

Webinar: Subroutines & Macros

This webinar applies to
ProModel & MedModel



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Purpose of this webinar

- Why would you use a Macro or Subroutine?
- Why one over the other?
- What types of Macros are there?
- What types of Subroutines are there?

- This is NOT a tutorial of the basics of logic statements, neither Macros nor Subroutines
 - Knowledge of basic ProModel/MedModel is assumed

Topics

- Macros
 - Types
 - Scenario Parameters
 - Text substitutions, Constant values
 - Logic statements (like subroutines)
 - Resource Group
 - Arrival Schedule record
 - Shift Schedule record
- Subroutines (Logic statements)
 - Types
 - None
 - Integer, Real (RETURN a value)
 - Interactive
 - How run
 - "Executed"
 - ACTIVATED

Which should we use?

- Depends...
 - Functionality!
 - Personal programming preference!!

Why might we use Either Subroutine or Macro

- Multiple lines of Logic
- Logic that will be executed at multiple places
(Operation, Move, Arrival, any logic window)
 - Need only change the logic in one place
- Therefore, EITHER is OK!

Why Macro or Not

- Depends upon the purpose... Can only be used if:
 - Scenario Parameters
 - Text substitutions, Constant values
 - Resource Groups
 - Arrival Schedule records
 - Shift Schedule records

Why Subroutine or Not

- Depends upon the purpose... Can only be used if:
 - Want to pass a parameter into the logic
 - When one or more items is of interest to control the logic
 - This is the classic form of a subroutine from, say, FORTRAN
 - However, of course...
Could just use Attributes to pass the information.
But then it would be less obvious in the sub execution statement
 - Interactive ... Want to change something during a simulation run

Run Speed

- It used to be ...
(in a Galaxy far, far away; well, really, back when computers were not as powerful as now)
that models ran faster using Macros rather than Subroutines
- Now... No big deal! ... So, It doesn't matter.

How do you Build a Macro?

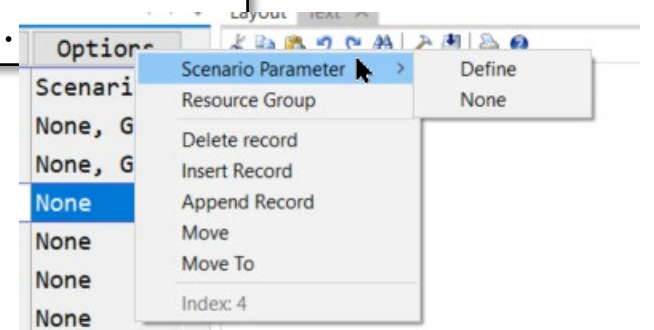
The Macro edit table

ID	Text...	Options
m_Want_to_Display_OWNEDRESOURCE	No	Scenario Pa
m_Crew	Clerk Or Supervisor	None, Group
m_All_resources	Clerk And Supervisor And Fork	None, Group
YES	1	None
NO	0	None
ENTER	1	None

Enter a name

Enter the text of
the Macro

Enter the Macro
Options...



How do you Build a Subroutine?

The subroutines edit table

ID	Type	Parameters...	Logic...
s_Log_File	None	p_Activity_type, p_Resource	// NEED TO PLACE THIS SUB WITH 2 PARAM
s_Log_File_NODE_LOGIC	None	p_Activity_type, p_Resource	// NEED TO PLACE THIS SUB WITH 2 PARAM

```
1 // NEED TO PLACE THIS SUB WITH 2 PARAMETERS (activity & resource) AT
2 // (ONLY NEED TO PLACE THIS SUB WHEREVER TRACKING IS DESIRED)
3 INC vCount_to_log_file // NEED TO DEFINE vCount_to_log_file
4
5 Int iActivity_type = p_Activity_type
6 Int iResource = p_Resource_or_Node
7
```

