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# **ESM RCFile Documentation**

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ESM Tool to read / write rcf file

- Free software: GNU General Public License v2
- Documentation: <https://esm-rcfile.readthedocs.io>.



# CHAPTER 1

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## Usage

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This package contains functions to set, get, and use entries stored in the esmtoolsrc file.

To use ESM RCFile in a project:

```
import esm_rcfile
```

You can set specific values in the `~/.esmtoolsrc` with:

```
set_rc_entry(key, value)
```

For example:

```
>>> set_rc_entry("SCOPE_CONFIG", "/pf/a/a270077/Code/scope/configs/")
```

Retrieving an entry:

```
>>> fpath = get_rc_entry("FUNCTION_PATH")
>>> print(fpath)
/pf/a/a270077/Code/esm_tools/esm_tools/configs
```

With a default value for a non-existing key:

```
>>> scope_config = get_rc_entry("SCOPE_CONFIG", "/dev/null")
>>> print(scope_config)
/dev/null
```

Without a default value, you get `EsmRcfileError`:

```
>>> echam_namelist = get_rc_entry("ECHAM_NMLDIR")
EsmRcfileError: No value for ECHAM_NMLDIR found in esmtoolsrc file!!
```

This error is also raised if there is no `~/.esmtoolsrc` file, and no default is provided.

You can also get the entire rcfile as a dict:

```
>>> rcdict = import_rc_file()
```

## 1.1 API Documentation

**exception** `esm_rcfile.esm_rcfile.EsmRcfileError`  
Bases: `Exception`

`esm_rcfile.esm_rcfile.get_rc_entry(key, default=None)`  
Gets a specific entry

### Parameters

- **key** (*str*) –
- **default** (*str*) –

**Returns** Value for key, or default if provided

**Return type** str

### Raises

`EsmRcfileError` – \* Raised if key cannot be found in the rcfile and no default is provided

- Raised if the esmtoolsrc file cannot be found and no default is provided.

`esm_rcfile.esm_rcfile.import_rc_file()`  
Gets current values of the esmtoolsrc file

**Returns** A dictionary representation of the rcfile

**Return type** dict

`esm_rcfile.esm_rcfile.set_rc_entry(key, value)`  
Sets values in esmtoolsrc

### Parameters

- **key** (*str*) –
- **value** (*str*) –

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**Note:** Using this functions modifies the `rcfile`; which is stored in the current user's home directory.

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## CHAPTER 2

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