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- **The Energy Trust – Funding\***
- **NW Natural – Space & AV\***
- **ODOE – Technical Input**
- **ASHRAE - PDHs for P.E.s & CEMs**
- **Members – Substance\***
- \* **No support – No BSUG**

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## Modeling Baseline/Protocol Survey

- **Disclaimer: ELJ did not participate**
- **Low number of participants**
- **Insightful comments**
- **Survey design was poor - gaming**
- **Results sent to BCD & ETO**
- **Available to BSUG members on request**

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## Location – Based on IP Address

<b>Location*</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>
WA	4	8%
OR	41	80%
KS	1	2%
CO	1	2%
TX	2	4%
NB	1	2%
MI	1	2%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>100%</b>

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## Org Type – Includes Multiple Entries

<b>Organization Type</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>
Contractor	6	10%
Building operator	0	0%
Engineering firm	25	42%
Architectural firm	5	8%
Energy consultant	16	27%
Conservation prog admin	2	3%
Other (please specify)	6	10%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>100%</b>

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## Other Organization Types

- Research Laboratory
- Oregon Department of Energy
- Government
- Energy Services Company
- Multidisciplinary nonprofit
- Integrated Energy Services

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## Summary of Results – Mult Types

Individual Function	No.	Use		Prefer	
		90.1	L	90.1	L
Engineer	27	27	13	19	4
Analyst	20	18	15	12	5
Designer	6	6	5	4	0
Conservation Administrator	0	0	0	0	0
Architect	3	3	3	2	1
Contractor	0	0	0	0	0
Facilities Operation	0	0	0	0	0
Marketing	0	0	0	0	0
Programmer	0	0	0	0	0
Management	2	2	2	0	1
Student	0	0	0	0	0
Other (please specify)	5	4	4	0	4
<b>Total:</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>15</b>

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## Other Functional Types

- Building Scientist
- Review analyst's work
- Outreach
- Researcher
- Program manager - M&V



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## Summary of Results – Single Individuals

Individual Function	No.	Use		Prefer	
		90.1	L	90.1	L
Engineer	27	27	13	19	4
Analyst	13	11	9	10	2
Designer	4	4	3	3	0
Conservation Administrator	0	0	0	0	0
Architect	2	2	2	1	1
Contractor	0	0	0	0	0
Facilities Operation	0	0	0	0	0
Marketing	0	0	0	0	0
Programmer	0	0	0	0	0
Management	1	1	1	0	0
Student	0	0	0	0	0
Other (please specify)	4	2	1	0	1
<b>Total:</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>8</b>

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## Summary of Results – Individuals

<b>Individual Summary</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>90.1</b>	<b>L</b>
<b>Use Protocol</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>Percentages</b>		<b>92%</b>	<b>57%</b>
<b>Preferred Protocol</b>		<b>33</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Percentages</b>		<b>65%</b>	<b>16%</b>

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## Paraphrased Comments Appendix L Pros

- Oregon specific
- ASHRAE is generic
- More accurate in estimating the actual baseline energy consumption
- ODOE will not accept ASHRAE

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## Paraphrased Comments

### Appendix L Cons

- SEED has unrealistic and rigid baseline HVAC systems
- Direct project cost increase
- Indirect costs (3<sup>rd</sup> party reviews)
- Will cause fewer measures to be adopted
- BETC and ODOE may be eliminated

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## Paraphrased Comments ASHRAE Pros

- Industry standard
- Easier

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## Paraphrased Comments

### ASHRAE 90.1 Cons

- Baseline inaccurate (window distribution, etc.).
- Not Oregon specific

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## Other Observations

- Comparisons are relevant, not absolute values
- Simply use the Oregon code as a baseline
- SEED should be approved for LEED projects
- New Buildings should accept both

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## Further Discussion

- Panel discussion in March
- Need representative members
- Creators, reviewers, policy folks, etc.
- Will broadcast a call for volunteers



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## Intermediate eQUEST Training

Not going to happen before ELJ departs  
excepting today's presentation

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## Today's Discussion

### *Intermediate Programming in eQUEST*

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*Senior Energy Engineer*  
*McKinstry*

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# Intermediate Programming in eQUEST

**Mark Nieman, P.E., CEM**  
**McKinstry Co., Seattle, WA**

## January 19, 2011 BSUG: Intermediate Programming in eQUEST

This session will look deeper into the capabilities of eQUEST using the Detailed Mode and text editors. A review of eQUEST's deeper help file references will be reviewed, followed by a brief example of a non-standard under-floor air distribution (UFAD) model creation. Examples include using variables within entry fields, creating custom meters, using IF-THEN-ELSE statements, creating parametric runs and using custom hourly reports for troubleshooting.