Enter a name

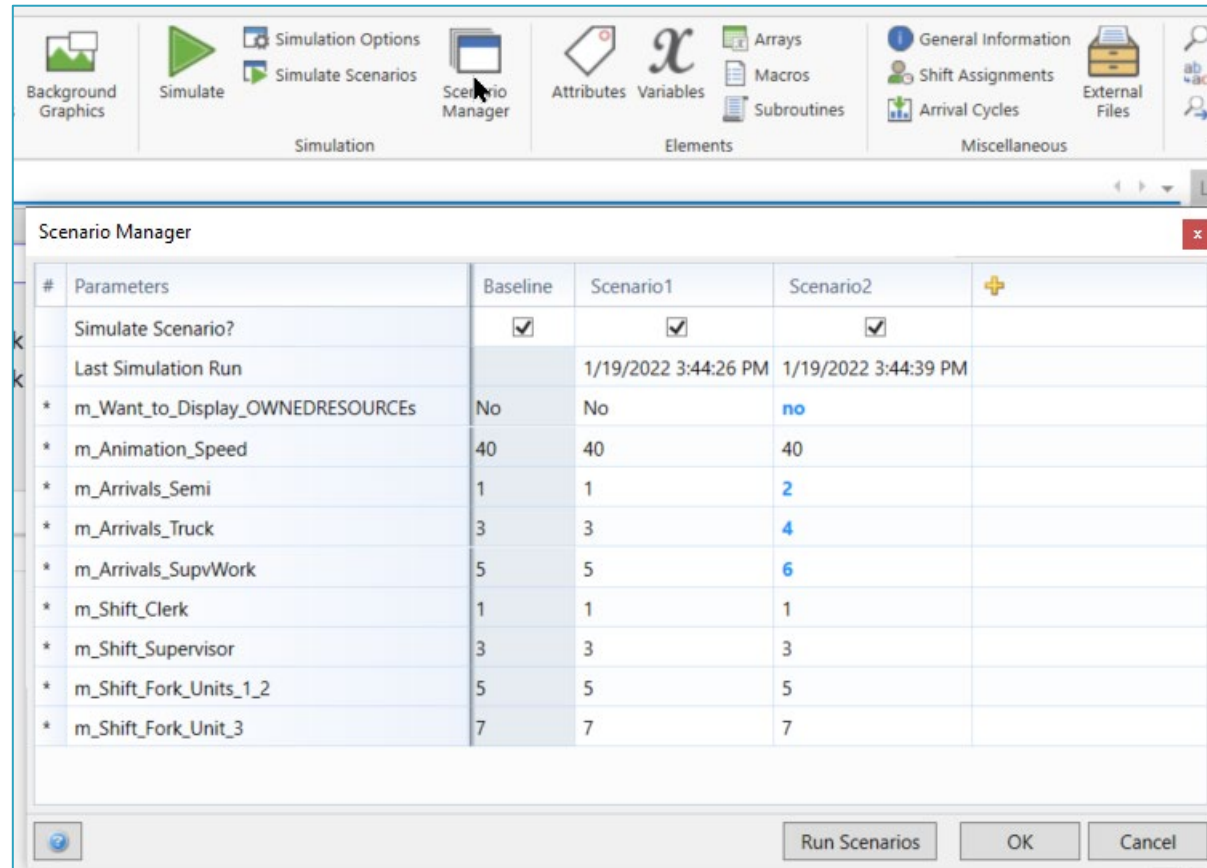
The type may be:
None
Real
Integer
Interactive

Enter parameters
if needed and
enter the logic

ID	Type
p_Activity_type	Integer
p_Resource_or_Node	Integer

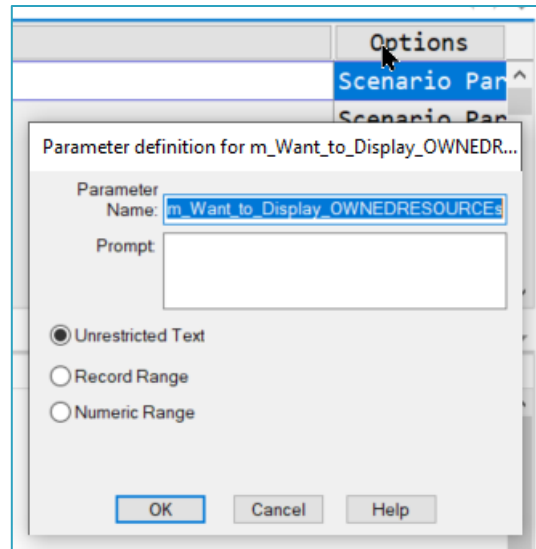
Macro Type: Scenario Parameter

- Provide to the Scenario Manager what to change between Scenarios



Macro Type: Scenario Parameter

- Specify how to control the Scenario Parameter



- Example: Animation speed, others

Macro Type: Text substitutions, Constant values

- Allow using real words rather than just numbers in IF/THEN statements and data import (Array Import)
- Whenever there's a List of choices (e.g. Red/White/Blue , NOT 1/2/3)

ID	Text...	Options
m_Want_to_Display_OWnedRESOURCE:	No	Scenario Pa^
m_Crew	Clerk Or Supervisor	None, Group
m_All_resources	Clerk And Supervisor And Fork	None, Group

