

The i_SWAT Software Package: A Tool for Supporting SWAT Watershed Applications

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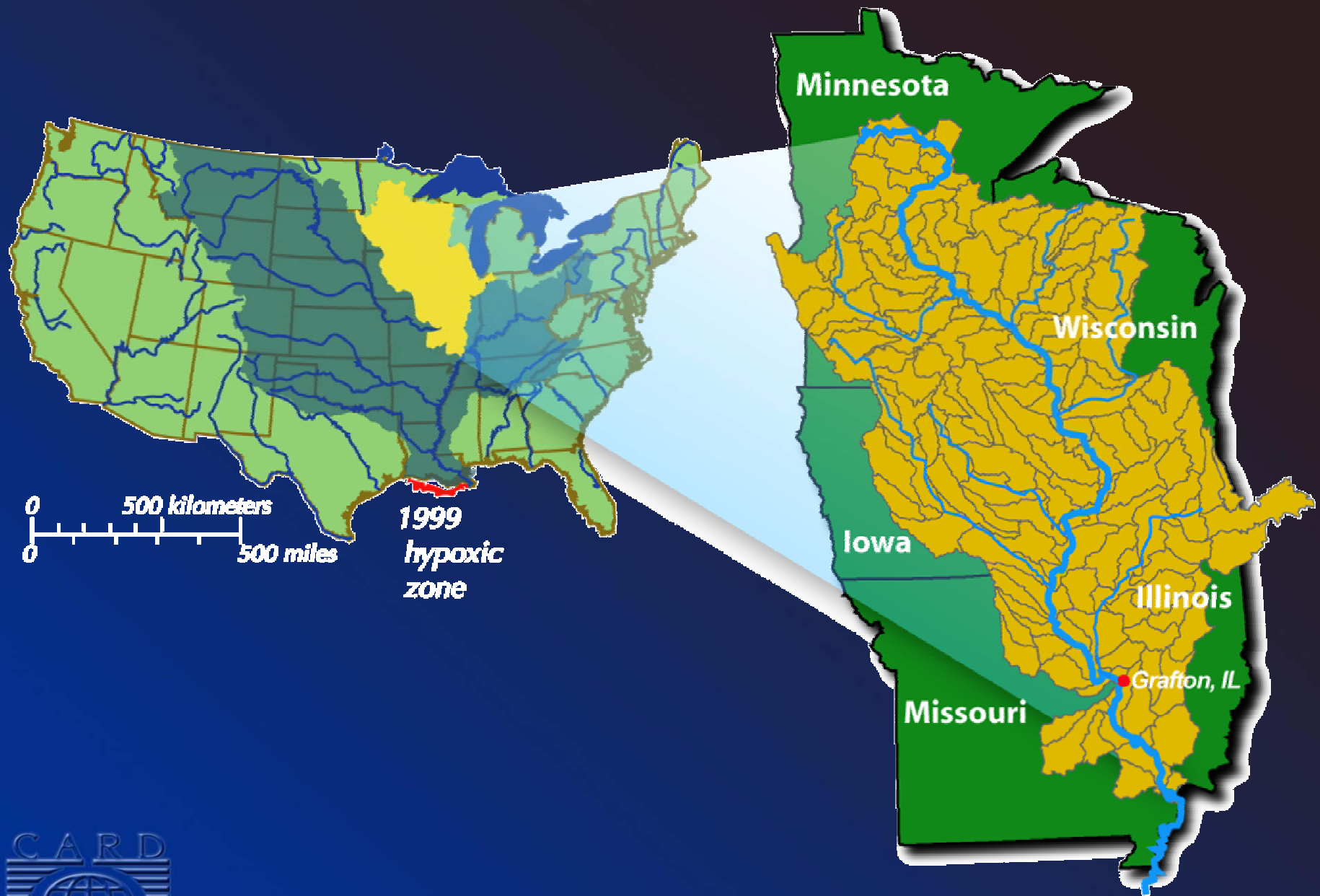
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UMRB Initiative

- Upper Mississippi River Basin (UMRB)
 - drainage area covers 480,000 km²
 - stream segments impacted by nutrients, sediments and other pollutants (TMDLS)
 - Gulf of Mexico seasonal hypoxic zone
- SWAT modeling study has been initiated to address these issues



