.exe -jar "<dest>\bin\binmaster.jar"
- Start in = "<dest>"

- Name = FileFacs
- Target = C:\WINNT\System32\javaw.exe -jar "<dest>\bin\filefacs.jar"
- Start in = "<dest>"

APPENDIX C

NIDAS Properties File

The properties file for NIDAS is located in the software directory and is called 'nidas.properties'. The properties file contains settings that allow NIDAS to run properly as well as some defaults primarily for the DMM.

NIDAS.SW – This variable identifies the location of the NIDAS software. An example is provided within the properties file.

NIDAS.DB – This variable identifies the location of the NIDAS database. This will normally be within the software directory.

SOUNDS.URL – This variable identifies the location of the sound directory. NIDAS provides sounds for error and warning messages. Again, this would normally be within the software directory.

NIDAS.DCoastline – This variable sets the default resolution for the coastlines. Possible values are provided in the properties file.

DS.DATADIR – This variable sets the default location for the DMM to look for data to ingest.

DS.CLASS – This variable sets the default classification value for datasets (refer to Section 3.3.1.1).

DS.PLUSMIN – This variable sets the default '+/-' value for the LLT data type (refer to Section 3.3.1.1).

DS.PLUS – This variable sets the default '+' value for the LLT data type (refer to Section 3.3.1.1).

DS.MINUS – This variable sets the default '-' value for the LLT data type (refer to Section 3.3.1.1).

DS.ISLOC – This variable sets the default "Is Location" value for the LLT data type (refer to Section 3.3.1.1).

DS.ISPROF – This variable sets the default "Is Profile" value for the LLT data type (refer to Section 3.3.1.1).

DS.ISDPTH – This variable sets the default "Is Depth" value for the LLT data type (refer to Section 3.3.1.1).

DS.PMCOL1 – This variable sets the default color for the '+/-' range for the LLT data type (refer to Section 3.3.1.1).

DS.PMCOL2 – This variable sets the default color for the '-' range for the LLT data type (refer to Section 3.3.1.1).

DS.PMCOL3 – This variable sets the default color for the '+' range for the LLT data type (refer to Section 3.3.1.1).

DS.POLYCOL1 – This variable sets the default polygon color for the '+/-' range for the LLT data type (refer to Section 3.3.1.1).

DS.POLYCOL2 – This variable sets the default polygon color for the '-' range for the LLT data type (refer to Section 3.3.1.1).

DS.POLYCOL3 – This variable sets the default polygon color for the '+' range for the LLT data type (refer to Section 3.3.1.1).

DS.ISOCOL – This variable sets the default isolate color for the LLT data type (refer to Section 3.3.1.1).

DS.BATMIN – This variable sets the default minimum value for the Bathy data type (refer to Section 3.3.1.2).

DS.BATMAX – This variable sets the default maximum value for the Bathy data type (refer to Section 3.3.1.2).

DS.BATINT – This variable sets the default interval value for the Bathy data type (refer to Section 3.3.1.2).

DS.BATCOL – This variable sets the default color value for the Bathy data type (refer to Section 3.3.1.2).

SYN.SPECMINMAX – This variable sets the default for the behavior of the minimum and maximum synthetic profiles (refer to Section 4.2.4).

APPENDIX D

NIDAS Icons



- Add a Project Area.



- Delete a Project Area.



- Project Area Information.



- Add a Dataset.



- Delete a Dataset.



- Dataset Information.



- Ingest Data into the Database.



- Delete Data from the Database.



- Inventory Data.



- Analysis Tool - Leaves the DMM and Starts the DAM.



- Zoom Tool On/Off.



- Polygon Tool On/Off.



- Profile Isolation Tool On/Off.



- Synthetic Profile Tool On/Off.

APPENDIX E

Input/Output Formats

NIDAS uses several file formats for input, output, and internal purposes. File formats that are for internal purposes or have already been covered elsewhere in this document are not described here. This includes, but is not limited to, internal database formats, properties file, and image formats such as “gif”, “png”, and “jpeg”. Table 2 shows a summary of the formats.

Format	I/O Specs	File Type
Charter (old/new)	input	binary
Master	both	binary
MoodsAdmin	both	text
Moods2K	both	text
CASTAR	output	text
NetCDF Model	input	binary
Generic Text Export	output	text
Polygon Information	output	text
Synthetic	both	text
Area of Interest	input	text

Table 2. Format Summary

Abbreviations are used to represent the type of data used within each format (Table 3). The file formats are either in a text format or a binary format. The syntax of the data types differ between text and binary.