YES	1
NO	0

ENTER	1
LEAVE	2
USE_RESOURCE	3
MOVE_with_RESOURCE	
ENTER_NODE	
LEAVE_NODE	

```
10 Else
11 {
12   Get m_Crew
13   |
14   If m_Want_to_Display_OWnedRESOURCES = YES
15     Then s_Display_OWnedRESOURCES()
16
17   Wait 20 Sec
18 }
19 DoorLoc = DoorReturn[1]
```

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41
42 IF p_Activity_type = ENTER THEN XWRITE Log_file , "Enter,"
43 ELSE IF p_Activity_type = LEAVE THEN XWRITE Log_file , "Leave,"
44 ELSE IF p_Activity_type = MOVE_with_RESOURCE THEN XWRITE Log_file , "MOVE w RES,"
45 ELSE IF p_Activity_type = USE_RESOURCE THEN XWRITE Log_file , "USE_RESOURCE,"
46 ELSE IF p_Activity_type = ENTER_NODE THEN XWRITE Log_file , "ENTER_NODE,"
47 ELSE IF p_Activity_type = LEAVE_NODE THEN XWRITE Log_file , "LEAVE_NODE,"
48
49 IF ( p_Activity_type = MOVE_with_RESOURCE // NEED TO PASS TO THE SUB EITHER
```

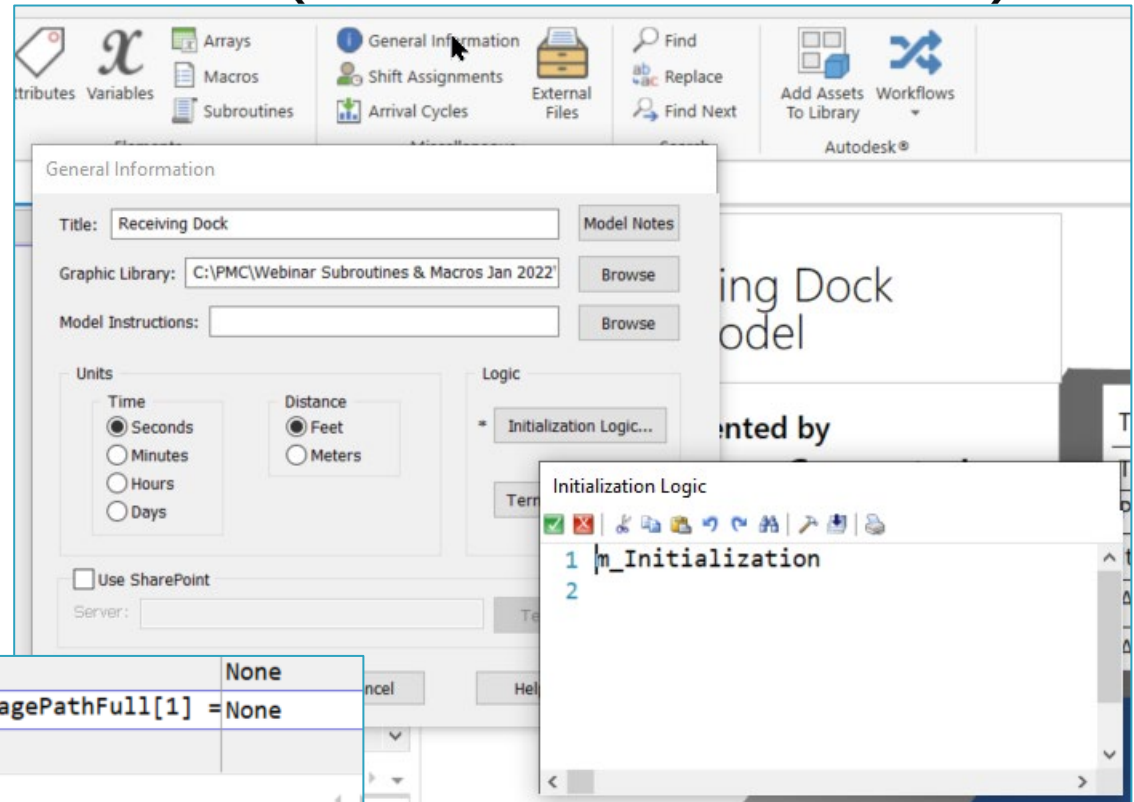
Macro Type: Text substitutions, Constant values

- Great anywhere there's a List of Stuff
 - e.g. ...
 - Part number
 - Truck route destinations
- Remember: Standard ProModel expression naming must be done
 - Cannot begin with a numeral (e.g. 123 → PN_123)
 - Cannot be a reserved word (e.g. EXIT → LEAVE)

- Example: Yes/No, production Grade, others

