The ABINIT web site and package: How to explore the «Jungle» for very beginners

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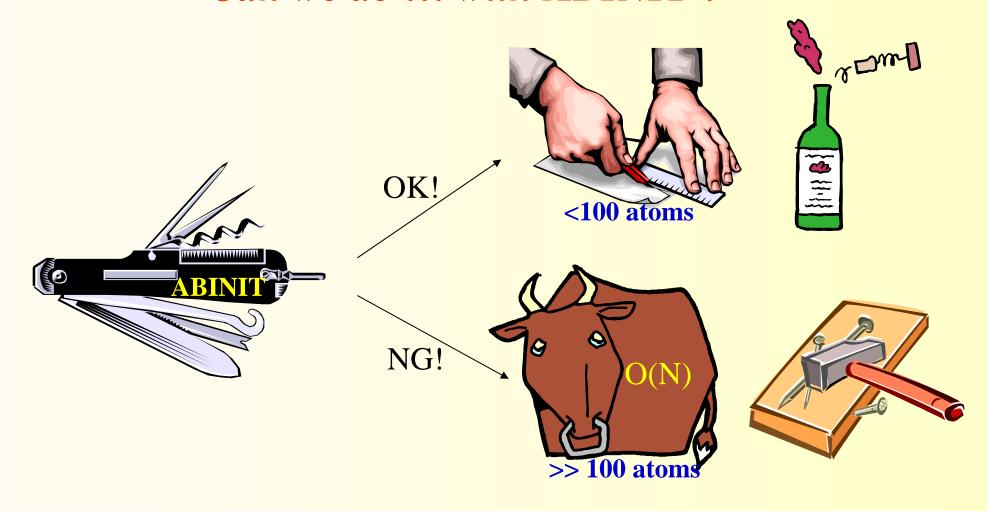
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Acknowledgments: Yann Pouillon, Jean-Michel Beuken (WEB!) and ABINITioners who posted e-mails on the MLs!

"Oh! ABINIT seems versatile!" Thus, here is a typical FAQ:

"Can we do ... with ABINIT?"



Let us learn "What is ABINIT?", "How to use ABINIT" by reading documents inside ABINIT WEB page/package!



1. As an ABINITioner ...



- Expect the ABINIT package moderately (not too extremely high/low)

 Documentation has limitation: NO PERFECT for all kinds of users

 (ABINITioners are encouraged to read standard textbooks, reviews...)
- Documentation has been piled up, and will be, in self-assembly way
 - → Dilemma between completeness and simplicity (never 100% solved)
 - → Difficulties to find relevant documents will remain for newcomers
- You may ask questions on the ML, but try to save our "Humanwares": i.e. try to find documents in the ABINIT source & WEB pages before you ask your questions ... most of them may be found!

Learn ab initio methods & Improve your search skill, "Googling", to find documents to answer your questions by yourself (as possible)

Believe "Those who help themselves will be helped"

2. How to browse the WEB site?

- Where to start?

 The front page: What is ABINIT? → Short presentation,

 → README → Register the ML (Netiquette, FAQ)
- Before running your jobs, why not try this Suggestion? (New user guide, Tutorials, Help_files, running Test_*, ...)
- Consult with standard reviews and textbooks (c.f. this FAO)
 to know the concepts → good keywords for "Googling"
- How to search documents on the WEB? www.abinit.org/about/?text=search
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 - ABINIT v 4.6.1 (only for reference)

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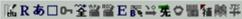












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The ABINIT MLs are available for fruitful information exchange among ABINITioners, thanks to the UCL system and the administrators' hard work.

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Now the number of the accounts in the forum ML gets over 500 from many countries, i.e. **GLOBAL**. Since our "common sense" may differ from country to country, we strongly feel that we need set up our etiquette to keep the MLs effective. Thus those who want to post e-mails (esp. questions) to the MLs should follow a sort of etiquette ("netiquette") to make the MLs most effective, and the burden of our limited resource ("humanware" as well as hardware) little as possible.

Deautiful & small post

Our netiquette will be :

positive feedback!