Binary Data – The syntax is specified by the abbreviation with a possible number following. The number following specifies the number of data types needed to make the value. For example, ‘I6’

specifies that the parameter consist of six separate integers as in an array. This example would equal 24 bytes. ‘A6’ would be a string consisting of six characters. If the number following is omitted, then a ‘1’ is implied.

Datatype	Abbreviation	Byte Count
ASCII	A	1
Float	F	4
Integer	I	4
Space	X	1

Table 3. Data type abbreviations

Text Data - The syntax is specified by the abbreviation with a number following. The number may include a decimal point. The number following indicates the number of characters, digits, or spaces that is found within a certain value. For example, ‘I5’ indicates that the integer has five digits. ‘X1’ indicates one space. The number following the abbreviation may contain a decimal point with the first number indicating the total number of digits and the second number indicating the number of those digits that are after the decimal. The decimal itself is considered a digit counted in the total number. “F3.1” specifies a single floating point number with a total of three digits, one of which after the decimal point. This example would be representative of the value “1.0”.

Input Formats

Bathymetry

Bathymetry data files are input-only binary files in what is called the Charter format. The Charter format has been revised during NIDAS' lifetime, therefore to be backward compatible, both Charter formats are available. Table 4 shows the old Charter format with a 28 byte file header before the actual data. Table 5 shows the current Charter format with a 40 byte file header plus a padded area before the actual data.

LLT

There are several different formats that carry LLT data. The Master (or Master B) format is used for both input and output and is a binary file. Table 6 shows the Master format having a file header as well as a profile header. The actual profile data follows after the profile header. The profile header and profile data is repeated for every profile in the file.

The MOODS format exists in an older format (pre-2000) and a newer format (post-2000). The old format, known as MoodsAdmin, shown in Table 7, is a text file and is used for both input and output. The new format, known as Moods2K (Moods2000 or M2K), shown in Table 8, is also a text file and is used for both input and output. Both formats are repeated for every profile in the file.

The CASTAR format is an output-only text format. Shown in Table 9, the CASTAR format has three headers followed by the actual data, all of which are repeated for each profile.

NIDAS also provides a simple generic text output-only format mainly for a visual view of the data, whether the data is Master data, MoodsAdmin data, or Moods2K data. This format does not feed into another system and may change without notice. This format for Master data and for MoodsAdmin data is the same and the items in the format are those identified in the Master binary format. Table 10 shows this format for the Master data and the MoodsAdmin data. The generic text format for the Moods2K data is slightly different and the items are those identified in the Moods2K format. Table 11 shows this format for the Moods2K data.

Polygon Information

When polygoned data is exported, the user has the option to export the polygon itself (refer to Section 4.1.4.4). This format is an output-only text file and is shown in Table 12.

Synthetic Profiles

NIDAS exports synthetic profiles that the user creates (refer to Section 4.2.4). This export file, shown in Table 13, is a text file and is for output and input, as the user can

import the synthetic profiles through the synthetic dialog. The user can create only a province area, only profiles, or both. If the user exports only a province area, then the resulting file will only consist of five lines that are identified in Table 13 as the fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth lines. If profiles are created, then the entire format is repeated for every profile.

NetCDF Models

NIDAS allows the ingestion of NAVO NetCDF Model data that include temperature and salinity values. This format is in a NetCDF binary format, and the intricate details of the NetCDF format is outside the discussion of this document.

Table 4. Bathymetry Old Charter Format - Binary

Byte Offset	Parameter	Format	Domain
0	The west-most longitude of the grid. (decimal degrees)	F	-180.0 to 180.0
4	The east-most longitude of the grid. (decimal degrees)	F	-180.0 to 180.0
8	The south most latitude of the grid. (decimal degrees)	F	-90.0 to 90.0
12	The north most latitude of the grid. (decimal degrees)	F	-90.0 to 90.0
16	The size of a grid cell. (decimal minutes)	F	
20	Number of grid cells in the longitudinal direction. This is the number of columns.	I	
24	Number of grid cells in the latitudinal direction. This is the number of rows.	I	
28	Actual data (columns*rows in row major order)	Fn	

Table 5. Bathymetry New Charter Format - Binary

Byte Offset	Parameter	Format	Domain
0	The west-most longitude of the grid. (decimal degrees)	F	-180.0 to 180.0
4	The east-most longitude of the grid. (decimal degrees)	F	-180.0 to 180.0
8	The south-most latitude of the grid. (decimal degrees)	F	-90.0 to 90.0
12	The north-most latitude of the grid. (decimal degrees)	F	-90.0 to 90.0
16	The size of a grid cell. (decimal minutes)	F	