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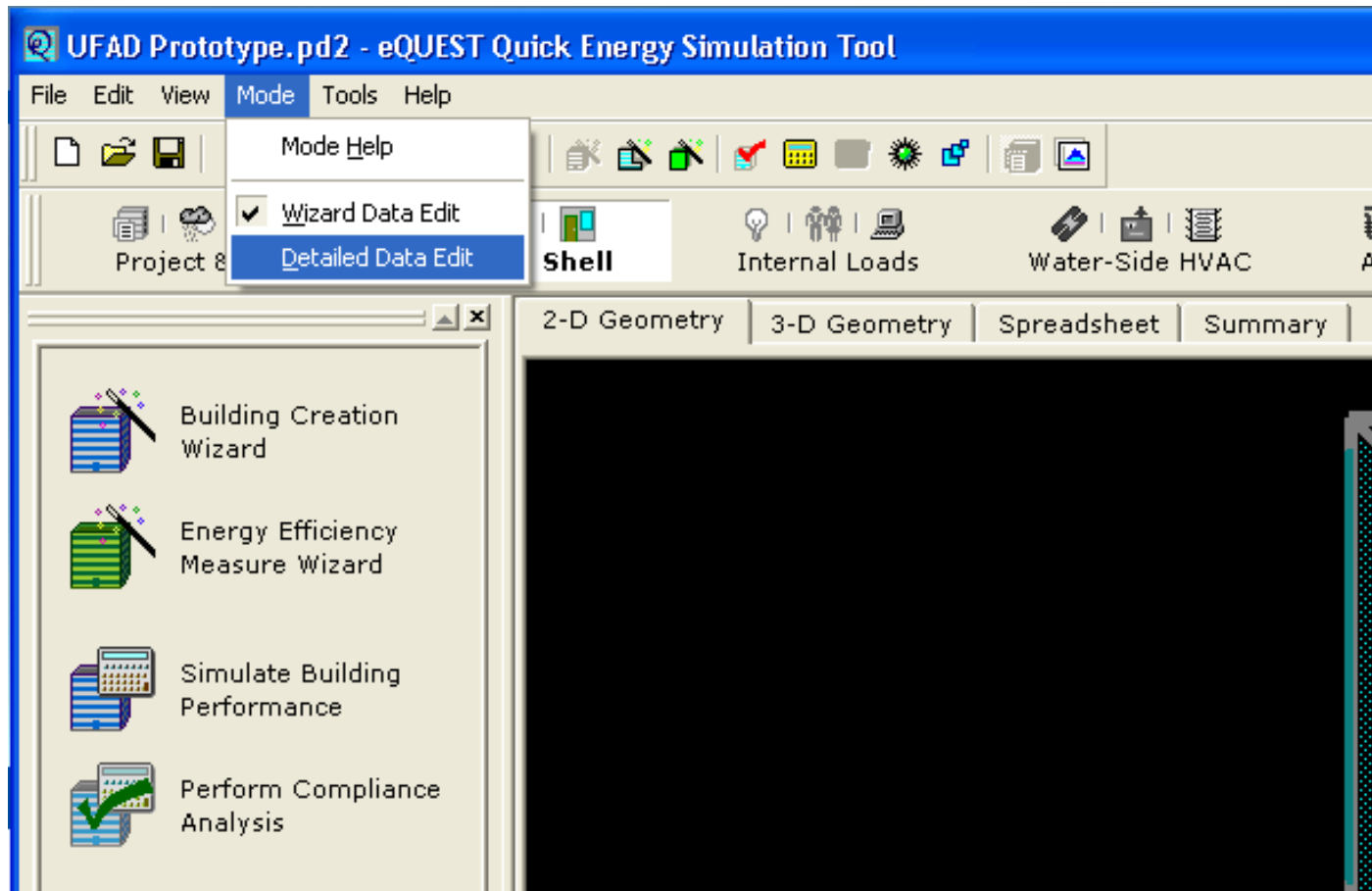
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## I. Detailed Mode

1. Used after setting up with Wizard
2. Used for building from scratch or file snippets
3. Better schedule control
4. Wider selection of equipment to model
5. Allows for defining sub-meters (useful for LEED, etc.)
6. Allows for non-standard models
7. Can define custom meters (such as steam)
8. Can define custom hourly reports for troubleshooting