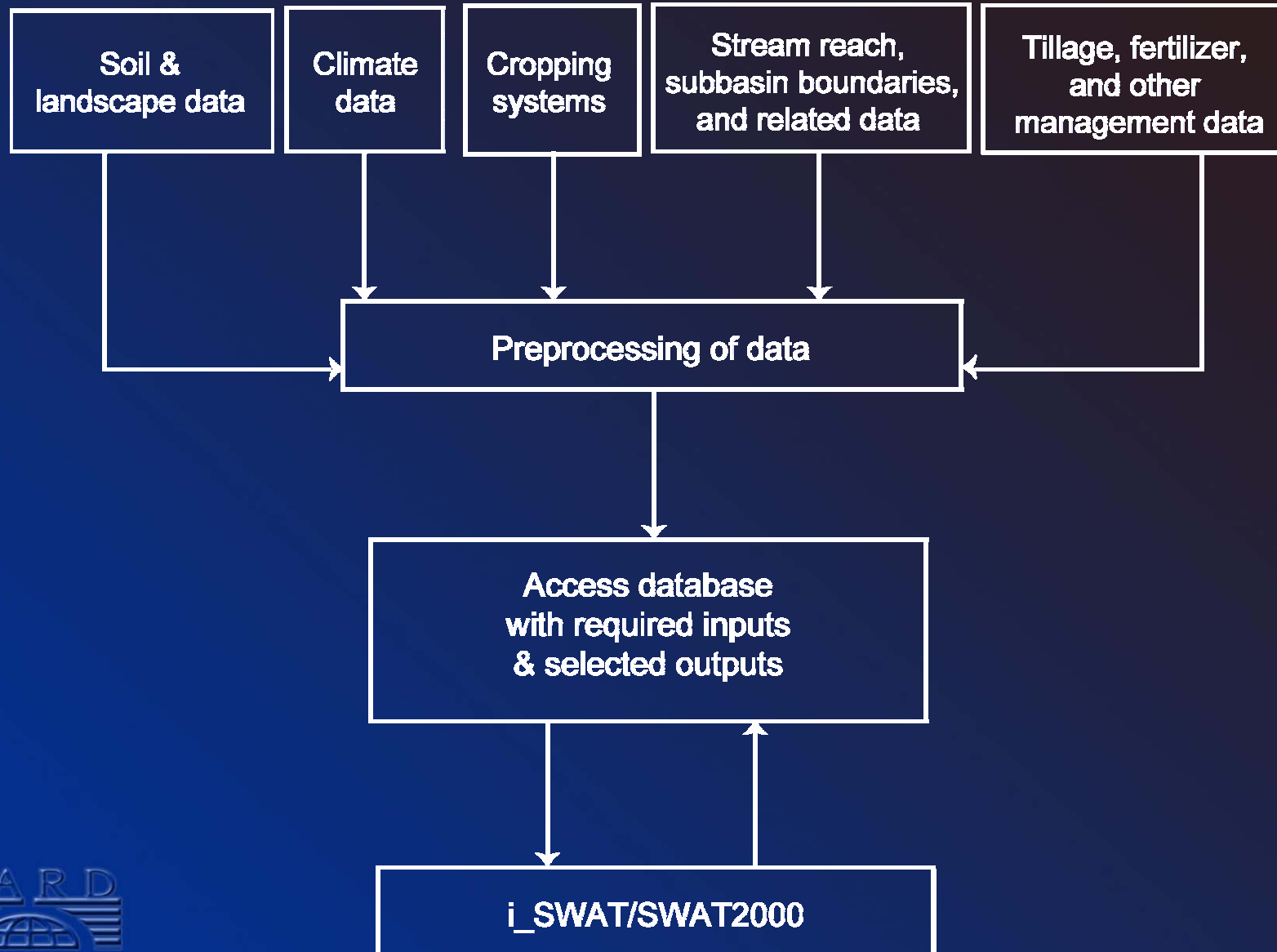


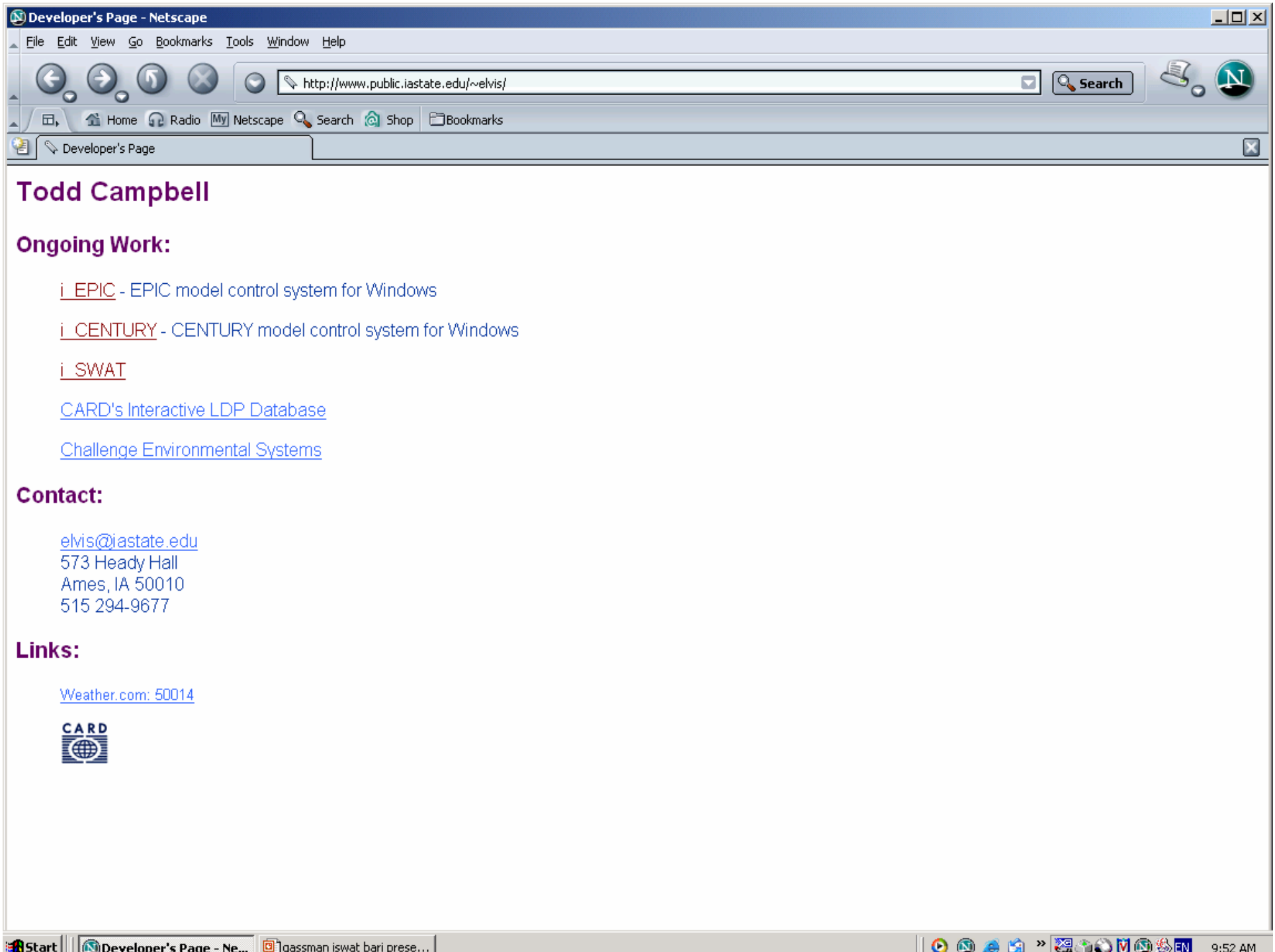
NRI Database

- National Resources Inventory (NRI)
 - USDA-NRCS national statistical survey (~1 million “points”)
 - collected every 5 years between 1982-97
 - comprehensive cropping history (rotations) & other landuse, conservation practices, and other data