- 1. Before posting, **please check relevant documents** (the <u>FAQ</u> etc.) in ABINIT source archives (src tests *.tar.gz) as well as <u>the ML archives</u>.
 - ⋄ Q: How to find relevant documents for my questions ?"
- 2. Try to make your post "beautiful" as possible. Specifically speaking,
 - Give a meaningful Subject to your e-mail that may help us to find/remember your post easily. We should avoid "HELP", "PLEASE", "Question", (BLANK), ...
 - Do not cite e-mails that are not relevant to your post. When you want to start a new thread, please do not post by follow-up (reply). This is important, for Mailers/ML web pages make the most use of "thread" idea.
 - 3. Please avoid two-byte characters in your e-mails. (Especially for Asian subscribers, e.g. Chinese characters for "month", "date", "year" etc.).
 - Please stick to PLAIN TEXT format for posting. About "HOW TO SEND YOUR E-MAIL in PLAIN TEXT?". vou can consult with the online help of vour Mailer. The following



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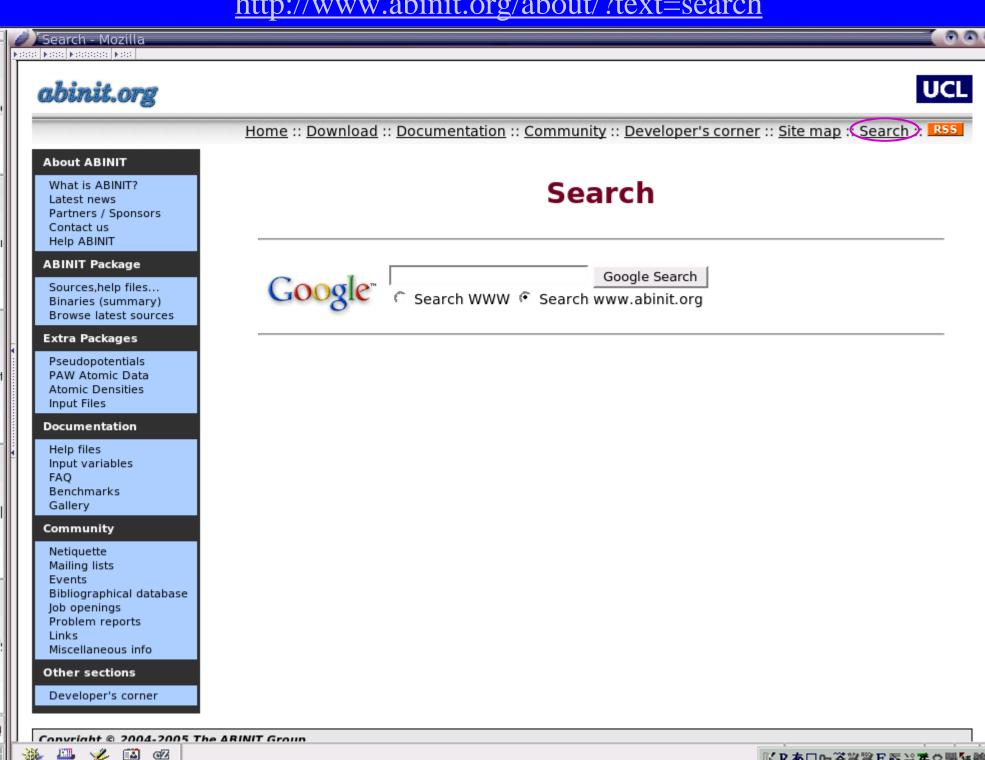
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Beginners can be best at describing what they need to know in a way

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- What that they can understand, and
- * What many(?) experts might have lost the feeling
- s ls the for what beginners need to know...
- So, please do not be too afraid to ask.
- S Is the Any suggestions will be highly appreciated.
- * I thin This FAQ will be updated. Thanks!

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Problem Report

This is the description of the ABINIT problem report format.

Please refer to the ABINIT <u>Netiquette</u> list as well, before sending your report via e-mail.

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In case of a problem with ABINIT, what can you do?
First, please refer to ~ABINIT/Infos/known_problems.* to see if your problem is reported or not.
If you think that you have found a bug, you should report it. The best is of course when you have a bug fix. However usually, you will ask for help to the ABINIT group.
Note that on the side of the developpers, there is no obligation to look at your problem, it is a pure courtesy ... (You know, ABINIT is free ...)

In the case where you have a bug fix, please send by mail (to Xavier Gonze):

- 1. A short description of the problem (do not forget the description of the platform, if it is platform-dependent, as well as the version of code in which this problem appeared)
- 2. The modified routine(s), in the form of a tar.gz file, if there is more than one routine.

