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inch (in)	25.4	millimeter (mm)
foot (ft)	0.3048	meter (m)
mile (mi)	1.609	kilometer (km)
acre	0.4047	square hectometer (hm²)
cubic feet per second (ft ³ /s, cfs)	0.02832	cubic meters per second (m ³ /s)

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Abstract

Analyzing and managing the high volumes of input and output of complex river basin models is a major task. These models are used to simulate water quantity and quality for numerous scenarios of changes in land use, land-use management practices, and water-management operations. To assist with that process, an interactive computer program, GENeration and analysis of model simulation SCeNarios (GenScn), was developed to create simulation scenarios, analyze results of the scenarios, and compare scenarios. Although other models can be adapted to use GenScn, this report describes the system as adapted for the Hydrological Simulation Program-Fortran (HSPF). HPSF is a highly versatile model capable of simulating mixed-land-use watersheds (urban and rural). It includes land surface and instream water quantity and quality components.

Abstract 1

Introduction

Purpose of Report

This manual assists both end users and system administrators with the installation and application of the interactive computer program GENeration and analysis of model simulation SCeNarios (GenScn). GenScn was developed to create simulation scenarios, analyze results of the scenarios, and compare scenarios. Although other models can be adapted to use GenScn, this report describes the system as adapted for the Hydrological Simulation Program-Fortran (HSPF). HPSF is a highly versatile model capable of simulating mixed-land-use watersheds (urban and rural). It includes land surface and instream water quantity and quality components.

Following this introduction is a section entitled User's Guide for river basins that already have the necessary files for GenScn. The last section, Setting Up a New Scenario Generator, documents the details necessary for a scenario generator administrator to create data sets for GenScn for a new river basin. The appendixes include supplemental information on the GenScn software and utility programs to help create the needed data sets. This report is also available as hyperlinked graphical files accessible from the GenScn system, which can be used by readers with access to the required software and hardware (see the System Requirements and Obtaining GenScn sections for details).

Background

Use of the Hydrological Simulation Program-Fortran (HSPF) watershed model (Bicknell and others, 1997) traditionally involved using a text editor to build an input sequence to describe a watershed's physical and water management characteristics. For large, complex river basins, input sequences were often thousands of lines long when water quality was simulated in addition to the hydrology. The process of making changes was time consuming and complex. In addition, analyzing results from several HSPF runs required manually and tediously keeping track of time-series data sets from all scenarios at multiple locations for several constituents. The analyzer often had to reformat the results and use separate programs to analyze results and prepare the needed tables and graphs.

The development of a scenario generator came as a response to the need to make HSPF input sequences easier to build and HSPF input/output time series easier to analyze. The scenario generator provides advanced interaction with the HSPF input sequence and integrated analysis capabilities. The program provides an interactive framework for analysis built around an established and adaptable watershed model. The U.S. Geological Survey Illinois District in cooperation with Dupage County Illinois provided funding for the incorporation of the Full Equations Model (FEQ) into GenScn.

2 Overview

Capabilities and Uses

GenScn provides the ability to change an input sequence interactively, run the HSPF model, and view results graphically. The results of different scenarios can be easily compared and analyzed because the model and analysis tools are linked in one package and use a common data base.

A scenario consists of an input sequence, its output reports, and associated time-series data. Each input sequence describes a scenario. Once the model is run for a particular scenario, output reports and time-series data specified in that scenario's input sequence are available for analysis. A new scenario is created by copying an existing input sequence, modifying this input sequence to describe the new scenario, and then running the model. Where specified by the input sequence, output files and time-series data are automatically generated when the new scenario is run for comparison with other scenarios.

When changes to the input are complete, the HSPF model can be executed. HSPF checks the validity of the input sequence. Changes that are incomplete or inconsistent are referred back to the user for further refinement.

After execution is complete, the user may interactively specify results to be analyzed. Data to analyze may be specified by selecting scenario, location, and constituent names. Locations may also be specified graphically by clicking locations on a map. Results can be viewed either on the display screen or on printed output.

Results are available as tables and plots of simulated or observed data or statistical analyses of the data. A wide range of plots can be specified, including a standard time-series plot, a residual time-series plot against another time series, a cumulative differences time-series plot, a bar chart, a flow-duration plot, a scatter plot of one time series against the difference between two other time series, a scatter plot of two time series including an optional 45-degree line and regression line, and an event-frequency plot. Three special types of statistical analyses are: comparing two time series over a range of class intervals, constituent duration analysis, and frequency analysis.

For specifics on how to perform the functions described here, see the Tutorial section of this document. The Tutorial section contains a set of lessons with specific examples illustrating the use of GenScn in various project situations.

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The GenScn software package has been developed, used, and modified over the past 5 years. During that time many users, agencies, and developers have made significant contributions.

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User's Guide

Introduction

This user's guide provides:

- a description of how to use the forms and menus of the user interface;
- an overview of the system architecture, special files, and sample data;
- a tutorial containing a set of lessons that shows the major features of GenScn; and
- a detailed description of the forms and menus along with the output tables and graphs for each major function in GenScn (detailed functions).

User Interface

The majority of the user interface consists of standard Windows 95/NT components. All forms within the system are made up of varying numbers of menus, toolbars, buttons, lists, check boxes, radio buttons, and text boxes. All mouse interaction is through the left mouse button. More detailed information on the objects, which make up the forms, may be found in the Windows 95/NT on-line help.

A few extensions to the Windows 95/NT interface are also included in GenScn. These are controls for manipulating dates, editing tables (grids) of data, and editing text fields with limits and help information tied to the field. Although these controls are extensions, they operate in a similar manner to Windows 95/NT.

Graphical User Interface Conventions

GenScn was developed for user interaction to take place through a graphical user interface (GUI). Screens are organized in a logical manner to minimize both user learning time and user mouse/keystroke effort. Information within GenScn is often organized in layers, with the most basic and important information being readily available and more detailed and less frequently used information being accessed through additional menus or buttons. Another way that information may be layered is through the use of overlaid tabs, with the most frequently used tabs on top of the stack.

GenScn was also designed to assist the user in keeping track of where they are in the system. This was done by labeling all of the sub forms with titles that indicate the task being performed. This labeling also confirms to the user that they got to the right place in the system after selecting a menu option or button. The label on the main form is updated to include the name of the project being run every time a project is opened.

Keyboard Shortcuts

To allow users the flexibility of not using a mouse, keyboard shortcuts have been provided to perform all of the functions throughout GenScn. Some controls, such as menus and buttons, may be activated by holding down the Alt key and then pressing the letter underlined in the control. Other controls may only be manipulated using keyboard shortcuts if the control has the "focus." Focus means that the control can receive keyboard or mouse input. Focus is indicated by a dashed line surrounding the control. When using the keyboard, the focus is changed from one control to the next by using the Tab key (a mouse sets the focus to the control on which it has clicked).

Menu titles may be activated by holding down the Alt key and then pressing the letter underlined in the desired menu title. Once a menu title has been activated (that is, pulled down), the desired menu item may be selected by pressing the underlined letter or by highlighting the item using the arrow keys and then pressing the Enter key. For example, to select the File:Open menu item, one would type ALT-FO.

Buttons may be activated in one of two ways. If a button caption has an underlined letter, holding down the Alt key and pressing the underlined letter will activate the button. A button may also be activated by setting the focus to the button and then pressing the Enter key.



In this picture, the Ok button has a keyboard shortcut, indicated by the underline, so pressing Alt-O will activate the Ok button as if it had been clicked with the mouse. The dashed line around the Cancel button indicates that button currently has focus, so pressing Enter will activate the Cancel button as if it had been clicked with the mouse. A button labeled 'Cancel' can also be activated by pressing the Esc key.

Selection of list items is performed in different ways depending on the type of list. A scrollable list allows multiple items to be selected. To select items in a scrollable list, set the focus to the list, use the arrows to set the focus to the desired item, and then press the space bar to highlight the item. A drop-down list allows only one item from a list to be selected. To select the desired item from a drop-down list, set the focus to the list and use the arrow keys to highlight the desired item.

Selection of option buttons and check boxes may be made in two ways. If an option button or check box caption has an underlined letter, holding down the Alt key and pressing the underlined letter will select the item. Option buttons and check boxes may also be selected by setting the focus to them and using the arrow keys to highlight the desired item. For option buttons, this will automatically select the button. For check boxes, the space bar must be pressed to select the highlighted item.

If a form contains layered tabs of information, a tab may be moved to the front by holding down the Alt key and pressing the underlined letter in the caption of the desired tab.

Toolbars

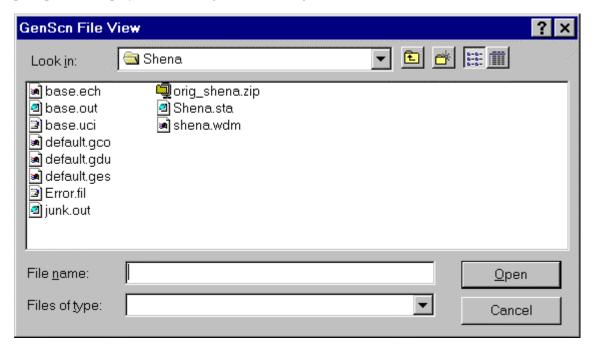
Toolbars are used in GenScn to provide quick access to the most frequently used functions. When applicable, the toolbars are located in close proximity to the control(s) with which their functions are associated. This allows a single click of a nearby button to perform a function, rather than moving to the top of the form to pull down a menu title and select a menu item. The toolbar buttons contain graphical images to assist the user in recalling what each button does. Additionally, toolbar buttons contain tooltips, which provide a text description of each button when the mouse pointer is held over the button for a brief moment. Toolbars are provided on the main form of GenScn to work with the map, the timeseries buffer, and the analysis options.

Common Dialogs

Some interactions that are routinely performed in the Windows 95/NT interface are handled using common dialogs. These are forms that have consistent interfaces for routine tasks. The user will then be familiar with the form each time one of these tasks are performed. Within GenScn, the tasks performed using common dialogs are retrieving or saving a file and selecting a printer and specifying its properties.

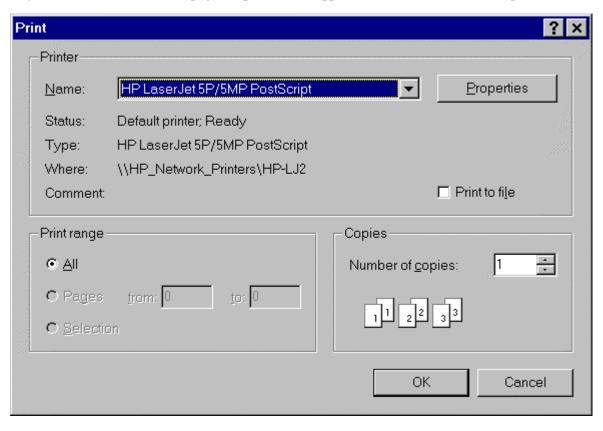
File Dialog

In GenScn, the user is frequently prompted for file names when saving or retrieving a file. The list at the top of the form (labeled either 'Save in' or 'Look in') displays the current directory path. Use of the pull-down arrow on this list allows the user to move to any directory above the current one. Directories below the current one are displayed in the large middle box. The desired directory is selected by double clicking on it. The buttons to the right of the top list are used for (from left to right) moving up one directory level, creating a new directory (or folder), and specifying whether to display a standard or detailed list of the directories and files contained in the current directory. The middle box also displays any existing files of the file type specified. The file type specification is made in the list at the bottom of the form (labeled either 'Save as type' or 'Files of type'). The 'File name' text box is used to enter the name of the file. Clicking on a file listed in the middle box will put the name of the file in the 'File name' box. A file is selected either by double clicking a file name in the middle box or by filling in the 'File name' box and clicking the 'Save' button or the 'Open' button. Selecting an existing file during a save will cause a prompt to be displayed confirming that it is all right to overwrite the file.



Print Dialog

Another function in GenScn handled by a common dialog is that of specifying the printer to use when printing. The 'Printer' list at the top of the form is used to select the desired printer from those available. The lines below the list give information about the selected printer. The 'Properties' button to the right of the printer list gives access to more detailed specifications about the selected printer (that is, page orientation, paper size, and so forth). Checking the 'Print to file' check box will result in the user being prompted for a file name to which to print when the 'OK' button is selected. Additional specifications may be made related to which pages to print (when applicable) and the number of copies.



Help System

There are various levels of Help within GenScn and they may be accessed in different ways. The Help menu title on the main GenScn form has two menu items: About and Contents. The About item is used to display a summary of the version of GenScn being run. The Contents item is used to bring up a window that allows the user to move throughout the entire GenScn help file. The user may move through the help file by using the hierarchical structure or the index of help topics.

Context-sensitive access to the GenScn help file is provided through the F1 key. Pressing the F1 key from any form will display the relevant topic in the help file.

An additional level of help that pertains to the model being run in GenScn is also available. This help is available in the Scenario Activate form when the user is editing the model's input sequence. Help will be displayed that pertains to the model parameter being edited.

System Overview

This section includes information relating to the system hardware and software requirements, downloading the program and documentation, architecture, special required files, and sample data.

System Requirements

GenScn requires a computer running Windows 95 or Windows NT Version 4.0 or higher. The minimum platform configuration is a 486 or equivalent processor running at 50 megahertz with 16 megabytes of memory, at least 60 megabytes of free disk space, and display resolution of at least 1024 x 768. For optimal performance, a Pentium processor running at 200 megahertz or faster with at least 64 megabytes of memory, 100 megabytes of free disk space, and display resolution of 1280x1024 recommended. A color printer is also recommended.

Obtaining GenScn

GenScn may be obtained through the internet by accessing the U.S. Geological Survey Water Resources Applications Software page (at: http://water.usgs.gov/software/). From this page follow the instructions for downloading the software and installing it on your machine. The ftp site is water.usgs.gov in the pub/software/surface_water directory.

Architecture

A successful user interface for watershed modeling displays information to the watershed modeler in a manner consistent with the modeler's world view and needs. The goal of the interface is to provide layers of information -- a summary of information about the project in the main form along with other forms that show additional information. This includes details about the watershed, model parameters, and results along with complete documentation of the model's algorithms.

The GenScn user interface has a main form that uses a map to show the watershed's spatial characteristics, text boxes that summarize locations where detailed information is available, scenarios that have been simulated (for model runs) or collected (for observed data), and constituents for which data are available. From the main form the user can activate a scenario, edit the description and parameters for the scenario, and run the model. The user may analyze results by selecting desired scenarios, locations, and constituents and then selecting the time-series data available. A span of time and the analysis tool(s) are then selected to generate the desired tables, graphs, statistical summaries, or animations.

The design of reusable components has played a key role in the development of GenScn. The result of using these components includes (1) reusability within GenScn (references from different locations or with different parameter sets), (2) reusability within other modeling systems, and (3) more easily defined and tested modules. Reusable components in GenScn include the date setting control, the range-checking numeric entry box, the editable spreadsheet-style grid, the file viewing form, the map, and the graphs. A significant effort has been invested in developing a suite of modules for the graphical and tabular display of time-series data and other analysis results. The modules allow the programmer to set initial values for the parameters that define the plot or listing (for example, data values, number of curves/columns, text labels). All plots and listings can be customized by the end user.

Initially, GenScn used the Watershed Data Management (WDM) FORTRAN library of subroutines for time-series management. A set of subroutines were developed to interface between the Visual Basic GenScn code and the existing FORTRAN routines. This allowed the well-tested and well-documented WDM code to be preserved. During development of GenScn, it was necessary to incorporate different types of time-series data (that is, storage and model formats). To make GenScn work with these different data types in a consistent manner, a generic data structure was developed. Specific routines for each data type were written to fill the data structure. GenScn was then able to use this data structure in the same manner for all types of data.

Several other analysis tools were developed using existing FORTRAN codes that had already been tested and documented. The codes were compiled into Dynamic Link Libraries (DLLs) and then called by GenScn using new code that interfaces to the DLLs. The Duration and Compare analyses were both developed using this method. Another tool, Gener, that allows the generation of new time series that are based on existing time series was also developed in this manner.

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Special Files

GenScn uses a series of files for various purposes. Some files save the state of system functions, others contain GIS and time-series data, while others provide error and warning messages.

The Appendix provides detailed descriptions of each of these files and their contents. The following is a list of the files documented in the Appendix:

- Project Status *.sta
- Map Specifications *.map
- Error and Warning Message ERROR.FIL
- Time-Series Buffer *.tsb
- Compare Specifications *.gco
- Duration Specifications *.gdu
- Animate Specifications *.gan
- Full Equations (FEQ) Model Output *.feo
- Relational Data Base *.rdb
- HSPF Message WDM
- HSPF Status
- Time-Series WDM *.wdm

Sample Data

Sample data have been provided with the GenScn installation package for learning and demonstration purposes. No assumptions are to be made concerning the accuracy of the data, including the time-series WDM file, the Geographic Information System (GIS) files for mapping, the project status file, and the HSPF User Control Input (UCI) files.

Tutorial

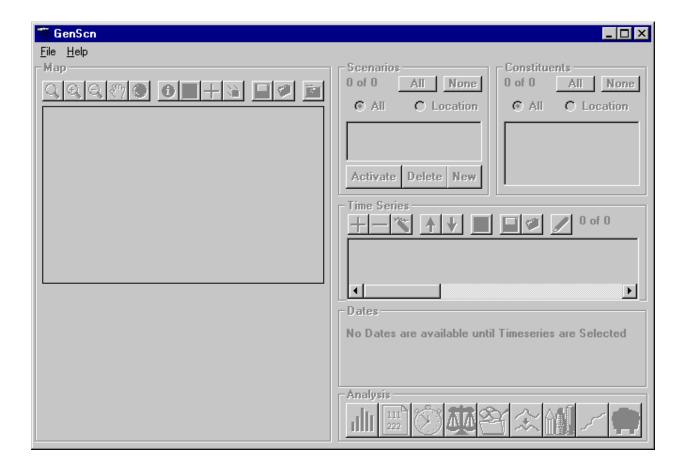
This section presents detailed examples illustrating the use of GenScn in various project situations. The most effective way to use this section is by running GenScn and working through the lessons. This assumes that GenScn and its associated example data have been installed on your computer. For instructions on how to obtain and install GenScn, see the Obtaining GenScn section. The examples assume that GenScn is started at the beginning of each lesson and closed at the end of each lesson. This will ensure that the examples correspond with what the user sees while running the tutorials.

- Lesson 1 is an introduction to GenScn and time-series selection.
- Lesson 2 shows how to build simple time-series plots.
- Lesson 3 shows how to list time-series data.
- Lesson 4 shows how to perform a duration analysis.
- Lesson 5 describes how to build a new scenario and run it.
- Lesson 6 shows how to compare two scenarios.
- Lesson 7 shows how to create a new project and import data.
- Lesson 8 describes how to generate time-series data.
- Lesson 9 explores advanced graphics features.
- Lesson 10 explores advanced mapping features.

Tutorial 13

Lesson 1: Introduction and Time-Series Selection

In this lesson, GenScn will be started and a project opened. The main GenScn form will be explored along with the help system. Exercises will then show different methods for selecting time series of interest for further review and analysis. To start GenScn, double click the GenScn icon on the desktop with the mouse or single click on the GenScn icon on the Start Menu. The main GenScn form appears:

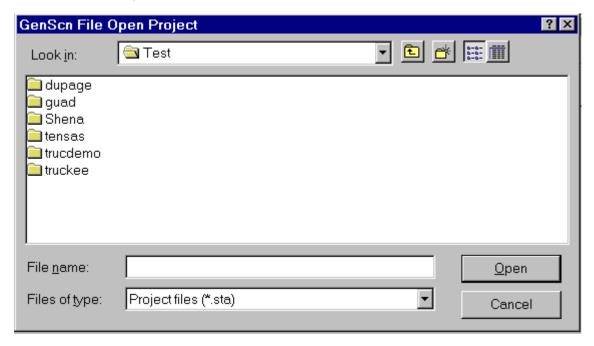


The main GenScn form is divided into six frames and a menu bar. The menu bar allows keyboard shortcuts for most commands. Holding the Alt key down while typing the underlined letter in the desired menu title displays the menu items under that title. Typing the underlined letter of the desired menu item then selects that item. The mouse may also be used to select menu items. Each of the six frames is named in the upper left corner.

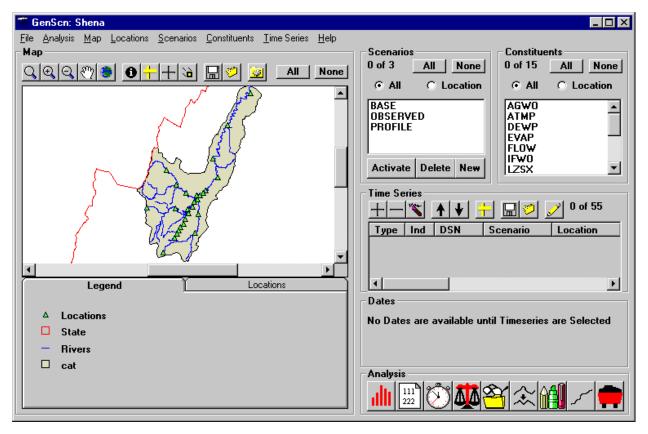
At any time when GenScn is being run, the complete manual is available online. To access the manual, simply press the F1 key. This command brings up the GenScn online manual open to a section appropriate to the current situation.

The first step in this lesson is to learn how to open an existing GenScn project. (Lesson 7 provides an example of how to create a new project.) Holding the Alt key down and pressing the F key (ALT-F)

shows the menu items for the File menu title. Pressing the O key brings up the GenScn File Open Project form (the mouse may also be used) similar to the one shown:



This is a file open common dialog. Select the 'Shena' folder to move to the sample project directory. Next select 'Shena.sta' to open the sample project. The project file is read and the main GenScn form is updated with the sample project as shown:



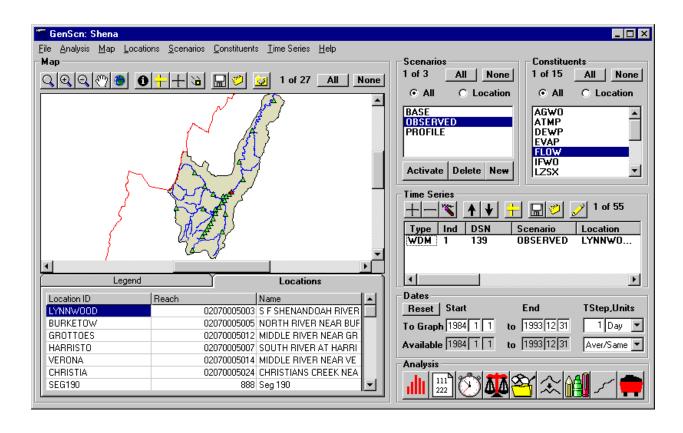
The Map frame contains a map of the basin, a toolbar containing map manipulation commands and a tab strip containing a legend and summaries of information found on the map. The Map Toolbar contains various map manipulation tools.

The Scenarios frame contains a list of the scenarios available in the project. Select the OBSERVED entry by clicking on it.

The Constituents frame contains a list of the names of the constituents available in the project. Select the FLOW entry.

In the locations list found in the Locations tab (below the map, next to the Legend tab), select the 'LYNNWOOD' entry by clicking on it. The entry highlights and the corresponding marker on the map changes to red. This is the location of Lynnwood. Click on the red marker and note that it changes back to its original color and Lynnwood is deselected in the locations list. Click on Lynnwood again to select it.

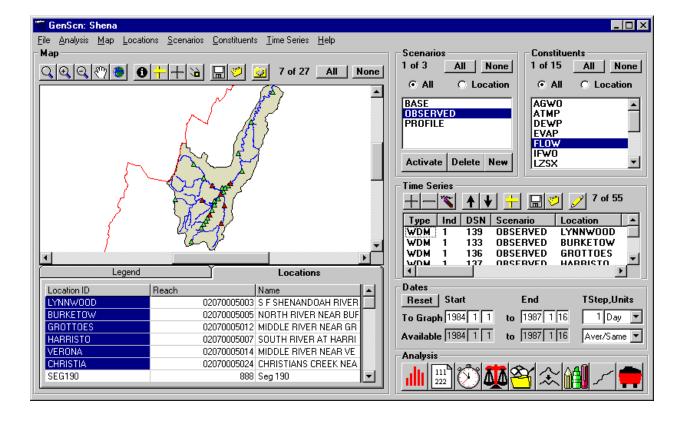
The Time Series frame contains information about currently selected time series along with selection tools. We have selected one location (LYNNWOOD), one scenario (OBSERVED) and one constituent (FLOW). Click on the Add button to add any time series that match these criteria. Note that WDM time-series dataset 139 contains OBSERVED FLOW data at LYNNWOOD.



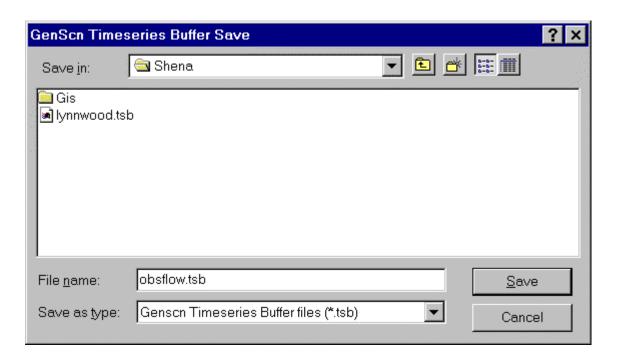
The Dates frame contains information about the range of dates available for the currently selected time series. For our selected time series, data are available from January 1, 1984, to December 31, 1993.

The Analysis frame contains a toolbar that links to GenScn's analysis tools. Later lessons will describe how to use these analysis tools.

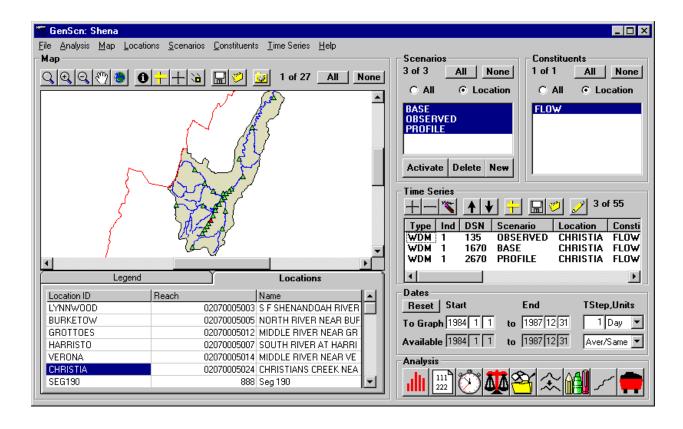
Resume this lesson by clearing the list of selected time series. This is done by clicking on the Clear button in the Time Series frame (third from the left). (This can also be done by clicking on time-series dataset 139 in the list to highlight it and then clicking the Remove button). Now that we know there is observed flow data at Lynnwood, let us see if there is any more at other locations. Leave OBSERVED and FLOW selected as the scenario and constituent, but now click on the 'All' button in the Map frame. Note that seven locations are now selected, which indicates that there is observed flow data at the seven locations. These locations are indicated by the red triangles on the map and are also highlighted under the Map locations list. The locations list must be scrolled down to see the seventh location, Dooms. Add these seven locations to the list of selected time series by clicking on the Add button in the Time Series frame.