Macro Type: Logic statements (like subroutines)

- Presentation Script



LEAVE_NODE	6	None
m_Initialization	View "Full Layout"Order 3 Pallet To Pallet_StoragePathFull[1] =None	

Text
1 View "Full Layout"
2 Order 3 Pallet To Pallet_Storage
3 PathFull[1] = 0
4 PathFull[2] = 0
5 PathFull[3] = 0
6

Macro Type: Resource Group

- Easily list multiple Resources including Qty & ANDs & ORs
 - Can create multiple grouped choices of GET & USE for IF/THENs

The image shows two screenshots from the ProModel software. The top screenshot displays a 'Macros' table with columns 'ID' and 'Text...'. The 'm_Crew' macro is circled in red. A context menu is open over the 'm_Crew' row, with 'Resource Group' selected and circled in red. The bottom screenshot shows a 'Process' window with a table of entities and locations. Below the table, the 'Operation' tab is active, showing logic code. Line 12, 'Get m_Crew', is circled in red.

ID	Text...
m_Want_to_Display_OWNEEDRESOURCES	No
m_Crew	Clerk Or Supervisor
m_All_resources	Clerk And Supervisor And Fork

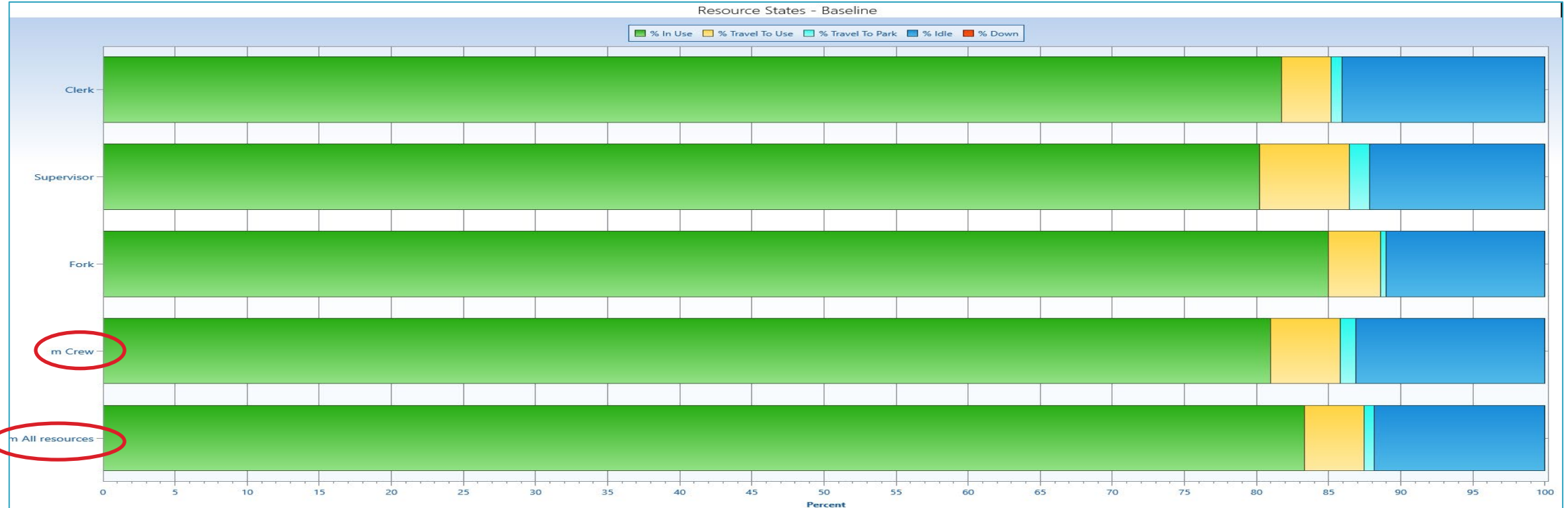
Entity...	Location...
PalletLoad	Dock_1
PalletLoad	Staging_1A
PackingSlip	Staging_1A
Manifest	Staging_1A
LabelGroup	Staging_1A
Labels	Staging_1A

