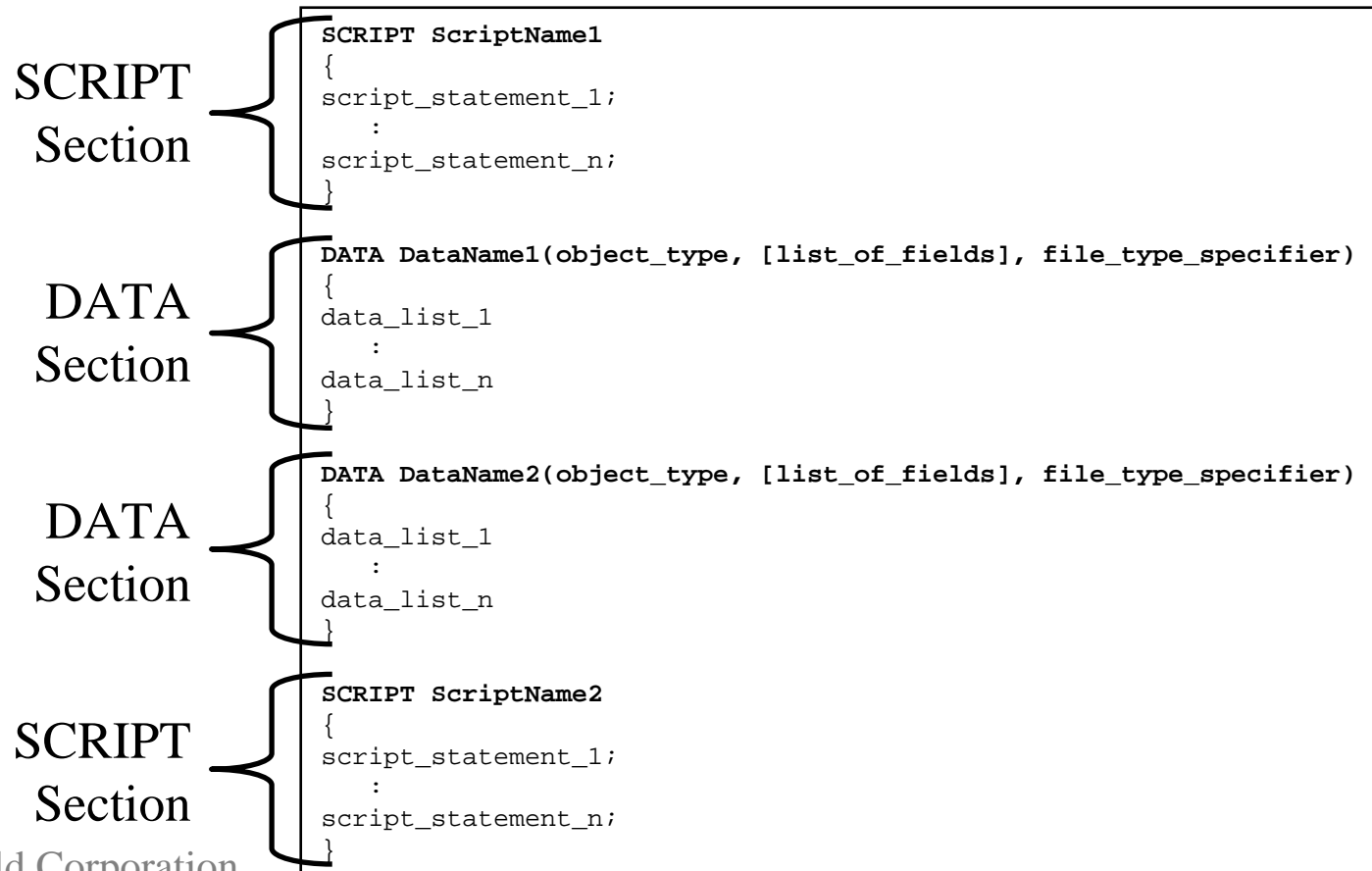


Auxiliary File Format Overview



- Has two types of “Sections”.
 - There is no limit to the number of sections in a file