If these were time series that would be used frequently in GenScn, then they could be saved to a file for retrieval at a later time. Do so by clicking on the Save Time Series button in the Time Series frame (third button from the right). A file open common dialog form is displayed that prompts for the name of a file in which to save the list of time series. Enter a file name (the .tsb extension will be added automatically) and click the 'Save' button. This set of time series (and the scenario, location, constituent selections that generated it) may be retrieved at any time by clicking the Get Time Series button just to the right of the Save Time Series button.



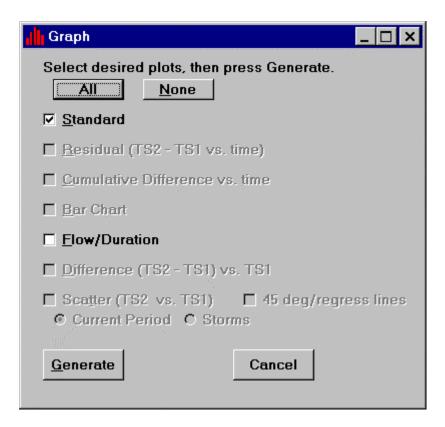
Finally, we will learn how to determine what data are available at a specific location. Begin by again clearing the list of time series by clicking the Clear button in the Time Series frame. Next clear all selections in the Location frame by clicking on the 'None' button. Click on the 'All' buttons in Scenario and Constituent frames. Select the CHRISTIA location in the locations list by clicking on it. Note that in the Scenario and Constituent frames there are option buttons for listing All items or Location-only items. In each frame, select the Location option by clicking on it. The lists in the Scenario and Constituent frames now display only those items that are found at the selected Location(s). Thus, we see that CHRISTIA has data for all of the available scenarios, but it only has data pertaining to the FLOW constituent. Click on the Add button in the Time Series frame to see the specifics of the time series found at CHRISTIA.



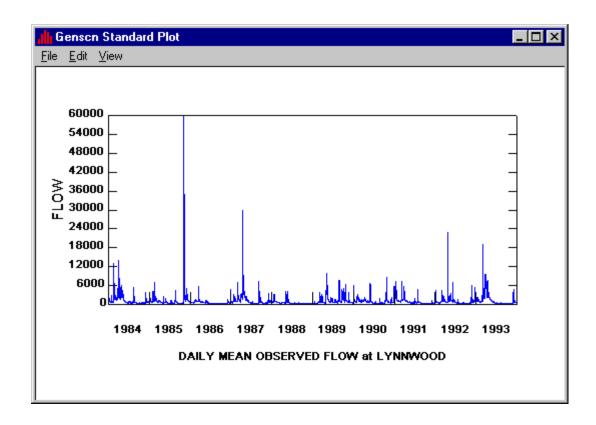
Exit GenScn by selecting the Exit menu item from the File menu title or clicking on the X in the upper right corner of the main form.

Lesson 2: Time-Series Graphics

In this lesson, GenScn will be used to build a simple time-series plot and customize it. Start GenScn, open 'Shena.sta', select OBSERVED FLOW at LYNNWOOD and add the time series to the list (see Lesson 1 to learn how to do this). Next click the Graph button on the Analysis Toolbar. The Graph form will appear.

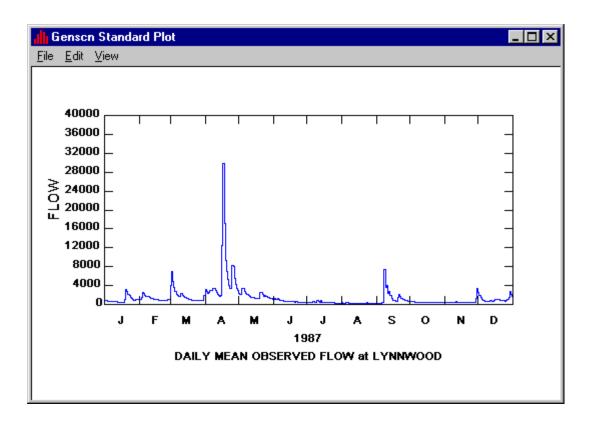


Note that only the Standard and Flow/Duration Plots are available. This is because only one time series has been selected. Click on the 'Generate' button. A graph of the selected time series appears.

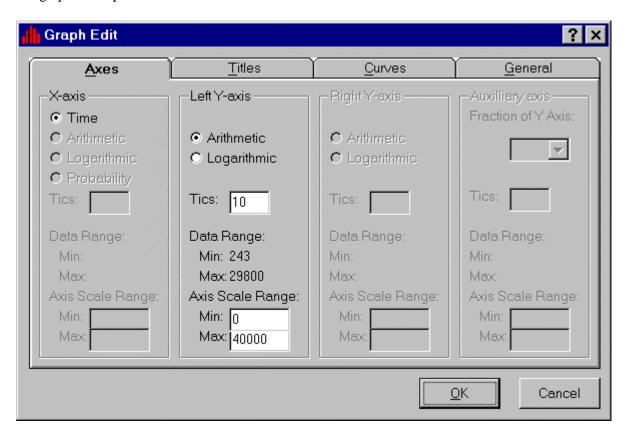


Note that the graph spans the 10-year period shown in the dates window (1984-93). There are a lot of data on this graph. To make the graph fill the entire screen, click on the box in the upper right corner (next to the X). There are still lots of data.

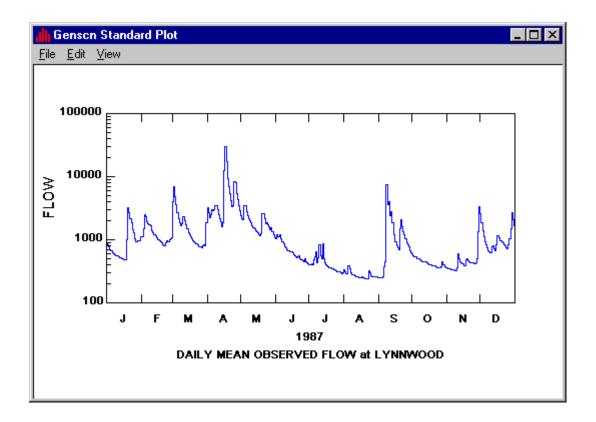
Let us look at just a single year of data-1987. First, close the 10-year graph by clicking on the 'X' button in the upper right corner of the graph, then click the 'Cancel' button in the graph generation form. Next, click in the Start year box of the Dates frame. Type the number '1987'. Then click in the End box and type the number '1987' again. Click the Analysis Graph button to bring up the Graph window. Click on the 'Generate' button. The following graph appears:



The low flows are difficult to make out. A logarithmic Y-axis will show them better. Type ALT-EA to bring up the Graph Edit Axes window.



Click on the logarithmic radio button in the Left Y-axis frame. Then click the 'OK' button. The graph is automatically refreshed.

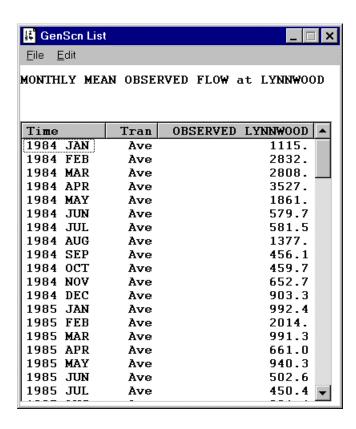


To print a copy, type ALT-FP. A print common dialog appears. If the defaults are correct, click on the 'OK' button to print the graph.

Close GenScn by clicking on the 'X' button in the upper right corner of the main window.

Lesson 3: Time-Series Listing

In this lesson, GenScn will be used to build a simple time-series listing and customize it. Start GenScn, open 'Shena.sta', select OBSERVED FLOW at LYNNWOOD and add the time series to the list (see Lesson 1 to learn how to do this). Remember from lesson 2 that this spans the 10-year period shown in the dates frame (1984-93). Let us look at monthly averages. Click on the Tstep, Units box of the Dates frame. Use the down arrow to move to a Month time unit. Next click the List [111] button on the Analysis Toolbar. A form containing a monthly listing of the data will appear.

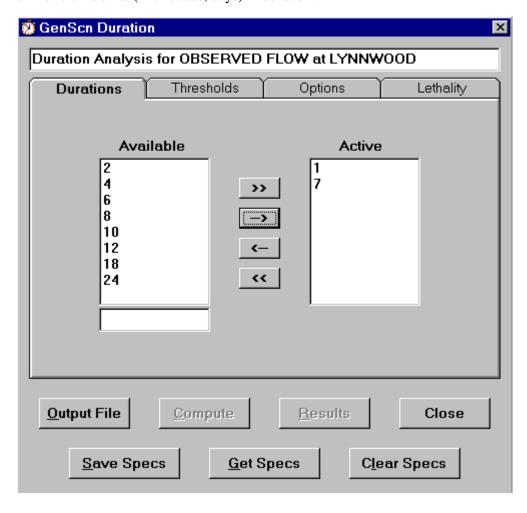


The GenScn List form may be removed by clicking on the 'X' button in the upper right corner of the form.

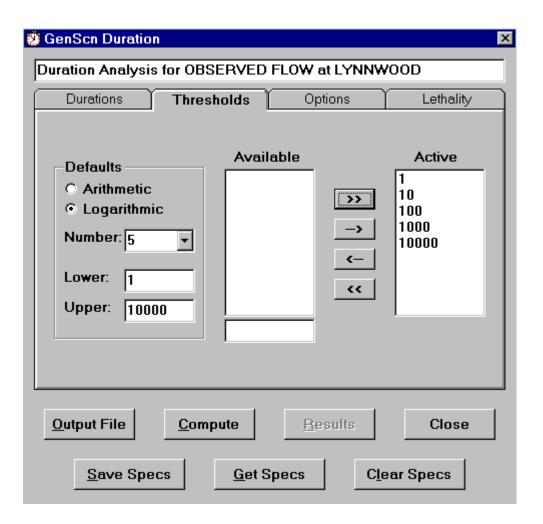
Lesson 4: Duration Analysis

In this lesson, GenScn will be used to perform a simple duration analysis. Select OBSERVED FLOW at LYNNWOOD (see Lesson 1 to learn how to do this). Next click the Duration button on the Analysis Toolbar. The Duration form will appear. This is the DURANL module from HSPF and should not be confused with the traditional flow duration analysis that is a cumulative frequency curve of a continuous time series.

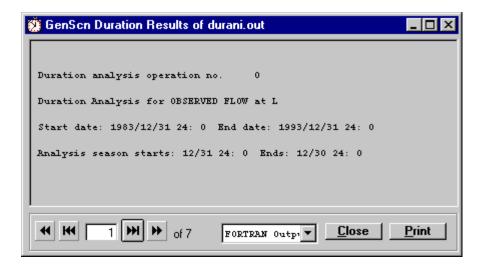
Click 'Clear Specs' to initialize a new duration analysis. Click on the Durations tab to bring it to the foreground. Click the '1' in the Available list and then the '-->' button to move the '1' into the Active list. Click in the box below the Available list and enter the number '7'. Click the '-->' button to move this value to the Active list. The two numbers in the Active list indicate that this analysis will look for events of 1 or 7 time units (in this case, days) in duration.



Click on the Thresholds tab to move the Thresholds tab to the foreground. Click on 'Logarithmic' in the Defaults frame, and notice that the Available list changes to a logarithmic series from 1 to 10000. Click on the '>>' button to move all of these values to the Active list.



Click on the 'Compute' button to begin the duration analysis computations. The 'Results' button will become active when the computations are complete. Click on the 'Results' button to see the results of this duration analysis.

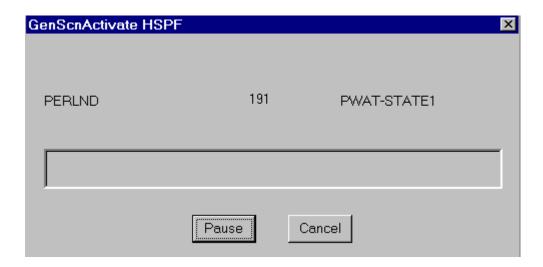


The GenScn Duration Results form displays the results one page at a time. At the bottom of the form there is a set of buttons and numbers that allow the user to move through the file. Click on the buttons to move forward or backward through the file, or enter a specific page number to see that page of results. When finished viewing the results, click on the 'Close' button in the Results form, and then click on the 'Close' button in the Duration form. Exit GenScn.

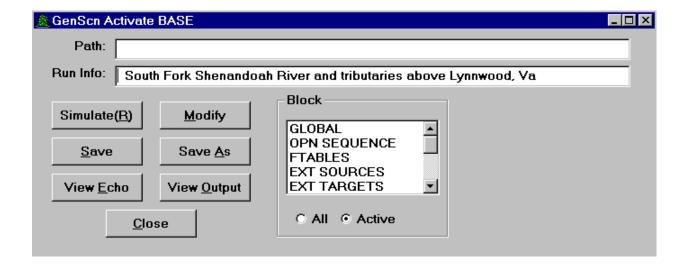
Lesson 5: Scenario Creation and Execution

In this lesson, GenScn will be used to create a scenario and execute it.

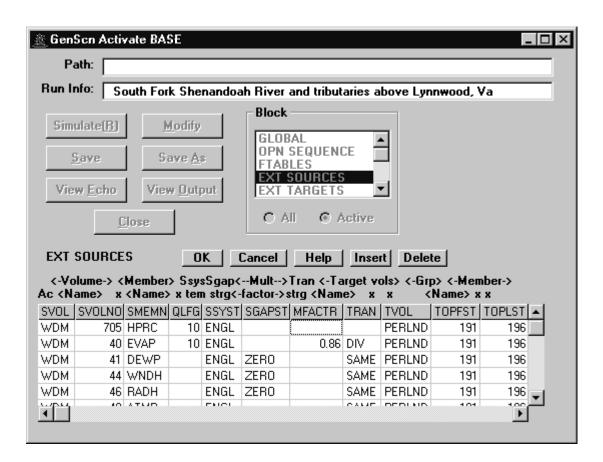
Start GenScn, open 'Shena.sta', then select the BASE scenario from the Scenarios list. Click on the 'Activate' button. GenScn will activate the BASE scenario, a process that takes several seconds. During this process the GenScn Activate HSPF form will appear.



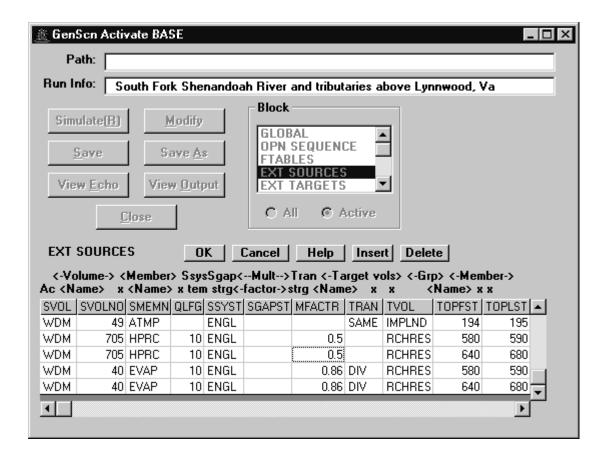
When GenScn has completed the Activate process, the Activate form will appear.



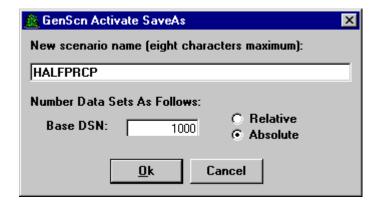
To demonstrate how one might create a scenario, we will make a small change to this existing scenario and save it under a new name. Click on the 'EXT SOURCES' list item in the block frame. For more details see the section Edit Scenario.



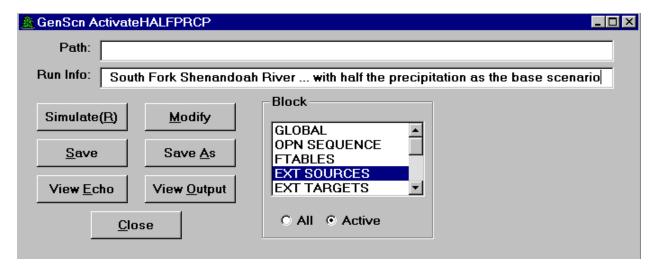
Notice that when 'EXT SOURCES' is clicked, the Activate form expands and the External Sources block of the HSPF input sequence is displayed. For this example we will reduce the precipitation for the area by one-half. On each line of the grid having 'HPRC' in the SMEMN column, enter the value 0.5 in the MFACTR column. After entering the value 0.5 for each precipitation external sources record, click on the 'OK' button to accept these changes. It is a good idea to edit the Run Info field so it describes the new scenario.



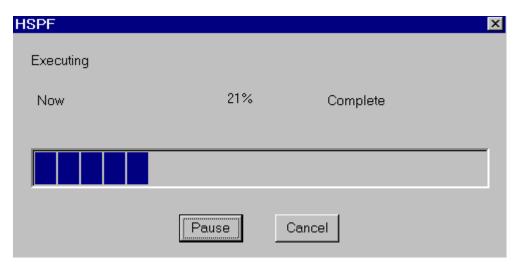
Click on the 'Save As' button to save this scenario under a new name. Enter the name 'HALFPRCP' as the new scenario name in the GenScn Activate SaveAs form, then click the 'OK' button to continue. A file by this name, with a .uci extension, will be created as an input sequence for HSPF. Timeseries created for this new scenario will be numbered using available data-set numbers after 1000.



Notice that the GenScn Activate form title now contains the name of the scenario, HALFPRCP.



Click on the 'Simulate' button to run the HSPF simulation.



The HSPF form will appear and show the status of the simulation. After the simulation is complete, click on the 'Close' button to return to the main GenScn form.

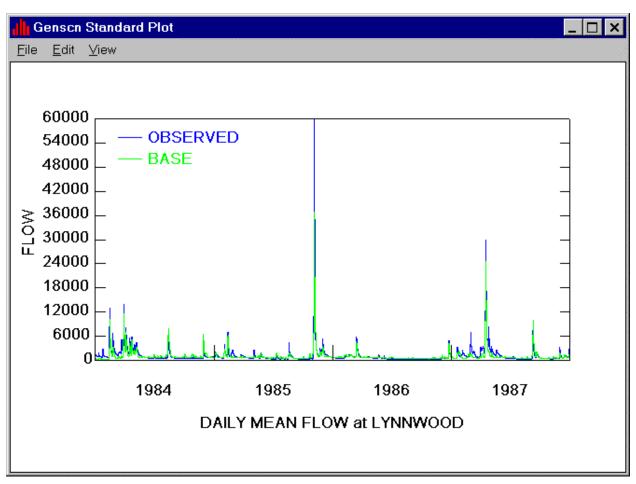
A new scenario has been created and executed. The scenario list should now contain this new scenario. Explore the results of the new scenario using the information learned from previous exercises. When finished, delete this new scenario using the 'Delete' button under the scenario list, then exit GenScn. For more details on deleting a scenario see Delete in the Detailed Functions, Scenarios section.



Lesson 6: Scenario Comparison

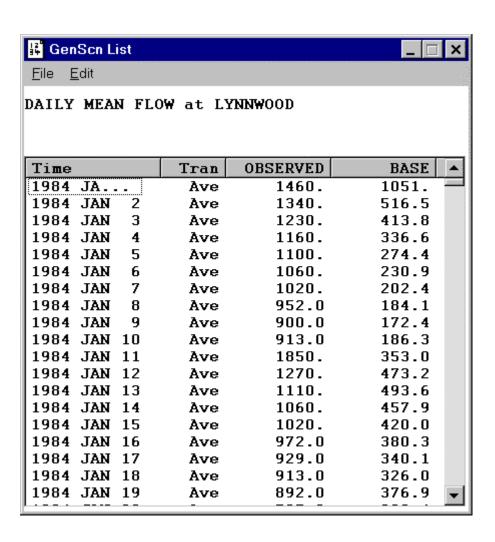
GenScn provides several ways to compare two scenarios. This lesson will focus on scenario comparisons at one location using the Graph, List, and Compare analysis tools. Start GenScn, open 'Shena.sta', select both BASE and OBSERVED scenarios, constituent FLOW, and location LYNNWOOD, then add the time series to the list (see Lesson 1 to learn how to do this).

Click the Graph button on the Analysis Toolbar. The Graph form will appear and show the list of available graph options. The Standard plot will be selected. Click on the 'Generate' button and a time-series plot will be displayed for OBSERVED and BASE FLOW at LYNNWOOD. Notice how one might observe the differences between the observed and base scenarios.



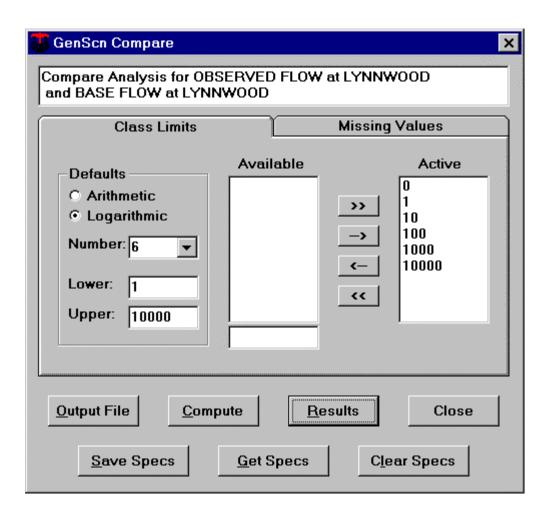
Use the File:Close menu item to remove this plot, and click the 'Cancel' button in the Graph form.

Another useful way of comparing scenarios is using the List tool. Click the List [11] button on the Analysis Toolbar. The List form will appear and show each data point in the two time series. After viewing this list, use the File:Close menu option to remove this list.

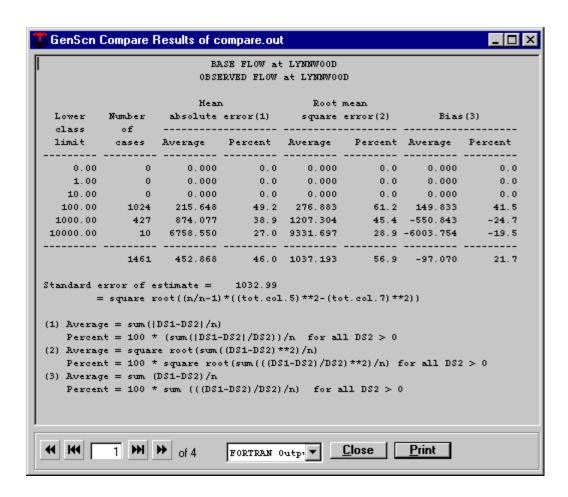


Now click the Compare how the Compare analysis tool can be used to provide statistical comparisons of two scenarios. The Compare form will appear.

Click on the 'Clear Specs' button to initialize a new compare analysis. The Class Limits tab should be in the foreground. Click on 'Logarithmic' in the Defaults frame, and then choose '6' from the pull-down list as the number of class limits. Notice that the Available list changes to reflect these default values. Click on the '>>' button to move the list of class limits to the Active list.



Click on the 'Compute' button to begin the compare analysis computations. The 'Results' button will become active when the computations are complete. Click on the 'Results' button to see the results of this compare analysis. The GenScn Compare Results form displays the results one page at a time. At the bottom of the form there is a set of buttons and numbers that allow the user to move through the file. Click on the buttons to move forward or backward through the file, or enter a specific page number to see that page of results.



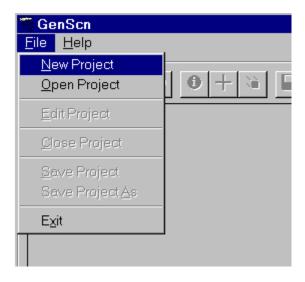
When finished viewing the results, click on the 'Close' button in the Results form and then in the Compare form, then exit GenScn.

Lesson 7: Project Setup

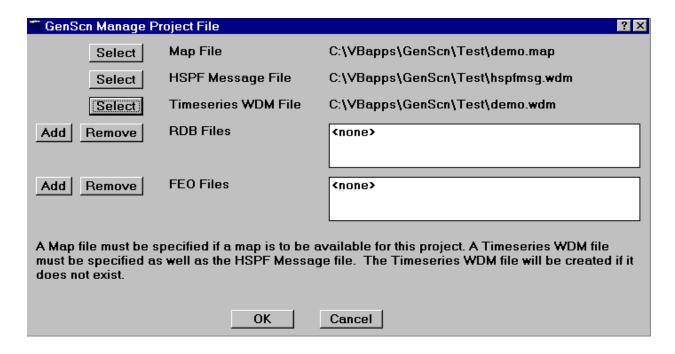
In this lesson, GenScn will be used to set up a project in a new basin.

The first step in setting up GenScn for a new basin is to prepare the GIS coverages for the map. For details on setting up the GIS files for GenScn, see the section entitled GIS Data in the Setting Up a New Scenario Generator section. Once these coverages have been prepared, the map file must be created using a text editor. An existing map file may be modified or a new map file may be created as detailed in the Map Specifications appendix. For the purposes of this tutorial, the user may wish to copy the file 'Shena.map' provided with GenScn to 'Demo.map'. Make sure the GIS files referred to in the map file are where the map file expects them. Each layer in the map should have an associated file with extension SHP and another with extension DBF.

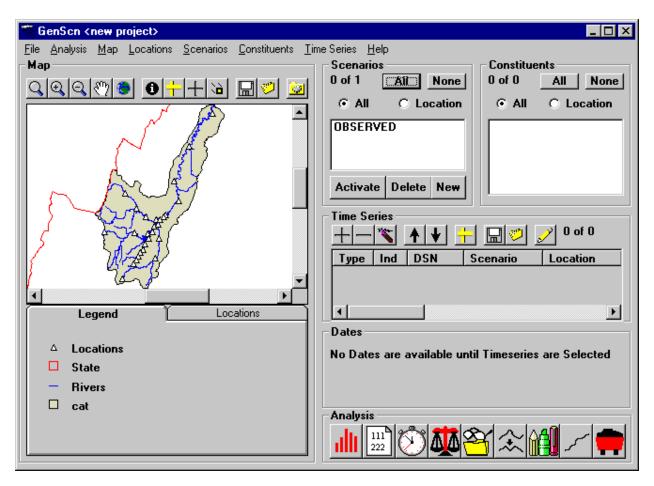
Assuming the GIS files for the map are now prepared, the user may now begin setting up a new project. With no project open, click on the 'File' menu and select the 'New Project' menu option.