20	Number of grid cells in the longitudinal direction. This is the number of columns.	I	
24	Number of grid cells in the latitudinal direction. This is the number of rows.	I	
28	The Endian flag used to determine if the bytes of a computer word need to be swapped.	I	0x03020100 - byte swapping necessary 0x00010203 - byte swapping not necessary
32	The minimum depth recorded in the grid.	F	
36	The maximum depth recorded in the grid.	F	
40	The padding space needed to pad the header.	n bytes where $n =$ $(\text{columns} -$ $10) * 4$	
40 + n bytes of padding	Actual data (columns*rows in row major order)	Fn	-10 to 36000.0

Table 6. LLT Master Format - Binary

FILE HEADER			
Parameter	Format	Acceptable Values	Default
File Type	A	B = Both T and S (T for Temp, S for Sal, and V for SndSpeed not used)	
Dataset Description	A60		
PROFILE HEADER			
Parameter	Format	Acceptable Values	Default
Consecutive Profile Number	I	1 to total number of profiles	
Flags	I8	Array of 8 flags described below.	
Flag[1] Temperature Edit Flag	I	0 = Not Yet Examined 1 = Good Profile 2 = Coarse Resolution 3 = Inconsistent 4 = Duplicate (Keep) 5 = Duplicate (Reject) 6 = Suspect 7 = Needs Repair	0

		8 = Wrong Location 9 = Bad Profile	
Flag[2] Salinity Edit Flag	I	0 = Not Yet Examined 1 = Good Profile 2 = Coarse Resolution 3 = Inconsistent 4 = Duplicate (Keep) 5 = Duplicate (Reject) 6 = Suspect 7 = Needs Repair 8 = Wrong Location 9 = Bad Profile	0
Flag[3] Gridded Database used to tag Water Depth 2	I	0 = No Bathy 1 = DBDB5 2 = ...	
Flag[4] Artificial or Converted Profile	I	0 = True Random (MOODS or other) 1 = Gridded to Random 8 = Artificial (General) 9 = Artificial (NIDAS)	
Flag[5] Number of Extended Depths to Surface	I		
Flag[6] Number of Extended Depths to Bottom	I		
Flag[7] Temperature Only (File Type = B)	I	1 = No Temperature Values in Profile (All Temperature Values = -99)	
Flag[8] Salinity Only (File Type = B)	I	1 = No Salinity Values in Profile (All Temperature Values = -99)	
Latitude	F	-90.0 to 90.0	
Longitude	F	-180.0 to 180.0	
Province Flag (Groups profiles into Geographical Provinces)	I		-999
Classification Code	I	A seven-digit number	
Pattern Flag (Used in Water Mass Analysis)	I		-999
Water Mass Flag	I		-999
Unique Profile ID	I		
Water Depth at Profile Location in Original	F		-99

MOODS Header			
Water Depth at Profile Location from Bathymetry Database	F		-99
Year	I	A four-digit number	
Month	I	1 to 12	
Day	I	1 to 31	
Hour	F	0 to 24.99	
Unique ID (Not Used)	A10		
Source/Instrument Code	I	Six digits: First two digits = instrument Last four digits = source	
Number of Data Cycles (Depths) in Original Profile	I		
Number of Cycles added to Profile when Artificially Extended	I	Flag[5] + Flag[6]	
Extra Variable for Future use	F		
Cruise Number	I	A seven-digit number	
Profile Record			
Parameter	Format	Description	
Depth	F	Profile Record repeated n times (n = Number of Data Cycles + Number of Added Cycles)	
Temperature	F		
Salinity	F		

Table 7. LLT MoodsAdmin Format - Text

Header Line	Parameter	Format	Comments
First Line	moods_hdr_key	I9	
	latitude	F8.2	Decimal Degrees: -90 to + 90
	longitude	F8.2	Decimal Degrees: -180 to + 180
	observation_dtg	I14	Year(4), Month(2), Day(2), Hour(2), Minute(2), Second(2)
	moods_cruise_number	I7	
	moods_enclosure	I3	
	moods_classification	I7	
	project	I4	
	number_of_data_cycles	I6	
	number_of_parameters	I4	