```
10 Else
11 {
12   Get m_Crew
13 }
14   If m_Want_to_Display_OWNEEDRESOURCES = YES
15     Then s_Display_OWNEEDRESOURCES()
16
17   Wait 20 Sec
18 }
```

- Example: GET, just for aggregate reporting

Macro Type: Resource Group

- Extra benefit: Output Viewer shows Utilization & State of the GROUP in addition to each individual Resource
 - Therefore, Can use this purely to show the aggregate statistics of multiple Resources



Macro Type: Arrival Schedule record

- Use the Scenario Manager to specify which Arrival Records to run
 - Within a list of Arrival Records ... Which record do we use?
 - Specify a default in the Text field for the Macro.
 - ALL Arrival Records are used if just Simulate!!! (unless are DISABLED)
 - If Disabled, cannot use in Scenario
- "Arrival_" is automatically added to the beginning of the Macro name

The screenshot displays the ProModel software interface. On the left, the 'Arrivals' table lists various arrival records. In the center, the 'Macros' table lists macro definitions. On the right, a dialog box titled 'Parameter definition for ARRIVAL_m_Arrivals_Semi' is open, showing the 'Parameter Name' as 'm_Arrivals_Semi' and the 'Record Range' set to 'Arrivals'.

Entity...	Location...	Qty Each...	First Time...	Occurrences	Freq
Semi	Semi_Queue	1; SemiArrivals_1	0	INFINITE	24HR
Semi	Semi_Queue				
Truck	Small_Truck_Queue				
Truck	Small_Truck_Queue				
SupvWork	Factory_Office				
SupvWork	Factory_Office				

ID	Text...	Options
ARRIVAL_m_Arrivals_Semi	1	Scenario Par
ARRIVAL_m_Arrivals_Truck	3	Scenario Par
ARRIVAL_m_Arrivals_SupvWork	5	Scenario Par
SHIFT_m_Shift_Clerk	1	Scenario Par
SHIFT_m_Shift_Supervisor	3	Scenario Par
SHIFT_m_Shift_Fork_Units_1_2	5	Scenario Par

Parameter definition for ARRIVAL_m_Arrivals_Semi

Parameter Name: m_Arrivals_Semi

Prompt:

Unrestricted Text

Record Range: Arrivals

Numeric Range

From: 1 To: 2

OK Cancel Help

Macro Type: Shift Schedule record

- Use the Scenario Manager to specify which Shift Assignment Records to run
 - Within a list of Shift Assignment Records ... Which record do we use?
 - Specify a default in the Text field for the Macro.
 - ALL Shift Assignment Records are used if just Simulate!!! (unless are DISABLEd)
 - But can be very confusing... Overlapping shift specifications!?
 - If Disabled, cannot use in Scenario
- "Shift_" is automatically added to the beginning of the Macro name

The screenshot displays two overlapping windows from the ProModel software. The background window is titled "Shift Assignments" and contains a table with columns: "Locations...", "Resources...", "Calendar File...", and "Priorities...". The foreground window is titled "Macros" and contains a table with columns: "ID", "Text...", and "Options".

Locations...	Resources...	Calendar File...	Priorities...
	Clerk	RECFORK2 A.pmc1	99, 499, 99, 99

ID	Text...	Options
ARRIVAL_m_Arrivals_SupvWork	5	Scenario Par ^
SHIFT_m_Shift_Clerk	1	Scenario Par
SHIFT_m_Shift_Supervisor	3	Scenario Par
SHIFT_m_Shift_Fork_Units_1_2	5	Scenario Par
SHIFT_m_Shift_Fork_Unit_3	7	Scenario Par

Subroutine: NONE

- Any set of logic statements can be put into a NONE subroutine to be Executed or ACTIVATED anywhere in your model
- Might, but don't need to, have input PARAMETERS
 - With no Parameters, it's just like a Macro with logic statements

- Example: Display OWNEDRESOURCES

Subroutine: INTEGER or REAL

- The purpose of REAL/INTEGER Subroutine is to RETURN a value (say, for what is the pass/fail status of an entity)
- But you could just assign an entity attribute for the desired value
- However, sometimes we'd like to determine a non-entity-related item
 - e.g. Which row of an array has the data of interest
 - e.g. Calculation of process time based upon LOTS OF STUFF
- Example: Complex lookup of which Excel array import row to use
 - s_Det_Scenario_input_row_from_Item_Num ...