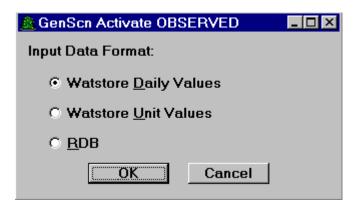
The GenScn Manage Project File form will appear. Click the 'Select' button next to 'Map File', and select the new map file created above. Next click the 'Select' button next to 'Timeseries WDM File', and specify the name of a new WDM file, such as 'Demo.wdm'.



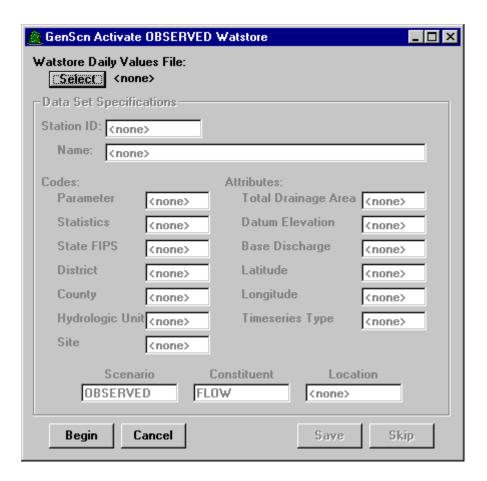
When the 'OK' button is clicked, the GenScn Manage Project File form will disappear, giving way to the main GenScn form that contains only the map and the OBSERVED scenario. No time series exist as yet, and no scenarios have been created.



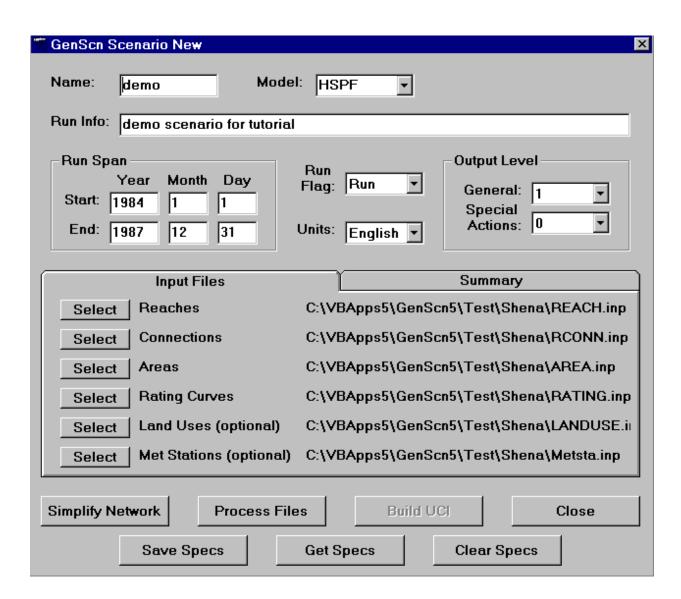
Select the OBSERVED scenario from the scenario list and then click the 'Activate' button. The GenScn Activate OBSERVED form will appear, from which the user picks the input data format. Select the Watstore Daily Values format, and then click the 'OK' button.



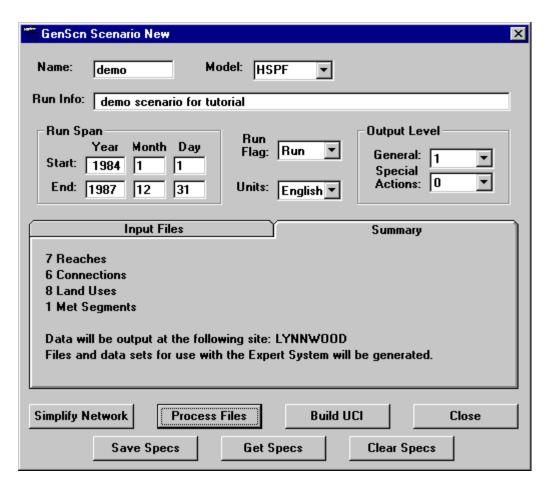
The Watstore form will appear, from which the user may import the observed time-series data. For more details on using this option, see the Activate in the Detailed Functions-Scenario section. For this tutorial, if no Watstore data are available, click the 'Cancel' button to continue.



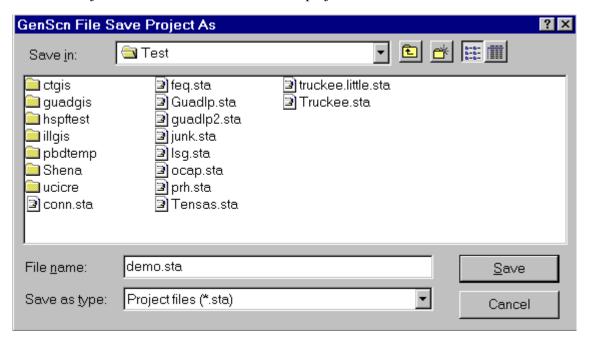
After importing the observed time-series data, the user may create a new scenario by clicking the 'New' button in the Scenario frame on the main form. The GenScn New Scenario form will appear, from which the user can specify the parameters related to the new scenario.



Once the input parameters have been specified, click the 'Process Files' button. The summary tab will appear showing details of the scenario about to be created. Then the user may click the 'Build UCI' button to create the new scenario.



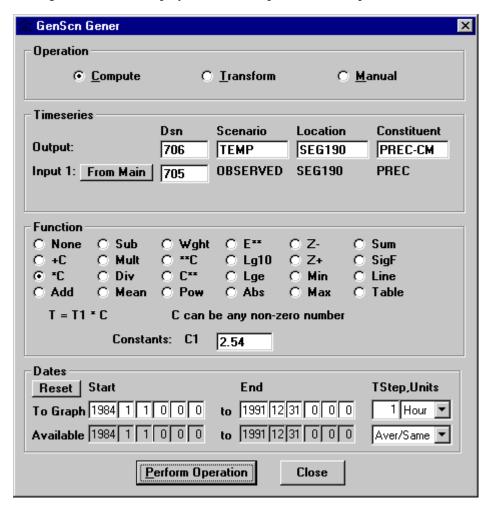
See the section New Scenario in the Detailed Functions section for more details on building, processing, and summarizing a new scenario. Click the 'Close' button to return to the main GenScn form. At this point the user has completed the setup of a new project. From the File menu title on the main form, select the 'Save Project As' menu item to save this new project, then exit GenScn.



Lesson 8: Generating Time Series

In this lesson, GenScn will be used to generate new time-series data. Start GenScn and open 'Shena.sta'. Click the Generate Timeseries \mathfrak{L} button on the Analysis Toolbar. The Generate form will appear.

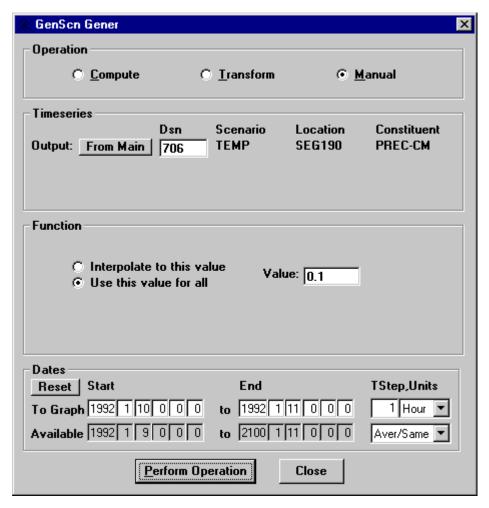
The Compute operation will be chosen initially. Assume the user would like to convert a time series of values in inches to centimeters. Choose the '*C' item from the Function frame. Click in the Constants field and enter 2.54 in this field. In the Timeseries, frame click in the Dsn field for Input Timeseries 1 and type the number 705. Press the tab key and notice that the scenario, location, and constituent names become visible for this time series. Click in the output time-series dsn field and enter the number of a time series that does not yet exist (706 works for this tutorial). Press the tab key and enter 'TEMP' as the scenario name, 'SEG190' as the location name, and 'PREC-cm' as the constituent name. We will generate this new data set for every time step of the source time series, so there is no need to adjust anything in the dates frame. Click on the 'Perform Operation' button to begin the generate operation. A message form will be displayed when the operation is completed.



Click on Transform to change to the Transform operation. Assume the user would like to convert a time series of hourly values to maximum monthly values. In the Timeseries frame, click in the Dsn field for Input Timeseries 1 and type the number 705. Press the tab key and notice that the scenario, location, and constituent names become visible for this time series. Click in the output time-series dsn field and enter the number of a time series that does not yet exist (707 works for this tutorial). Press the tab key and enter 'TEMP' as the scenario name, 'SEG190' as the location name, and 'MONMAX' as the constituent name. In the time units pull-down list, change the time units to Month, and in the pull-down list below the time units, change the transformation function to Max. Click on the 'Perform Operation' button to begin the generate operation. A message form will be displayed when the operation is completed.



Click on Manual to change to Manual operation. Assume the user would like to add values for 10 days to a time series. In the Timeseries frame, click in the Dsn field for the output time series and type the number 706. Press the tab key and notice that the scenario, location, and constituent names become visible for this time series. In the function frame, click the 'Use this value for all' option and enter a value of 0.1 in the Value field. Change the ending date to 1992-1-10. Click the 'Perform Operation' button to begin the generate operation. A message will be displayed when the operation is completed.



The 'Interpolate to this value' option is used to interpolate from a value in the time series to an entered value. For example, to add 10 daily values to this time series increasing to a value of 2.0, the user can choose the 'Interpolate to this value' option with 2.0 in the Value field. The start date should be set to the end of the existing data, and the end date should be set 10 days later. Clicking the 'Perform Operation' button will add 10 values to this time series, the last value being 2.0.

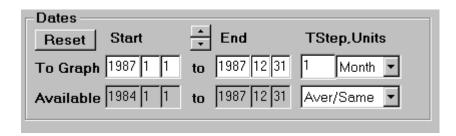
To enter a different value for each of the 10 days, the 'Use this value for all' option can be used 10 times with an end date one day after the start date. For each day, enter a number in the Value field, then click the 'Perform Operation' button. The end date will default to one time step after the previous end date.

During this lesson two time series were created. Use the List analysis tool to investigate the output from these generation operations. When finished looking at these time series, they can be deleted by deleting the 'Temp' scenario on the main form. Exit GenScn when you are finished.

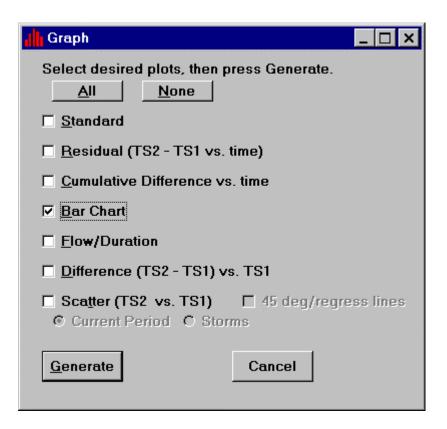
Lesson 9: Advanced Graphics

In this lesson, GenScn will be used to build a set of complex plots and customize them.

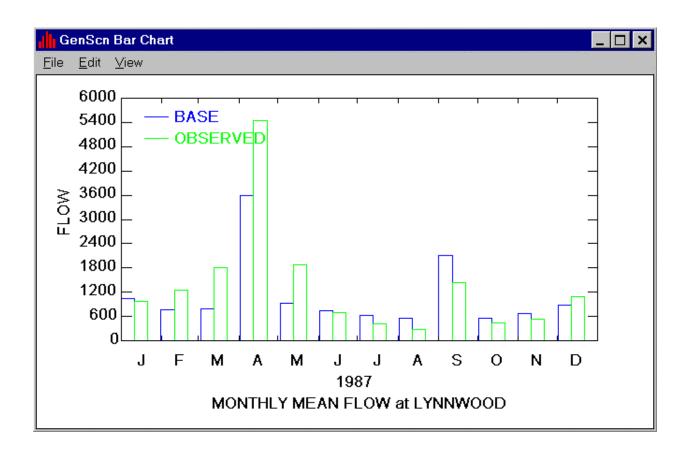
Start GenScn, open 'Shena.sta', select both BASE and OBSERVED scenarios, constituent FLOW, and location LYNNWOOD, then add the time series to the list. (see Lesson 1 to learn how to do this). In the dates frame change the starting year to 1987, and change the time units to Months.



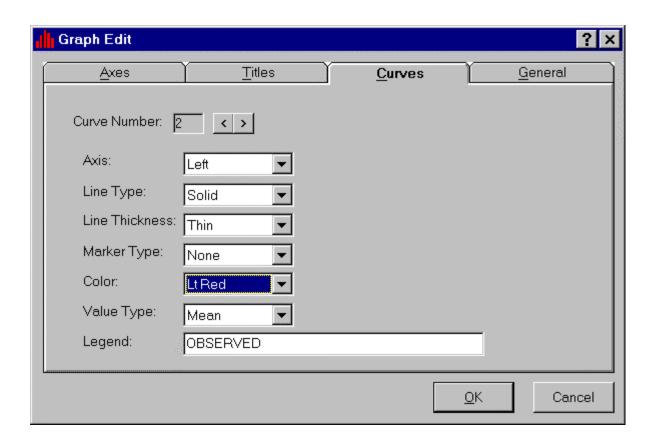
Click on the Graph button in the Analysis tool bar. The Graph form will appear. Click off the check box for Standard and click on the check box for Bar Charts.



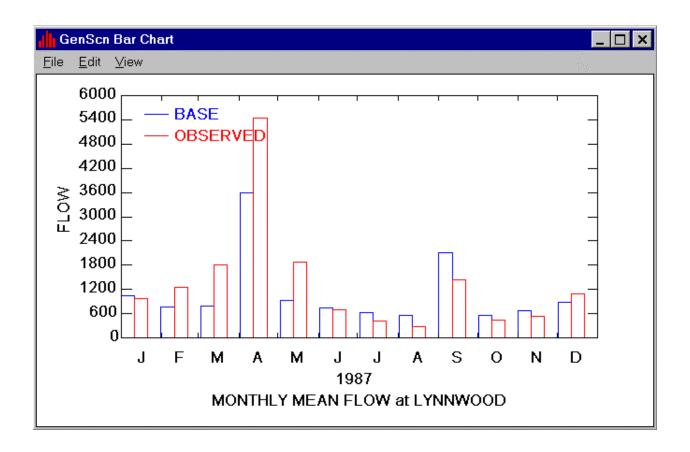
Click the 'Generate' button. A Bar Chart will appear for the BASE and OBSERVED scenarios for monthly mean flow values in 1987 at Lynnwood.



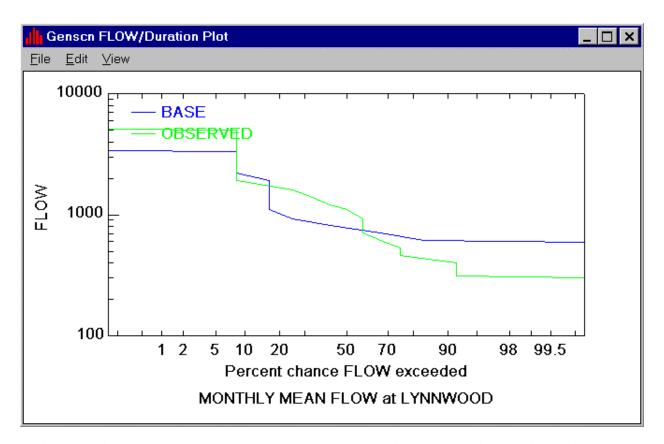
From the Edit menu title in the Graph form, select the Curves menu item. Assume the user wants to change the color of the Observed lines. In the Graph Edit form, change the curve number to 2, and change the color to 'ltred'.



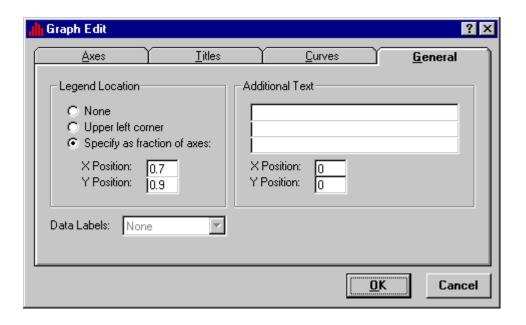
When the 'OK' button is clicked, the Bar Chart will appear with the Observed lines in light red.



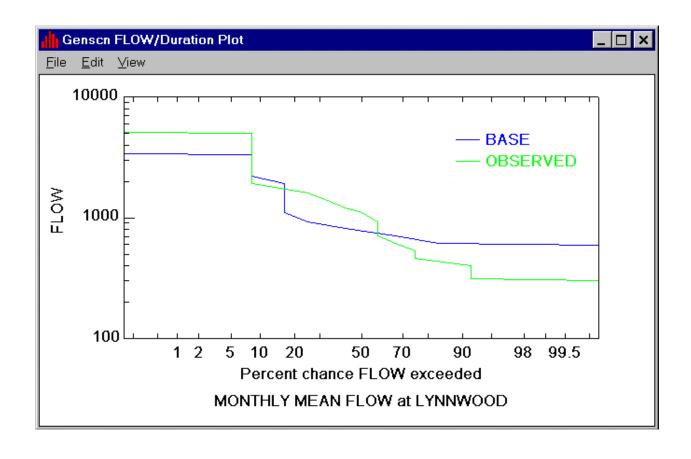
By default, the two scenarios are distinguished by color only. If these colors are not reproduced above, the left bars correspond to the base scenario and the right bars correspond to the observed scenario. After observing this graph, click the 'X' in the upper right corner of the Bar Chart form to close it and return to the 'Graph' form. Check off the Bar Chart and check on the Flow/Duration. Click the 'Generate' button to create the Flow/Duration plot.



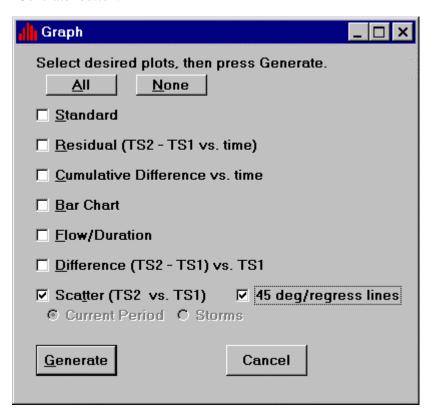
Notice that a line on the plot has been drawn through the legend. From the Edit menu title select the General menu item. Click on the Specify radio button for the Legend Location. Then enter 0.7 as the x position and 0.9 as the y position.

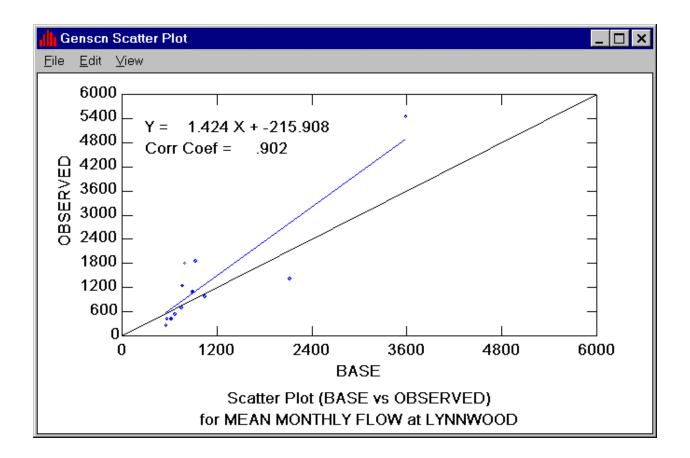


Click the 'OK' button and notice that the legend has moved to a new location on the plot.



Now in the Graph form select Scatter, and then check the 45 degree and regression lines. Click on the 'Generate' button.





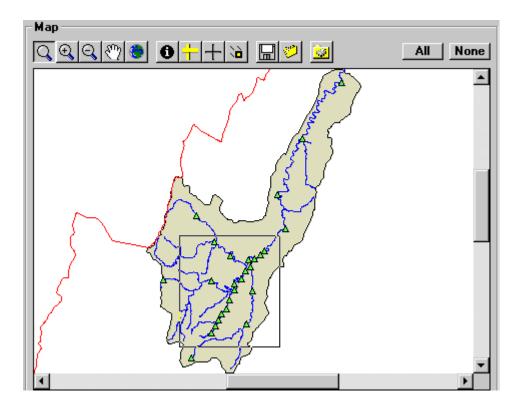
A scatter plot is produced with a regression line fitted through the data points. The equation of the regression line is included on the plot as well as the correlation coefficient from the regression. By default, the equation is displayed using X for the horizontal axis and Y for the vertical axis. The equation and coefficient text can be edited or moved with the General menu item in the Edit menu. This makes it possible to change X and Y into more descriptive names. The axis titles can be edited using the Titles menu item in the Edit menu. Clicking on a title is another way to bring up the Edit Titles window. If quantities being graphed have units, for example, the units should be added to the axis labels.

Many other graph options have not been discussed in this lesson. The user might wish to continue exploring the different graph features. Close the graphs and exit GenScn when finished exploring.

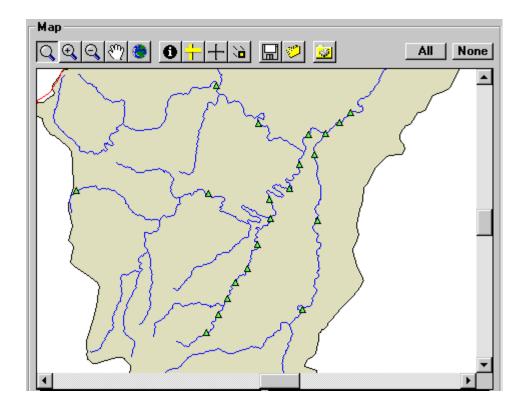
Lesson 10: Advanced Mapping

In this lesson, GenScn will be used to customize map views in a project. There are several ways a user might customize a map. For this lesson, assume the user wants to zoom in on the map, change the layers displayed on the map, and change the color used for a map layer.

First, make sure a project is open and a map is displayed. Click on the zoom abutton from the map toolbar. Move the mouse to the map and click and hold the mouse button at one corner of the desired region. Stretch a box to the opposite corner of the desired region and then release the mouse button.



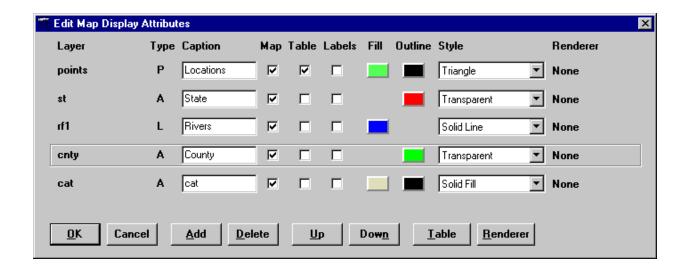
The map will zoom to the region of interest.



If the Legend tab is not on top in the tab strip below the map, click to the Legend tab. A legend will be displayed, showing the layers on the map and their corresponding colors.



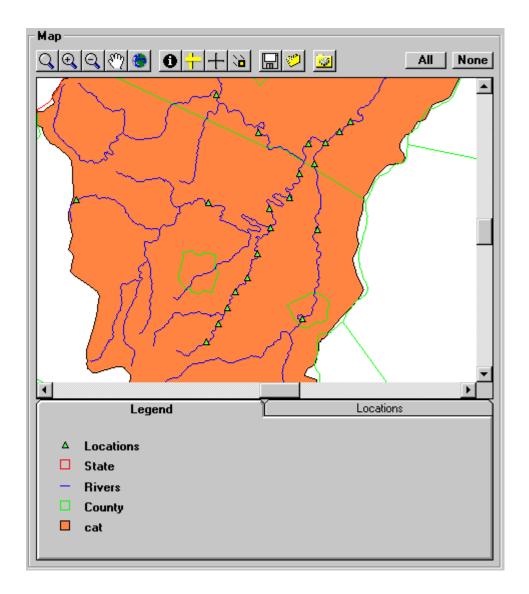
Click the Edit Layers button above the map or click inside the Legend tab. The Edit Map Display Attributes form will appear. Click the county lines Map checkbox, labeled 'cnty.' This box determines whether or not the county lines are drawn on the map.



Click on the fill color box for cataloging units, labeled 'cat.' The Color dialog will appear, from which the user can choose a new color for the cataloging units map layer. Select the desired color by double-clicking or by clicking the 'OK' button in the Color dialog.



Click the 'OK' button in the Edit Map Display Attributes form. Notice that the map is redrawn with the cataloging units color changed and the county lines are now visible (or, if they were visible before, they are now gone.)



This map view can be saved using the Save button on the map toolbar. A map view can be retrieved at a later time using the Get button on the map toolbar. Many other map customizations are possible. See the Map section in the Detailed Functions section for more details. This concludes the introductory tutorial.

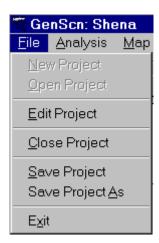
Detailed Functions

File

When no project is active, the available menu items under the File menu title are the New Project and Open Project items.



After a project is open, the available menu items are Edit Project, Close Project, Save Project, Save Project As, and Exit.

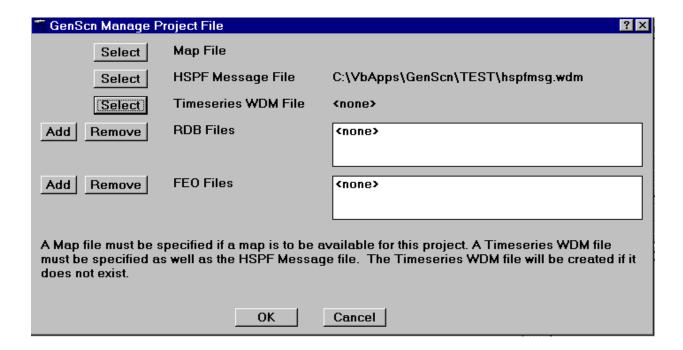


In order to switch between projects, the open project must be closed before another project can be opened or created.

New Project New Project

New Project

The File: New Project menu item allows the creation of a new project status file.



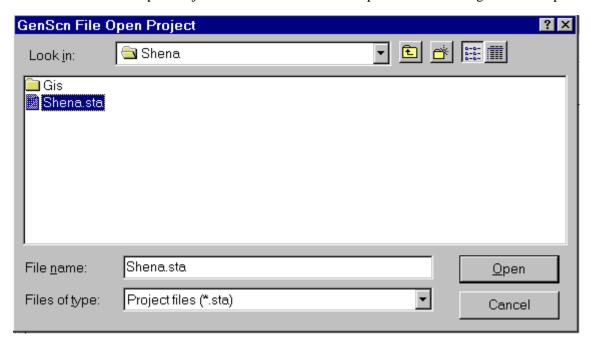
The three 'Select' buttons bring up file open common dialog boxes. First, a map specifications file must be specified. This file contains information about the map associated with the basin. Second, the location of the HSPF Message file must be confirmed. Third, a Time-Series WDM file must be specified. All three of these files must exist, with the exception of the Time-Series WDM file, which will be created if it does not exist.