- Non-GIS based
 - coordinates not available to the public
 - AVSWAT approach could not be used
 - led to creation of interactive SWAT (i_SWAT) software



Schematic of i_SWAT System





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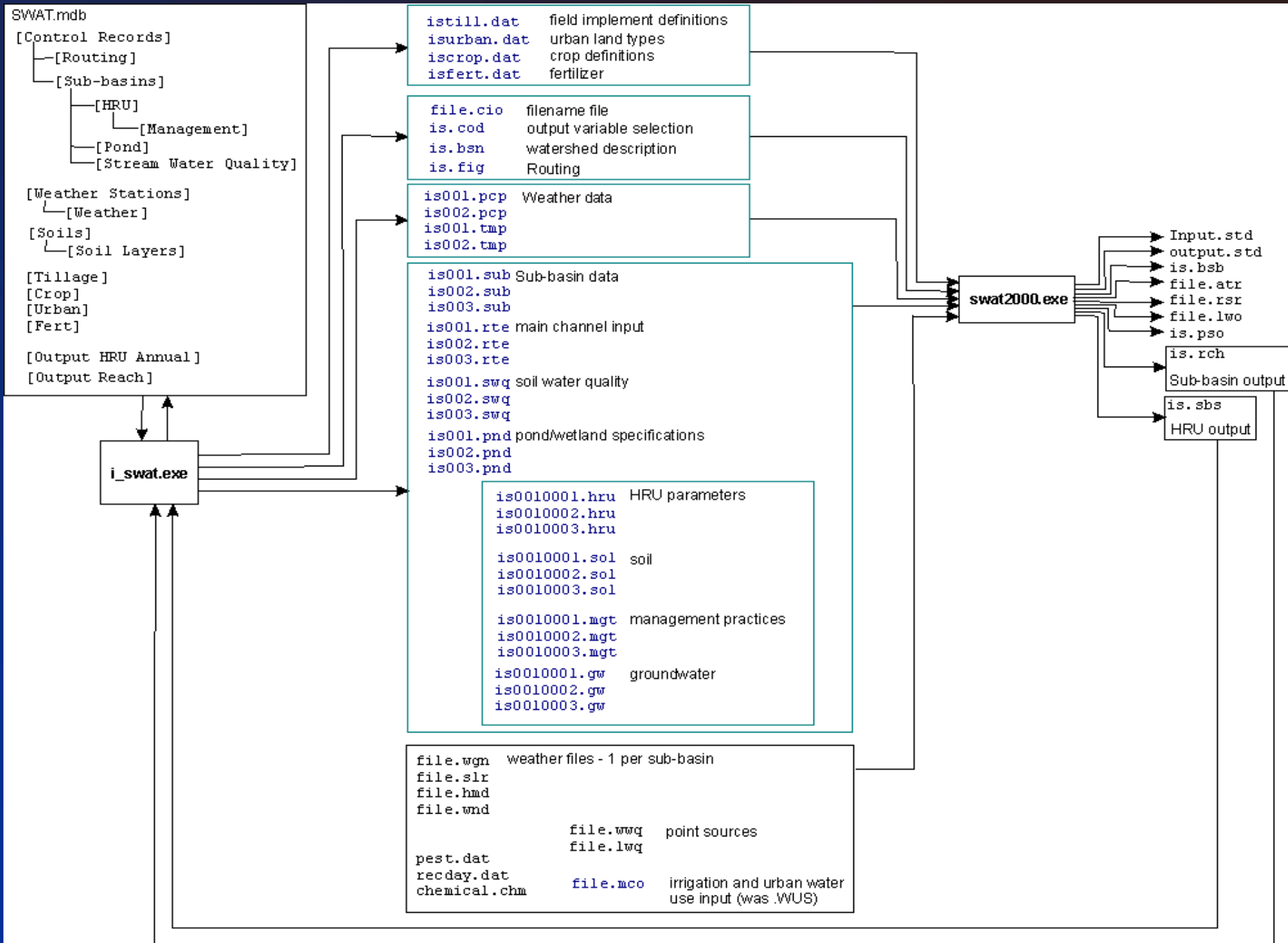