	instrument_type	I5	
	source_type	I5	
Second Line	first_data_depth	I5	
	last_data_depth	I5	
	ocean_floor_depth	I5	
	bottom_depth_dbdb5	I1	
	profile over land	I1	
	questionable dtg code	I1	
	all salinities zeros	I1	
	all temperatures zeros	I1	
	salinity out of fixed range	I1	
	temp out of fixed range	I1	
	salinity spike	I1	
	temperature spike	I1	
	observation too deep	I1	
	profile in eez	I1	
	profile edited	I1X1	
	load_date	A8X1	
	last_change_dtg	A8X1	
	downgrade date	A8X1	
	downgrade_code	I1	
Third Line	nodc_country_code	A2	
	nodc_institute_code	A2	
	nodc_platform_code	A2	
	originators station name	A12	
	cruise_number	A12X1	
	security_key	I3X1	
	quality review code	I2	
Fourth Line	program_version	F3.1X1	
	deelt	I1X1	
	mlsdt	F3.1X1	
	pltd	I3X1	
	deels	I1X1	
	mlsds	F3.1X1	
	plsd	I3X1	
	deegt	I1X1	
	mgsdt	F3.1X1	
	pgtd	I3X1	
	deegs	I1X1	
	mgsds	F3.1X1	
	pgsd	I3X1	
	deert	I1X1	
	rpsdt	F3.1X1	
	prtd	I3X1	

	deers	I1X1	
	rpsds	F3.1X1	
	prsd	I3X1	
	date_of_quality_review	A8	
Fifth Line	date_of_acceptance	A8X1	
	salinity_inconsistent	I1X1	
	salinity_repair	I1X1	
	salinity_wrong_location	I1X1	
	salinity_course_resolution	I1X1	
	salinity_quality_code	I1X1	
	temperature_inconsistent	I1X1	
	temperature_repair	I1X1	
	temperature_wrong_location	I1X1	
	temperature_course_resolution	I1X1	
	temperature_quality_code	I1X1	
	profile_duplicate	I1X1	
	sound_speed_correction	I1X1	
	nidas_profile_edited	I1X1	
Profile Record Repeated number_of_data_cycles times	observation_depth	F8.2	In every record
	water_temperature	F8.2	In every record
	salinity	F8.2	Included if number_of_parameters = 3 or 4
	sound speed	F8.2	Included if number_of_parameters = 4

Table 8. LLT Moods2K Format - Text

Header Line	Parameter	Format	Comments
First Line	moods_hdr_key	I8X1	
	latitude	F8.4X1	Decimal Degrees: -90 to + 90
	longitude	F9.4X1	Decimal Degrees: -180 to + 180
	observation_dtg	I14X1	Year(4), Month(2), Day(2), Hour(2), Minute(2), Second(2)
	moods_cruise_number	I8X1	
	moods_enclosure	I3X1	
	moods_classification	I7X1	
	project	I4X1	
	number_of_parameters	I1X1	
	instrument_type	I4X1	
	source_type	I4	
Second Line	first_data_depth	I5X1	
	last_data_depth	I5X1	
	ocean floor depth	I5X1	
	bottom_depth_source	I1X1	

	profile_over_land	I1X1	
	questionable_dtg_code	I1X1	
	all_salinities_zeros	I1X1	
	all_temperatures_zeros	I1X1	
	salinity_spike	I1X1	
	temperature_spike	I1X1	
	observation_too_deep	I1X1	
	profile_in_eez	I1X1	
	duplicate_suspect_code	I1X1	
	load_date	A8X1	
	header_last_change_dtg	A8X1	
	profile_last_change_dtg	A8X1	
	downgrade_date	A8X1	
	downgrade_code	I1	
Third Line	nodc_country_code	A2X1	
	nodc_institute_code	A2X1	
	nodc_platform_code	A2X1	
	whoi_eez_country_code	I4X1	
	cooperative_country_code	A2X1	
	originators_station_name	A12X1	
	cast_number	I5X1	
	cast_direction_code	A1X1	
	cruise_number	A7X1	
	day_of_year	I3X1	
	security_key	I3X1	
	quality_review_code	I3X1	
	profile_in_tw	I1X1	
	tw_country_code	A4 X3	
	hsl_number	A7X1	
	ocl_tsprobe_code	I4	
Fourth Line	program_version	F3.1X1	
	depth_exceed_env_levitus_temp	I1X1	
	mod_levitus_std_dev_temp	F3.1X1	
	percent_levitus_temp_disagree	I3X1	
	depth_exceed_env_levitus_sal	I1X1	
	mod_levitus_std_dev_sal	F3.1X1	
	percent_levitus_sal_disagree	I3X1	
	depth_exceed_env_navoclim_temp	I1X1	
	navoclim_std_dev_temp	F3.1X1	
	percent_navoclim_temp_disagree	I3X1	
	depth_exceed_env_navoclim_sal	I1X1	
	navoclim_std_dev_sal	F3.1X1	
	percent_navoclim_sal_disagree	I3X1	
	date_of_quality_review	A8X1	
	profile_in_cz	I1X1	