## I. Detailed Mode



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## **I. Text Editors**

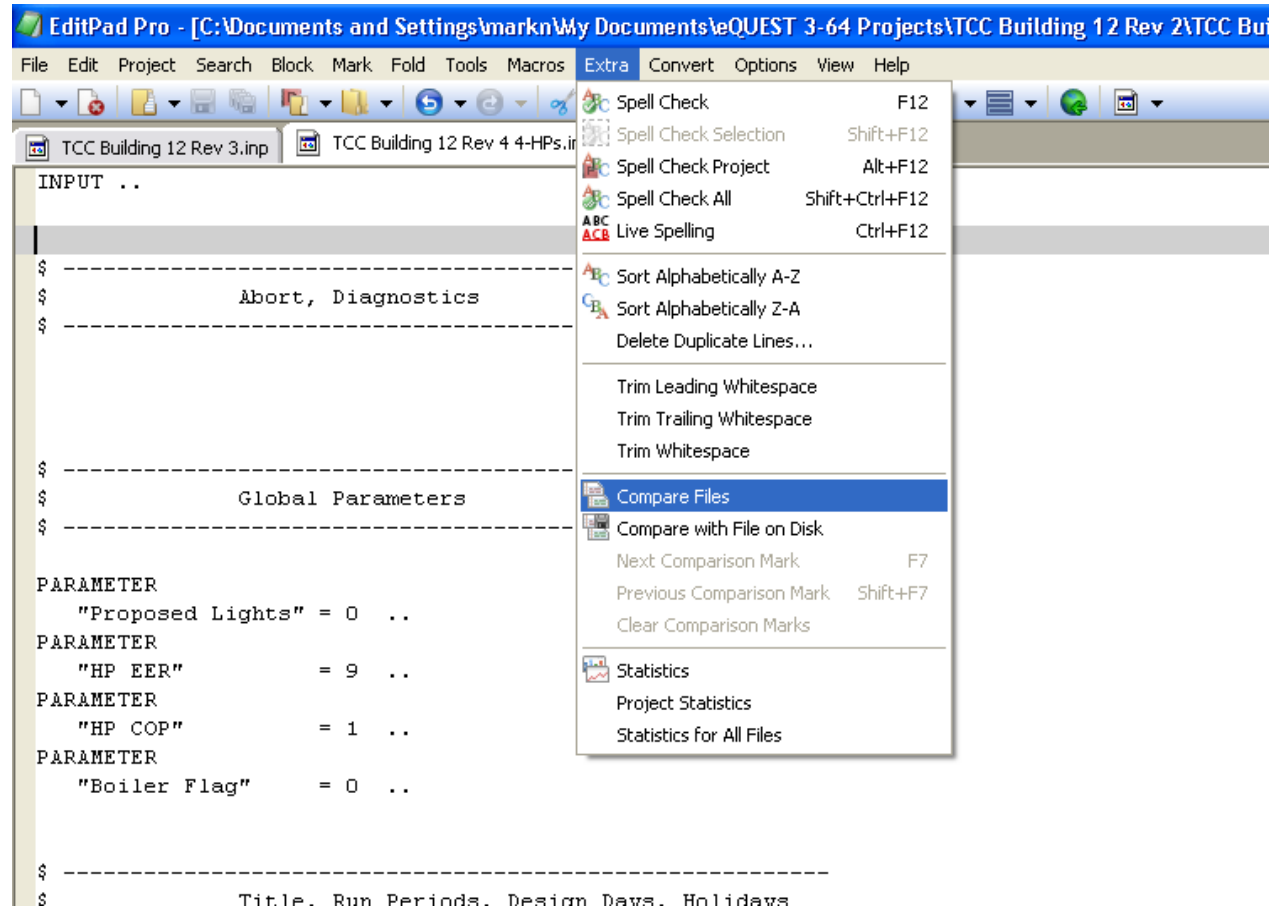
1. EditPad Pro
2. NoteTab
3. Others
  - a. Look for File Compare Functionality
  - b. Look for good Search & Replace

## **II. File Compare Functionality**

### **III. Edit eQUEST Files in Detailed Mode**

1. \*.pd2: The Wizard and pointer file
  - a. Usually not editing this file
2. \*.inp: The actual input file
  - a. This is the main file to edit – very easy to do in text editor
3. \*.prd: Parametric Run file
  - a. Can edit, but formatting is very difficult and easy to break
  - b. Best to edit in eQUEST Detailed Mode

## II. File Compare Functionality



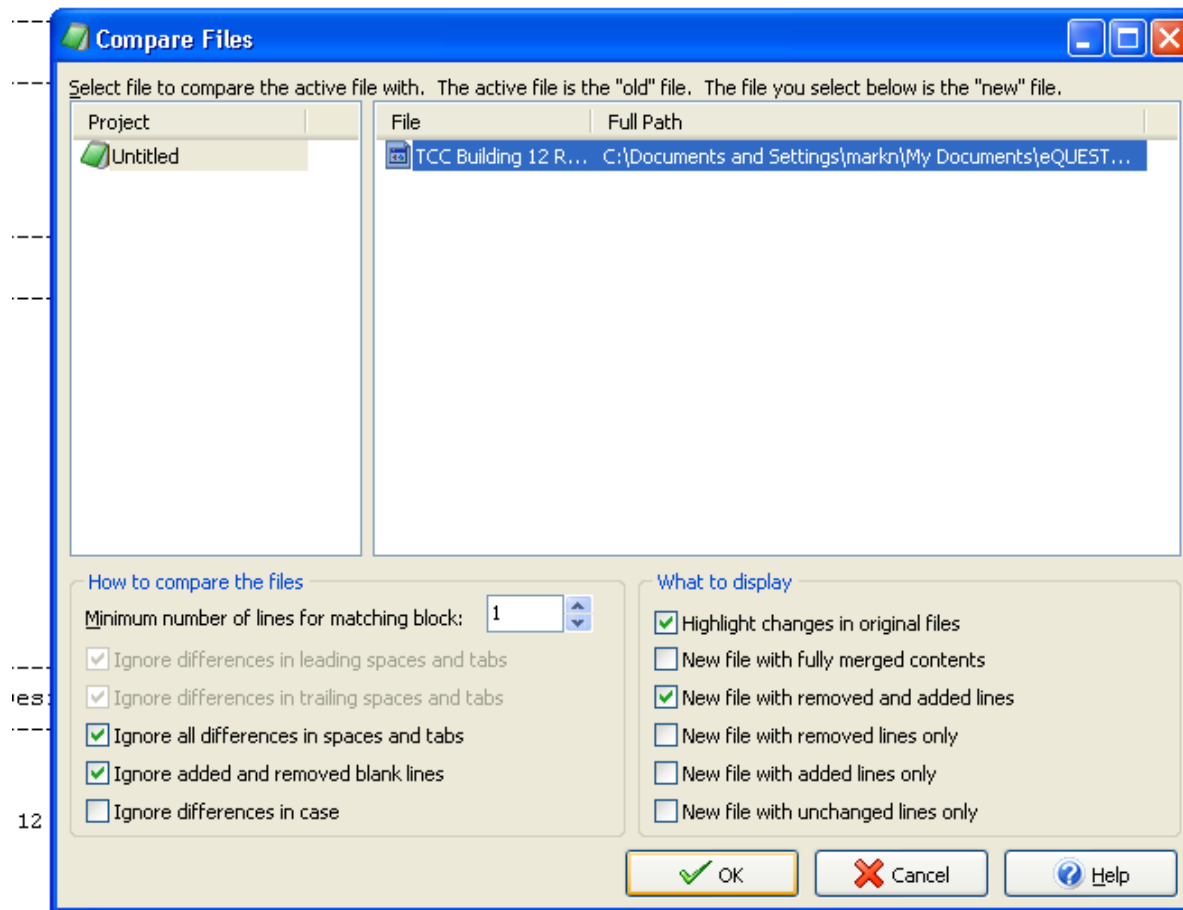
The screenshot shows the EditPad Pro application window with the 'Extra' menu open. The menu items are:

- Spell Check (F12)
- Spell Check Selection (Shift+F12)
- Spell Check Project (Alt+F12)
- Spell Check All (Shift+Ctrl+F12)
- Live Spelling (Ctrl+F12)
- Sort Alphabetically A-Z
- Sort Alphabetically Z-A
- Delete Duplicate Lines...
- Trim Leading Whitespace
- Trim Trailing Whitespace
- Trim Whitespace
- Compare Files** (highlighted)
- Compare with File on Disk
  - Next Comparison Mark (F7)
  - Previous Comparison Mark (Shift+F7)
  - Clear Comparison Marks
- Statistics
  - Project Statistics
  - Statistics for All Files

The background text in the editor window is as follows:

```
INPUT ..  
$-----  
$           Abort, Diagnostics  
$-----  
$-----  
$           Global Parameters  
$-----  
PARAMETER  
  "Proposed Lights" = 0 ..  
PARAMETER  
  "HP EER"          = 9 ..  
PARAMETER  
  "HP COP"          = 1 ..  
PARAMETER  
  "Boiler Flag"    = 0 ..  
$-----  
$           Title. Run Periods. Design Days. Holidays
```

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```
LINE-1 = *TCC Building 12 Rev 4 4-HPs*
LINE-1 = *TCC Building 12 Rev 3*
AIR-CHANGES/HR = 0
EQUIPMENT-KW = ( 0.3 )
EQUIPMENT-KW = ( 0.5 )
NUMBER-OF-PEOPLE = 0
"HP-3 SW" = SYSTEM
"HP-1 West" = SYSTEM
SUPPLY-FLOW = 4000
CONTROL-ZONE = "Classroom 3 Zn"
CONTROL-ZONE = "Classroom 2 Zn"
"HP-2 NW" = SYSTEM
TYPE = PSZ
HEAT-SOURCE = ELECTRIC
ZONE-HEAT-SOURCE = ELECTRIC
BASEBOARD-SOURCE = NONE
SIZING-RATIO = 1.15
MAX-SUPPLY-T = 90
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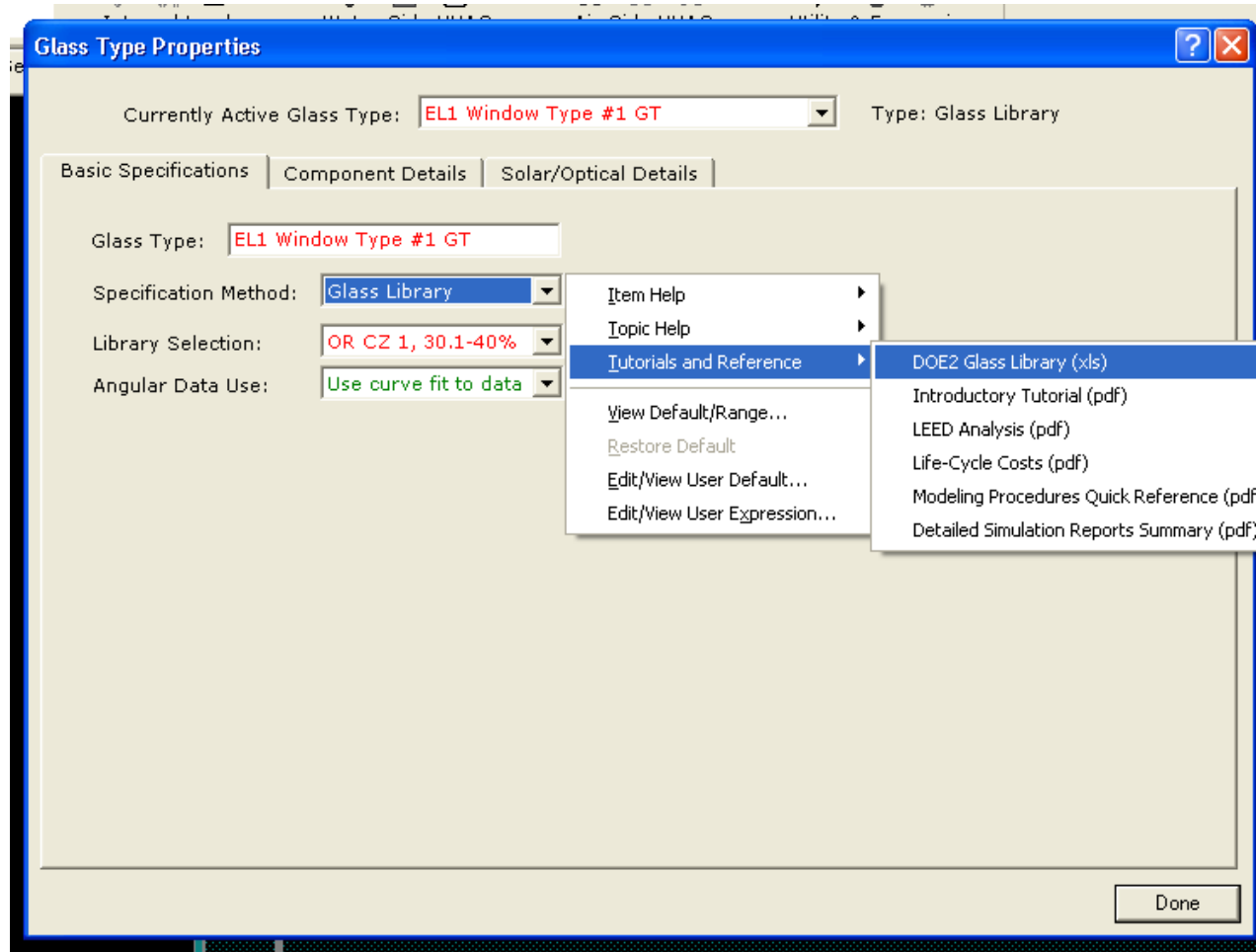
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**I. Help File References**