If RDB or FEO files are to be associated with the project, they should be specified through use of the appropriate 'Add' button.

The 'OK' button refreshes the GenScn main form and returns control there. The 'Cancel' button returns control to the GenScn main form without refreshing it.

Open Project

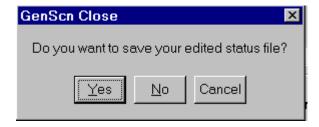
Selection of the File:Open Project menu item causes a file open common dialog box to be opened.



Selection of a project status file in this dialog box causes an existing GenScn project to be opened. The GenScn main form will refresh with a summary of the selected project.

Close Project

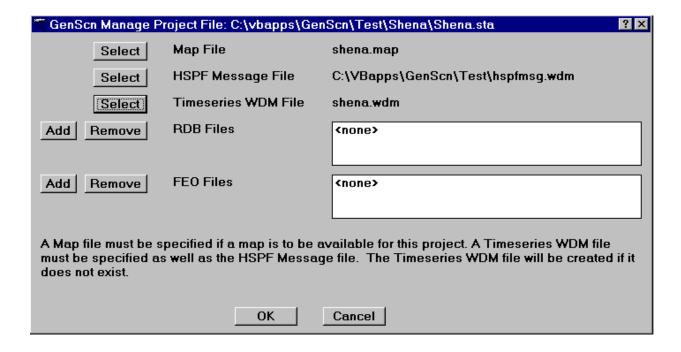
The File:Close Project menu item closes the currently active project. If the project status file has been edited, the user is asked if the edited file should be saved.



A 'Yes' button response will overwrite an existing project status file if one exists. Otherwise, a status file name will be requested. The 'No' button response will close the project without saving the edits to the status file. The 'Cancel' button response will cancel the File:Close Project action. This is useful when a project status file has been edited and needs to be saved with a new name (see Save Project As).

Edit Project Edit Project

Edit Project



The File:Edit Project menu item allows editing of the project status file. The three 'Select' buttons bring up file open common dialog boxes. The location of the map specifications, HSPF Message, and Time-Series WDM files may be updated.

RDB or FEO files may be added or removed from the project by use of the 'Add' button or 'Remove' button associated with the file type list.

The 'OK' button refreshes the GenScn main form and returns control there. Pending changes to the project status file are not permanent until the File Save Project menu item is selected. The 'Cancel' button returns control to the GenScn main form without refreshing it. Pending changes to the project status file are ignored.

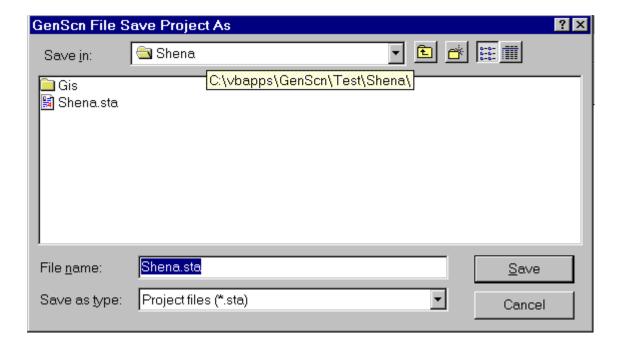
Save Project Save Project

Save Project

Selection of the File:Save Project menu item overwrites the current project status file. If there is no current project status file, the 'Save Project As' dialog will appear.

Save Project As

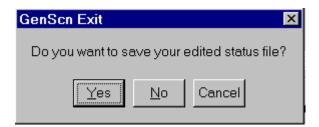
Selection of the File:Save Project As menu item causes a 'Save Project As' dialog to appear.



Exit Exit

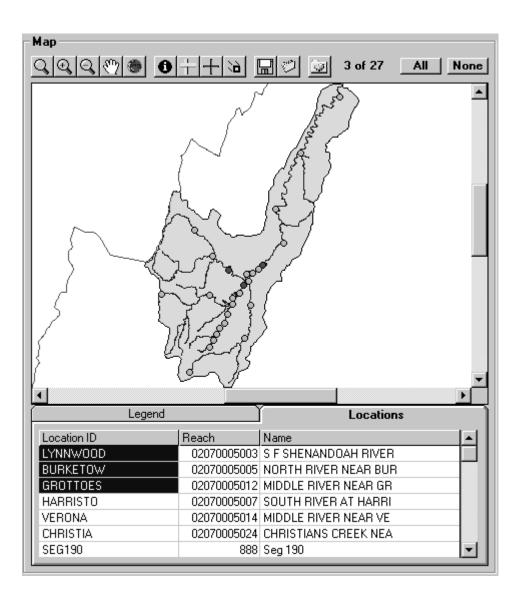
Exit

The File:Exit menu item closes the currently active project (if any) and exits GenScn. If the project status file has been edited, the user is asked if the edited file should be saved.



A 'Yes' button response will overwrite an existing project status file if one exists. Otherwise, a status file name will be requested. The 'No' button response will close the project without saving the edits to the status file. The 'Cancel' button response will cancel the File:Exit action. This is useful when a project status file has been edited and needs to be saved with a new name (see Save Project As).

Map



A map of the river basin being analyzed is provided to visualize the spatial distribution of important features, such as rivers and streams, drainage boundaries, and political boundaries. The map allows the user to identify locations where time-series data are available and to select desired locations for analysis. A map toolbar and a corresponding menu title are provided to allow the user to manipulate the map in a variety of ways.

Map Toolbar Map Toolbar

Map Toolbar



The Map Toolbar contains buttons which allow the user to change the map extent $\mathbb{Q} \oplus \mathbb{Q} \oplus \mathbb{Q}$ get information \mathbb{C} about points on the map, edit the display \mathbb{C} , add points \mathbb{C} to the map, move points \mathbb{C} on the map, save \mathbb{C} or get \mathbb{C} map specifications, and print \mathbb{C} a copy of a map.

Zoom, Pan, Full Extent



The leftmost grouping of five buttons on the map toolbar are used to display desired map extents. The Zoom button allows the user to specify an area of the map to display by drawing a box around the desired area. This is done by clicking and holding down the left mouse button in one corner and then dragging the pointer to the opposite corner and releasing the mouse button when the box is defined. The Zoom In button causes an incremental zoom to a smaller portion of the map. The Zoom Out button causes an incremental zoom to a larger portion of the map. The Pan button is used to pan left, right, up, and down on the map extent. This is done by clicking and holding down the left mouse button on the map and moving the map in the desired direction. The scroll bars on the right and bottom of the map may also be used to pan the visible portion of the map. The Full Extent button is used to display the full (largest available) extent of the map.

Identify **1**

The Identify button is used to enter identify mode. This mode is indicated by having a "?" symbol attached to the pointer. In identify mode, a label is displayed just below the cursor for the map feature nearest to the cursor. The currently selected table below the map is the layer being identified. The table is automatically scrolled so the line of the table containing information about the closest map feature appears at the top of the table. The database field used for these labels can be changed in the Labels form, accessed through the Edit Map Display Attributes form.

While on the map, the mouse pointer will remain in identify mode until another button on the map toolbar is selected or the right mouse button is clicked.

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Add Point



The Add button is used to add a new point to a point coverage of the map. Before a point can be added, the table for a point coverage must be selected below the map. After clicking the Add button, a point is added by clicking the left button on the map where the new point is to be placed. The user will then be prompted for a name for the point. A new point can not be selected for use until data associated with that point is available.

Move Point



The Move to button is used to move a point within the point coverage of the map. Points are moved by dragging. This is done by clicking and holding down the left mouse button over a point, moving the mouse to the desired location, then releasing the mouse button. Points may also be moved by using ArcView, or any other GIS software which can manipulate shape (.shp) files.

Save Map



The Save Map button is used to save the current map settings to a map specifications file or to save an image of the map to a file or to the clipboard as a bitmap or Windows Metafile. The user will be prompted for the file name through a file open common dialog. Map settings include the current map extent and the coverages (and their characteristics) displayed. Once the map settings are saved they can be retrieved at any time during this or any other GenScn run using the Get Map Specifications button. The Save as Type list in the save dialog is used to save an image of the current map. After choosing a format, the file name should end with the appropriate extension for that format, as indicated in parentheses in the Save as Type blank.

Get Map Specifications



The Get Map Specifications button is used to retrieve previously saved map settings from a map specifications file. The user will be prompted for the file name through a file open common dialog. Map settings include the current map extent and the coverages (and their characteristics) displayed. The retrieval of the map settings allows the user to recall a specific area of interest or a desired combination of coverages.

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Print

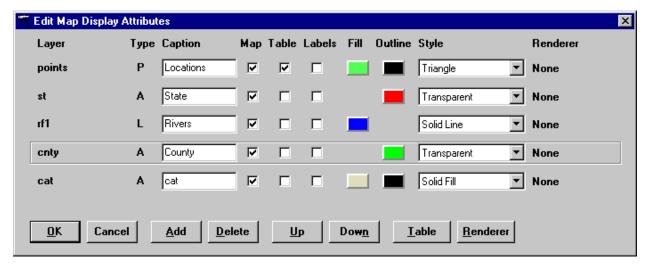


The Print Map button causes the map to be sent to the currently selected printer. No printer dialogue is displayed for selecting the printer, so the user should select the system printer from the operating system (if needed) before printing the map. For a black and white printer, gray scales will be used to indicate colors on the map.

Edit Map Display Attributes



Clicking the Edit Layers button on the toolbar or clicking inside the legend will cause the Edit Map Display Attributes form to appear. This form displays all of the current coverages and their colors and styles.



The Layer column displays the name of the database containing each layer. The Type column displays P for a point layer, L for a line layer such as rivers, or A for an area layer. In the Caption column, the text used to identify each table can be edited.

Clicking a check box in the Map column will change whether or not a layer will appear on the map. Table check boxes determine whether or not a table is displayed in a tab below the map. Checking a Table check box will cause the Table Columns form to appear so columns from the database can be selected for display. Clicking the 'Table' button while a layer is selected is another way to check a Table check box. Label check boxes are similar to Table check boxes. Checking a Label check box causes the Labels form to appear so the source and style of labels can be adjusted.

Clicking on the color patches next to a coverage will cause a color palette form to appear that will allow selection of the desired color for that coverage. Clicking on the Style list allows the user to modify the style of the coverage. Clicking the 'Renderer' button while a layer is selected causes the Renderer form to appear so different colors and styles can be used depending on data. When a renderer is in use, the fill

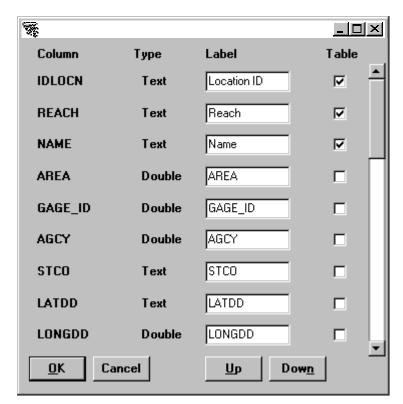
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and outline colors and style that appear on the Edit Map Display Attributes form will only be used for features that can not be drawn by the renderer. This usually happens because there is incomplete data in the shape database describing the features.

The currently selected layer is indicated by a rectangular outline. Clicking on any part of a row of information selects that layer. The layers are displayed in the order in which they appear on the map. The bottom layer in the list is drawn first and the top layer in the list is drawn on top of all the other layers. The 'Up' button and the 'Down' button move the currently selected layer up and down in the drawing order.

The 'Add' button uses a file open common dialog to locate an ESRI shape file to add to the map. The 'Delete' button removes the currently selected layer from the map. Changes to the coverages and their colors and styles will not take effect until the 'OK' button is clicked. Clicking the 'Cancel' button will nullify any changes to the map that had been specified.

Table Columns

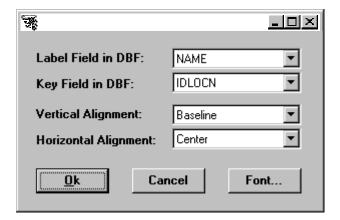


Each row in this form corresponds to a field in the shape database and can be displayed as a column in a table below the map. Column labels can be edited in the Label text boxes and columns are selected for inclusion in the table with the Table check boxes. The 'Up' button and the 'Down' button can be used to change the order of the fields.

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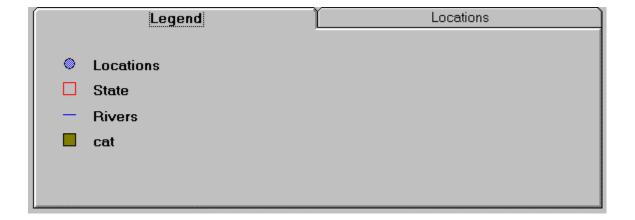
Labels



The Label Field in DBF control selects which database field to use for labeling. The same field will be used for the labels that appear in identify mode. The Key Field in DBF control sets the field to use for selecting features. This will typically be IDLOCN for locations. Vertical and horizontal alignment of labels can be customized. The 'Font...' button will cause a common dialog to appear for specifying the size, color, and style of labels.

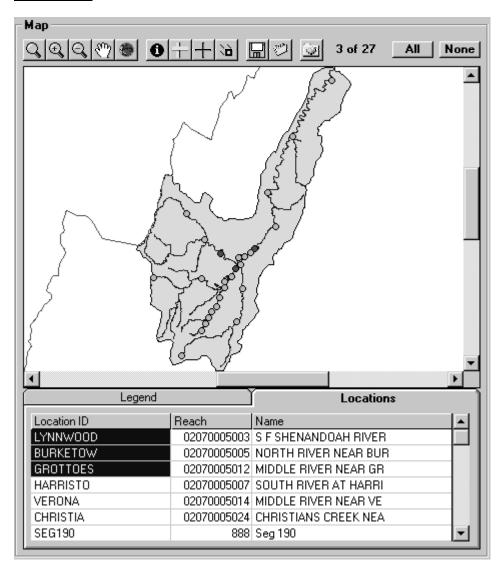
Legend

The Legend tab below the map displays the meaning of the coverages on the map. Coverage symbols and their colors are displayed with a descriptive name next to each coverage.



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Locations



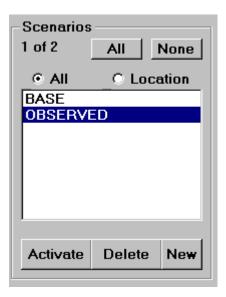
The Locations tab in the Map frame of the GenScn form displays available and selected location names in a project. Details of the point coverage on the map are displayed in the columns adjacent to the list of names. The columns displayed are specified in the map specification file and can be edited in the Edit Map Display Attributes form. Selected locations are highlighted in the list of names. Available and Selected locations are also shown on the Map. Selection or deselection in this tab updates the map and vice versa.

The summary label in the upper right corner of the Map frame shows a count of the locations that are selected and available. The 'All' button is used to select all available locations. The 'None' button deselects all locations. A location can only be selected after associated scenarios and constituents have been selected. If there is no data available at a location for the selected scenarios and constituents, it can not be selected.

Depending on what selections are made in the Edit Map Display Attributes form, other tabs may be present containing information about other map layers.

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Scenarios



The Scenarios frame of the main GenScn form displays the available and selected scenario names in a project. The summary label in the upper left corner of the frame shows a count of the scenarios that are selected and available. The 'All' button is used to select all available scenarios. The 'None' button deselects all scenarios. The scenario list contains an alphabetical list of available scenarios. Selected scenarios are highlighted in this list.

Each scenario (except OBSERVED) is associated with a model. If GenScn has been connected to an associated model (as it has for HSPF), it can be used to edit input for the model, execute the model, and review output from the model.

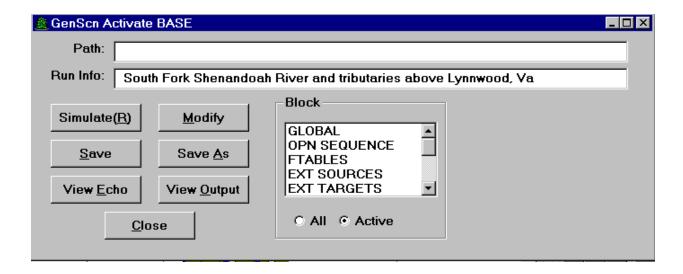
The Activate scenario management button brings up a summary of the scenario in the context of the available model. For the observed scenario this button will bring up a form from which the user may import additional observed time-series data. For a scenario associated with the HSPF model, information associated with the UCI file is displayed with a set of action buttons.

The Delete scenario management button removes the selected scenario from the project and deletes its associated time series.

The New scenario management button creates a new scenario based on information provided by the user.

Activate

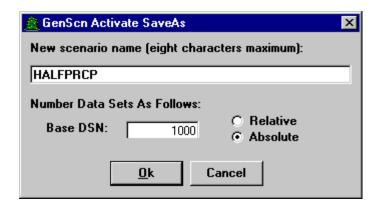
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The Path field on the activate form associated with HSPF is used to specify the path to the UCI file. The default is no path, meaning that the UCI file is in the same folder as the project file. The Run Info field may be used to document any information about this scenario.

The Simulate button is used to run the associated model for the active scenario. The Modify button is used to make changes to the run using a special translator available only for select applications.

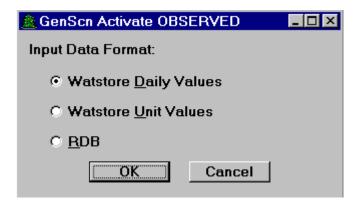
The 'Save' button is used to save the active scenario and associated UCI file after changes have been made. The 'Save As' button is used to save the active scenario and associated UCI file under a new name, resulting in an additional scenario in the Scenarios list on the main form. When this new scenario is created (using the Save As option), the time series associated with it will be saved to a new set of dataset numbers on the WDM file.



The 'Save As' form contains a field for the user to enter a base data-set number and a set of option buttons indicating if the numbering should be absolute or relative. With absolute numbering, data sets in the new scenario will be assigned the next available data-set number following the number entered. Thus if 1000 is entered and absolute is selected, new data sets will be created starting at 1000 (or the next unused number after 1000 if 1000 is already in use). With relative numbering, data sets in the new scenario will be assigned available data-set numbers following the number entered plus the data-set number of the corresponding data set in the base scenario. Thus if 1000 is entered and relative is selected, data set 120 from the base scenario will be saved as data set 1120 (or then next available number, if 1120 is already in use) in the new scenario.

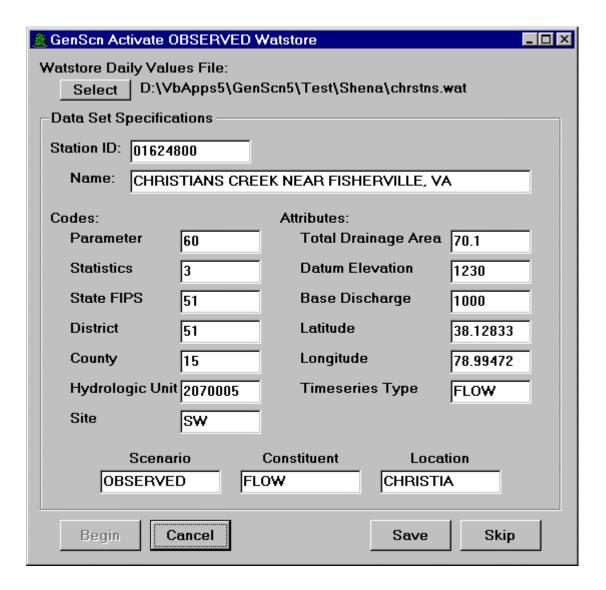
The 'View Echo' button and 'View Output' button are used to view the Echo and Output files for the active scenario, respectively. These two files correspond to the files produced during an HSPF run. The 'Close' button is used to close this form and return to the main GenScn form.

The 'Block' frame is used to make changes to the UCI file for this scenario. The list in the 'Block' frame contains each block of the UCI file. The 'All' and 'Active' radio buttons can be toggled to show all available UCI file blocks or only those that are active in the current UCI file. Clicking on any block name will result in the 'Activate' form expanding to include details related to that block or subtables within that block. See Edit for more details.



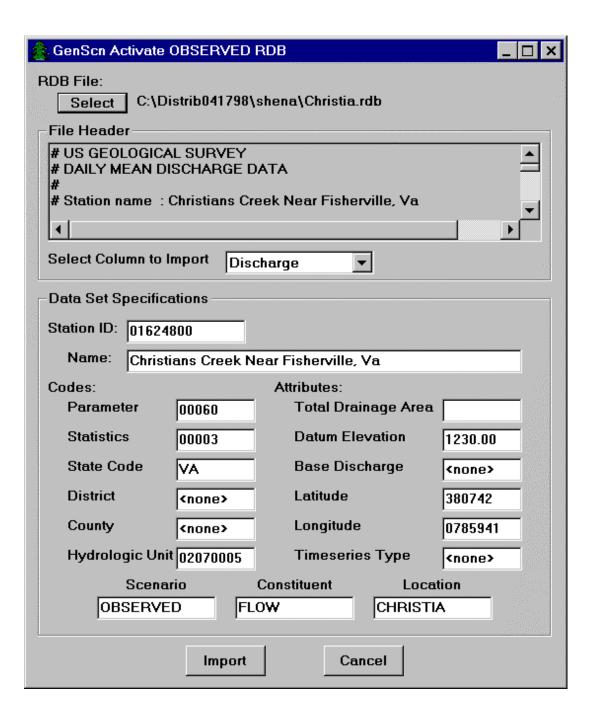
When the OBSERVED scenario is activated, a form appears from which the user can choose a format for importing new OBSERVED data. Three choices are available: Watstore Daily Values, Watstore Unit Values, or RDB (relational data base). The Watstore Unit Values format is not yet supported, however GenScn is capable of working with unit values in already-existing WDM data sets.

After selecting one of the formats and clicking the 'OK' button, a form appears from which the user can specify parameters related to the import data.



For Watstore Daily Values, the 'Select' button is used to select the input file containing the time-series data. The 'Begin' button is used to begin reading the input file. Any number of data sets may exist sequentially in the input file, and the Activate function will move through these data sets one at a time. For each data set the user may enter parameters including the Scenario, Location, and Constituent

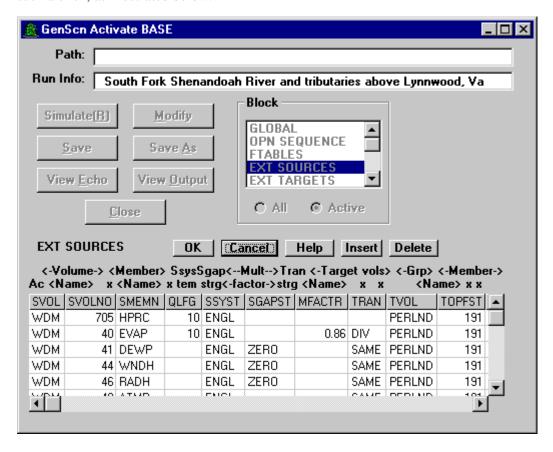
attributes, and then click on either the 'Save' button or the 'Skip' button. The 'Save' button will save the time series to the WDM file, while the 'Skip' button will merely move on to the next time series in the input file. Once the end of the input file is reached, the user may specify another input file, or click on the 'Cancel' button to return to the main form.



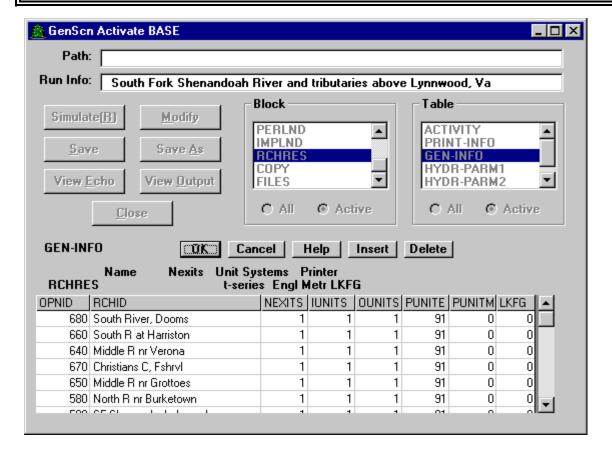
For RDB Values, the 'Select' button is used to select the input file containing the time-series data. The 'Select Column to Import' field is used to select from among several columns of data that might exist in one RDB file. The user may enter parameters including the Scenario, Location, and Constituent attributes, and then click on the 'Import' button to save the time series to the WDM file. Once the end of the input file is reached, the user may specify another input file, or click on the 'Cancel' button to return to the main form.

Edit Scenario

The input sequence for a scenario associated with HSPF can be edited from within the GenScn Activate form by clicking on a name in the list within the block frame. Two different results are possible from such a click, as illustrated below.



In the first case, clicking on a block name will result in the Activate form expanding to include parameters that may be modified for that block. The user may modify these parameters as desired, and then click on the 'OK' button to return these changes to the input sequence. Clicking the 'Cancel' button will return control to the block list without keeping the changes made to that block. The 'Help' button brings up context-sensitive help from the help manual for the HSPF model.



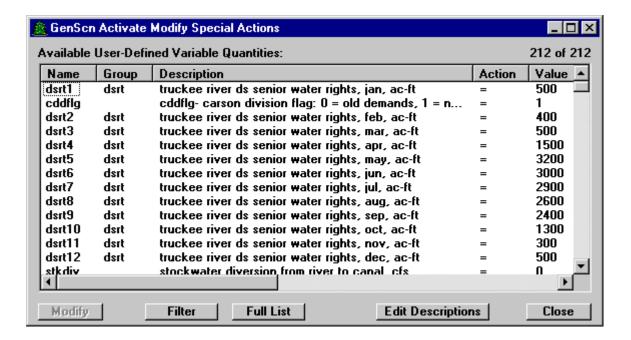
In the second case, clicking on a block name will result in another list appearing in the Activate form. This list appears for those blocks that contain subtables within that block. This table list behaves much like the block list, where a click on one of these table names results in the Activate form expanding to include parameters that may be modified for that table.

When editing most blocks or tables, an 'Insert' button and a 'Delete' button will be available for inserting or deleting lines from that table or block. The 'Text/Grid' button toggles the display between a spreadsheet-like grid and a plain text display of the block or table. The 'Dbg' button invokes another form that contains advance information for debugging the information in the grid.

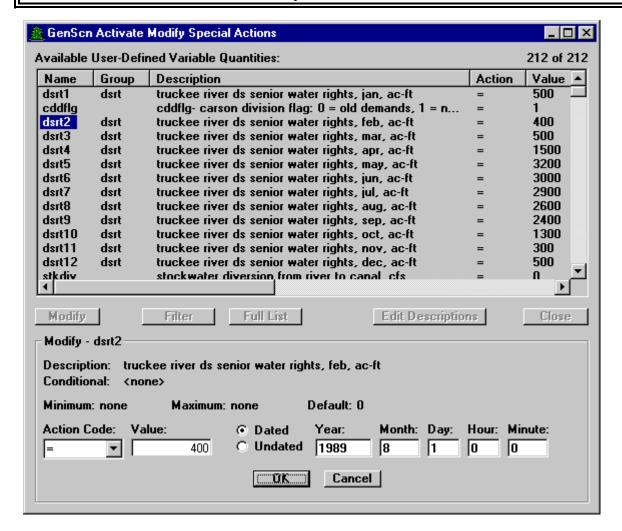
Modify Scenario

The Modify function is used to make changes to the model input sequence using a special translator available only for select applications. The screens shown in this section contain data not available in the GenScn distribution package because the Shenandoah HSPF scenarios do not use Special Actions.