Auxiliary File DATA Sections



This was discussed in a previous section

- Start with the word DATA
- An optional data name may follow
 - For use with the LoadData Action
- Following this is a list of parameters enclosed in parenthesis
 - (object_type,[list_of_fields],file_type_specifier)
 - object_type
 - [list_of_fields]
 - file_type_specifier

```
DATA DataName1(object_type, [list_of_fields], file_type_specifier)
{
  data_list_1
  :
  data_list_n
}
```

Auxiliary File

SCRIPT Sections



- Start with the word **SCRIPT**
- An optional script name may follow
 - For use with the LoadScript Action
- Then a block of script actions follow enclosed in curly braces { }
- Each script statement must end in a semicolon ;
- All the script actions allowed will be covered in a later set of slides.

```
SCRIPT ScriptName1
{
script_statement_1;
:
script_statement_n;
}
```

Modes and Submodes



- Simulator has an Edit Mode and a Run Mode
- For scripting, submodes must also be obeyed.
- Edit Mode Submode
 - Case Submode
- Run Mode Submodes
 - PowerFlow Submode
 - Contingency Submode
 - ATC Submode
 - Fault Submode
 - PV Submode
 - QV Submode

Modes and Submodes



- Many script actions can only be performed in one submode.
 - This usually mimics the interaction you have with a particular dialog
- To switch between Submodes, use the `EnterMode(**)` script action.
- Slides at the end of this section will list the script commands that are available in each submode
 - For detailed information on the use of each script command, see the program help.
 - <http://www.powerworld.com> – Go to Downloads → Simulator Help Files → PowerWorld Simulator Auxiliary File Format

Script Command Execution Dialog



- To open go to the **Tools** or **Add Ons** ribbon tab and select **Script**
- Manually enter script commands
 - Useful for testing scripts
- Load auxiliary files
 - Validates and applies
- Validate auxiliary files
 - Receive messages in the message log if anything is incorrect in an auxiliary file before applying
- Quick Aux
 - Set up list of auxiliary files that are used frequently
 - Quickly reference a selected auxiliary file
 - Apply group of auxiliary files in a specified order

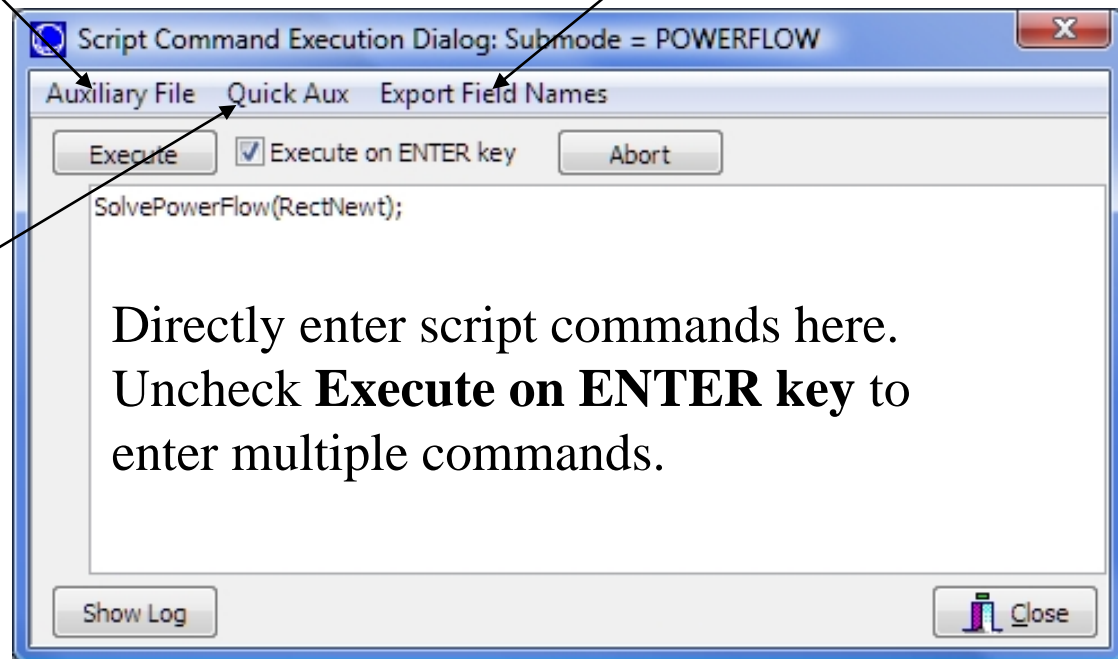
Script Command Execution Dialog



Load or validate auxiliary files

Get list of fields for each object type

Define list of frequently used auxiliary files for easy access or apply list of auxiliary files in a specified order