1. DOE2 Glass Library
2. View Default /Range
3. DOE2 Help File

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DOE2 Glass Library.xls [Compatibility Mode] - Microsoft Excel

Home Insert Page Layout Formulas Data Review View Developer Acrobat

Cut Copy Paste Format Painter Clipboard Font Alignment Number Styles Cells Editing

A1 DOE-2 Glass Library Listing (click a heading to sort)

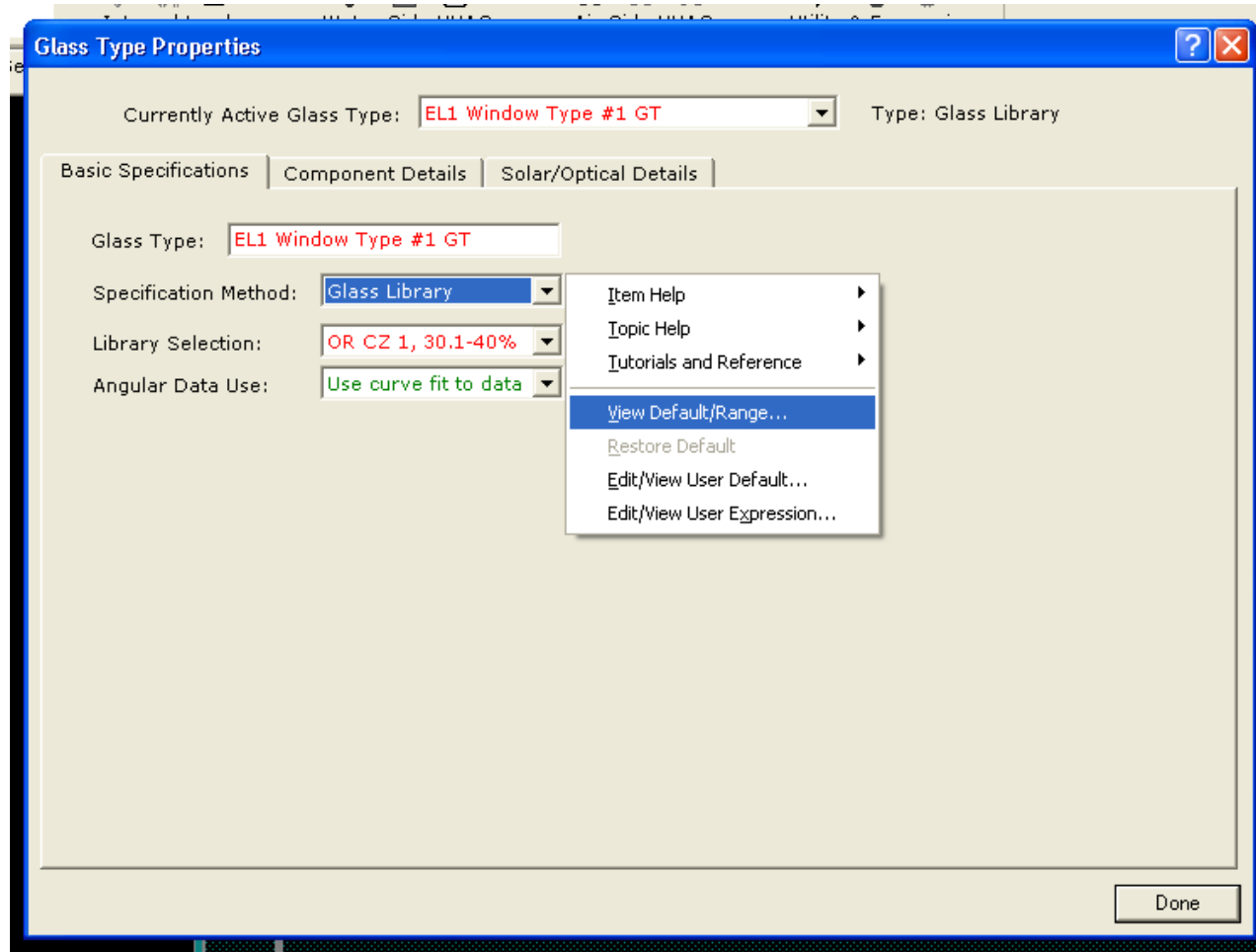
DOE-2 Glass Library Listing (click a heading to sort)	Class Type Code	# of Panes	Gap Thickness (inches)	Gap Glass Fill	Center Glass U-Value	Glass+Frame (NFRC) U-Value				Solar Heat Gain Coeff. SHGC		
DOe-2 Glass Library Entry Name	eQUEST Wizard Glass Category Name					Alum no Break	Alum w Break	Alum clad Wood	Wood Vinyl	Fiberglass Vinyl		
7 Single Clear	Single Clr/Tint	1000	1	n/a	n/a	1.11	1.21	1.14	1.05	1.05	1.00	0.86
8 Single Clear	Single Clr/Tint	1001	1	n/a	n/a	1.09	1.18	1.12	1.03	1.03	0.99	0.81
9 Single Low Iron	Single Clr/Tint	1002	1	n/a	n/a	1.11	1.21	1.14	1.05	1.05	1.00	0.90
10 Single Low Iron	Single Clr/Tint	1003	1	n/a	n/a	1.1	1.20	1.13	1.04	1.04	0.99	0.90
11 Single Tint Bronze	Single Clr/Tint	1200	1	n/a	n/a	1.11	1.21	1.14	1.05	1.05	1.00	0.73
12 Single Tint Bronze	Single Clr/Tint	1201	1	n/a	n/a	1.09	1.18	1.12	1.03	1.03	0.99	0.61
13 Single Tint Green	Single Clr/Tint	1202	1	n/a	n/a	1.11	1.21	1.14	1.05	1.05	1.00	0.72
14 Single Tint Green	Single Clr/Tint	1203	1	n/a	n/a	1.09	1.18	1.12	1.03	1.03	0.99	0.61
15 Single Tint Grey	Single Clr/Tint	1204	1	n/a	n/a	1.11	1.21	1.14	1.05	1.05	1.00	0.71
16 Single Tint Grey	Single Clr/Tint	1205	1	n/a	n/a	1.09	1.18	1.12	1.03	1.03	0.99	0.59
17 Single Tint Blue	Single Clr/Tint	1206	1	n/a	n/a	1.09	1.18	1.12	1.03	1.03	0.99	0.61
18 Single Ref-A Clear-L	Single Reflective	1400	1	n/a	n/a	0.86	0.93	0.88	0.81	0.81	0.78	0.19
19 Single Ref-A Clear-L	Single Reflective	1401	1	n/a	n/a	0.9	0.98	0.93	0.85	0.85	0.81	0.25