If you have a problem without bug fix and ask us to solve it, we would like you to make a first effort :

- First, examine the log file, to see whether there might be a WARNING or COMMENT message suggesting that you have made a mistake in your input file.
- Second, try to reduce the run so as to make the problem appear within two minutes on your machine. Basically, you should reduce ecut, and reduce the k point sampling. You might as well try with a smaller cell, if the problem allows it. If the problem disappear when trying to reduce these, or if the run becomes











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Contributing to the ABINIT project

(this page has been inspired by the corresponding one in the Darwin distribution)

People often receive such great benefits from free software that they would like to contribute something back, so that others can benefit as they have.

There are several ways that you can help the ABINIT project:

- 1. **Become an ABINIT developer**! First, register on the <u>developer mailing list</u>: you can have access to the archives of this mailing list. Regularly, a list of on-going project is send (after each merge). Also, read the ~ABINIT/Infos/Notes_for_coding/contributing.html document. You might contribute to the core development effort, as well as to the documentation effort: e.g. update the <u>bibliography</u> database; write a tutorial... In any case, you can contact <u>Xavier Gonze</u>.
- 2. Make suggestions! Please post all constructive suggestions to forum@abinit.org.
- 3. **Debug ABINIT**! At present, we lack a system for bug report treatment, open to the ABINIT developer community. Still, when you encounter a problem with ABINIT, take some time to try to fix it, before filling the <u>bug report form</u>.
- 4. Answer questions on the forum mailing list! If you have developed some understanding of ABINIT, you might be able to help the main developers to answer the numerous questions asked by beginners (or other confirmed users).
- 5. Make a financial contribution.

This is mostly for companies... (but individuals are also welcome to donate - in this case have set a base donation of \$20 or Euros 20)

If a company donate in a year:











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- list of automatic tests that use each input variable (script written by T. Deutsch).
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Main ABINIT code, input variables:

Complete list.

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This document lists the names (keywords) of all input variables to be used in the main input file of the abinis code.

The new user is advised to read first the <u>new user's guide</u>, before reading the present file. It will be easier to discover the present file with the help of the tutorial.

When the user is sufficiently familiarized with ABINIT, the reading of the \sim ABINIT/Infos/tuning file might be useful. For response-function calculations using abinis, the complementary file \sim ABINIT/Infos/respfn_help is needed.

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Files which describe the input variables:

- Basic variables, VARBAS
- Developpement variables, VARDEV
- Files handling variables, VARFIL
- Geometry builder + symmetry related variables, VARGEO
- Ground-state calculation variables, VARGS
- GW variables, VARGW
- Internal variables, VARINT
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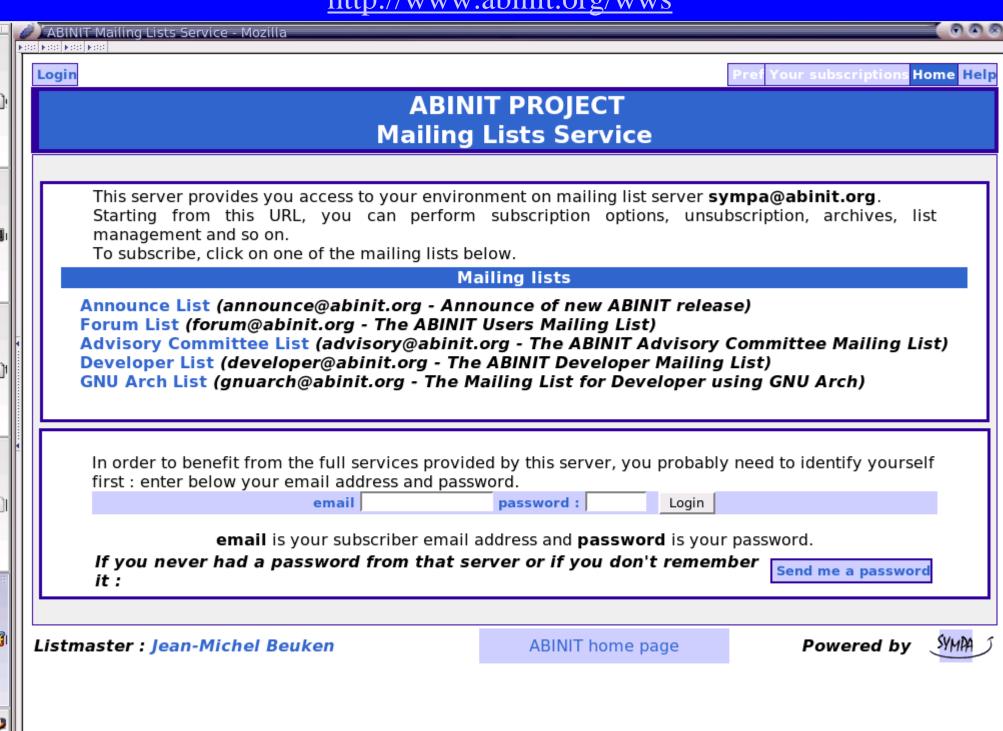