	profile_in_dc	I1X1	
	eez_country_code	A4X1	
	cz_country_code	A4X1	
	dc_country_code	A4X1	
	header edit history flag	I1X1	
	profile edit history flag	I1X1	
	ctd_serial_number_flag	I1	
Fifth Line	nodec_accession_number	I8X1	
	ocl_station_number	I8X1	
	wod98_unique_number	I8X1	
	depth_precision	I1X1	
	temperature_precision	I1X1	
	salinity_precision	I1X1	
	sound_speed_precision	I1	
	lat_precision	I1	
	lon-precision	I1X1	
	wmo1770_instrument_code	I3X1	
	wmo4770_recorder_code	I3X1	
	call_sign	A6X1	
	temperature_atypical	I3X1	
	salinity_atypical	I3X1	
	sound_speed_atypical	I3X1	
	wrong_location_code	I1X1	
	mhk_duplicate_id	I8X1	
	number_of_data_cycles	I5	
Sixth Line	temperature_method	I3X1	
	salinity_method	I3X1	
	nodec_station_gc_code	I1X1	
	ref_sst	F8.4X1	
	ref_sst_instrument	I2X1	
	digitization_method	I2X1	
	digitization_interval	I2X1	
	depth_fix_code	I1X1	
	temperature_noisy	I2X1	
	high_vertical_gradient	I2X1	
	temperature_suspect	I2X1	
	salinity_noisy	I2X1	
	salinity_suspect	I2X1	
	density_inversion	I2X1	
	temperature_coarse_resolution	I2X1	
	salinity_coarse_resolution	I2X1	
	temperature_marked_as_salinity	I2X1	
	salinity_marked_as_temperature	I2X1	
	nodec_temperature_code	I2X1	
	nodec_salintiy_code	I2X1	

	temperature_general_quality	I3X1	
	salinity_general_quality	I3X1	
	sound_speed_general_quality	I3	
	edit_flag_program_version	F3.1	
Profile Record Repeated number_of_data_cycles times	observation_depth	F10.4X1	In every record
	water_temperature	F8.4(X1)	In every record. X1 needed if number_of_parameters = 3 or 4
	salinity	F8.4(X1)	Included if number_of_parameters = 3 or 4. X1 needed if number_of_parameters = 4
	sound_speed	F10.4	Included if number_of_parameters = 4
Extra Line	pressure_sn	A16	This extra line exists if the ctd_serial_number_flag = 1
	temp1_sn	A16	
	temp2_sn	A16	
	cond1_sn	A16	
	cond2_sn	A16	
	sound_speed1_sn	A16	
	sound_speed2_sn	A16	
Header Edit Line	hf	A3X1	This extra line exists if the header_edit_history_flag = 1
	number of header edits	I5	
Header Edits Repeated number_of_header_edits times	header_attribute_name	A30X1	These records exists if the header_edit_history_flag = 1
	old_header_attribute_value	A16X1	
	header_edit_code	I3X1	
	header_edit_date	A8X1	
	person_identifier_h	I4	
Profile Edit Line	pf	A3X1	This extra line exists if the profile_edit_history_flag = 1
	number of profile edits	I5	
Profile Edits Repeated number_of_profile_edits times	depth_change	F10.4X1	These records exists if the profile_edit_history_flag = 1
	parameter_code	I1X1	
	old_value	F10.4X1	
	profile_edit_code	I3X1	
	profile_edit_date	A8X1	
	person_identifier_p	I4	

Table 9. LLT CASTAR Format - Text

Parameter	Format	Comments
Record 1		
latitude	F6.3X1	-90.0 to 90.0
longitude	F7.3X1	-180.0 to 180.0
year	I4X1	1800 ...
month	I2X1	1 to 12
day	I2X1	1 to 31
hour	F5.2X1	0.0 to 23.99
parm_type	I1	2 = Depth, Temperature 3 = Depth, Temperature, Salinity 4 = Depth, Sound Speed 5 = Depth, Temp, Salinity, Sound Speed
Record 2		
iClass	I1X1	1 - 6
iClim	I1X1	0
igreg	I1	0
Record 3		
depth_cnt	I3	1 to 500
Profile Record		
depth	F12.2	In all records
temperature	F12.2	If parm_type = 2,3,5
salinity	F12.2	If parm_type = 3,5
sound speed	F12.2	If parm_type = 4,5