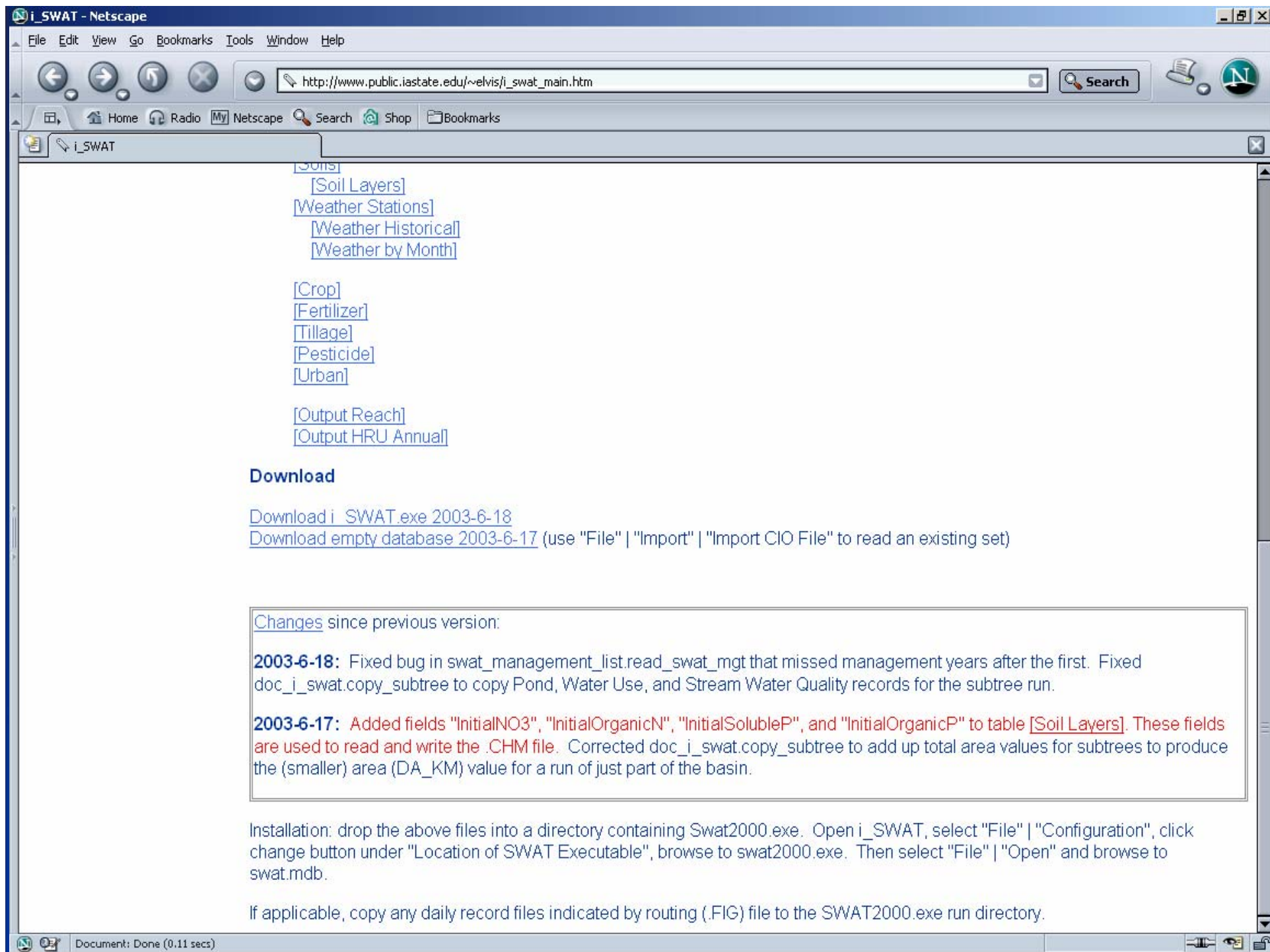
Operation Diagram:

Table Structures:

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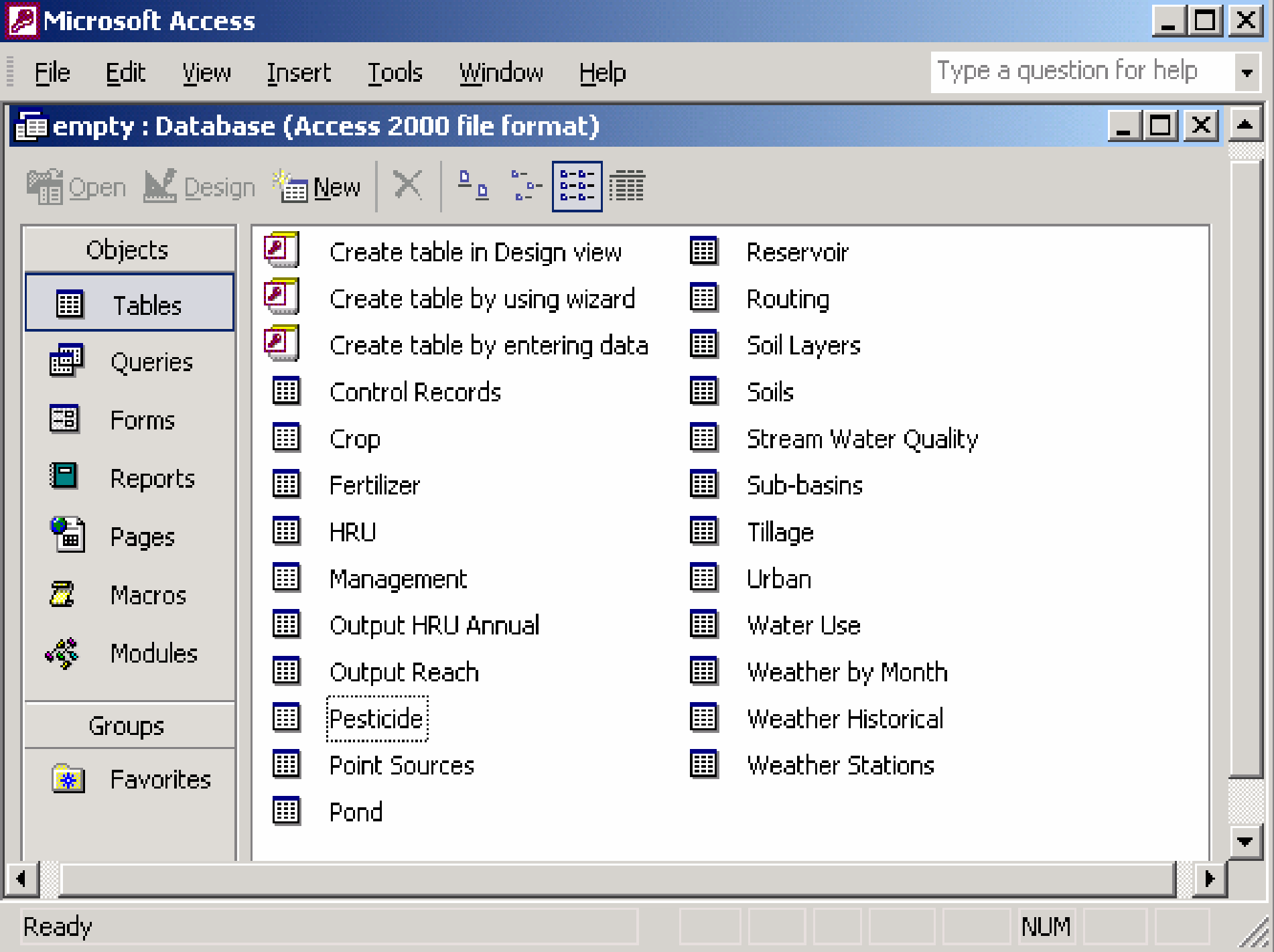
- Currently 23 tables in database
 - 19 for input data → 24 SWAT input files
 - 2 for output data
 - output currently only extracted from .rch file
 - HRU output table under development
 - 1 help text table (under development)
- file.cio is created when i_SWAT is executed