General Actions



- The following actions are available in all Modes and Submodes

```
RenameFile("oldfilename", "newfilename");
CopyFile("oldfilename", "newfilename");
DeleteFile("filename");
LoadAux("filename", CreateIfNotFound);
LoadScript("filename", ScriptName);
LoadData("filename", DataName, CreateIfNotFound);
SelectAll(objecttype, filter);
UnselectAll(objecttype, filter);
Delete(objecttype, filter);
DeleteIncludingContents(objecttype, filter);
SaveData("filename", filetype, objecttype,
         [fieldlist], [subdatalist], filter, [SortFieldList]);
SaveDataWithExtra("filename", filetype, objecttype,
                 [fieldlist], [subdatalist], filter, [SortFieldList],
                 [Header_List], [Header_Value_List]);
```


General Actions



- The following actions are available in all Modes and Submodes

```
SetData(objecttype, [fieldlist], [valuelist], filter);
CreateData(objecttype, [fieldlist], [valuelist]);
WriteTextToFile("filename", "text..");
SetCurrentDirectory("fielddirectory", CreateIfNotFound);
ExitProgram;
NewCase;
OpenCase("filename", OpenFileType);
SaveCase("filename", SaveFileType);
EnterMode(mode or submode);
OpenOnline("filename", "view", FullScreen);
ExportOnlineAsShapeFile("filename", "online",
                        "shapefileDOC", UseLonLat);

LogClear;
LogSave("filename", AppendFile);
LogAdd("string...");
```

General Actions



- The following actions are available in all Modes and Submodes

```
LogAddDateTime("label", includedate, includetime, includemilliseconds);
CaseDescriptionClear;
CaseDescriptionSet("text", Append);
SaveYbusInMatlabFormat("filename", IncludeVoltages);
SaveJacobian("JacFileName", "JIDFileName", FileType, JacForm)
SetParticipationFactors(Method, ConstantValue, Object);
GenForceLDC_RCC(filter);
CalculateRXBGFromLengthConfigCondType(filter);
DirectionsAutoInsert(Source, Sink, DeleteExisting,
                    UseDisplayFilters, Start, Increment);
DetermineShortestPath([start], [end], BranchDistMeas, BranchFilter,
                    Filename);
DeterminePathDistance([start], BranchDistMeas, BranchFilter, BusField);
```

Edit Mode: Case Submode



- The following actions are only available in the Case Submode of Edit Mode.

Equivalence;

DeleteExternalSystem;

SaveExternalSystem("Filename", SaveFileType, WithTies);

Scale(scaleType, basedon, [parameters], ScaleMarker);

Move([elementA], [destination parameters]);

Combine([elementA], [elementB]);

InterfacesAutoInsert(Type, DeleteExisting, UseFilters, "Prefix", Limits);

SplitBus([element], NewBusNumber, InsertBusTieLine, LineOpen);

MergeBuses([element], Filter);

TapTransmissionLine([element], PosAlongLine, NewBusNumber,
ShuntModel, TreatAsMSLine);

Run Mode



- The following actions are available during any of the Run mode Submodes.

```
Animate(DoAnimate);
CalculatePTDF([transactor seller], [transactor buyer], LinearMethod);
CalculatePTDFMultipleDirections(StoreForBranches, StoreForInterfaces,
                                LinearMethod);
CalculateLODF([BRANCH nearbusnum farbusnum ckt], LinearMethod);
CalculateTLR([flow element], direction, [transactor], LinearMethod);
CalculateTLRMultipleElement(TypeElement, WhichElement, direction,
                             [transactor], LinearMethod);
CalculateVoltSense([BUS num]);
CalculateFlowSense([flow element], FlowType);
CalculateLossSense (FunctionType);
CalculateVoltToTransferSense([transactor seller], [transactor buyer],
                             TransferType, TurnOffAVR);
CalculateVoltSelfSense(filter);
SetSensitivitiesAtOutOfServiceToClosest;
ZeroOutMismatches;
```