```
7 iRow = 1
8 While iRow <= ArrayDimSize( y_Scenario_Data , 1 ) Do
9 {
10     iItemNum = y_Scenario_Data[ iRow , 1 ]
11     If iItemNum = p_Item_Num
12     Then
13     {
14         Return iRow
15     }
16
17     Inc iRow
18 }
19
```

Interactive Subroutine

- Useful for ad-hoc runtime changes
 - Experiments, What-Ifs
 - Academic exercises

Icon	ID	Type	Initial value
Yes	v_Traffic_Desk_PackingSlip_processing_factor	Real	1.0

- Example ... Change a Variable process time multiplicative factor

```
10 Get Clerk Or Supervisor
11 Int Tempvar = ItemsPerLoad
12 While Tempvar > 0 Do
13 {
14     Wait (Receipt_Processing() * ItemsPerLoad * N(70,20) * v_Traffic_Desk_PackingSlip_processing_factor) Sec
15     Dec Tempvar
16 }
17 Free All
```

ID	Type	Parameters...	Logic...
s_Log_File	None	p_Activity_type, p_Resource_o	// NEED TO PLACE THIS SUB WITH 2 PARAMETERS
s_Display_OWNEDRESOURCES	None	None	Display "for ENTITY: " \$ ENT(ENTITY())
s_Interactive_Change_Traffic_Office_factor	Interactive	None	Prompt "Enter the desired Traffic Desk Paper

Logic
1 Prompt "Enter the desired Traffic Desk Paperwork processing factor..." , v_Traffic_Desk_PackingSlip_processing_factor

Subroutines... ACTIVATED vs. "Executed"

- An ACTIVATED subroutine is run in the "background" "parallel" with entities being process through the Processing/Routing
- The logic in an ACTIVATED sub is done independently of the entity that caused it to start
 - Therefore, the entity logic carries on regardless of the happenings in the ACTIVATED sub
 - Examples:
 - For scheduling, an activated subroutine can be used to periodically examine inventory status (and reorder entities).
 - For animation, an activated subroutine can be used to choreograph a model presentation script with animation speeds and saved views.

Subroutines... ACTIVATED vs. "Executed"

- An ACTIVATED subroutine CANNOT contain ENTITY ATTRIBUTES
- The logic in an "Executed" sub must be fully completed before the logic can be continued!
 - If the "Executed" sub does not finish, then the entity that executed it is delayed!

Activated Subroutine

- Use the ACTIVATE statement

ID	Type	Parameters..	Logic...
s_Notes	None	None	/*from DWG...Units ^
s_Initialization	None	None	Animate mAnimation
s_Clock_Calendar	None	None	real rCALHOUR , rC
s_Schedule_Railcar	None	None	Int iCountRailcarsl
s_Schedule_Incomin	None	None	/*OBVIATED BY s_Scl
s_Schedule_Incomin	None	None	// 70% of OCC come:

```

1 Animate mAnimation_speed
2 Activate s_Clock_Calendar()
3 Activate s_Monitor_Key_Metrics()
4 Activate s_Monitor_Qty_Busy_Forks()
5
6 reset StartSt
7 Writeline Sta
8 Inc iMinutesInDay ,1
9 vYear = CalYear()
10 vMonth = CalMonth()
11 vDoM = CalDOM()
12 vHour = CalHour()
13 vMin = CalMin()
14 vHour_decHour = vHour + vMin / 60
15 vDayOfWeek = CalDay()
16 v_YYYYMMDD_HHMM = vYear * 10000 + vMonth * 100 + vDoM + vHour / 100 + vMin / 10000
17 v_YYYYMMDD_HH = vYear * 10000 + vMonth * 100 + vDoM + vHour / 100
    
```

- Examples:

- o ClockCalendar

- o In other logic: **WAIT UNTIL v_YYYYMMDD_HHMM >= a_Start_Time**

- o Monitor Key Metrics

- o Presentation script

```

Animate 10
Wait 2 hr
View "Full"
Animate 50
Wait 5 hr
Animate 20
    
```

```

1 AGAIN:
2
3 v_Total_Trailers_in_Areas_A_B_C =
4     CONTENTS(Trailer_Storage_A )
5     + CONTENTS(Trailer_Storage_B )
6     + CONTENTS(Trailer_Storage_C )
7
8 Wait 1 min
9 GOTO AGAIN
10
    