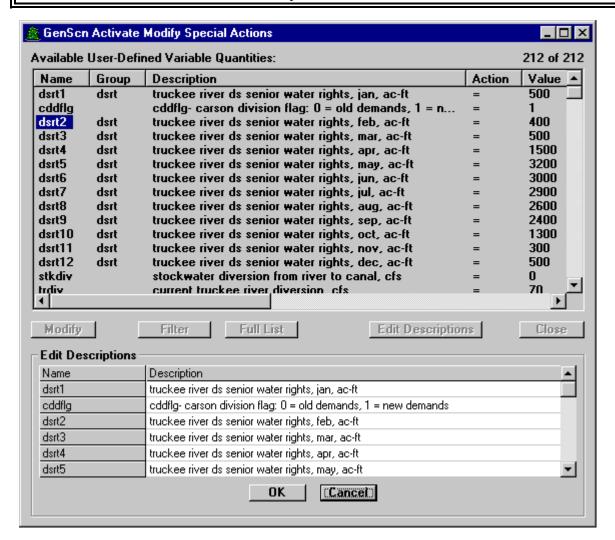
Clicking the 'Modify' button on the Activate form causes a form to appear which contains a list of the User Defined Variable Quantities from the Special Actions block of HSPF.



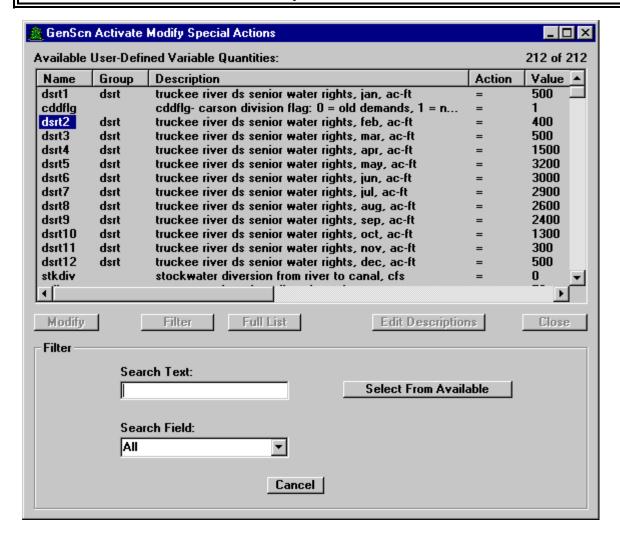
Clicking a name from this list selects this variable for editing. With a click on the 'Modify' button the form will enlarge, displaying fields defining the variable as well as fields used to edit the value and the date/time at which the special action occurs.



Clicking the 'OK' button returns control to the variable list while accepting any changes made to the current variable specifications. Clicking the 'Cancel' button returns control to the variable list without accepting any changes to the variable's specifications.



Clicking the 'Edit Descriptions' button enlarges the form to display a list of descriptions for each variable. Clicking the 'Ok' button returns control to the variable list while accepting any changes made to the current variable descriptions. Clicking the 'Cancel' button returns control to the variable list without accepting any changes to the variable descriptions.

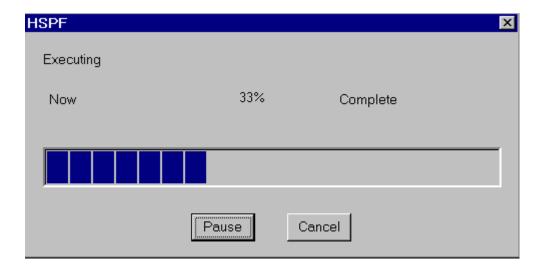


Clicking the 'Filter' button enlarges the form to display a filtering feature. The user may enter any text for which to search, specify the search field (or search on all fields), and click the 'Select From Available' button. The variable list will be reduced to include only those items containing the specified text. The user may filter this reduced list once again (an 'and' condition) by using 'Select From Available', or add to this reduced list (an 'or' condition) by using the 'Add to Available' button (only available after the list has been filtered).

With the variable list active, clicking on the 'Close' button closes this form and returns control to the 'Activate' form.

Simulate

Simulate runs the associated model for the active scenario. The display form shows the percent completed in a status bar.



The 'Pause' button is used to pause the simulation in progress. When paused, a 'Resume' button is available to continue the simulation. The 'Cancel' button is used to cancel the simulation.

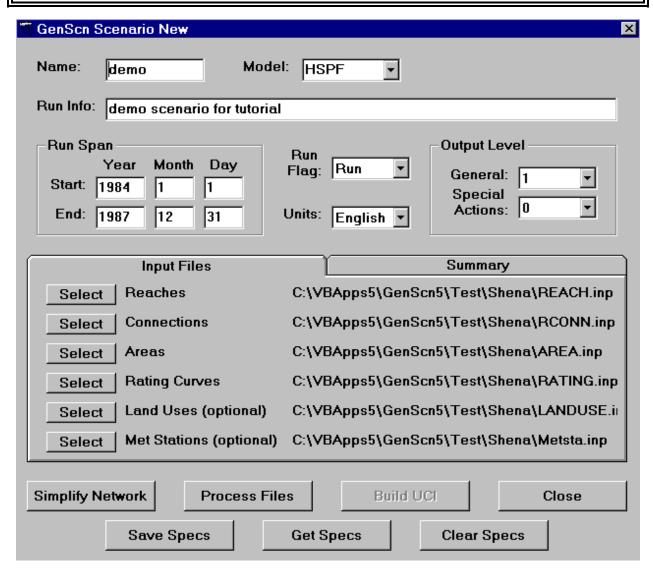
Delete

The 'Delete' button removes the selected scenario from the project and deletes its associated time series. The scenario name will be removed from the scenario list and time series with this scenario name will be deleted. The UCI file associated with this scenario will not be deleted at the operating system level. The OBSERVED scenario can never be deleted.

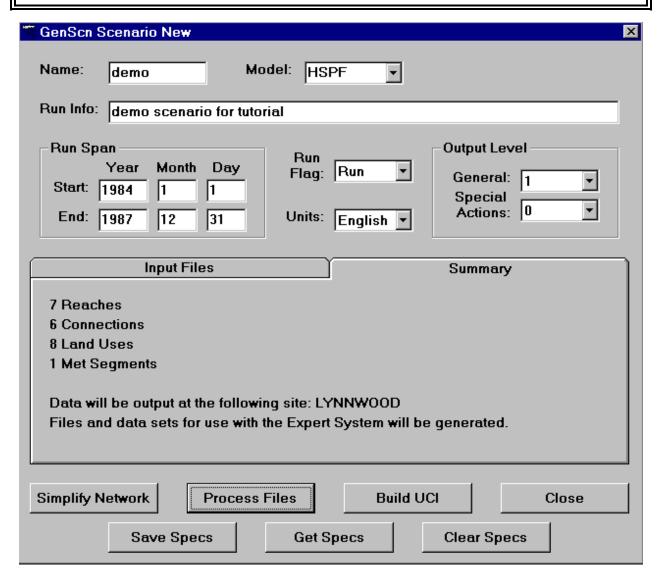
New Scenario

The New Scenario feature creates a new scenario and associated HSPF input sequence based on information provided by the user describing the characteristics of a watershed. Fields near the top of the form are used to enter information such as the name of the scenario, a text description of the scenario, the model to be used, and the start and end dates of the run. Flags specifying the units system and the amount of output information desired can also be set. Currently only an HSPF input sequence may be developed using this feature.

The user is prompted to specify the names of six sets of input parameters. These parameters may be entered directly or through input files, which may be obtained from GIS coverages. If values are specified for all six sets of input parameters, this feature will develop HSPF input sequences modeling land surface response. If the land use and meteorological sets are not specified, GenScn will develop a simpler HSPF input sequence for water budgeting. Instead of modeling land surface response, local inflows are estimated using available observed flow data. The 'Select' buttons in the 'Input Files' tab are used to specify the file names for each of these tables.



Once the input parameters have been specified the user may click the 'Process Files' button. After a few seconds the 'Summary' tab will appear with general information taken from the input parameters. The user may return to the 'Input Files' tab to make adjustments to the input parameters as desired.



The new input sequence is generated when the user clicks the 'Build UCI' button. The 'Close' button is used to return to the main form. The Simplify Network button is used to simplify a large number of model segments into a number more manageable for HSPF modeling. The 'Clear Specs' button initializes the New Scenario form, while the 'Save Specs' button allows the user to save the specifications in this form to a file for later use. These specifications can be retrieved from a file using the 'Get Specs' button.

All of the input files read by this function of GenScn except the Rating Curves file must be either fixed-format or tab-delimited. For fixed-format input files the number of header lines in the file must be exactly the same as in the examples below. For tab-delimited input files the number of header lines is flexible, but all header lines must begin with '/*'. Fixed format files must use the extension '.inp', while tab delimited files must use the extension '.rdb'. The Rating Curves file must be in free field format, with at least one space between entries. The six input files are detailed below with an example of each.

Figure 1: EXAMPLE REACH FILE: (format A8,7X,I5,2F10.3,2F10.2,4F10.5)

*** reach	input file		elev	up	down	up	up	down	down
*** name	station	length	diff	elev	elev	lat	long	lat	long
1	1	30.43	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	1	19.53	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	1	32.06	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	1	13.98	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5	1	27.80	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6	1	37.01	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
LYNNWOOD	1	17.01	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

```
Format Columns Description

A8 1-8 Reach name

I5 16-20 Flag associating reach to a met station

F10.3 21-30 Reach Length (miles)

F10.3 31-40 Elevation difference (feet)

F10.2 41-50 Upstream Elevation (feet)

F10.2 51-60 Downstream Elevation (feet)

F10.5 61-70 Upstream Latitude

F10.5 71-80 Upstream Longitude

F10.5 81-90 Downstream Latitude

F10.5 91-100 Downstream Longitude
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Each row of this table represents a reach. The reach name must consist of a character string or an integer identification. Reach names for which an integer identification is used must be numbered sequentially. Zero values may be used where data is unknown for elevation, latitude, or longitude, as in the above example. The first two lines are ignored as comments.

Figure 2: EXAMPLE REACH CONNECTION FILE: (format A8,2X,A8)

```
reach connection file ***
          4
          5
2
3
          5
          LYNNWOOD
5
          LYNNWOOD
          LYNNWOOD
Format Columns
                    Description
       1-8
             Reach Source
      11-19 Reach Target
A8
```

This table contains a list of source/target pairs to indicate connections for each reach of network. The first line is ignored as a comment.

Figure 3: EXAMPLE CONTRIBUTING AREA FILE: (format A8,2X,nF10.2)

reach	use 1	use 2	use 3	use 4	use 5	use 6	use 7	use 8
area	area	area	area	area	area	area	area	
1	54275.00	1582.00	3663.00	15561.00	10035.00	8527.00	34.00	3566.00
2	12047.00	1645.00	3808.00	16179.00	3077.00	8866.00	0.00	1195.00
3	50977.00	3201.00	7410.00	31479.00	3182.00	17251.00	0.00	769.00
4	22797.00	691.00	1599.00	6794.00	2504.00	3723.00	0.00	514.00
5	14922.00	2737.00	6335.00	26915.00	9603.00	14750.00	1.00	3433.00
6	136620.00	4531.00	10488.00	44555.00	13953.00	24417.00	0.00	5640.00
LYNNWOOD	22338.00	2505.00	5800.00	24639.00	5331.00	13502.00	10.00	1711.00

Format Columns Description A8 1-8 Reach name

F10.2 11-20 Area in reach dedicated to land use 1, repeated for each use (acres)

The first two lines are ignored as comments.

Figure 4: EXAMPLE RATING CURVE FILE:

# drainage area						
R 100000.0						
# stage	top width	xsection area	discharge			
0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0			
3.1	29.0	19.6	10.0			
3.8	43.0	39.4	91.2			
5.7	89.0	59.3	183.0			
R 20000	0.0					
# stage	top width	xsection area	discharge			
0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0			
3.1	29.0	19.6	10.0			
3.8	43.0	39.4	91.2			
5.7	89.0	59.3	183.0			

The rating curves file above is a free field format, so values must be separated by at least one blank. Comment lines can be included anywhere in the file by placing a 'C' or '#' in the first column. The rating curve file must have a record with an 'R' in column 1 (first byte) followed by the drainage area in acres in the next 9 columns. Following the 'R' record are records for the rating table with stage (elevation)(feet), top width of flow (feet), cross-sectional area of flow (square feet), and discharge (cubic feet/second). All records must have increasing values for the numbers entered. The program can accept up to 100 rating curves. Ratings can have up to 25 rows, but the number of rows times number of columns in an FTABLE cannot exceed 100. The rating curves table must be developed using existing rating curves for the region of interest or from a region with similar hydrologic characteristics.

Figure 5: EXAMPLE LAND USE FILE: (format A12,3X,I5)

```
*** land use file ***
***
                   * * *
FOREST
                    1
HIGHTILL
                    1
LOWTILL
                    1
                    1
PASTURE
                    1
URBAN
                    1
HAY
                    2
ANTMAL
RESIDENT
Format Columns Description
               Land use name (8 characters are used)
A12
       1-12
       16-20 Flag 1=pervious, 2=impervious
I5
```

Figure 6: EXAMPLE MET STATION FILE: (format I5,5X,A8)