Table 10. Generic Text Format for Master and MoodsAdmin Data – Text

Header Line	Parameter	Skipped Characters Before Value	Format
File Header Line	Pretty Header	5 Lines	
File Header Line	File Type	26	A1
File Header Line	Description	11	A60
File Header Line	Empty Lines	4 Lines	
First Line (Everything from here down is repeated for every profile in the file)	Profile Number	8	I6
	Latitude	9	F8.3
	Longitude	8	F8.3
	Flag[1]	10	X1I1
	Flag[2]		X1I1
	Flag[3]		X1I1

	Flag[4]		X1I1
	Flag[5]		X1I1
	Flag[6]		X1I1
	Flag[7]		X1I1
	Flag[8]		X1I1
Second Line	Province Flag	8	I6
	Classification	9	I8
	Pattern Flag	8	I4
	Mass Flag	9	I4
	Profile ID	6	I7
Third Line	Water Depth (MOODS)	6	F6.1
	Water Depth (Bathy)	8	F6.1
	Month	8	I2X1
	Day		I2X1
	Year		I4
	Hour	7	F4.1/2 (decimal could one or two places)
	Extra Variable	10	F8.1
Fourth Line	Original Depths	8	I4
	Added Depths	8	I2
	Unique ID	8	A10
	Source/Instrument	11	I6
	Cruise Number	9	I7
Empty Line	Empty Line	1 Line	
Profile Record (Repeated Original Depths + Added Depths times)	Depth		F8.1
	Temperature		F7.1
	Salinity		F7.1
	Sound Speed		F7.1
	Conductivity		F7.1
	Density		F7.1
Empty Line	Empty Line	1 Line	

Table 11. Generic Text Format for Moods2K Data – Text

Header Line	Parameter	Format
First Line (all lines are repeated for each profile)	moods_hdr_key	I8
	latitude	F9.4
	longitude	F10.4
	year	I5
	month	I2

	day	I2
	hour	I2
	min	I2
	sec	I2
	number_of_parameters	I2
Second Line	security_key	I4
	quality_review_code	I4
	moods_cruise_number	I9
	moods_classification	I8
	instrument_type	I5
	source_type	I5
Third Line	first_data_depth	I5
	last_data_depth	I6
	ocean_floor_depth	I6
	bottom_depth_source	I2
Profile Record (Repeated for number_of_data_cycles)	depth	F10.4
	temperature	F9.4
	salinity	F9.4
	sound_speed	F11.4
	conductivity	F11.4
	density	F11.4

Table 12. Polygon Information Format – Text

Header Line	Parameter	Format	Comments
First Line	Header	A60	User provided when exported.
Second Line	Max Longitude	F7.3X1	
	Max Latitude	F6.3X1	
	Min Longitude	F7.3X1	
	Min Latitude	F6.3	
Third Line	Number of Vertices	I2	
	Polygon Type	A	Identifies where the polygon was made. Region Win = 'Map' Profile Win = 'Profiles'
Vertex Repeated for every vertex. The first vertex is added as the last vertex to close the polygon.	Y Coordinate	F10.3	
	X Coordinate	F10.3	

Table 13. Synthetic Profiles Format – Text

Header Line	Parameter	Format	Comments
First Line	Latitude	F7.2	
	Longitude	F7.2	
	Year	I4X1	
	Month	I2X1	
	Day	I2X1	
	Hour	F5.2X3	
	Hard-Coded Value	95X3	
	Profile Type	I1	1 – Salinity 2 – Temperature 3 – Temp, Sal 4 – Sound Speed 5 – Temp, Sal, Sndspd 6 – Density 7 – Temp, Sal, Sndspd, Density
Second Line	Province Number	I*X3	*Number of digits depends on user's input.
	Synthetic Type	I1X3	1 – Average 2 – Minimum 3 – Maximum 4 – Alternate
	Region Code	I*	*Number of digits depends on user's input.
Third Line	Number of Depths	I*	*Number of digits depends on user's input.
Fourth Line	Province Vertex Cnt	I2	1 - 20
Fifth Line (-99 = no vertex)	Latitude (Vertex 1)	F8.2	
	Longitude (Vertex 1)	F8.2	
	Latitude (Vertex 2)	F8.2	
	Longitude (Vertex 2)	F8.2	
	Latitude (Vertex 3)	F8.2	
	Longitude (Vertex 3)	F8.2	
	Latitude (Vertex 4)	F8.2	
	Longitude (Vertex 4)	F8.2	
	Latitude (Vertex 5)	F8.2	
	Longitude (Vertex 5)	F8.2	
Sixth Line	Latitude (Vertex 6)	F8.2	