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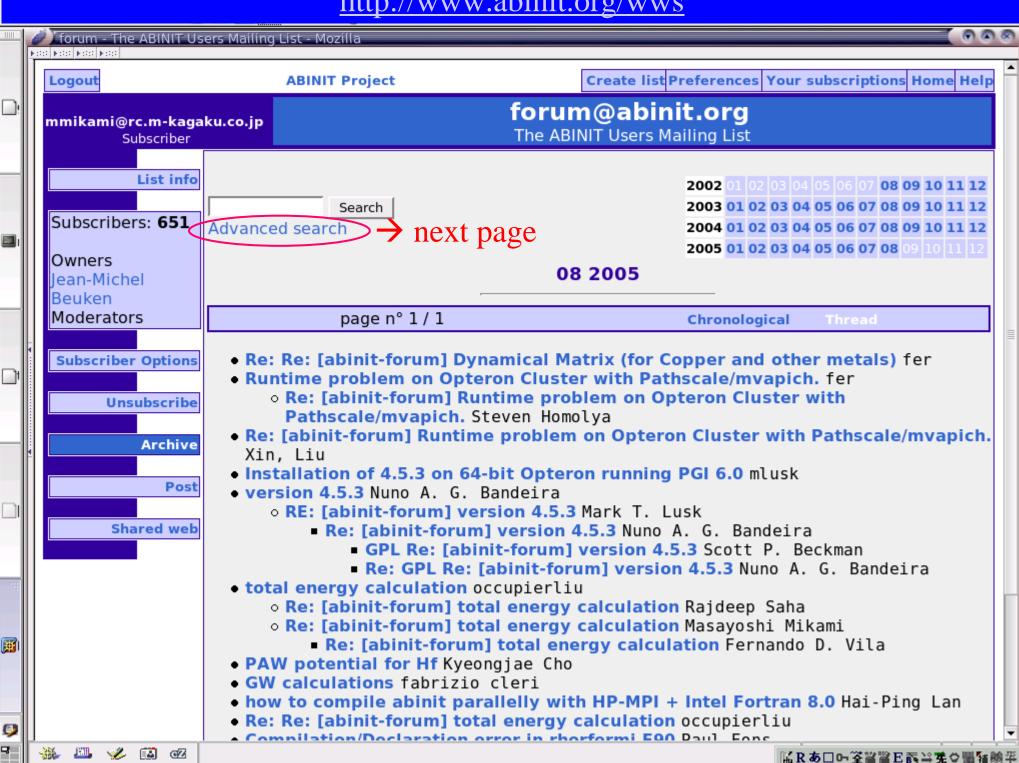


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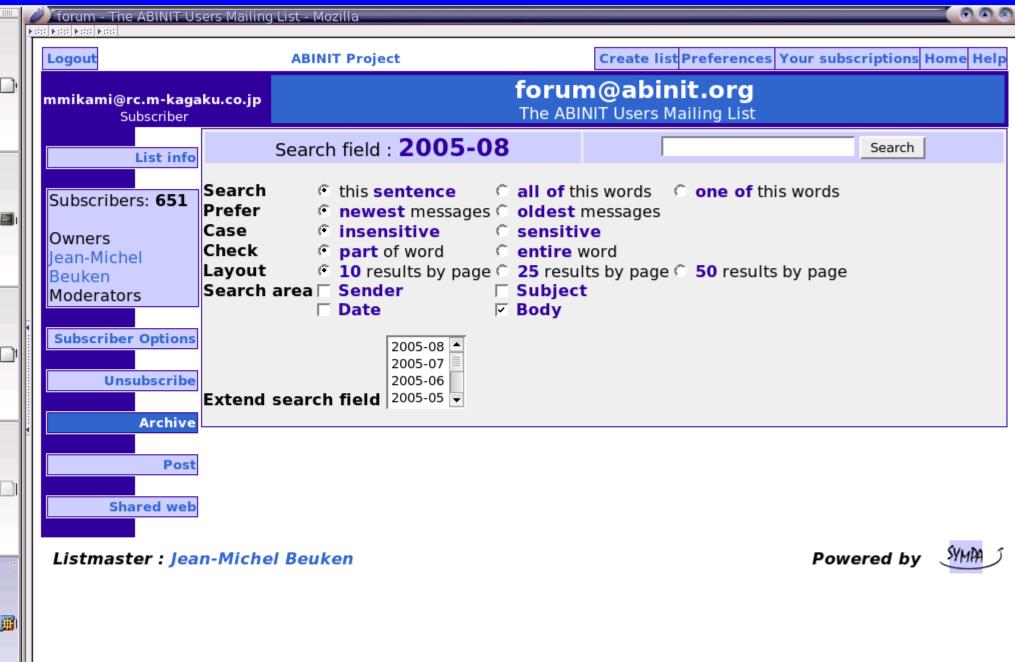


