## The Iris Project at Five Years: How a Grassroots Rapid Prototyping Project has Grown to Support NWS Operational Needs.

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The Iris project was developed around 2009 as a grassroots efforts to merge several related technologies into a single framework. The project has always been virtually driven, with the development team located at various locations throughout the National Weather Service. This talk will provide a short history of the project, explain the powerful tools available, and how we use the Virtual Lab to assist us in managing the project.