	Longitude (Vertex 6)	F8.2	
	Latitude (Vertex 7)	F8.2	
	Longitude (Vertex 7)	F8.2	
	Latitude (Vertex 8)	F8.2	
	Longitude (Vertex 8)	F8.2	
	Latitude (Vertex 9)	F8.2	
	Longitude (Vertex 9)	F8.2	
	Latitude (Vertex 10)	F8.2	
	Longitude (Vertex 10)	F8.2	
Seventh Line	Latitude (Vertex 11)	F8.2	
	Longitude (Vertex 11)	F8.2	
	Latitude (Vertex 12)	F8.2	
	Longitude (Vertex 12)	F8.2	
	Latitude (Vertex 13)	F8.2	
	Longitude (Vertex 13)	F8.2	
	Latitude (Vertex 14)	F8.2	
	Longitude (Vertex 14)	F8.2	
	Latitude (Vertex 15)	F8.2	
	Longitude (Vertex 15)	F8.2	
Eighth Line	Latitude (Vertex 16)	F8.2	
	Longitude (Vertex 16)	F8.2	
	Latitude (Vertex 17)	F8.2	
	Longitude (Vertex 17)	F8.2	
	Latitude (Vertex 18)	F8.2	
	Longitude (Vertex 18)	F8.2	
	Latitude (Vertex 19)	F8.2	
	Longitude (Vertex 19)	F8.2	
	Latitude (Vertex 20)	F8.2	
	Longitude (Vertex 20)	F8.2	
Profile Record (Repeated number of depths)	Depth	F10.2	
	Parameter Value	F10.2	Synth Type = 2 or 3 Value = Profile Type
	Temperature	F10.2	Synth Type = 1 or 4
	Salinity	F10.2	
	Sound Speed	F10.2	
	Density	F10.2	

Table 14. Area of Interest – Text

Parameter	Format
Minimum Latitude	F8.2
Maximum Latitude	F8.2
Minimum Longitude	F8.2
Maximum Longitude	F8.2

APPENDIX F

User's Profile

NIDAS creates a user profile for each user that stores preferences on many items throughout the application. When starting NIDAS for the first time, a default profile is created. The user has two options within the software to save his application settings to his profile (refer to Section 2.2.4 and Section 4.1.1.8). The list below shows the items within the user's profile.

If the user wishes to start over with a fresh default profile, then delete the user's profile from the <NIDAS software directory>\Users\Profiles directory. The user's profile will be named "<username>.prof". NIDAS will recreate the profile with the default settings the next time the user starts NIDAS.

Region Window Settings

X Axis Text
Y Axis Text
Latitude Tick
Longitude Tick
Latitude Step
Longitude Step
Marker Font
Text Font
Background Color
Grid Color
Marker Color
Text Color
Coastline Color
Coastline Resolution

Profile Window Settings

Min. X (Temp, Sal,...)
Max X
Min Y (Depth)
Max Y
X Axis Text
X Axis Unit
X Axis Tick
X Axis Step
Y Axis Text
Y Axis Unit
Y Axis Tick
Y Axis Step

Marker Font

Text Font
Axes Color
Background Color
Marker Color
Text Color

Data Settings

Data Line Size
Data Point Size
Polygon Line Size
Polygon Point Size
Isolated Line Size
Isolated Point Size

Polygon Settings

Edge Color
Edge Size
Vertex Color
Vertex Size
Vertex Style
Polygon 1 Color
Polygon 2 Color
Polygon 3 Color
Polygon 4 Color
Polygon 5 Color
Polygon 6 Color
Polygon 7 Color
Polygon 8 Color

Synthetic Settings

Depth On/Off
1st Depth
Last Depth
Last Depth Value
Province Color
Province Line Size
Average Color
Average Line Size
Average Line Style
Minimum Color
Minimum Line Size
Minimum Line Style
Maximum Color
Maximum Line Size
Maximum Line Style
Alternate 1 Color
Alternate 1 Line Size
Alternate 1 Line Style
Alternate 2 Color
Alternate 2 Line Size
Alternate 2 Line Style
Alternate 3 Color
Alternate 3 Line Size
Alternate 3 Line Style
Alternate 4 Color
Alternate 4 Line Size
Alternate 4 Line Style
Alternate 5 Color

Synthetic Settings(Cont.)