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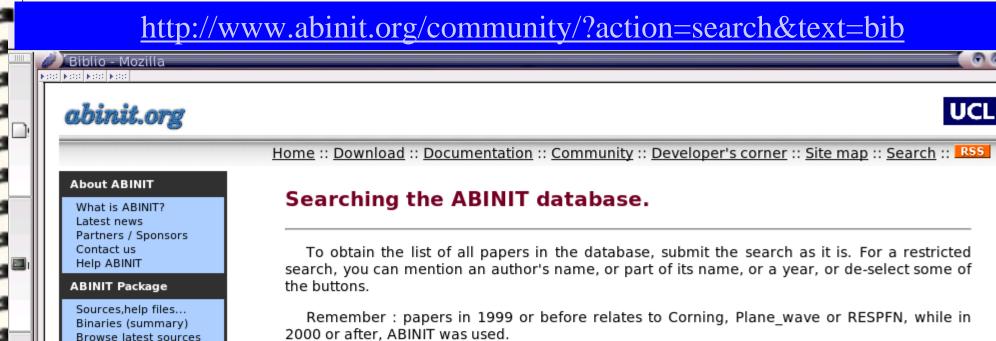
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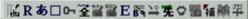
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"Theory of Minerals at High and Ultrahigh Pressures: Structure, Properties, Dynamics, and Phase Transitions."

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Contact: a.oganov@mat.ethz.ch

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"Ab-initio calculations of the structural, electronic and dynamical properties of high-k dielectrics"

in **High-k gate dielectrics**

edited by M. Houssa,pp 431-466 (Institute of Physics Publishing, 2004)

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Contact: a.j.ramirez-cuesta@rl.ac.uk

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- Self-documentation of source.
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Introduction

This file provides a description of the organisation of the abinit package, in terms of subdirectories and their content.

See the files **welcome.html** and **new_user_guide** for an introduction to the abinit package. Instructions to install the code, make the executable and run some tests can be found in the **Installation_notes** directory.

The main directory of the abinit package is referred to as **ABINIT** hereafter, independently of its absolute location. As an example, in Louvain-la-Neuve, there is one in **/home2/pcpm/gonze/ABINIT/ABINITV4.4.3** on the machine Decci. From the Web site, a file **src_tests.4.4.3.tar.gz** can be dumped and, following the installation notes, a **ABINIT** directory will be created for this version.

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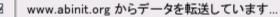
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- B. Src *: they contain the source of ABINIT.
- C. Lib *: they contain the source of different libraries.
- D. <u>Test_*</u>, <u>Tutorial</u>, <u>Psps_for_tests</u>: they contain tests cases, the tutorial and the needed pseudopotentials.
- E. <u>Machine_dept_files</u>: contains machine dependent files, i.e. *makefile_macros* and *mpif.h*.
- F. Utilities.
- ~ABINIT also contains:
- a README file;











3. How to explore the tar.gz?



- Refer to the Site Map for the archive:

www.abinit.org/developers/?text=dirs_and_files

How to find relevant documents/input examples etc?

- grep -ir (key word) on most unix system
 (or, find . -name \(\frac{\pma}{*}\) -print | xargs grep (keyword))
- acrobat reader for PDF files

NB: The following may also help to find documents:

"Google desktop" on Windows*
Default function in the next Windows ("Vista")
"Spotlight" on Tiger (MacOSX 10.4.x)

Let us demonstrate!

4. Wrap-up

ABINITioners, note Everything is developing, so, let us learn everyday and remember this prayer everyday...

Grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change,

Courage to change the things I can,

And the wisdom to know the difference ...

about ABINIT as well!

Thank you for your attention!