20 Single Ref-A Clear-L	Single Reflective	1402	1	n/a	n/a	0.95	1.03	0.98	0.90	0.90	0.86	0.31
21 Single Ref-A Tint-L	Single Reflective	1403	1	n/a	n/a	0.87	0.95	0.90	0.82	0.82	0.79	0.22
22 Single Ref-A Tint-M	Single Reflective	1404	1	n/a	n/a	0.9	0.98	0.93	0.85	0.85	0.81	0.25
23 Single Ref-A Tint-H	Single Reflective	1405	1	n/a	n/a	0.93	1.01	0.96	0.88	0.88	0.84	0.29
24 Single Ref-B Clear-L	Single Reflective	1406	1	n/a	n/a	0.96	1.04	0.99	0.90	0.90	0.87	0.31
25 Single Ref-B Clear-H	Single Reflective	1407	1	n/a	n/a	0.97	1.05	1.00	0.91	0.91	0.88	0.39
26 Single Ref-B Tint-L	Single Reflective	1408	1	n/a	n/a	0.87	0.95	0.90	0.82	0.82	0.79	0.23
27 Single Ref-B Tint-M	Single Reflective	1409	1	n/a	n/a	0.89	0.97	0.92	0.84	0.84	0.80	0.28
28 Single Ref-B Tint-H	Single Reflective	1410	1	n/a	n/a	0.97	1.05	1.00	0.91	0.91	0.88	0.34
29 Single Ref-C Clear-L	Single Reflective	1411	1	n/a	n/a	0.88	0.96	0.91	0.83	0.83	0.80	0.25
30 Single Ref-C Clear-M	Single Reflective	1412	1	n/a	n/a	0.92	1.00	0.95	0.87	0.87	0.83	0.32
31 Single Ref-C Clear-H	Single Reflective	1413	1	n/a	n/a	0.94	1.02	0.97	0.89	0.89	0.85	0.35
32 Single Ref-C Tint-L	Single Reflective	1414	1	n/a	n/a	0.88	0.96	0.91	0.83	0.83	0.80	0.25
33 Single Ref-C Tint-M	Single Reflective	1415	1	n/a	n/a	0.92	1.00	0.95	0.87	0.87	0.83	0.29
34 Single Ref-C Tint-H	Single Reflective	1416	1	n/a	n/a	0.94	1.02	0.97	0.89	0.89	0.85	0.31
35 Single Ref-D Clear	Single Reflective	1417	1	n/a	n/a	1.08	1.17	1.11	1.02	1.02	0.98	0.50
36 Single Ref-D Tint	Single Reflective	1418	1	n/a	n/a	1.08	1.17	1.11	1.02	1.02	0.98	0.46
37 Single Low-E Clear (e2=4)	Single Low-E	1600	1	n/a	n/a	0.88	0.96	0.91	0.83	0.83	0.80	0.78
38 Single Low-E Clear (e2=2)	Single Low-E	1601	1	n/a	n/a	0.76	0.83	0.78	0.72	0.72	0.69	0.77
39 Single Low-E Clear (e2=2)	Single Low-E	1602	1	n/a	n/a	0.75	0.81	0.77	0.71	0.71	0.68	0.72
40 Single Electrochromic Absorbing Bleached/Colored	Single Electro	1800	1	n/a	n/a	1.09	1.18	1.12	1.03	1.03	0.99	0.84