```
*** met station input file ***
1    SEG190
2    REGION4

Format Columns Description
15    1-5    Flag 1=precipitation data, 2=evaporation data
A8    11-18    Meteorological station name
```

Building the UCI file

The GLOBAL and FILES blocks are produced using the general run information provided by the user.

The OPN SEQUENCE block is produced for a simulation without land surface response by ordering the reaches in the reach file from upstream to downstream using the reach connection file. If land-surface response is being simulated, the PERLND and IMPLND segments would precede the RCHRES segments in the OPN SEQUENCE block. A PERLND or IMPLND segment is created for each unique combination of land-use type and meteorologic segment. Also for land surface response, the reaches are scanned to determine which reaches have observed data at that location, and a COPY operation is added to produce the data sets useful for calibration at each of these locations.

If land-surface response is being modeled, a PERLND or IMPLND block will be added based on the pervious or impervious land uses specified in the land-use file. PERLND block tables added include ACTIVITY, GEN-INFO, PWAT-PARM2, and PWAT-PARM4. IMPLND block tables added include ACTIVITY, GEN-INFO, and IWAT-PARM2. Default values are used to fill in all values in these tables except the segment names, which are obtained from the land-use file. A future extension will allow other values to be read from input files.

The RCHRES block is produced using information from the reach file. RCHRES block tables added include ACTIVITY, PRINT INFO, GEN INFO, HYDR-PARM1, and HYDR-PARM2. Default values are used to fill all values in these tables except reach name, length, and change in elevation, which are obtained from the reach file. A future enhancement will allow other values to be read from input files.

For land surface response modeling, the COPY block is added with default records for each output location. The COPY operations create a series of output data sets to be used for land-surface calibration.

The EXT SOURCES block for the water budget model is produced using observed data for local inflows. The available data sets are scanned to find those observed flow data sets at locations named by the same eight-character identification as a reach. Such data sets are identified as candidates to represent local inflows, and their drainage areas are stored in a list of candidates. Then a specific data set is chosen to represent the local inflow to each reach based on the similarity of the local contributing area for that reach. The multiplication factor for each of these external sources is computed as the product of the value 1.983471 (the conversion factor for cubic feet per second to acre-feet per day) and the ratio of the local area for this reach to the local area of the data set being used.

For the land-surface-response model, the EXT SOURCES block is produced by adding a record for each precipitation and evaporation meteorologic segment contributing to each land use.

Regardless of land-surface response is being modeled, a record is added to the EXT SOURCES block for any reach at the upstream end of the reach connection table that does not appear in the reach table, provided that the wdm file contains an observed flow data set with that reach name. Such reaches are assumed to be external source flow data sets, and the multiplication factor for such records is set to 1.983471, which is the conversion factor for cubic feet per second to acre-feet per day.

The SCHEMATIC block is created using the information in the reach connection file. For either the water-budget model or the land-surface-response model, a record is added to the SCHEMATIC block for each reach-to-reach connection. For land-surface response, the area of each land use contributing to each reach is computed, and records are added to the SCHEMATIC block for each land use contributing to each reach.

If land surface response is being modeled, COPY operations will be added to the SCHEMATIC block to create a series of output data sets for land-surface calibration, with the multiplication factor representing the ratio of each reach's contributing area to the total contributing area.

The MASS-LINK block is added using default records for the reach to reach links as well as each link from a land surface to a reach. There is no multiplication factor for the reach to reach mass links, but the multiplication factor of 0.0833333 is used for the land use to reach connections to convert from inches to feet. For the land-surface-response model, mass links are added for the IMPLND to COPY and PERLND to COPY operations.

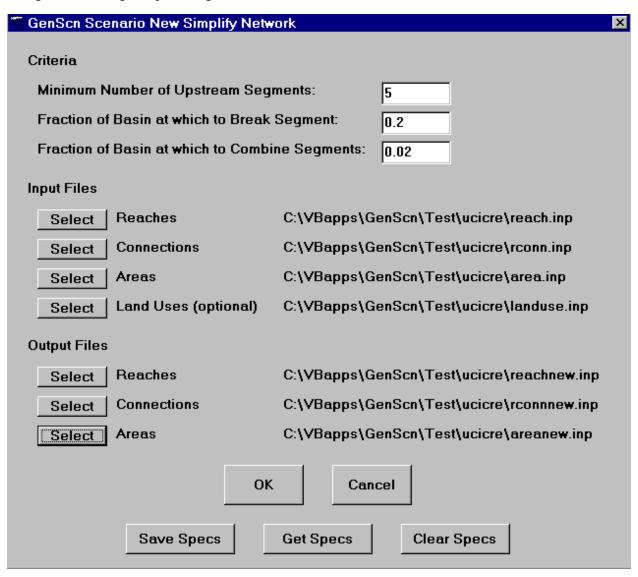
Information for the EXT TARGETS block is determined through a process in which the WDM file is scanned to find reaches having observed flow data. Records are added to the EXT TARGETS block to output simulated flow data at any reaches that have observed flow data. The multiplication factor for these records is set to 0.50417 to convert from acre-feet per day to cubic feet per second. If land-surface response is modeled, then additional records will be added from each COPY operation.

The FTABLES are computed using the rating curves from the rating curve input file. An FTABLE is computed for each reach segment. The rating curve closest in drainage area to the drainage area of the reach is used. The depth term in the FTABLE comes directly from the rating curve. The area term in the FTABLE is determined by multiplying the top width from the rating curve by the length of the reach segment and multiplying by a conversion factor. The volume term in the FTABLE is determined by multiplying the cross-sectional area from the rating curve by the length of the reach segment and multiplying by a conversion factor. The discharge term is taken directly from the rating curves.

Simplify Network

When the input files for the 'New Scenario' feature are created from GIS coverages, often the reach network contains more segments than are appropriate for HSPF modeling. The 'Simplify Network' feature has been developed to combine reach segments to create a more appropriate set of reaches for modeling. This feature is accessed by clicking on the 'Simplify Network' button in the 'New Scenario' form.

Using this feature, the network may be simplified by eliminating reaches with less than a given number of reaches upstream, or by eliminating reaches with a contributing area smaller than a given percentage of the entire basin. This feature will maintain as separate reaches those that are named, have more than a given number of upstream reaches, represent the confluence of major tributaries, or have a contributing area greater than a given percentage of the entire basin.



Three input files are required for the 'Simplify Network' feature, containing the reach table, the reach connection table, and the contributing area table. The names of these files are specified in the 'Simplify Network' form using the 'Select' buttons. The formats for these files are the same as described above for the 'New Scenario' feature. In addition to these requirements, the network must have only one outlet, it must not contain any triple junctions (no more than two reaches can be immediately upstream of any one reach), and the reach connections must be numbered such that the upstream reach number is less than the downstream reach number (for instance, if reach 3 is connected to reach 4, reach 3 must be upstream of reach 4). The land-use input file is not used for the current version of the 'Simplify Network' feature, but has been included in the input form for a future enhancement. The user must also specify in the 'Simplify Network' form three output file names. These files will contain the simplified versions of the reach table, reach connection table, and contributing area table.

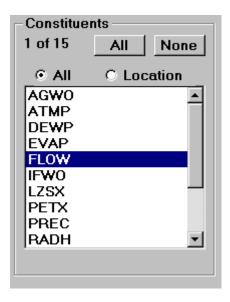
The user must also specify near the top of the 'Simplify Network' form the three criteria that govern the simplification of the network. These three criteria represent the critical number of upstream segments, the fraction of drainage area at which to combine segments, and the fraction of drainage area at which to break segments.

As an example of the use of this feature, a user might specify five as the critical number of upstream segments, 0.02 as the fraction of drainage area at which to combine segments, and 0.2 as the fraction of drainage area at which to break segments. When executed, this feature will first identify all reaches that have less than five reaches upstream. The contributing area of these reaches will be added to the reach immediately downstream, unless downstream is a confluence with another tributary. Then each reach will be checked to see if it meets the minimum drainage area requirement. If a reach does not meet the minimum drainage area requirement, then its contributing area will be added to the reach immediately downstream. Finally, each reach will be checked to see if it exceeds the maximum drainage area requirement. If a reach exceeds this requirement, it will be split into multiple reaches with boundaries located at boundaries in the original reach network.

The 'Simplify Network' operation is run when the user clicks the 'OK' button. The 'Cancel' button is used to return to the 'New Scenario' form. The 'Clear Specs' button initializes the 'Simplify Network' form, while the 'Put Specs' button allows the user to save the specifications in this form to a file for later use. These specifications can be retrieved from a file using the 'Get Specs' button.

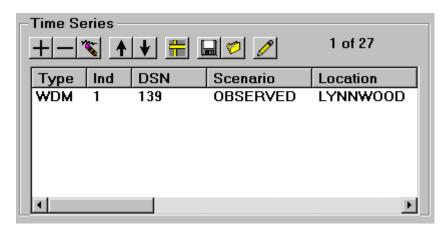
Once the 'Simplify Network' feature has been executed, the 'New Scenario' feature can be run using the output files from the 'Simplify Network' feature to create an HSPF input sequence with a more appropriate number of reaches.

Constituents



The Constituents frame of the main GenScn form displays available and selected constituent names in a project. The summary label in the upper left corner of the frame shows a count of the constituents that are selected and available. The 'All' button is used to select all available constituents. The 'None' button deselects all constituents. The list of available constituents is in alphabetical order. Selected constituents are highlighted.

Time Series



The Time Series frame of the GenScn form displays a list of the time series selected for analysis. For any time series to be available to GenScn, three attributes must be present - constituent, location, and scenario. A toolbar and a corresponding menu title are provided to allow the user to manipulate the time-series list in a variety of ways. In the top right corner of the frame the number of time series in the list is displayed along with the number of time series available in this project.

If any time series are available in the list, the Dates frame below the Time Series frame will appear. The Dates frame includes the starting and ending dates of the period common to all time series in the list.

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Add



The Add button in the Time Series frame is used to add time series to the time-series list. Available time series that meet the selected scenario, constituent, and location selections will be added.

For example, if the user has selected 'BASE' from the scenario list, 'FLOW' from the constituent list, and 'LYNNWOOD' from the location list, the time series corresponding to BASE FLOW at LYNNWOOD will be added. If the user has selected 'BASE' and 'OBSERVED' from the scenario list, 'FLOW' from the constituent list, and 'LYNNWOOD' from the location list, two time series will be added: BASE FLOW at LYNNWOOD and OBSERVED FLOW at LYNNWOOD.

Remove, Clear



The Remove button in the Time Series frame is used to remove time series from the time-series list. The text in the left-most column of the time-series list must be selected for the list item to be removed. For example, to remove OBSERVED FLOW at LYNNWOOD, click on the text 'WDM' in the left-most column for that list item to select it, and then click on the Remove button. Multiple time series can be removed at once by highlighting several list items and then clicking on the Remove button.

The Clear button in the Time Series frame is another way to remove time series from the time-series list. This button removes all time series from the list if none are selected. If one or more time series are selected, this button removes the selected time series plus all of the time series below it on the list.

Move



The Move buttons in the Time Series frame are used to move items in the time- series list up or down in the list. This capability may be particularly useful for those analysis options which depend upon the order of the time series in the list, such as the Duration and Compare analyses.

These buttons require one item in the time-series list to be selected. A list item may be selected by clicking on the text for that item in the left-most column. Clicking on the arrow pointing up will move that item up one place in the list, while clicking on the arrow pointing down will move that item down one place in the list.

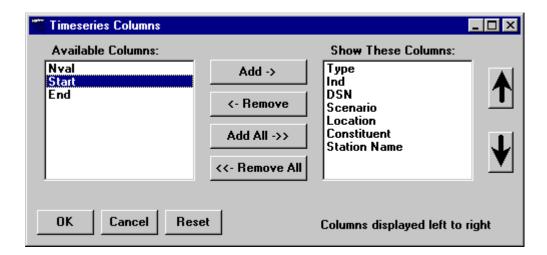
Time Series Tools

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Columns



The Columns button in the Time Series frame is used to specify characteristics of the columns displayed in the time-series list. Clicking on this button produces a form that may be used to manage the columns of the list.



The Timeseries Columns form contains a list entitled 'Available Columns' and a list entitled 'Show the Following Columns.' Items are moved from one list to the other by selecting a list item and then clicking on the 'Add' button or 'Remove' button. When an item in the 'Show the Following Columns' list is selected, the width can be entered in the width field, and the 'Move Up' button and 'Move Down' button can be used to move the column relative to the other columns of the time-series list. The 'Reset' button returns the columns to their default positions. The 'OK' button removes this form while applying these changes to the time-series list, while the 'Cancel' button removes this form without applying these changes to the time-series list.

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Save Buffer 🔲

The Save button in the Time Series frame is used to save the items in the time-series list to a file for later use. Clicking on this button invokes the file save common dialog, from which a user may specify the file name to which this list is to be saved.

Get Buffer



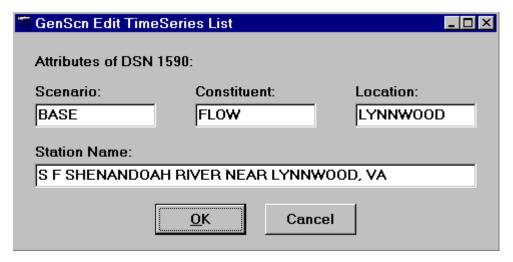
The Get button in the Time Series frame is used to retrieve items in the time-series list from a file. Clicking on this button invokes the file open common dialog, from which a user may specify the file name from which this list is to be opened.

This feature is designed so that a user might retrieve a list of items for the time-series list saved previously to a file. The scenario, location, and constituent specifications are read from the file; and if a time series is available with those attribute values, it will be added to the time-series list.

Edit Time Series



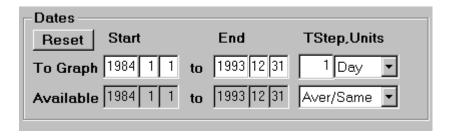
The Edit button in the Time Series frame is used to edit the attributes of items in the time-series list. One or more list items must be selected before clicking on this button.



The 'Edit' form contains fields to specify the eight-character scenario, location, and constituent names as well as the station name. If one list item has been selected in the time-series list, this form will appear with the attributes of that one time series. If multiple items have been selected in the time series list, this form will appear with only those attributes common to each selected time series available for editing.

The 'OK' button removes this form while applying these changes to the time series, while the 'Cancel' button removes this form without applying these changes to the time series.

Dates



The Dates frame of the GenScn form displays the common period of the time series in the Time Series frame. If no time series are in the list, dates will not be available.

At the bottom of the Dates frame is the available period common to each time series. Above the available period is the time span to be used in the analysis operations. The user may change the starting and ending dates for the analysis by clicking in one of these text boxes. After clicking in a text box, the user may type the number at the keyboard or use the up and down arrows that appear in the frame to move the date forward or backward. The entire date must be specified (no partial dates allowed).

The TStep and Units fields are used to set the time step and time units for the analysis operation. Below these fields is a field to set the transformation function for the analysis operation. The 'Reset' button changes the values in these fields back to their defaults.

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Analysis

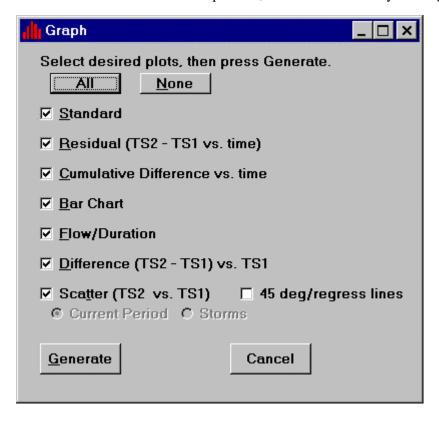


Analysis options may be invoked by selecting the appropriate button from the analysis toolbar located in the lower right corner of the main GenScn form. They may also be invoked by selecting one of the menu items under the Analysis menu title. The Graph , List , Duration , and Animate options require at least one time series to be selected in order to function. The Compare option requires two selected time series. The Profile Plots option does not require selected time series, but does require one scenario and one constituent to be selected from their respective lists. The File View option does not require any time series to be selected.

Graph

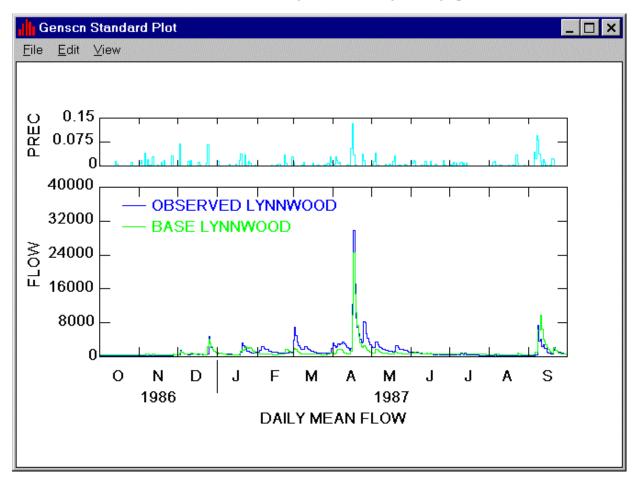
Graph

The Graph form is displayed by clicking on the Graph button on the Analysis toolbar or by selecting the Analysis:Graph menu item. The Graph form shows the suite of graphs that may be generated. All of the graphs are based on time-series data, but only the Standard, Residual, Cumulative Difference, and Bar Chart plots are time plots. The Flow/Duration, Difference, and Scatter plots are x-y plots. If there is only one time series selected, then only the Standard and Flow/Duration plots are available as the remaining plots require multiple time series. The All button selects all of the available plots for plotting and the None button deselects them. The Generate button causes all of the selected plots to be created. The Cancel button closes the Graph form, but will not close any existing plots.



Graph Menus

All graphs generated by GenScn contain a standard set of menu options for outputting and manipulating the graph. The File menu is used to output the graph to a printer or windows metafile and to close the graph form. The Edit menu is used to manipulate the components of the graph (that is, curves, axes, labels, and so forth). The View menu is used to generate a listing of the graph in a new form.



| Graph **Graph Menus**

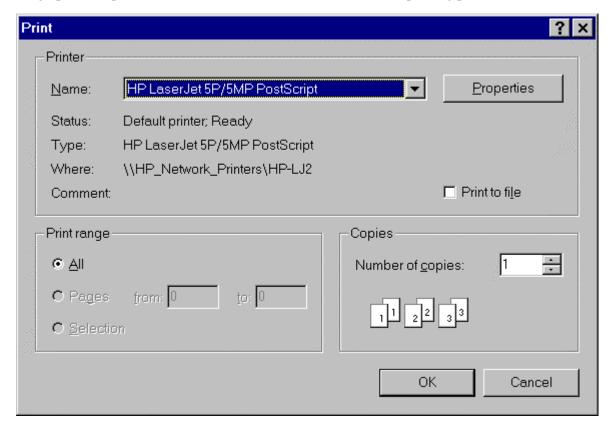
Graph

Graph/File

The File menu allows the user to print a graph, create a graphic metafile that can be imported into other applications, or close the graph.

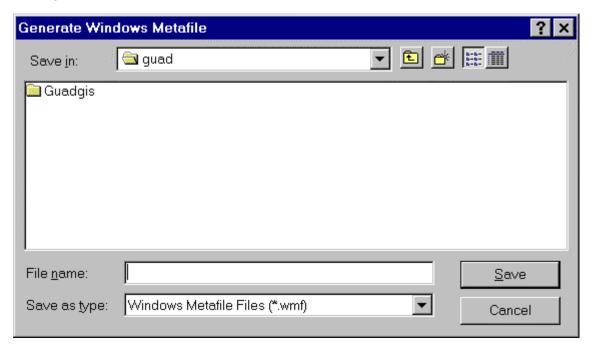
Graph/File/Print

The Print menu item causes the Print dialogue form to be displayed. The desired printer may be selected and detailed properties specifications (for example, page orientation) may be made using the Properties button. The number of copies to print may also be specified on this form. The OK button is used to send the graph to the printer, and the Cancel button is used to abort the printing process.



Graph/File/Metafile

The Metafile menu item causes the Generate Windows Metafile dialogue form to be displayed. The top portion of the form is used to specify the directory path in which to save the file. The middle portion of the form displays any existing files of windows metafile type. The File Name text box is used to enter the name of the metafile. If an existing file is selected, a prompt will be displayed to confirm that the existing file should be overwritten.



Graph/File/Close

The Close menu item removes the graph form from the screen.

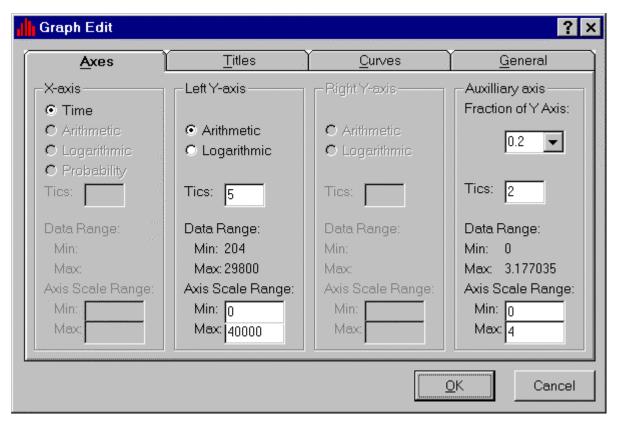
| Graph **Graph Menus** Graph

Graph/Edit

The Graph Edit form is displayed when any of the four menu items under the Edit menu title is selected. The form contains four tabs (Axes, Titles, Curves, and General) with the tab corresponding to the selected menu item being in the forefront. When a graph is first drawn it is given default values for all these parameters.

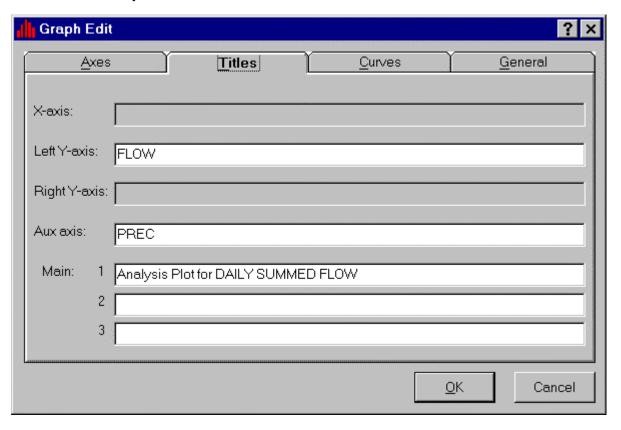
Graph/Edit/Axes

The Axes tab contains radio buttons for selecting the type of X-, Left Y-, and Right Y-axes. An auxiliary axis is a separate graph above the main graph that shares the same X-axis. A field for specifying the fraction of the available Y space to use for the auxiliary axis (if it is in use) is also provided. Each axis frame contains fields for specifying the number of tics and the minimum and maximum value for the axis. To assist in defining the axis scale, the data range for each axis is also provided. Should values exceed the axis scale range, the curve will be clipped at that point.



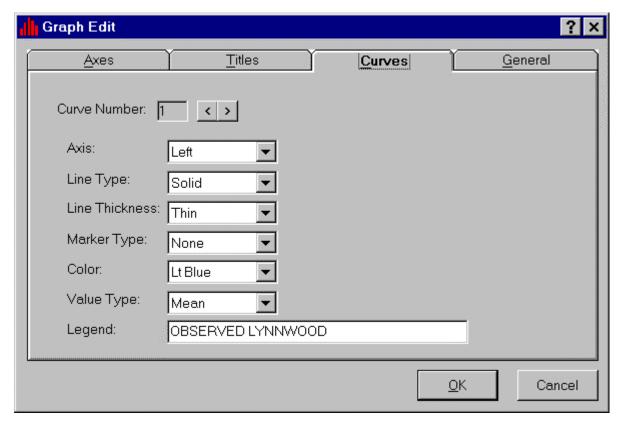
Graph/Edit/Titles

The Titles tab contains fields for specifying axes labels and the graph title. If an axis is not active, the field for its label is also not active. For a time-series plot, the X-axis label is generated automatically. Up to three lines may be entered for the main title. An additional line may be created for the left and right Y-axes labels by inserting an & symbol that indicates the start of a new line. Two additional lines may be added to the auxiliary axis label in the same manner.



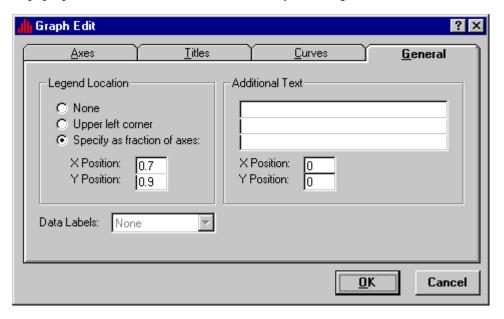
Graph/Edit/Curves

The Curves tab contains fields for specifying characteristics of each curve on the plot. The < and > buttons are used to select the curve to specify parameters for. Properties that appear in this tab reflect the current values for the selected curve. The Axis field specifies on which axis the curve is to be plotted (Left Y, Right Y, Auxiliary). Specifications for line type and thickness, marker type, color, value type (mean over a time span or point at an instant of time), and legend label may also be made. All specifications except legend label are selected from drop-down lists.



Graph/Edit/General

The General tab contains radio buttons and fields for specifying the location of the legend. Location options include no legend, the upper left corner (default), and a user-specified location. Three text fields are provided to add any additional text to the plot. Location specifications for both the legend and the additional text are made by entering the fraction of the X- or Y-axis (for example, X Position=0.5, Y Position=1.0 means half way across the X-axis and at the top of the Y-axis). If labels are available for data points, the Data Labels control allows a choice between displaying labels horizontally, vertically, or as pop-up text. Data labels can be turned off by selecting None.



Graph/View

Graph/View/Listing

The Listing menu item creates a text listing of the data that are plotted on the graph. For a time-series plot, the first column of the listing displays the date and time and the remaining columns display the values for each curve. For x-y plots, first the y and then the x data for each curve are displayed.

Graph/View/Copy

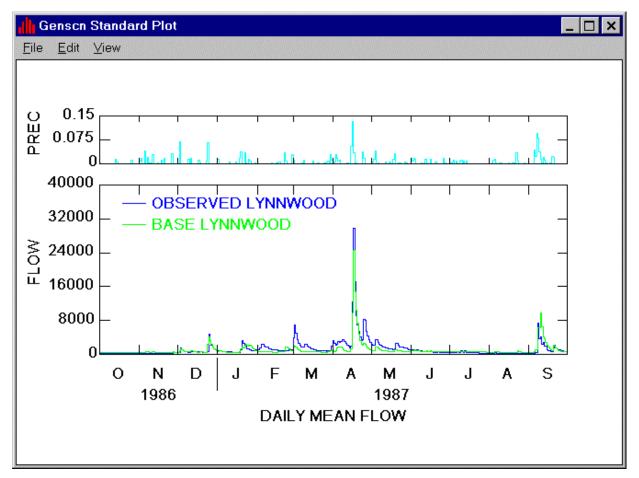
The Copy menu item is intended to create a copy of the current graph for further manipulation. This option is not currently implemented.

Graph Types

Several type of plots can be generated: standard, residual, cumulative difference, bar chart, flow duration, difference, and scatter.

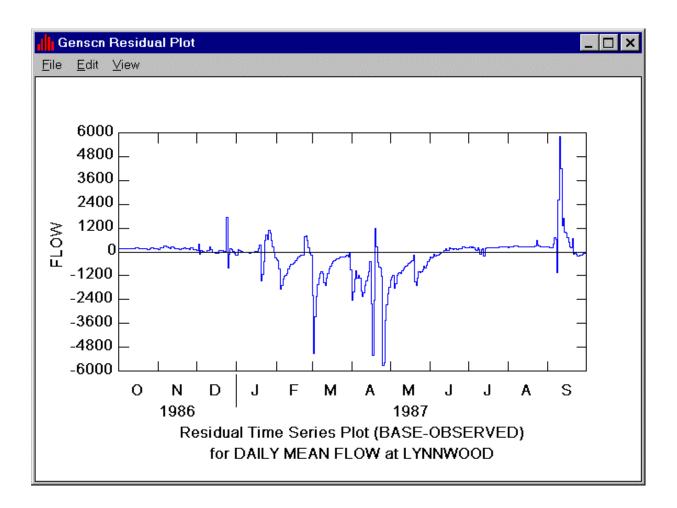
Graph/Standard

The Standard plot creates a time plot of the selected time series. All time series are plotted on an arithmetic scale on the left Y-axis by default. Once the plot is created, the axis types and which curves are plotted on them may be modified. A limit of 18 time series may be plotted on a single graph.



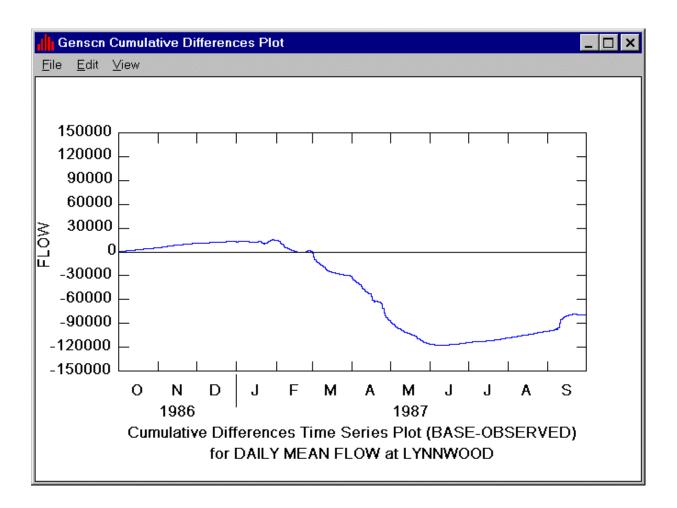
Graph/Residual

The Residual and Cumulative Differences plots create time plots of the difference between the second and first selected time series. The Residual plot displays the difference between the two time series at each time interval, whereas the Cumulative Differences plot displays the accumulated difference through time between the two time series. If more than two time series are selected, only the first two in the time-series list will be used for these plots.



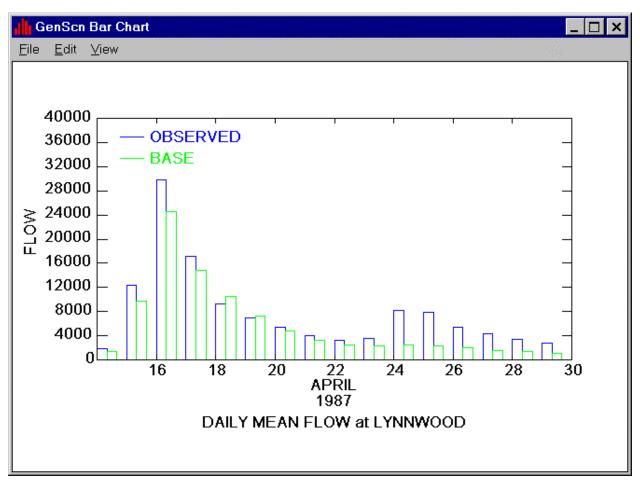
Graph/Cumulative Difference

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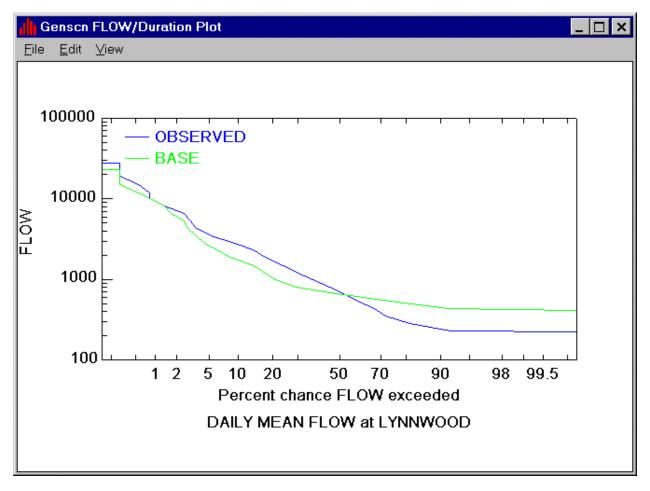
Graph/Bar Chart

The Bar Chart plot creates a time plot that shows the value from each time series side by side for each time interval. This plot is intended for close examination of values over a short period of time. The plot will lose any useful resolution for longer time spans (for example, greater than 50 time intervals).



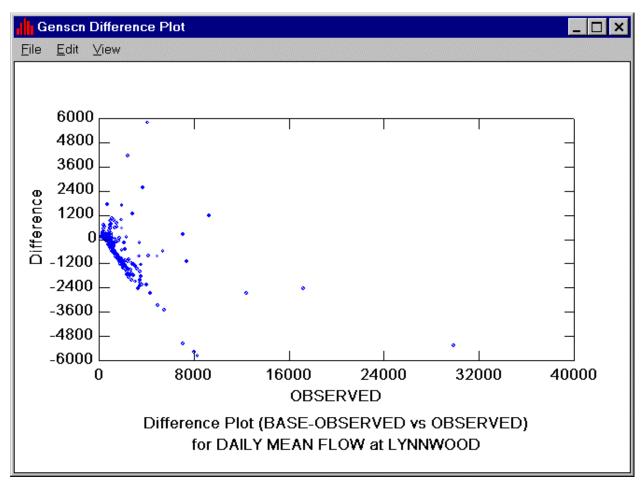
Graph/Flow Duration

The Flow/Duration plot creates a statistical plot of the percentage of time that values for flow or water-quality constituents are exceeded. Exceedance intervals are displayed on the X-axis automatically and the curves are plotted on a logarithmic Y-axis by default.



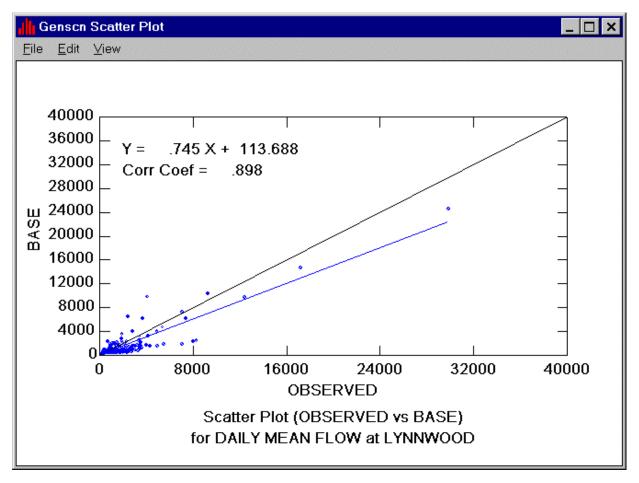
Graph/Difference

The Difference plot creates x-y plots using the first two selected time series. The difference between the two time series is plotted against the first time series. If more than two time series are selected, only the first two in the time-series list will be used for this plot.



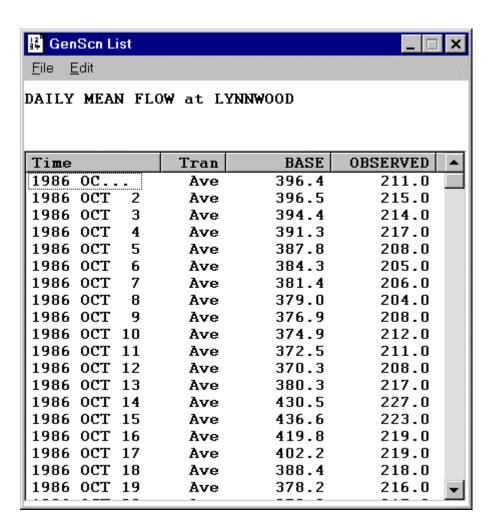
Graph/Scatter

The Scatter plot creates x-y plots using the first two selected time series. The second time series is plotted against the first. There is an option to display the 45-degree and regression lines on the plot. If more than two time series are selected, only the first two in the time-series list will be used for this plot.



List

The List form is displayed by clicking on the List [111] button on the Analysis toolbar or by selecting the Analysis:List menu item. The initial listing contains values for the selected time series displayed at the time interval and for the time period specified in the Dates frame. All lists generated by GenScn contain a standard set of menu items for outputting and manipulating the list. The File menu title is used to output the listed values to a file or printer and to close the list form. The Edit menu title is used to manipulate the components of the listing (title, field specifications, summary options, and date format).

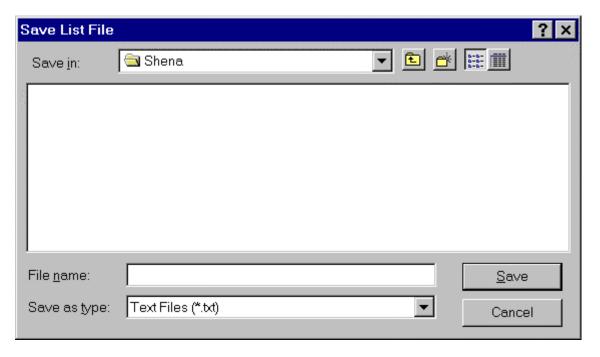


List/File

The File menu allows the user to save, print, or close the list.

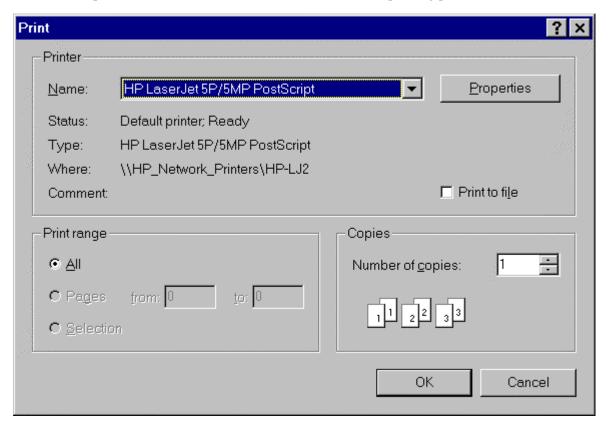
List/File/Save

The Save menu item causes the Save List File dialogue form to be displayed. The "Save in" list at the top of the form is used to specify the directory path in which to save the file. The middle portion of the form displays any existing files of the file type being saved. The "File name" text box is used to enter the name of the file. The "Save as type" list is used to select the type of file to which the list is to be saved. The *.txt extension will save the list to a flat text file. The *.rdb extension will save the list to a RDB file. If an existing file is selected, a prompt will be displayed to request confirmation before the existing file is overwritten.



List/File/Print

The Print menu item causes the Print dialogue form to be displayed. The desired printer may be selected and detailed properties specifications (for example, page orientation) may be made using the Properties button. The number of copies to print may also be specified on this form. The OK button is used to send the list to the printer, and the Cancel button is used to abort the printing process.



List/File/Close

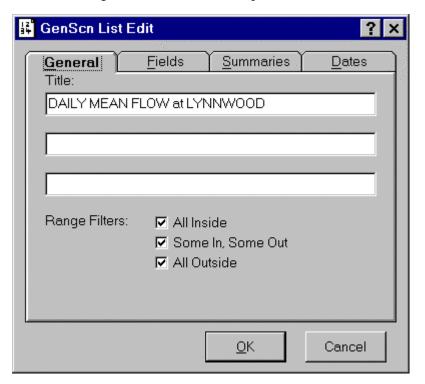
The Close menu item removes the list form from the screen.

List/Edit

The List Edit form is displayed when any of the four menu items under the Edit menu title is selected. The form contains four tabs (General, Fields, Summaries, and Dates) with the tab corresponding to the selected menu item being in the forefront.

List/Edit/General

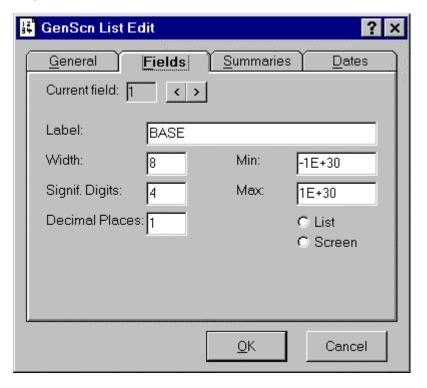
The General tab contains three text fields for entering a title for the list. Below that are three check boxes for defining which records to display on the list. The "All Inside" check box indicates that only records with all data values within the range specified in the Fields tab should be displayed. The "Some In, Some Out" check box indicates that records with data values inside or outside the specified range should be displayed. The "All Outside" check box indicates that only records with all data values outside the specified range should be displayed. The performance of these buttons changes depending on whether the values are being Listed or Screened, as specified on the Fields tab.





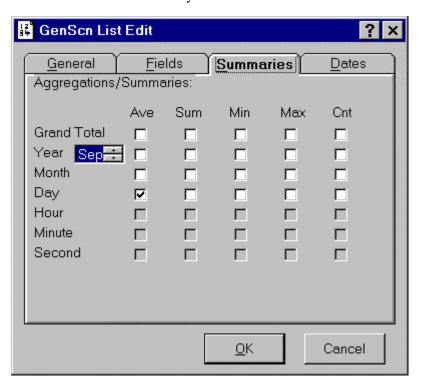
List/Edit/Fields

The Fields tab contains fields for specifying characteristics of each column in the list. The < and > buttons are used to select which column's parameters are being specified. The blanks in this tab are filled with values for the current field as the field is changed. The Label field is used to specify the column header. The "Width," "Significant Digits," and "Decimal Places" fields are used to specify those properties for each column. The "Min" and "Max" fields are used to specify the desired data range for each column. The "List" and "Screen" radio buttons are used to specify whether data values within the range should be listed or screened out.



List/Edit/Summaries

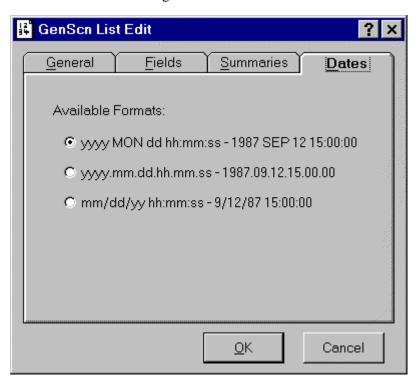