Run Mode:

Powerflow Submode



- The following actions are only available in the Powerflow Submode of Run Mode.

```
DoCTGAction([contingency action]);
SolvePowerFlow(SolMethod, "filename1", "filename2",
               CreateIfNotFound1, CreateIfNotFound2);
ResetToFlatStart(FlatVoltagesAngles, ShuntsToMax,
                 LTCsToMiddle, PSAnglesToMiddle);
SolvePrimalLP("filename1", "filename2",
              CreateIfNotFound1, CreateIfNotFound2);
InitializePrimalLP("filename1", "filename2",
                  CreateIfNotFound1, CreateIfNotFound2);
SolveSinglePrimalLPOuterLoop("filename1", "filename2",
                              CreateIfNotFound1, CreateIfNotFound2);
SolveFullSCOPF(BCMethod, "filename1", "filename2",
               CreateIfNotFound1, CreateIfNotFound2);
DiffFlowSetAsBase;
DiffFlowClearBase;
DiffFlowMode(diffmode);
OPFWriteResultsAndOptions("filename");
```

Run Mode: Contingency Submode



- The following actions are only available in the Contingency Submode of Run Mode.

```
CTGSolveAll;  
CTGSolve("ContingencyName");  
CTGSetAsReference;  
CTGRestoreReference;  
CTGProduceReport("filename");  
CTGWriteResultsAndOptions("filename");  
CTGAutoInsert;  
CTGCalculateOTDF([transactor seller], [transactor buyer], LinearMethod);
```

Run Mode: ATC Submode



- The following actions are only available in the ATC Submode of Run Mode.

```
ATCDetermine([transactor seller], [transactor buyer],  
             ApplyTransfer);  
ATCRestoreInitialState;  
ATCIncreaseTransferBy(amount);  
ATCTakeMeToScenario(RL, G, I);  
ATCDetermineFor(RL, G, I);  
ATCWriteResultsAndOptions("filename");  
ATCWriteToExcel("worksheetname");
```

Run Mode: Fault Submode



- The following actions are only available in the Fault Submode of Run Mode.

```
Fault([Bus num, faulttype, R, X]);  
Fault([BRANCH nearbusnum farbusnum ckt],  
      faultlocation, faulttype, R, X]);
```


Run Mode: PV Submode



- The following actions are only available in the PV Submode of Run Mode.

```
PVCreate("name", [element source], [element sink]);  
PVSetSourceAndSink("name", [element source], [element sink]);  
PVRun("name");  
PVClearResults("name");  
PVStartOver("name");  
PVDestroy("name");  
PVWriteResultsAndOptions("filename");  
RefineModel(objecttype, filter, Action, Tolerance);
```

Run Mode: QV Submode



- The following actions are only available in the QV Submode of Run Mode.

```
QVRun("filename", InErrorMakeBaseSolvable);  
QVWriteResultsAndOptions("filename");  
RefineModel(objecttype, filter, Action, Tolerance);
```

Auxiliary Files and Difference Cases



- The Difference Case Tool may be used to build an auxiliary file that shows the topology difference between 2 cases
- Uses
 - Document topology changes in cases
 - Modify a case with Simulator GUI and capture changes in auxiliary file; the auxiliary file can be run on a different copy of the Base Case to produce the Changed Case

Auxiliary Files and Difference Cases



- Example
 - Open “Case A” and choose Tools → Difference Flows → “Set Present Case as Base Case”
 - Open “Case B” and choose Tools → Difference Flows → “Present Topological Differences From Base Case”