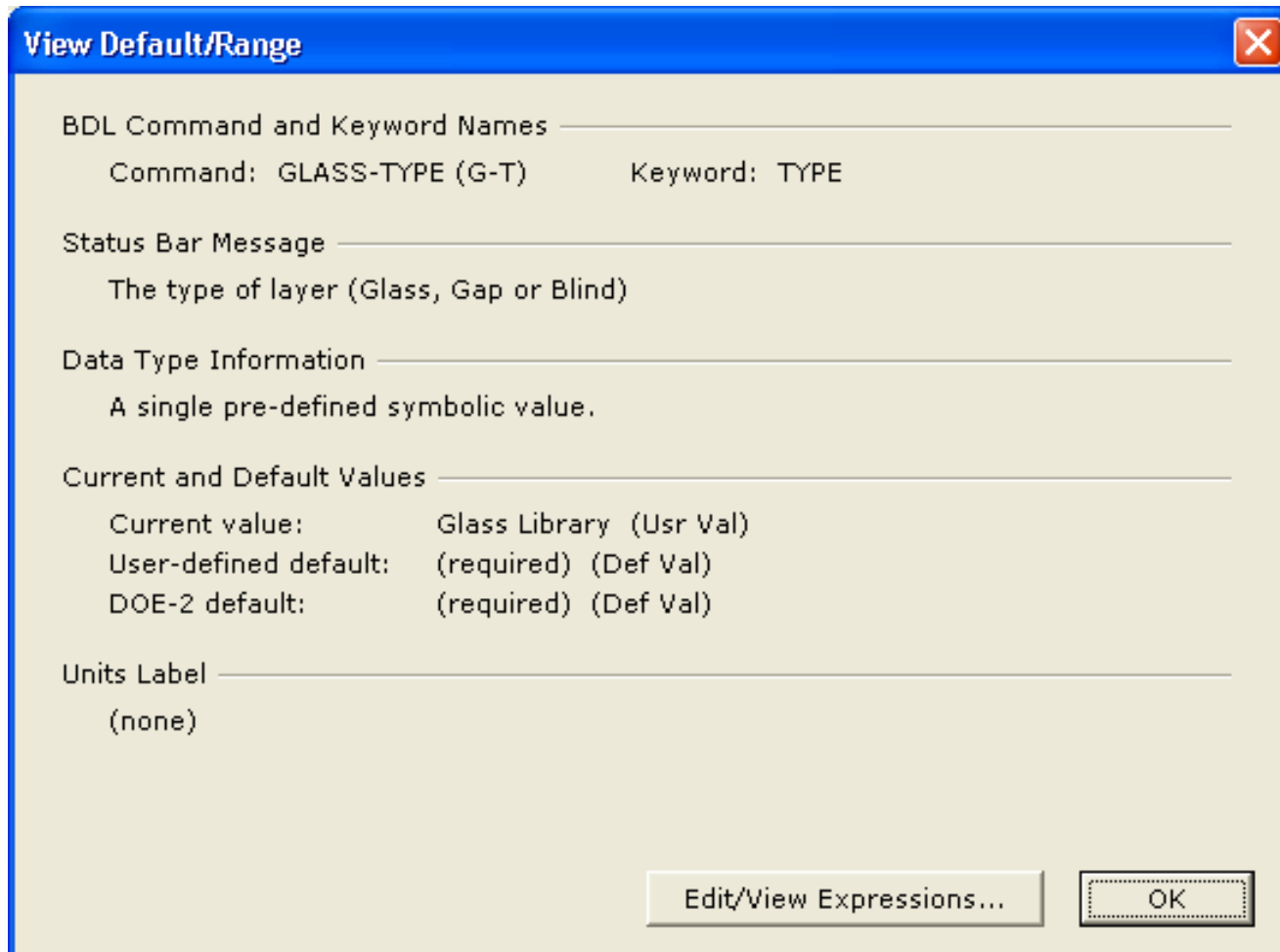
Ready

start C:\Documents and Se... 2011-01-19 BSUG eQ... UFAD Prototype.pd2 ... Microsoft Excel - DOE... 4:25 PM



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Currently Active System: **EL1 Sys1 (PIU) (G)** System Type: Powered Induction Unit

Basics | Fans | Outdoor Air | Cooling | Heating | Preconditioner | Meters | Refrigeration

Outside Air and Economizer | Heat Recovery 1 | Heat Recovery 2 | Natural Ventilation

Outdoor Ventilation Air

Minimum Outside Air:  ratio

Minimum OA Control Method: **Fraction of Design Flow**

Minimum OA Sizing Method: **Sum of Zone OA**

Minimum Air Schedule: - undefined -

Outside Air from System: - undefined -

Air-Side Economizer Cycle

Outside Air Control: **OA Temperature** Economizer Schedule: - undefined -

Drybulb High Limit: **65.0** Item Help HVAC Components [DRYBULB-LIMIT - Outside Air Economizer Cycles], from Volume 2: Dictionary

Enthalpy High Limit:  Topic Help

Return & Outside Air Deltas

Temperature: n/a Tutorials and Reference

Enthalpy: n/a View Default/Range...