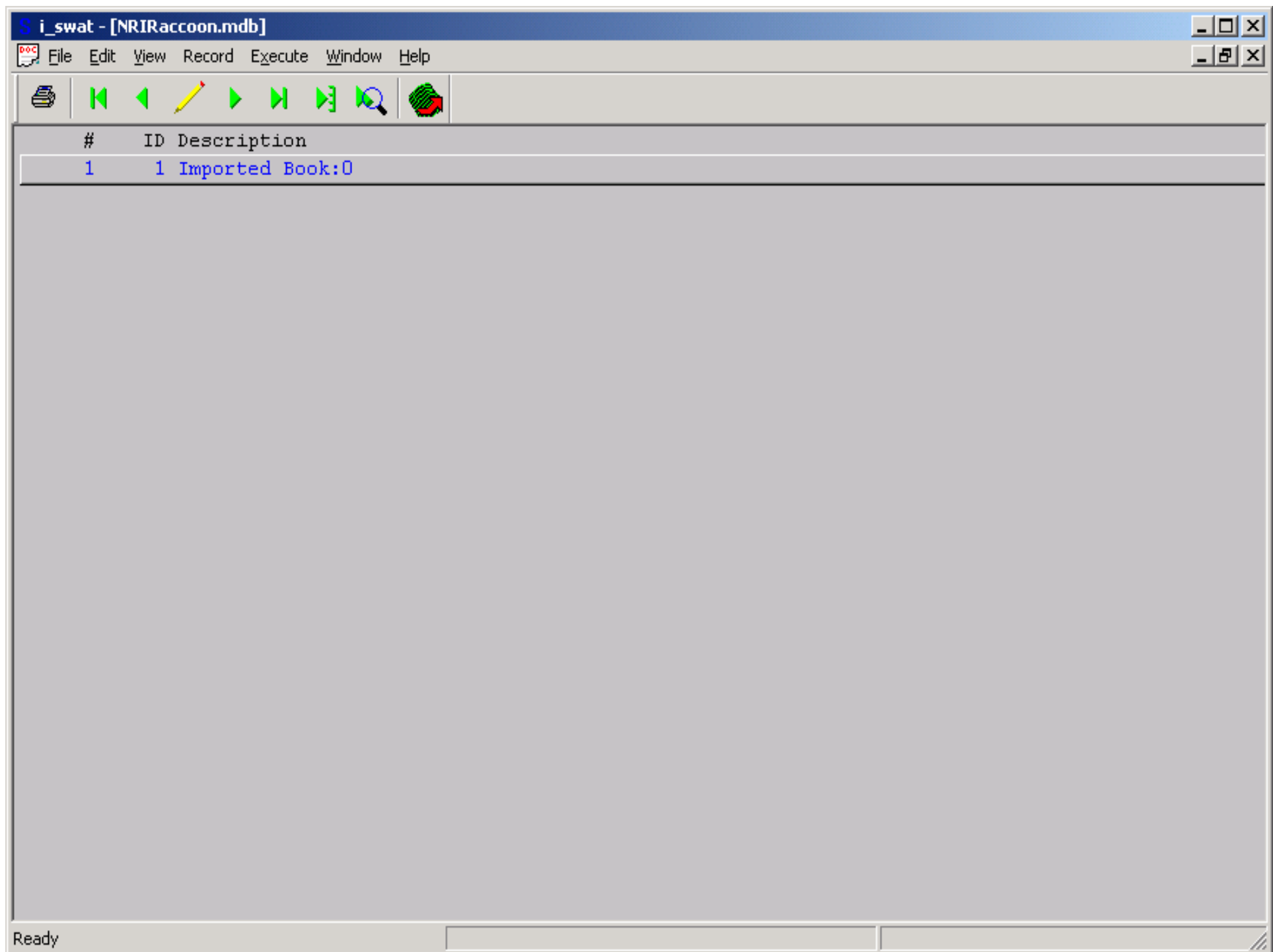


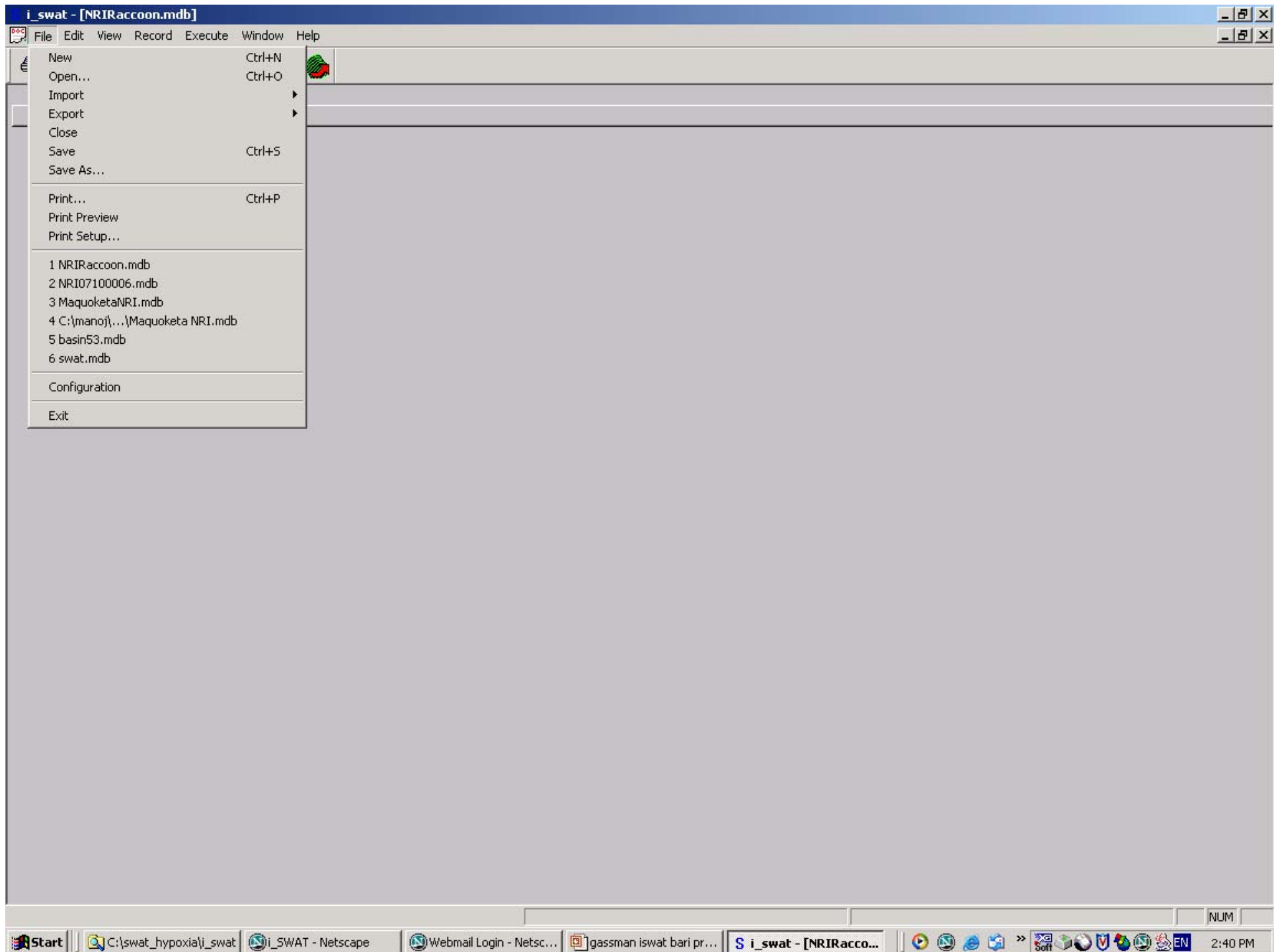
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- 9 SWAT files currently not supported
 - listed in paper
 - not needed for the UMRB simulation
 - have to be in swat2000.exe run directory if needed for application
- .chm file now partially supported
 - initial soil $\text{NO}_3\text{-N}$, org. N, soluble P, & org. P concs.














i_SWAT Execution Options

1. Execute complete simulation
2. Execute a subset of subwatersheds
 - user can select any subwatershed; i_SWAT will only execute the portion of the total watershed that drains to that subwatershed





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SWAT



#	ID	Description
1	1	Imported Book:0

Run SWAT model on this control record.

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Run Watershed

- ☐ Run all subbasins
- ☒ Run subbasins at and upstream from:

.sub file Subbasin:3 Thu Oct 24 11:5
.sub file Subbasin:4 Thu Oct 24 11:5
.sub file Subbasin:5 Thu Oct 24 11:5
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.sub file Subbasin:7 Thu Oct 24 11:5
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13 routing nodes upstream from HSL 49

OK

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Example selections of
UMRB subwatersheds



Other i_SWAT Options

- Importing of existing SWAT2000 data sets
 - database (e.g., empty.mdb) must already be open
- Editing of selected SWAT input files
- Charts of selected output by subbasins or HRUs
- Print & print preview of management system lists
- Maps of subbasin routing structures
 - requires latitude and longitude for each subbasin