Alternate 5 Line Size
 Alternate 5 Line Style
 Alternate 6 Color
 Alternate 6 Line Size

Alternate 6 Line Style

Print Settings

Background Color
 Page Size X
 Page Size Y

Text Color

Text Font

Text Position X

Text Position Y

APPENDIX G

Profile Flags

NIDAS provides the ability for the user to use flags to quality control the LLT data. The user sets the appropriate flags for profiles (refer to Section 4.2.3) which can then be saved within the data version (refer to Section 4.1.4). These flags can also be used to subset the display of data (refer to Section 4.1.4.2), as well as subset the data being exported (refer to Section 4.1.4.4).

The Master and MoodsAdmin data has 20 flags that are divided between temperature and salinity profiles. Table 14 shows those flags, along with the defaults for the different functionalities that are available.

Table 15. Master and MoodsAdmin Flags

Flags	Defaults	
	Display	Export
Temperature		
Not Yet Examined	X	X
Good Profile	X	X
Coarse Resolution	X	X
Inconsistent	X	X
Duplicate (Keep)	X	X
Duplicate (Reject)		
Suspect		
Needs Repair		
Wrong Location		
Bad Profile		

Flags	Defaults	
	Display	Export
Salinity		
Not Yet Examined	X	X
Good Profile	X	X
Coarse Resolution	X	X
Inconsistent	X	X
Duplicate (Keep)	X	X
Duplicate (Reject)		
Suspect		
Needs Repair		
Wrong Location		
Bad Profile		

Moods2K data has a complicated set of flags that has been divided into four categories. There are the temperature flags, the salinity flags, the sound speed flags, and a group of miscellaneous flags. Table 15 shows the Moods2K flags along with the defaults for the different functionalities available.

Table 16. Moods2K Flags

Temperature Flags	Defaults		Salinity Flags	Defaults		Misc Flags	Defaults	
	Dsply	Expt		Dsply	Expt		Dsply	Expt
Atypical			Atypical			Density Inversion		
Not Examined	X	X	Not Examined	X	X	Not Examined	X	X
Typical	X	X	Typical	X	X	Needs No Repair	X	X
Slightly Atypical			Slightly Atypical			Repaired		
Untypical			Untypical			Needs Repair		
Very Untypical			Very Untypical			High Vertical Gradient		
Untypical – Not Specified			Untypical – Not Specified			Not Examined	X	X
100-999			100-999			Needs No Repair	X	X
Coarse Resolution			Coarse Resolution			Repaired		
Not Examined	X	X	Not Examined	X	X	Needs Repair		
Needs No Repair	X	X	Needs No Repair	X	X	NODC Station QC Code		
Repaired			Repaired			0	X	X
Needs Repair			Needs Repair			1		
General Quality			General Quality			2		
Not Examined	X	X	Not Examined	X	X	3		
Good, Needs no Repair	X	X	Good, Needs no Repair	X	X	4		
Repaired			Repaired			5		
Bad, Fixable			Bad, Fixable			6		
Bad, Not Fixable			Bad, Not Fixable			7		
Bad, Not Specified			Bad, Not Specified			8		
100-999 (Bad)			100-999 (Bad)			9		
Marked As Salinity			Marked As Temperature			Profile Over Land		
Not Examined	X	X	Not Examined	X	X	Ocean	X	X
Needs No Repair	X	X	Needs No Repair	X	X	Over Land		
Repaired			Repaired			Over Land (In Lake/Sea)		
Needs Repair			Needs Repair			Beyond Lat/Lon Bounds		
Noisy			Noisy			Wrong Location		
Not Examined	X	X	Not Examined	X	X	0	X	X

Needs No Repair	X	X	Needs No Repair	X	X	1		
Repaired			Repaired			2		
Needs Repair			Needs Repair			3		
Suspect			Suspect			4		
Not Examined	X	X	Not Examined	X	X	5		
Needs No Repair	X	X	Needs No Repair	X	X	6		
Repaired			Repaired			7		
Needs Repair			Needs Repair			8		
Spike In Profile			Spike In Profile			9		
						Profile in EEZ		
						Profile in DC		
						Profile in TW		
						Profile in CZ		
						CTD Serial No.		
Sound Speed Flags	Defaults							
	Dsply	Expt						
Atypical								
Not Examined	X	X						
Typical	X	X						
Slightly Atypical								
Untypical								
Very Untypical								
Untypical – Not Specified								
100-999								
General Quality								
Not Examined	X	X						
Good, Needs no Repair	X	X						
Repaired								
Bad, Fixable								
Bad, Not Fixable								
Bad, Not Specified								
100-999 (Bad)								