```

“Executed” Subroutine

- Simply name the subroutine in a logic statement

- Example: Log File CSV creation

- Pass Parameters ...

ENTER/LEAVE (in Receiving.Mod ... all PRs)

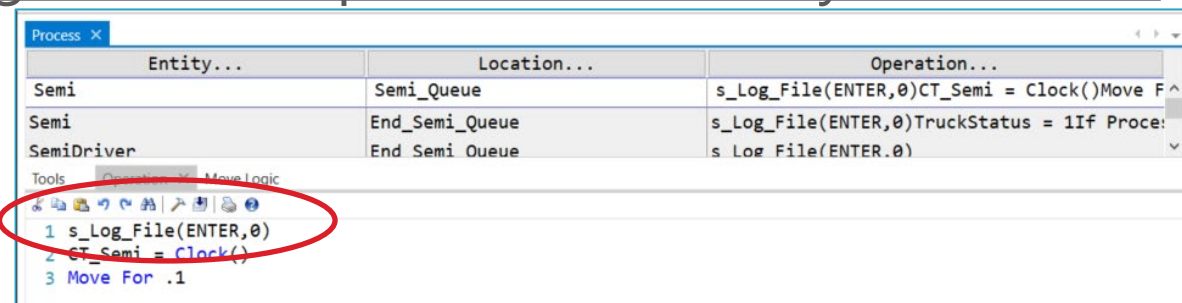
USE_RESOURCE (in Receiving.Mod ... PR#4)

MOVE_with_RESOURCE (in Receiving.Mod ... PR#6)

- Use of text substitution Macros (words, not numbers)

- Refer to ProModel Corporation Website

Solutions Café Webinar “Using Excel to Improve Model Analysis Webinar”



"Executed" Subroutine

- Example: Log File CSV creation

The screenshot shows the ProModel software interface. On the left, the 'Parameters' table lists two parameters: 'p_Activity_type' and 'p_Resource_or_Node', both of type 'Integer'. These parameters are circled in red. The main 'Logic' pane contains the following code:

```

1 // NEED TO PLACE THIS SUB WITH 2 PARAMETERS (activity & resource) AT EACH PROCES
2 // (ONLY NEED TO PLACE THIS SUB WHEREVER TRACKING IS DESIRED)
3 INC vCount_to_log_file // NEED TO DEFINE vCount_to_log_file
4
5 Int iActivity_type = p_Activity_type
6 Int iResource = p_Resource_or_Node
7
8 IF vCount_to_log_file = 1
9 THEN
10 {
11 RESET Log_file
12 XWRITE Log_file , "vCount_to_log_file" $ "," // use XWRITE anywh
13 XWRITE Log_file , "ENTITY" $ ","
14 XWRITE Log_file , "LOCATION" $ ","
15 XWRITE Log_file , "OBJECTID()" $ ","
16 XWRITE Log_file , "Activity" $ ","
17 XWRITE Log_file , "RESOURCE for USE and Movement or NODE" $ ","
18 XWRITE Log_file , "CLOCK(MIN)" $ ","
19 XWRITE Log_file , "a_ANYTHING_YOU_WANT_TO_REPORT_1" $ ","
20 XWRITE Log_file , "a_ANYTHING_YOU_WANT_TO_REPORT_2" $ ","
21 XWRITE Log_file , "a_ANYTHING_YOU_WANT_TO_REPORT_3" $ ","
22
23 XWRITE Log_file , "(next item)\n"
24 }
25
26 WRITE Log_file , vCount_to_log_file // use WRITE anywh

```

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1	vCount_to_log_file	ENTITY	LOCATION	OBJECTID()	Activity	RESOURCE for USE and Movement or NODE	CLOCK(MIN)	a_ANYTHING_YOU_WANT_TO_REPORT_1	a_ANYTHING_YOU_WANT_TO_REPORT_2
2		1 Pallet	Pallet_Storage		1 Enter	na	0	0	0
3		2 Pallet	Pallet_Storage		2 Enter	na	0	0	0
4		3 Pallet	Pallet_Storage		3 Enter	na	0	0	0
5		4 Semi	Semi_Queue		4 Enter	na	1.84	0	0
6		5 Semi	End_Semi_Queue		4 Enter	na	2.01	0	0
7		6 SemiDriver	End_Semi_Queue		5 Enter	na	2.42	0	0
8		7 Semi	End_Semi_Queue		4 Enter	na	2.42	0	0
9		8 SemiDriver	Driver_Door		5 Enter	na	2.61	0	0
10		9 SemiDriver	Driver_Door		5 USE_RESOURCE	Clerk	3.41	0	0

"Executed" Subroutine

- Example: If want to display what resources are owned by an entity...
 - IF m_Want_to_Display_OWnedRESOURCES = YES
THEN s_Display_OWnedRESOURCES()

The screenshot displays the ProModel software interface. On the left, a 'Process' table lists operations for 'PackingSlip', 'Manifest', and 'LabelGroup' at 'Staging_1A'. Below it, a code editor shows a subroutine definition for 's_Display_OWnedRESOURCES()' with lines 10-16. The central 'Subroutines' table lists 's_Log_File' and 'y_OWnedRESOURCES' with their parameters and logic. To the right, the 'Logic' editor shows the implementation of the 'Display' subroutine, which iterates through 20 owned resources. On the far right, a 'Display' dialog box shows the output for the 'Manifest' entity at 'Staging_1A', listing 20 owned resources from 'Clerk' to various '[Unknown Resource Name]' entries.

Entity...	Location...	Operation...
PackingSlip	Staging_1A	s_Log_File(ENTER,0)Graphic 1PSatDesk[
Manifest	Staging_1A	s_Log_File(ENTER,0)Graphic 1Wait Unti
LabelGroup	Staging_1A	s_Log_File(ENTER,0)If Processed = 1 Th