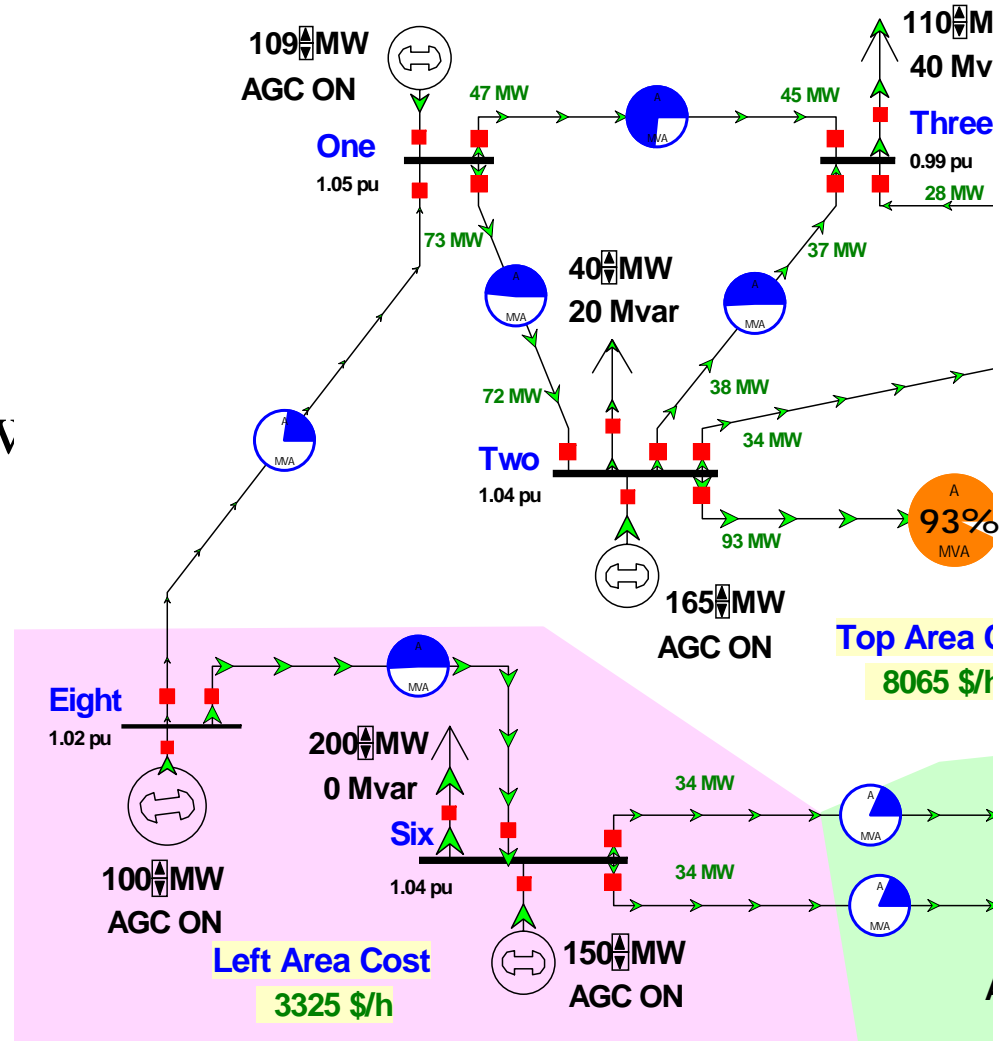
Use Difference Cases



- First, save new items (“Only Elements Added”) to auxiliary file
- Then save removed items (“Only Elements Removed”) items: append to the same auxiliary file if desired
- Add a script statement at the beginning of the newly created file to switch to edit mode so that objects may be added and deleted

Example

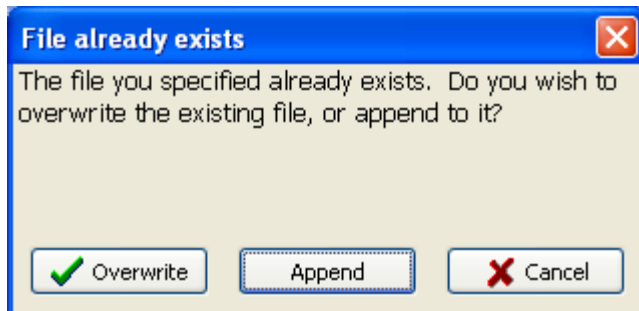
- Open B7FLAT.pwb
- Set Present Case as Base Case
- Add new Bus 8, new Gen at Bus 8, and new Branches connecting Bus 8 to Bus 1 and Bus 6
- Remove Branch between Bus 2 and Bus 6



Present Topological Differences from Base Case



Save New items to
Aux File, then Save
Removed items to
same Aux File
(append)



Present Case Topological Differences from the Base Case

Summary Elements Added Elements Removed Elements In Both Create Bus Swap List

Below is a summary of the comparison between the present case: G:\pw\version.130\Training\Training Cases\M09_OFF Automation\B8FLAT.pwb and the base case: B7FLAT.pwb saved from the Difference Flows Dialog.

