

Meteorology M.Sc. Summer Project, 2010.

UCD Automatic Weather Station

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The UCD Meteorology & Climate Centre has acquired AWS equipment. The goal of this project is to make use of the data from the AWS at the Rosemount site.

The equipment includes a sonic anemometer, capable of measuring the three Cartesian components of the wind.

The student should:

- Familiarize himself/herself with the equipment that has been purchased and installed
- Study the relevant documentation to establish the method and sequence of implementing the range of sensors.
- Learn the fundamentals of the programming language, CRBasic, that is used to control the system.
- Become familiar with the data logger (CR3000)
- Acquire a time series of observational data.
- Validate the data by comparison with Met Eireann observational data from nearby locations.

The method and results will be presented in a report.

Possibilities for application of the AWS data.

- Study the diurnal cycle
- Investigate the season/Annual cycle
- Investigate individual frontal passages
- Study particular severe/extreme weather events
- Local climatology (Compare with D/D, Casement, etc.)
- Energy budget
- Soil conditions: implications for growth
- Data logger principles
- Inter-comparison of sensors
- Data-feed to web: Latest reports. Time-series, etc.
- <http://micronet.ou.edu/ltn>