The Summaries tab contains check boxes for indicating which time intervals and data transformations are to be listed. The transformations include average, sum, minimum, maximum, and count of values. Transformations may only be made to time intervals that are greater than or equal to the time units of the data. For example, a listing of daily data will have hour, minute, and second transformations disabled. The Summaries tab is disabled if the listing is not of time-series data. The control in the Year row allows selection of which month the year ends in. This allows use of calendar years or water years.





List/Edit/Dates

The Dates tab contains radio buttons for selecting the desired format for the date/time field. The Dates tab is disabled if the listing is not of time-series data.

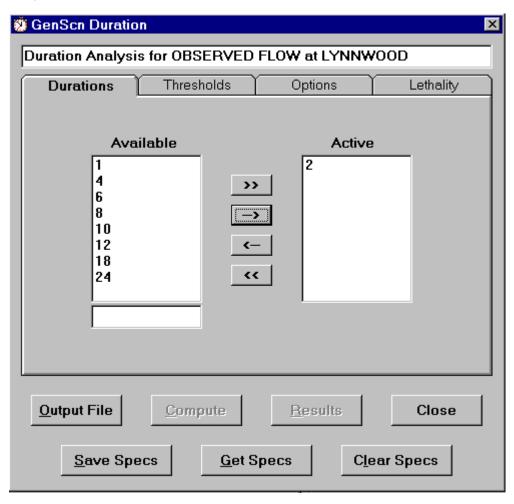


Duration

Duration

The Duration analysis tool examines the behavior of a time series, computing a variety of statistics relating to durations of events above and below certain specified "levels." This option may also be used to access the risk associated with lethal concentrations of contaminants. This analysis is only performed for the first time series in the time-series list. The start and end dates, the time units, and the time step are set using the dates tool in the main form. This is the DURANL module from HSPF and should not be confused with the traditional flow duration analysis that is a cumulative frequency curve of a continuous time series.

The Duration form is displayed by clicking on the Duration button on the Analysis toolbar or by selecting the Analysis:Duration menu item. The Duration form contains a text box near the top of the form to specify the title of this Duration analysis. The tabs in the middle of the form are used to specify parameters for the analysis. Buttons near the bottom of the form are used to control operation of the analysis.

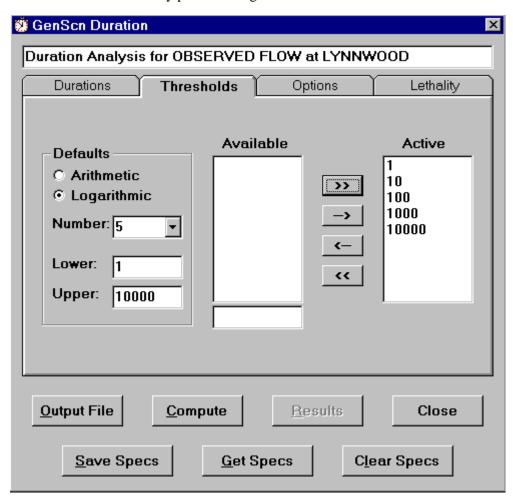




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The Durations tab contains a list of available durations and a list of active durations. Only durations listed in the active list will be used in the analysis. These durations represent a number of time steps of the time unit specified in the dates form on the main form. Thus the number '2' in the duration list represents events of 2 days in duration where the time units is set to days. At least one duration must be in the active list to run a duration analysis.

To move a duration from one list to another, highlight the desired item in the list and click the arrow button that points to the destination for this duration. The entire column of durations can be moved to the opposite list by clicking on the double arrow button. Durations not listed in either list can be added by manually typing them at the bottom of the available list and then clicking on the arrow key that points toward the active list. Only positive integer durations can be added to the list.

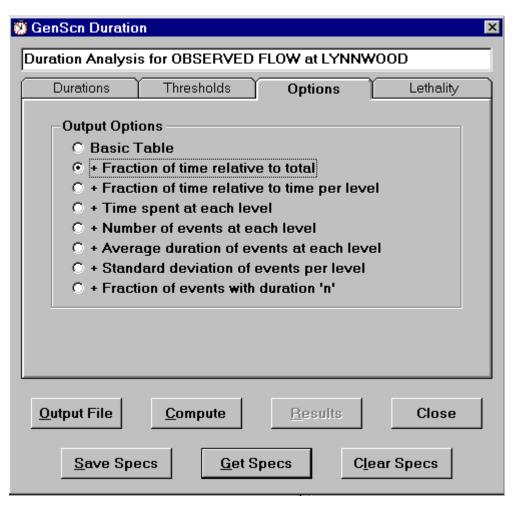


The Threshold tab contains lists of available and active threshold levels. The contents of the available thresholds list is controlled using the parameters in the defaults frame. To specify whether an arithmetic or logarithmic series is desired, the number of values in the series, and the lower and upper limits will result in a series of available thresholds. Only thresholds listed in the active list will be used in the analysis. At least one threshold level must be in the active list to run a duration analysis.

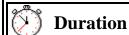


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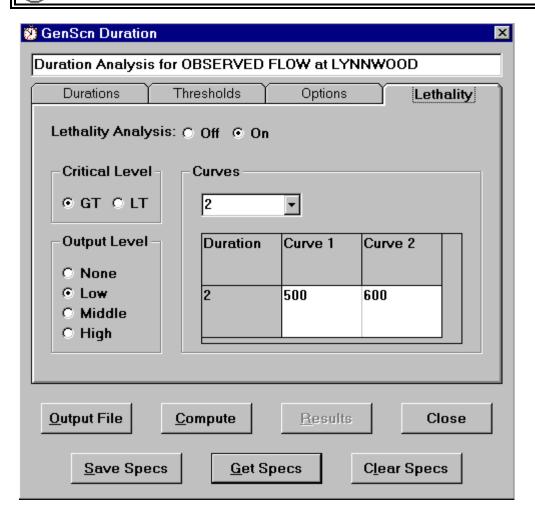
To move a threshold from one list to another, highlight the desired item in the list and click the arrow button that points to the destination for this threshold. The entire column of thresholds can be moved to the opposite list by clicking on the double arrow button. Thresholds not listed in either list can be added by manually typing them at the bottom of the available list and then clicking on the arrow key that points toward the active list.



The Options tab contains a list of available output options. Each item in the list of options specifies that the user wants to obtain that table plus each of the tables above it in the list. Thus selecting the Fraction of events with duration 'n' option will result in all of the output tables being produced.



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The Lethality tab contains a series of parameters that may be specified if the user wishes to analyze lethal concentrations. Lethality analysis will not be performed unless this analysis is set to On. The critical level can be toggled between GT for Greater Than values and LT for Less Than values. The output level for the lethality analysis can be set to None, Low, Middle, or High. Up to five lethality curves can be specified. For each curve a value should be entered for each duration. The values for the lethality curves are entered by double clicking on a cell in the grid, entering the value in the field above the grid, and then double clicking again in that field.

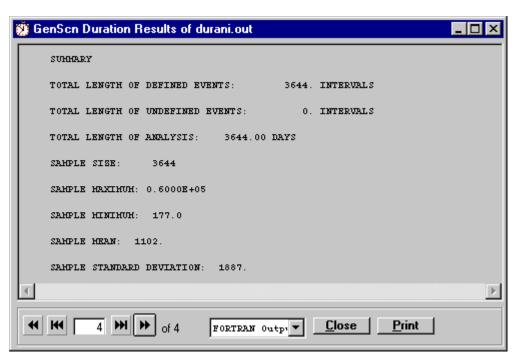
The Output File button near the bottom of the Duration form is used to set the output file name for the analysis. The Close button is used to close the Duration form and return to the main form. The three buttons nearest the bottom of the form may be used to Save, Get, or Clear a set of duration analysis specifications. These buttons are useful for saving the contents of each of the four tabs for a given analysis for later use or for clearing the tabs of all specifications to begin a new duration analysis.

Once the input parameters have been specified, the Compute button is used to begin the analysis. After a few seconds the Results button will become available, which signals the completion of the computations.



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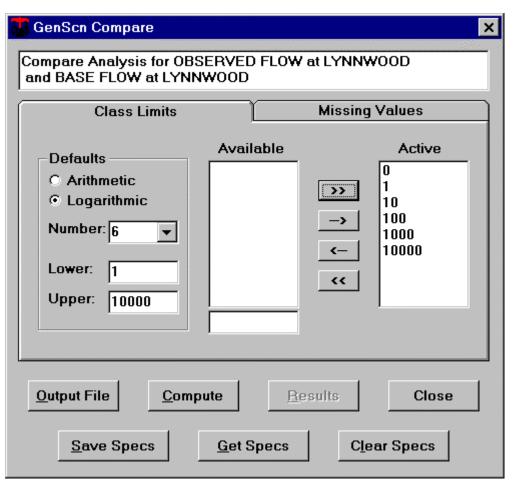
The Results button produces a form containing the results of the analysis. Pages of analysis results can be perused using the page controls. Results can be printed using the Print button. The Close button removes this form.



Compare

The Compare analysis tool uses the flow-duration analysis and class intervals to compute absolute error, root mean square error, and bias by class interval for two time series. This analysis is usually performed on an observed variable and a simulated variable, although the analysis can be used to compare computed time series for two scenarios. This analysis is only performed for the first two time series in the time-series list. The start and end dates, the time units, and the time step are set using the dates tool in the main form. Results tables can provide insight into the distribution of differences.

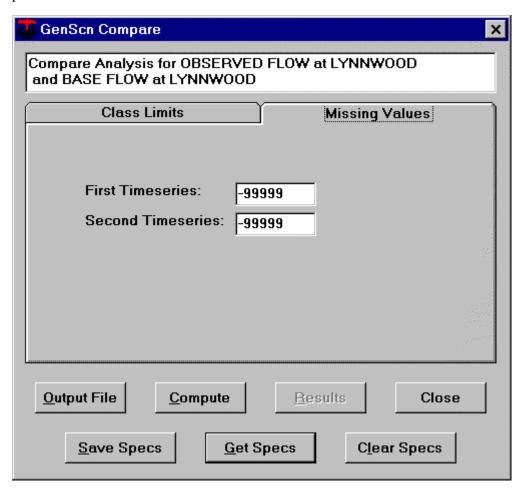
The Compare form is displayed by clicking on the Compare button on the Analysis toolbar or by selecting the Analysis:Compare menu item. The Compare form contains a text box near the top of the form to specify the title of this Compare analysis. The tabs in the middle of the form are used to specify parameters for the analysis. Buttons near the bottom of the form are used to control operation of the analysis.



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The Class Limits tab contains lists of available and active class limits. The contents of the available class limits list is controlled using the parameters in the defaults frame. Specifying whether an arithmetic or logarithmic series is desired, the number of values in the series, and the lower and upper limits will result in a series of available class limits. Only class limits listed in the active list will be used in the analysis. At least one class limit must be in the active list to run a compare analysis.

To move a class limit from one list to another, highlight the desired item in the list and click the arrow button that points to the destination for this class limit. The entire column of class limits can be moved to the opposite list by clicking on the double arrow button. Class limits not listed in either list can be added by manually typing them at the bottom of the available list and then clicking on the arrow key that points toward the active list.



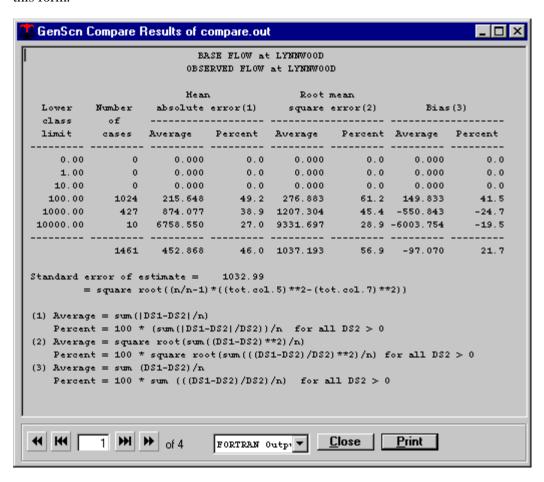
The Missing Values tab allows the user to enter the value used to indicate missing values for each of the two time series.

The Output File button near the bottom of the Compare form is used to set the output file name for the analysis. The Close button is used to close the Compare form and return to the main form. The three buttons nearest the bottom of the form may be used to Save, Get, or Clear a set of Compare analysis

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specifications. These buttons are useful for saving the contents of the tabs for a given analysis for later use or for clearing the tabs of all specifications to begin a new compare analysis.

Once the input parameters have been specified, the Compute button is used to begin the analysis. After a few seconds the Results button will become available, which signals the completion of the computations. The Results button produces a form containing the results of the analysis. Tabs in this form represent pages of analysis results. These results can be printed using the Print button. The Close button removes this form.





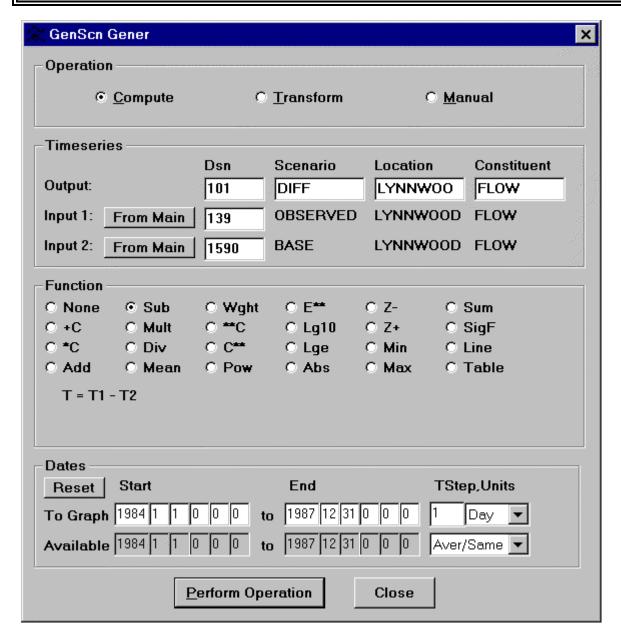
Generate

The generate option is a feature intended primarily for advanced users. This option is used to create a new WDM data set or fill values in an existing WDM data set. The values in this data set are determined one of three ways: they can be computed from other data sets, transformed from an existing data set, or manually filled.

The Generate form is displayed by clicking on the Generate \mathfrak{L} button on the Analysis toolbar or by selecting the Analysis:Generate menu item. The Generate form contains three radio buttons in a frame near the top of the form that are used to select one of the Generate operations.

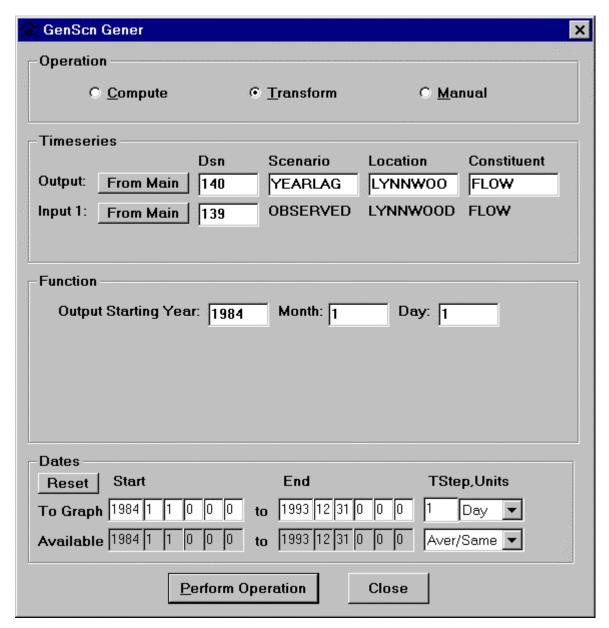
Compute

The Generate/Compute option is used to transform one or two existing time series into a new WDM time-series data set based on some mathematical function. The function is chosen from within the function frame, and any required coefficients must be entered here as well. Selecting a function will display a formula describing the function. Fields will appear in the time-series frame through which the input and output time series must be selected. Time series must be specified by number or by selecting a time series from the time-series list on the main form and then using the From Main button. The scenario, location, and constituent tags should be set for a new time-series data set.



The start and end dates, time units, and time step may be specified in the dates frame. These parameters will default to the period of record of the input time series. When ready, the Perform Operation button may be clicked to perform the operation.

Transform



The Generate/Transform option is used to shift data in time and/or to aggregate or disaggregate data over time. The shifting of data may be needed to correct for errors in recording clocks or to account for daylight savings time or time zone changes. Aggregation and disaggregation are based on the time-interval attributes of the input and output time series. When the time interval of the input time series is larger than the output time series (disaggregation), the transformations Divide or Same may be selected. When the time interval of the input time series is smaller than the output time series (aggregation), the transformations Sum, Average, Max, or Min may be selected. In both cases the larger time interval must be an even multiple of the smaller time interval. When transforming the time step and/or shifting data in

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time, it is important that the start and end dates be compatible with the time step of both the input and output time series. For example, with a daily time step, the beginning time is 0:00 and the ending time is 24:00. All time steps smaller than one day should evenly divide into one day.

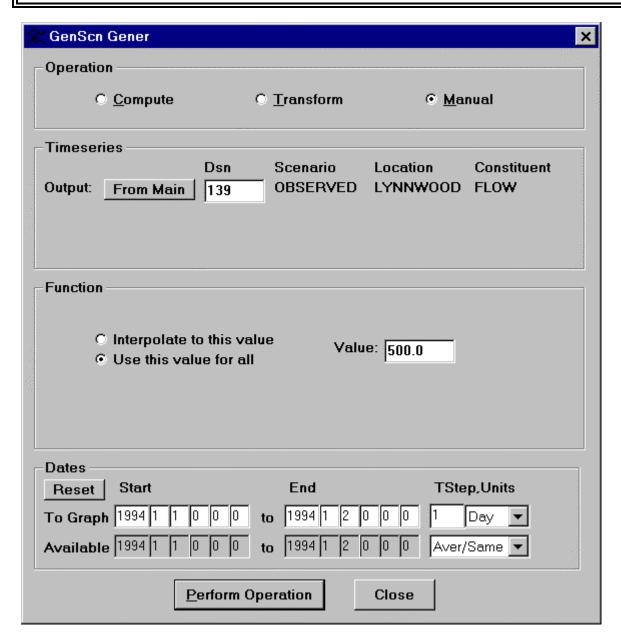
The selection of the transform operation will result in the appearance of fields in the time-series frame through which the input and output time series must be selected. Time series must be specified by a number or by selecting a time series from the time-series list on the main form and then using the From Main button. The scenario, location, and constituent tags should be set for a new time-series data set.

The function frame is used to specify the starting year, month, and day for the output time series. The start and end dates for the input time series, the time units, and the time step may be specified in the dates frame. These parameters will default to the period of record of the input time series. When ready, the Perform Operation button may be clicked to perform the operation.

Manual

The Generate/Manual option is useful for generating a time series that is constant over many time steps or for filling a time series that might have some periods of missing data. The manual option has two fill choices. The first choice will fill a time span with a constant value for every time step. The second choice will fill a time span using values interpolated from one value to another. This might be the case should a user wish to interpolate from the last value of a time series up to a given value over a certain time span.

The selection of the manual operation will result in fields appearing in the time-series frame through which the output time series must be selected. This time series may or may not already exist. The time series must be specified by a number or by selecting a time series from the time-series list on the main form and then using the From Main button. The scenario, location, and constituent tags should be set for a new time series.

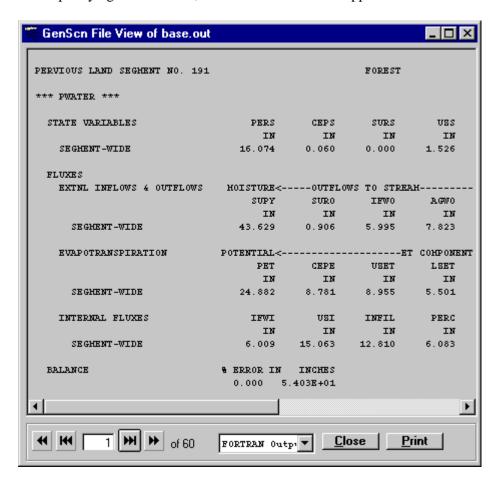


The function frame is used to specify the manually filled value and whether this value should be applied to all time steps or whether the data for these time steps should be interpolated to that value. The start and end dates for the time series, the time units, and the time step may be specified in the dates frame. These parameters will default to the next time step after the period of record of the time series. When ready, the Perform Operation button may be clicked to perform the operation.

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File View

The File View analysis tool is provided as a means of viewing any ASCII file from within GenScn. Clicking on the File View button in the Analysis toolbar (or selecting the Analysis:File View menu item) will invoke the File Open common dialog, from which the user may specify the file to be viewed. After specifying the file name, the File View form will appear with the file text in a text box.



The File View form displays files one page at a time. At the bottom of the form is a set of buttons and a text box which are used to move through the file. The buttons are used to move forward or backward through the file. The text box is used to enter a specific page number to which to move. The field to the right of the buttons displays the total number of pages in the file. An additional list at the bottom of the form allows the user to select the format in which to view the file. The Plain Text option will fill each page with the maximum amount of text without using vertical scroll bars. The FORTRAN Output option will perform in this manner also with the exception that a new page will be formed whenever a FORTRAN carriage control character for new page is encountered. Although options for viewing in Binary and ESRI Shape File format exist, they are not used in GenScn. This file can be printed using the 'Print' button. The 'Close' button removes this form.

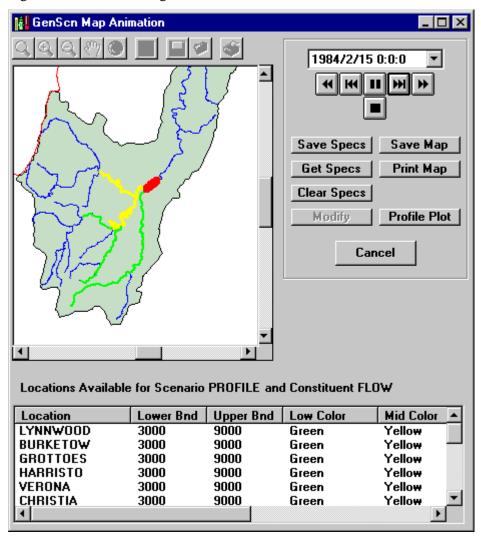
Animate

Animate

The Animate analysis tool provides a visual technique for observing data through time. A map, similar to the map on the main form, is redrawn at each time step, which illustrates the range the current parameter is in at various locations along a stream network. This tool is only available where the shape file for the map layer to be animated contains separate segments that can be identified and drawn individually.

Animation is only performed on the time series in the time-series list for one scenario and constituent. Thus, one and only one scenario and constituent must be selected on the main form, and any time series at desired locations must appear in the time-series list.

The Animate form is displayed by clicking on the Animate to button on the Analysis toolbar or by selecting the Analysis: Animate menu item. A map appears in the form, and below the map is a list of the time series that will be included in the animation with specifications of how these animation segments should be drawn. The user has the option of specifying two threshold values and a color and size of line segments for values falling below, between, and above the two threshold values.



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The current date in the animation appears at the top right corner of the form. Below the data is a series of control buttons, which control movement of the animation through time. The buttons perform the following movements, from left to right: move backward, move backward one time step, pause, move forward one time step, and move forward. The button below the pause button stops the animation.

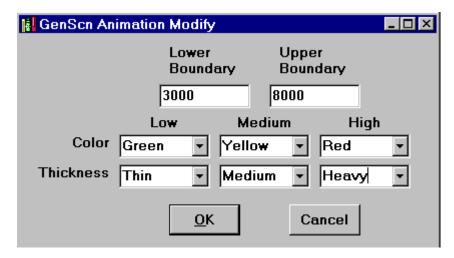
The 'Save Map' button saves the current animation frame to a windows metafile. If the map toolbar is enabled, this button also allows saving as a map file, bitmap, or clipboard image. The 'Print Map' button prints the current animation frame. The 'Profile Plot' button produces a plot of the animated constituent at the point in time of the animation at each location along the main stream channel. The main stream channel must be specified in the shape file for the streams. See Profile Plots for more details.

The 'Save Specs' button, 'Get Specs' button, and 'Clear Specs' button may be used to Save, Get, or Clear a set of Animate specifications. These buttons are useful for saving the contents of the segment list for later use, or for clearing these specifications to begin a new Animate analysis. The 'Cancel' button is used to close the Animate form and return to the main GenScn form.

When one or more of the segments in the segment list is selected, the 'Modify' button is available. See Modify for more details.

Modify

The Animate Modify form is invoked when the user clicks on the 'Modify' button in the Animate form with one or more segments selected. This form allows the user to change the parameters for each Animation segment selected.

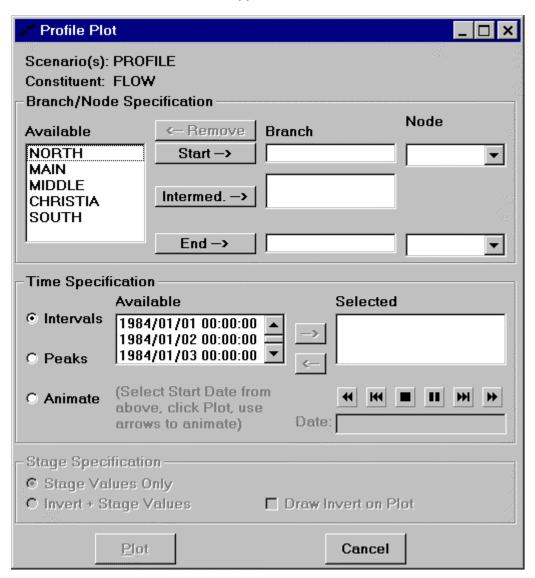


The lower and upper boundaries may be set, as well as the color and line thickness for low, medium, and high values. Low values are those falling below the lower boundary, and high values are those falling above the upper boundary. Medium values are those that fall between the lower and upper boundaries.

Once these parameters are set as desired, the 'OK' button is used to apply these changes to the Animate form. The 'Cancel' button is used to return to the Animate form without applying these changes.

Profile Plots

The Profile Plot form is displayed by clicking on the Profile Plot button on the Analysis toolbar or by selecting the Analysis:Profile Plots menu item. Profile plots require one constituent to be selected for plotting and at least one scenario selected as well. The locations used in the profile plot will be determined from the selected scenario(s).



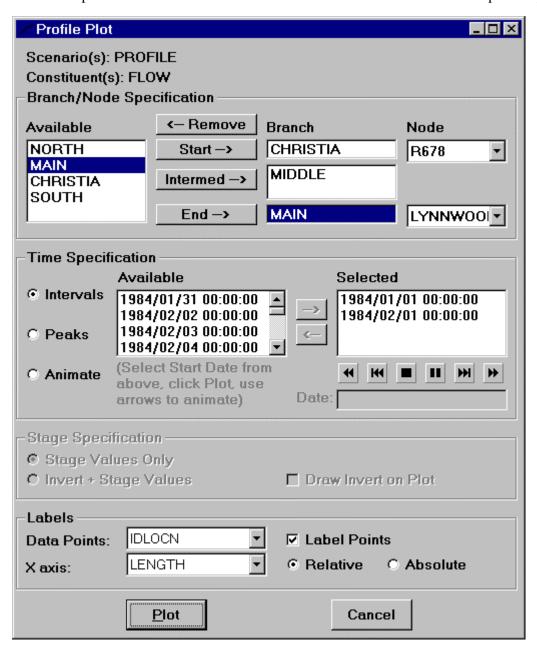
The first two lines of the Profile Plot form display the scenario(s) and the constituent to be plotted. The Branch/Node specification frame is used to select the desired river segments for which to plot profiles. The available branches for the selected scenario(s) are displayed in the Available list. Starting, intermediate, and ending branches are specified by selecting an available branch and then clicking on the 'Start' button, 'Intermed.' button, or 'End' button. For the starting and ending branches, the starting and ending nodes may be selected from the Node lists. By default the first node in the starting branch and the

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last node in the ending branch are selected. All nodes in the intermediate branches will, by definition, be displayed. Thus, there is no node specification for intermediate branches. The 'Remove' button will clear any highlighted branches in the starting, intermediate, or ending branch lists and return the branches to the available list. A branch may be highlighted (or unhighlighted) by clicking on it.

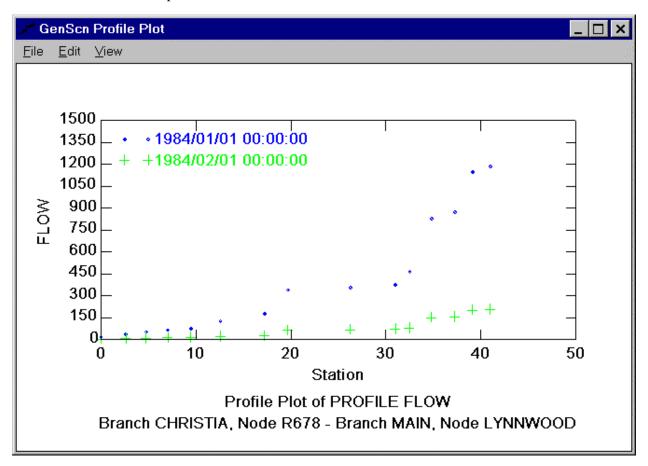
A branch is a one-dimensional river segment which begins either at the top of the watershed or at the junction of two branches and ends either at the bottom of the watershed or at a junction with another branch. Nodes are intermediate points along branches.

The Time Specification frame allows the user to choose one of three methods to plot the profiles.

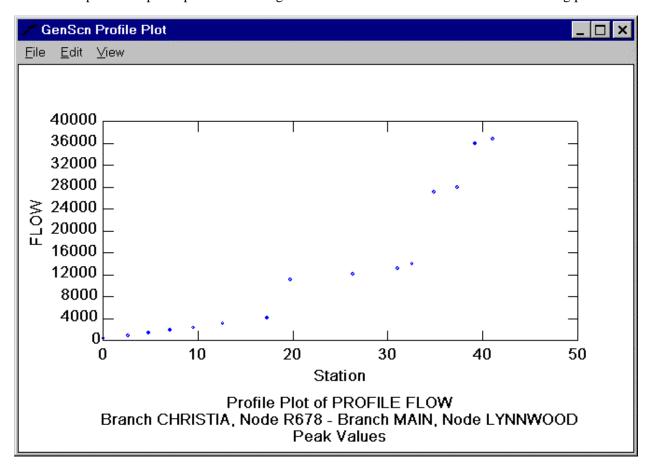


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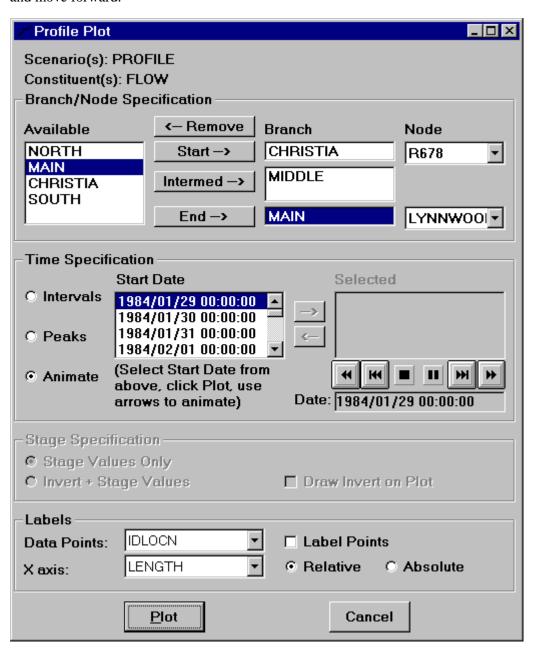
The Intervals option allows the user to select specific instances of time for which to plot a profile. Time instances are selected from the Available list of time intervals by clicking on them and then clicking on the '---' button to move them into the Selected list. To remove a time instance from the Selected list, highlight it by clicking on it and then click on the '<--' button to return it to the Available list. Click the 'Plot' button to create the plot.



The Peaks option will plot a profile of the highest values that occurred for each scenario being plotted.

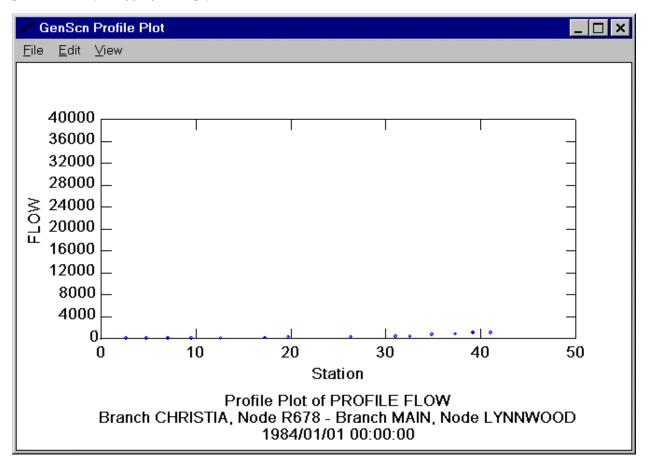


The Animate option allows the user to view the profile(s) through time. When the Animate option is selected, the user must select a starting time interval by clicking on it from the Available list. This will fill in the Date text box with the selected time interval. Once the 'Plot' button is clicked and the initial profile plot is displayed, the user controls the movement of the animation through time. This is done using the control buttons above the Date text box. The buttons perform the following movements, from left to right: move backward, move backward one time step, stop, pause, move forward one time step, and move forward.



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Note that for a profile plot generated with the animate option, the scale for the y-axis is set based on the range of values for the entire time span. Thus, one significant peak value may extend the y-axis scale to a value much higher than desired for the majority of the other values. However, the axis scaling may be modified at any time during the animation by selecting the Axis menu item from the Graph menu on the plot form or by dragging the top y-axis.



The Stage Specification frame contains options for the display of stage values on the profile plot. By default, only the stage values will be plotted. If there are invert values available, the user has the option to plot the sum of the invert and stage values. Additionally with this option, the user may also specify to plot the invert on the profile plot. Obviously these options only apply when items such as stage or water-surface elevation are being plotted.

The 'Plot' button is used to generate the desired profile plot. It is disabled until the needed specifications are made (that is, start/end branch defined and time specifications made). The 'Cancel' button closes the Profile Plot form but will not remove any existing profile plots.

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Help

The GenScn Help System is invoked by using the Help menu from the main window. See Help in the User Interface section for more details.

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Setting Up a New Scenario Generator

Setting up a new scenario generator involves preparing GIS data and time-series data, and creating and calibrating the base scenario. An illustration of the overall process of setting up a new project is discussed in Lesson 7 of the tutorial.

The following are the major steps required in setting up GenScn:

Step 1: Obtain GIS Data

The GIS Data section provides details on the required GIS data. Obtaining these data is independent of the GenScn system. Once the GIS data are obtained the Map Specifications File must be produced using a text editor.

Step 2: Create a New Project File

The New Project File can be created from within GenScn using the New Project feature. During this step the user will create the '.sta' file and a new WDM file.

Step 3: Import Time-series Data

This step can be performed within GenScn as well, using the Activate feature. The user activates the OBSERVED scenario to import time-series data in RDB or WATSTORE format. See also the section entitled Time-Series Data.

Step 4: Create the BASE Scenario

GenScn assists the user in creating a base scenario with the New Scenario feature. The user must be able to specify basic characteristics of the watershed such as the number of reaches to model and the area contributing to each reach.

Step 5: Setting Model Parameters for the BASE Scenario

GenScn prepares the files to be used in calibration through the 'New Scenario' feature, but the actual calibration process is performed using the Expert System (HSPEXP). See also the section entitled Model Parameters.

Step 6: Create Other Scenarios as Desired

At this point the full capabilities of GenScn may be used. Additional scenarios may be created from the BASE scenario using the Activate option. Simulations may be run for a range of scenarios, and then analyzed using GenScn's suite of analysis tools.

Geographical Information System Data

The layers to be displayed on the map must take the form of Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI) shape files. The details of how these shape files are specified can be found in the appendix in the section entitled Map Specifications.

GIS data must be specified if mapping is to be available within GenScn for the watershed being modeled. GIS data are also needed to provide the connectivity necessary for the Animate and Profile Plots analysis options. The GenScn release notes describe how to set up a watershed if GIS data is not available.

For the Animate analysis, the map layer to be animated must contain a field named 'IDLOCN,' which corresponds to the eight-character location names for the time series. The map layer to be animated must be specified in the Project Status file.

For the Profile Plot analysis, the stream reach shape file must contain four particular fields. A field named 'IDLOCN' must correspond to the eight-character location names for the time series. A field named 'BRANCH' must specify the branch to which this stream reach belongs, such as the South Fork, North Fork, or Main Stem. A field named 'DOWNID' must specify the 'IDLOCN' immediately downstream of this segment. A field named 'LENGTH' must specify the distance from the outlet of the reach network. The map layer containing all of these fields must be specified as the map layer to be animated in the Project Status file.

Time-Series Data

Time-series data can be imported for use in GenScn by clicking on 'Observed' in the scenario list and then clicking the 'Activate' button. The user will be presented with the option of entering observed data in RDB or Watstore daily values formats. After choosing one of these options, the user proceeds to a form to enter the name of the file in which the data resides. Once the file name is specified, the user may input the characteristics of the data set including the eight-character scenario, constituent, and location attributes.

See Activate for more details.

Model Parameters

Once the GIS data and the time-series data have been prepared and brought into a new project and a base scenario has been created, the base scenario must be calibrated. The program HSPEXP, the Expert System for the Calibration of HSPF, is designed to assist users in calibrating HSPF hydrology (Lumb and others, 1994)

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Appendix

Project Status - *.sta

The Project Status file may be created from within GenScn using the File:New menu item. This file may be edited using the File:Edit menu item.

The status file contains names and paths specifying files referenced for that project. These files consist of the WDM message file, the time-series WDM file, the map file, the time-series RDB files, and the FEQ output files. Each line of the project status file contains a three-letter file-type identifier followed by one space and then the fully qualified file name. For time-series WDM files the three-letter identifier is followed by one space and then a four-character WDM file identifier (as used in HSPF) and one space before the file name.

The following is a list of the valid file-type identifiers:

- WDM time-series wdm file,
- MES wdm message file for HSPF,
- MAP map specifications file,
- RDB relational data base files containing time-series data,
- FEO FEQ output files,
- SCN scenario identifier,
- CON constituent identifier, and
- LOC location identifier.

A special type of identifier, SCN, is used to indicate the path to files associated with a scenario. Use of this identifier is optional if the files associated with a scenario reside in the same location as the project file. However, if the scenario files, including the HSPF UCI file, reside in a folder other than the folder containing the project status file, the SCN identifier must be used, followed by one space, the scenario name, one space, and the path to that folder.

Glossary information may be appended to SCN, CON, and LOC entries. This information will appear as a popup message when the user moves across the related part of the main window.

An example Project Status file is included below.