Element Type	New	Removed	Both
Bus	1	0	7
Load	0	0	6
Switched Shunt	0	0	0
Generator	1	0	5
Branch	2	1	10
DC Line	0	0	0
Area	0	0	3
Zone	0	0	1
SuperArea	0	0	0
Transformer	0	0	0
Interface	0	0	3
Injection Group	0	0	0
Substation	0	0	0
Nomogram	0	0	0
MT DC Record	0	0	0

Assume base case Areas/Zones which are not in present case meet the Area/Zone Filters

Save and Send Option
Only Elements Added

Use Area/Zone Filters when saving to Auxiliary File

Send To Excel Save to Text File
Save To Aux File Load Aux File

Close

Edit the Resulting Aux File



- Optionally add SCRIPT statement to change to EDIT mode to ensure that objects may be created and removed
- Then re-open B7FLAT.pwb and load the aux file

```
SCRIPT
{
EnterMode(EDIT);
}

//-----
// THE FOLLOWING SECTION CONTAINS THE ELEMENTS ADDED IN PRESENT CASE
//-----
DATA (BUS,
[BusNum, BusName, BusNomVolt, BusPUVolt, BusAngle, BusG:1, BusB:1, AreaNum, ZoneNum,
SubNum, BusSlack, BusStatus, BusNum:1, BusName_NomVolt:1, BusLongName, BusKVVolt,
.
.
.
```


Save New and Modified Display Objects to AXD File



- Select objects on One-line
- Onelines → List Display → Only Selected Display Objects...

Right Click →
Save As →
Display
Auxiliary File...

The screenshot shows the BBFLAT software interface. The main window displays a power system diagram with various components like buses, lines, and generators. A yellow box on the left contains instructions: "Right Click → Save As → Display Auxiliary File...". A red arrow points from this box to the "Save Complete Display to AXD" button in the Display Explorer window. The Display Explorer window is titled "Display Explorer: All Objects" and shows a list of objects with columns for Type, X/Longitude Location, Y/Latitude Location, Layer Name, Layer Shown, and Selectable Mode. The list contains 20 entries, including DisplayBus, DisplayBusField, DisplayTransmissionLine, DisplayCircuitBreaker, DisplayGen, DisplayBranchPie, DisplayLoad, and DisplayLoadField.

Type	X/Longitude Location	Y/Latitude Location	Layer Name	Layer Shown	Selectable Mode
1 DisplayBus	-10.000	25.000	Default Layer	YES	YES
2 DisplayBusField	-15.000	28.000	Default Layer	YES	YES
3 DisplayTransmissionLine	-7.000	25.000	Default Layer	YES	YES
4 DisplayCircuitBreaker	-7.000	27.000	Default Layer	YES	YES
5 DisplayTransmissionLine	-4.000	25.000	Default Layer	YES	YES
6 DisplayCircuitBreaker	-4.000	27.000	Default Layer	YES	YES
7 DisplayGen	-7.000	25.000	Default Layer	YES	YES
8 DisplayBusField	-15.000	25.000	Default Layer	YES	YES
9 DisplayGenField	-12.000	16.000	Default Layer	YES	YES
10 DisplayGenField	-11.000	13.000	Default Layer	YES	YES
11 DisplayBranchPie	9.913	29.000	Default Layer	YES	YES
12 DisplayBranchPie	0.889	44.209	Default Layer	YES	YES
13 DisplayCircuitBreaker	10.000	61.000	Default Layer	YES	YES
14 DisplayCircuitBreaker	16.000	18.000	Default Layer	YES	YES
15 DisplayBus	10.000	16.000	Default Layer	YES	YES
16 DisplayBusField	8.000	15.000	Default Layer	YES	YES
17 DisplayBusField	8.000	19.000	Default Layer	YES	YES
18 DisplayLoad	12.000	16.000	Default Layer	YES	YES
19 DisplayLoadField	2.000	22.000	Default Layer	YES	YES
20 DisplayLoadField	2.000	25.000	Default Layer	YES	YES