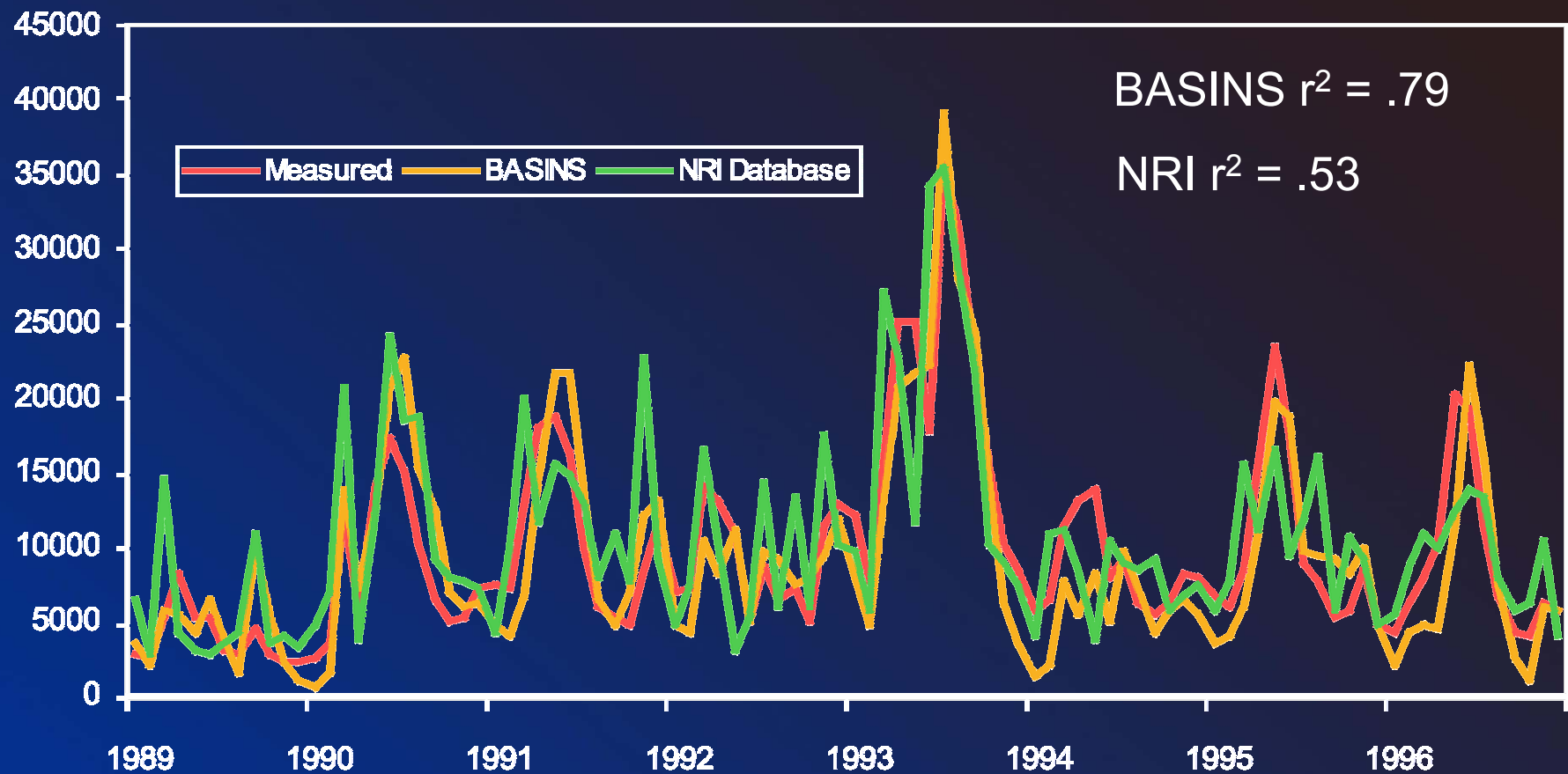
UMRB Run Structure

- 131 subwatersheds
 - USGS 8-digit watersheds
- ~15,500 HRUs constructed from NRI data
 - greatest density in intensive agricultural areas
 - experimenting with reduced numbers of HRUs
- Management data obtained from other USDA surveys



Initial UMRB Flow Results

Stream flow (10^6 m^3)



Conclusions

- i_SWAT has proven to be a useful tool for CARD SWAT applications
 - have ranged from plot scale to the UMRB
- Initial UMRB NRI-based results are encouraging
 - in-depth calibration & validation runs have been initiated
 - assessment of optimal HRU levels will also be performed



Conclusions

- i_SWAT development is ongoing
 - enhancements driven by immediate CARD research needs
 - open to “suggestions for improvement” ... no promises that requests can be met



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- Todd Campbell – programmer
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- Downloads – i_SWAT & empty.mdb
 - i_SWAT source code not provided