```
MES ..\hspfmsg.wdm
MAP shena.map
WDM WDM1 shena.wdm
SCN BASE,,,'Base Run'
SCN OBSERVED,,,'Observed Data'
SCN PROFILE,,,'Profile Plot Test Run'
CON AGWO,'active grounwater outflow'
CON ATMP,'air temperature'
CON DEWP,'dewpoint'
CON EVAP,'potential evpotranspiration'
CON FLOW,'streamflo'
CON IFWO,'interflow'
CON PREC,'precipitation'
LOC BURKETOW,'Burketown'
LOC CHRISTIA,'Christian'
```

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Map Specifications - *.map

This file can be created using a text editor. GenScn will also save this file when the Save button on the map is clicked. The map file contains information about the layers to be included on the map as well as other default map parameters.

The map file contains lines starting with a three-letter prefix. All information following the prefix must remain on the same line. None of the parts of this file are case-sensitive.

- EXT specifies the default extent of the map with four real numbers (left, top, right, and bottom edges). This allows saving a map zoomed to a particular area of interest, but does not restrict zooming in or out after the map is loaded.
- LYR describes a layer. Layers appear in the order they will be drawn on the map. The first LYR in the file will be drawn first and the last one will be drawn last, on top of all the other layers. This is opposite the order the layers appear in the Edit Map Display Attributes form.

The first attribute of a layer must be the layer's ESRI SHP file name enclosed in single quotes and followed by a comma. The second field must be a color for the layer. This will be used as the fill color for areas, the marker color for points, or the line color for linear coverages such as rivers. Colors can be specified either as a single red-green-blue integer or as a name from the following list: Black, Red, Green, Blue, Magenta, Cyan, White, LightGray, DarkGray, Gray, PaleYellow, Yellow, LimeGreen, Teal, DarkGreen, Maroon, Purple, Orange, Khaki, Olive, Brown, Navy.

The rest of the layer description line is optional and may occur in any order. A comma must separate each attribute. If a layer is not being displayed, the word HIDE should appear. ANIMATE should be specified for each layer that can be animated. A drawing style can be chosen with the keyword STYLE followed by a space and a style name. For points, the style can be Circle, Square, Triangle, or Cross. For lines, the style can be Solid, Dash, Dot, DashDot, or DashDotDot. Recommended styles for areas are Solid and Transparent. Transparent indicates that only the boundaries of an area should be drawn. To specify an outline color for an area or point layer, use the keyword OUTLINE followed by a space and an outline color integer or name. To specify a size for markers in a point layer, use the keyword SIZE followed by a space and an integer. Marker size is measured in printer's points.

If a layer is going to be used for selection, use the word KEYS followed by the name of the field in the DBF that will be used for selection, in single quotes. If a layer might be labeled or used in identify mode, use the keyword LABELS followed by the name of the field in the DBF that will be used for labels, in single quotes.

- LAB lines describe details of how labels should be formatted on the most recent layer of the map. This line optional. If omitted, labels can be activated and formatted with the Labels form. The first string after the keyword LAB must be the name of the field in the DBF that will be used for labels, in single quotes. Other allowed parameters are Bold, Italic, Underline, Font followed by the name of a font in single quotes, Size followed by a decimal number of points, Color followed by a name or numeric color, and HorzAlign or VertAlign followed by Top, Bottom, Left, Right, Center, or Baseline to align the label with the features in various ways.
- DBF lines describe fields from the DBF portion of a shape file layer that should be displayed in a table under the map for the most recent layer. Each DBF line contains the name of a field in single quotes. This may be followed by a comma and a caption in single quotes if the column should have a

caption different from the field name. If a table is desired and the layer has specified KEYS and/or LABELS, these should also be included as columns in the table.

• REN lines describe rules for rendering the most recent layer. These rules take precedent over the color and style specified in the LYR line. After REN is the type of renderer: Value or Class. A value renderer applies to discrete values while a class renderer applies to ranges of values. Next is the name of the database field used, then the number of rendering styles. Following the REN line there is one line for each rendering style. These lines start with three spaces and contain the database value to be rendered with this style followed by the color, symbol style, and outline color as they would appear in a LYR line.

An example map file is included below.

```
EXT 1084581.00390625 2063773 1777464.24609375 1576470.5
LYR 'gis\st.shp', RED, Style Transparent, Outline RED, Name 'State', Keys 'ST'
LAB 'ST', Font 'Arial', Size 11.25, Color BLACK, Bold, HorzAlign Center, VertAlign
Baseline
REN Value ST 2
WV,15981829, Style Solid, Outline BLACK
VA, 16744448, Style Solid, Outline BLACK
LYR 'gis\cat.shp',12508638,Style Solid,Outline BLACK
LYR 'gis\cnty.shp',GREEN,Style Transparent,Outline GREEN,Hide,Name 'County'
LYR 'qis\rf1.shp', BLUE, Style SolidLine, Animate, Name 'Rivers', Keys
'IDLOCN', Labels 'PNAME'
DBF 'RF1 ID'
DBF 'PNAME'
DBF 'IDLOCN'
DBF 'BRANCH'
LYR 'gis\points.shp', TEAL, Style Square, Size 5, Name 'Locations', Keys
'IDLOCN', Labels 'NAME'
DBF 'IDLOCN','Location ID'
DBF 'REACH','Reach'
DBF 'NAME','Name'
```

Error and Warning Message - ERROR.FIL

GenScn uses the ERROR file to store error and warning messages. This file is written by GenScn during normal operation. The information contained in this file may be useful in understanding a problem related to the operation of GenScn. It may be viewed using any editor.

Time-Series Buffer - *.tsb

The Time-Series Buffer file contains a list of scenario, location, and constituent attributes for each time series in the time-series list. The contents of this file are written when using the Save Buffer option. The file is read when using the Get Buffer option.

The Time-Series Buffer file contains one record for each time series in the list. The record consists of the scenario, location, and constituent names in quotation marks and separated with a comma.

An example Time-Series Buffer file is included below.

```
"OBSERVED","LYNNWOOD","FLOW"
"BASE","LYNNWOOD","FLOW"
```

Compare Specifications - *.gco

The Compare Specifications file contains a set of specifications from a GenScn Compare analysis. This file may be created and retrieved from the Compare form.

Each item in the compare specifications is stored on a separate record. An annotated example of a Compare Specifications file is included below. Actual files do not contain descriptions of each item and do not include blank lines when there are zero items in a list.

```
Integer number of class limits in available list.
N-records of integer values representing available class limits.
      Integer number of class limits in active list.
      N-records of integer values representing active class limits.
1
10
100
1000
10000
     Value representing the lower default class limit.
10000 Value representing the upper default class limit.
False Using arithmetic default? (True or False).
True Using logarithmic default? (True or False).
     Index of number of default class limits.
-99999
          Missing value for first time series.
-99999
           Missing value for second time series.
```

Duration Specifications - *.gdu

The Duration Specifications file contains a set of specifications from a GenScn Duration analysis. This file may be created and retrieved from the Duration form.

Each item in the duration specifications is stored on a separate record. An annotated example of a Duration Specifications file is included below. Actual files do not contain descriptions of each item and do not include blank lines when there are zero items in a list.

```
0
            Integer number of durations in available list.
            N-records of integer values representing available durations.
9
            Integer number of durations in active list.
1
            N-records of integer values representing active durations.
2
4
б
8
10
12
18
24
Ω
            Integer number of thresholds in available threshold list.
            N-records of values representing available thresholds.
5
            Integer number of thresholds in active threshold list.
1
            N-records of values representing active thresholds.
2500
5000
7500
10000
            Value representing the lower default threshold.
1
10000
            Value representing the upper default threshold.
            Using arithmetic default? (True or False).
True
False
            Using logarithmic default? (True or False).
            Index of number of default thresholds.
True
            Eight records representing output level values (True or False).
False
False
False
False
False
False
False
            Is lethality off? (True or False).
True
False
            Is lethality on? (True or False).
            Four records representing lethality output levels (True or False).
True
False
False
False
            Index of number of lethality curves.
True
            Is critical level 'Greater Than'?
            Is critical level 'Less Than'?
False
            Integer number of rows in lethality grid.
2
            Integer number of columns in lethality grid.
            One record containing value for each column
Duration
Curve 1
                  of each row in lethality grid.
```

Animate Specifications - *.gan

The Animate Specifications file contains a set of specifications from a GenScn Animate analysis. This file may be created and retrieved from the Animate form.

Each item in the animate specifications is stored on a separate record. An annotated example of an Animate Specifications file is included below. Actual files do not contain descriptions of each item.

```
Integer number of records in animate list.
2670 Lower boundary for first record
8020 Upper boundary for first record
     Low color for first record
Red
           Mid color for first record
Yellow
Green High color for first record
Thin Low thickness for first record
Thin Mid thickness for first record
Thin High thickness for first record
     Lower boundary for second record
545
1640 Upper boundary for second record
     Low color for second record
Red
           Mid color for second record
Yellow
Green High color for second record
Thin Low thickness for second record
Thin Mid thickness for second record
Thin High thickness for second record
3020 Lower boundary for third record
9070 Upper boundary for third record
    Low color for third record
Red
Yellow
           Mid color for third record
Green High color for third record
Thin Low thickness for third record
Thin Mid thickness for third record
Thin High thickness for third record
```

Full Equations Model Output - *.feo

Output files from the Full Equations Model (FEQ) can be used as input files to GenScn without modification. Three files are required to specify the FEQ output data available to GenScn. They are the *.ftf, *.feo, and *.tsd files. The *.feo file is an ASCII file which describes the FEQ model run and its output. GenScn references *.feo files. The *.feo files reference *.ftf and *.tsd files. All of these files are documented in the FEQ manual.

Relational Data Base - *.rdb

Relational Data Base (RDB) files can be used in GenScn as time-series files. These files can also be converted within GenScn to WDM data sets.

The required format for RDB files involves the tab character used as a delimiter between columns of data. Comment lines must begin with the pound character. The first non-comment line should include a row of tab-delimited column headers. The first header should be 'Date,' followed by as many other headers as columns of data. The next non-comment line should include a row of tab-delimited data type codes indicating for each column the width and type of value (10d indicates a 10-character wide date, and 8n indicates an 8-character wide numeric). All of the following non-comment records must include a date in YYYY.MM.DD format followed by the time-series data values for that date delimited by the tab character.

A segment of an RDB file has been included below as an example:

```
Date Discharge
10s
      8n
1936.04.01 120.00
1936.04.02
           140.00
1936.04.03
           130.00
           130.00
1936.04.04
1936.04.05
           120.00
1936.04.06
           120.00
1936.04.07
           120.00
1936.04.08
           120.00
1936.04.09
            130.00
1936.04.10
           150.00
1936.04.11
            150.00
1936.04.12
           150.00
           130.00
1936.04.13
1936.04.14
           120.00
1936.04.15
           120.00
1936.04.16
           99.00
1936.04.17
           87.00
1936.04.18
            75.00
           75.00
1936.04.19
1936.04.20 64.00
```

Hydrologic Simulation Program-Fortran Message Watershed Data Management

The Message WDM file is a binary file containing information necessary for the HSPF model and the WDM system. This file contains information regarding each HSPF model parameter as well as the assortment of messages that HSPF may produce under various circumstances. For more information about this file see the documentation for the HSPF model and the Annie system.

Hydrologic Simulation Program-Fortran Status

HSPF has been enhanced to write out a file of state variables a the end of a run and read the file at the beginning of a new run. This enhancement allows a base uci file to be used in a real time environment. Short runs can be made with current conditions as they become available. A key feature of this enhancement is that the base uci file need not be edited.

IMPLEMENTATION:

Two new files have been designed and implemented - a status save file (type STASAV) and a update start/end date file (type UPDATE). Both are formatted sequential files.

The UPDATE file contains one record which specifies an update to the start and end date for the run (format (2(I5,4I3,3X)) with the same formatting conventions as the start and end dates in the GLOBAL block. If this file is referenced in the FILES block, it will be used. I envision that this file may be written by a driver program which is processing current data.

The STASAV file contains a record for each state variable referenced in the uci file. The format for each record is (2X,A6,I3,1X,A6,3I3,1X,F12.0,I4). The fields are as follows:

```
A6 - operation name

I3 - operation number

A6 - variable name

3I3 - variable subscripts (not yet implemented)

F12 - value of state variable, use -1 for no update needed

I4 - repeat value in osv - used to fill in starting storages for mass bal
```

If initial conditions from the uci are to be used, the value of the state variable in the STASAV file should be -1.

Time-Series Watershed Data Management - *.wdm

The Time-Series WDM file is a binary file designed especially for storing time-series data. WDM files can be created using the utility program ANNIE.

In order for data sets in a time-series WDM file to be usable by GenScn, the data sets must have non-blank values for three particular WDM attributes: IDSCEN, IDCONS, and IDLOCN. These attributes can be added or modified using the program ANNIE. See the User's Manual for ANNIE, Version 2 for more details. The attributes may also be edited within GenScn using the Edit Time Series feature. New data sets are created whenever a new scenario is saved, according to the numbering scheme specified by the user.

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