```
10 Else
11 {
12   Get m_Crew
13
14   If m_Want_to_Display_OWnedRESOURCES = YES
15   Then s_Display_OWnedRESOURCES()
16
```

ID	Type	Parameters..	Logic...
s_Log_File	None	p_Activity_	// NEED TO PLACE
y_OWnedRESOURCES	None	None	Display

ID	Type
----	------

```
1 Display
2 "for ENTITY: " $ ENT(ENTITY()) $
3 "\nat LOCATION: " $ LOC(LOCATION()) $
4 "\n\nOWNEDRESOURCE 1: " $ RES(OwnedResource(1)) $
5 "\nOWNEDRESOURCE 2: " $ RES(OwnedResource(2)) $
6 "\nOWNEDRESOURCE 3: " $ RES(OwnedResource(3)) $
7 "\nOWNEDRESOURCE 4: " $ RES(OwnedResource(4)) $
8 "\nOWNEDRESOURCE 5: " $ RES(OwnedResource(5)) $
9 "\nOWNEDRESOURCE 6: " $ RES(OwnedResource(6)) $
10 "\nOWNEDRESOURCE 7: " $ RES(OwnedResource(7)) $
11 "\nOWNEDRESOURCE 8: " $ RES(OwnedResource(8)) $
12 "\nOWNEDRESOURCE 9: " $ RES(OwnedResource(9)) $
13 "\nOWNEDRESOURCE 10: " $ RES(OwnedResource(10)) $
14 "\nOWNEDRESOURCE 11: " $ RES(OwnedResource(11)) $
15 "\nOWNEDRESOURCE 12: " $ RES(OwnedResource(12)) $
16 "\nOWNEDRESOURCE 13: " $ RES(OwnedResource(13)) $
17 "\nOWNEDRESOURCE 14: " $ RES(OwnedResource(14)) $
18 "\nOWNEDRESOURCE 15: " $ RES(OwnedResource(15)) $
19 "\nOWNEDRESOURCE 16: " $ RES(OwnedResource(16)) $
20 "\nOWNEDRESOURCE 17: " $ RES(OwnedResource(17)) $
21 "\nOWNEDRESOURCE 18: " $ RES(OwnedResource(18)) $
22 "\nOWNEDRESOURCE 19: " $ RES(OwnedResource(19)) $
23 "\nOWNEDRESOURCE 20: " $ RES(OwnedResource(20)) $
```

Display

for ENTITY: Manifest
at LOCATION: Staging_1A

OWNEDRESOURCE 1: Clerk
OWNEDRESOURCE 2: [Unknown Resource Name]
OWNEDRESOURCE 3: [Unknown Resource Name]
OWNEDRESOURCE 4: [Unknown Resource Name]
OWNEDRESOURCE 5: [Unknown Resource Name]
OWNEDRESOURCE 6: [Unknown Resource Name]
OWNEDRESOURCE 7: [Unknown Resource Name]
OWNEDRESOURCE 8: [Unknown Resource Name]
OWNEDRESOURCE 9: [Unknown Resource Name]
OWNEDRESOURCE 10: [Unknown Resource Name]
OWNEDRESOURCE 11: [Unknown Resource Name]
OWNEDRESOURCE 12: [Unknown Resource Name]
OWNEDRESOURCE 13: [Unknown Resource Name]
OWNEDRESOURCE 14: [Unknown Resource Name]
OWNEDRESOURCE 15: [Unknown Resource Name]
OWNEDRESOURCE 16: [Unknown Resource Name]
OWNEDRESOURCE 17: [Unknown Resource Name]
OWNEDRESOURCE 18: [Unknown Resource Name]
OWNEDRESOURCE 19: [Unknown Resource Name]
OWNEDRESOURCE 20: [Unknown Resource Name]

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