Economizer Low Limit: **45.0** °F

Minimum OA Fraction: **1.00** ratio

Minimum OA Humidity:  lb/lb

Minimum Humidity:  lb/lb

Done

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The screenshot shows the DOE-2 software interface. The window title is "DOE-2". The top menu bar includes "Locate", "Previous", "Next", "Back", "Forward", "Print", and "Options". Below the menu bar, there are tabs for "Contents", "Index", and "Search". The "Search" tab is active, showing a search box with the text "building azimuth" and a "Display" button. Below the search box, it says "Select topic: Found: 0". There is a table with columns "Title", "Location", and "Rank". At the bottom of the search panel, there are three checkboxes: "Search previous results" (unchecked), "Match similar words" (checked), and "Search titles only" (unchecked).

Volume 2: Dictionary > HVAC Components > SYSTEM > Ventilation Air > Outside Air Economizer Cycles

### DRYBULB-LIMIT

Specifies the maximum allowable outside air temperature for which the economizer is enabled. The outside air dampers return to their minimum position above this value. The default is 65°F.

For OA-CONTROL = TEMP, this keyword is always used. For all other economizer types, this keyword is an optional limit, and acts only when specified.

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4. Non-standard UFAD Model

- a. "Cooling via Underfloor Air Distribution: Current Design Issues and Analysis Options" by Addison & Nall
- b. "EDR Simulation Guidebook Volume 1, PART 1: Underfloor Air Distribution and Thermal Displacement Ventilation"
  - i. [http://www.energydesignresources.com/media/2654/EDR\\_DesignGuidelines\\_%20HVAC\\_Simulation.pdf](http://www.energydesignresources.com/media/2654/EDR_DesignGuidelines_%20HVAC_Simulation.pdf)
  - ii. Loads to plenum

**Internal Load Distribution Values for Typical Underfloor Air and Thermal Displacement Ventilation Encourages Systems<sup>5</sup>**

Load Component	Percent Load to Space		Percent Load to Plenum	
	Underfloor Air Distribution	Thermal Displacement Ventilation	Underfloor Air Distribution	Thermal Displacement Ventilation
People	75%	67%	25%	33%
Lights	67%	50%	33%	50%
Equipment	67%	50%	33%	50%

Source: CTG Energetics, Inc.

iii. Modeling Issues

1. System Selection (i.e. Powered Induction Unit - PIU)
2. Supply Air Temperature
  - a. 64°F to 67°F supply air temperature set point (MIN-SUPPLY-T or COOL-SET-T) as opposed to a 55°F set point for traditional mixing systems
3. Dehumidification
  - a. Be aware, you may need to condition down to 55°F, depending on conditions
4. Air Volume
  - a. Consider elevated SAT & load to space vs. plenum
  - b. Supply air flow rates for UFAD systems range from 25% less to 15% more than traditional overhead systems
5. Static Pressure
  - a. May be lower for UFAD--consider your conditions
6. Economizer Controls
  - a. Typically increased economizer hours due to higher SAT

## 7. Building Skin Loads

- a. If return grilles are located directly above the windows in perimeter spaces served by UFAD or TDV systems, a significant portion of the convective cooling load associated with the building skin can be funneled directly into the return air plenum. A precise energy model for UFAD and TDV systems can account for the energy savings associated with this phenomenon by reapportioning some of the glazing and exterior walls in the occupied space to the adjacent plenum. However, this methodology may result in the loss of legitimate automated daylighting control savings in DOE-2-based programs.

## 8. Perimeter Systems

- a. Select the type of space heating and zone terminal units in DOE-2 that most closely represent the perimeter system design for their project



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## 5. Variables Within Entry Fields

### a. Parameter or #PA

- i. User defined numbers
- ii. Returns the value of a BDL-defined PARAMETER u-name.
- iii. Syntax: Parameter(str) or #PA(str)
  1. where str is the u-name of a PARAMETER defined in the BDL file
  2. #PA("Variable Name")
- iv. Example

PARAMETER

"Light Load Factor" = 0.75 ..

LIGHTING-W/AREA = #pa("Light Load Factor")\*0.513 ..

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Space Properties

Currently Active Space: **EL1 South Perim Spc (G.S1)** Zone Type: Conditioned

Basic Specs | Equipment | Infiltration | Daylighting | Contents | **Lighting**

Lighting Data Input Method: **Power Definition**

	Power Density (W/ft2)	Power (kW)	Lighting Type	Schedule	Light to Space (ratio)	Light to Adj Spc (ratio)	Light to Return (ratio)	Rad F Thi Spa
1	0.344		Rec Fluor RV	Lt	0.10		0.90	
2	0.213	n/a	Rec Fluor RV	Lt OS	0.80		0.20	
3	n/a	n/a	Sus Fluor	- undefined -	n/a	n/a	n/a	
4	n/a	n/a	Sus Fluor	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	
5	n/a	n/a	Sus Fluor	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	

Task Lighting

Schedule: - undefined -

Power Density: n/a W/ft2

Power: n/a kW

Workplane Height: 2.50 ft

Power Summary

	W/ft2	kW
Overhead Lighting:	0.557	1.89
Task Lighting:	0.000	0.00
Misc. Equipment:	0.502	1.71

Done

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2	0.213			OS	0.80		0.20	
3	n/a			undefined -	n/a	n/a	n/a	
4	n/a				n/a	n/a	n/a	
5	n/a				n/a	n/a	n/a	

Task Lighting

Schedule: - undefined -

Power Density: n/a W/ft2

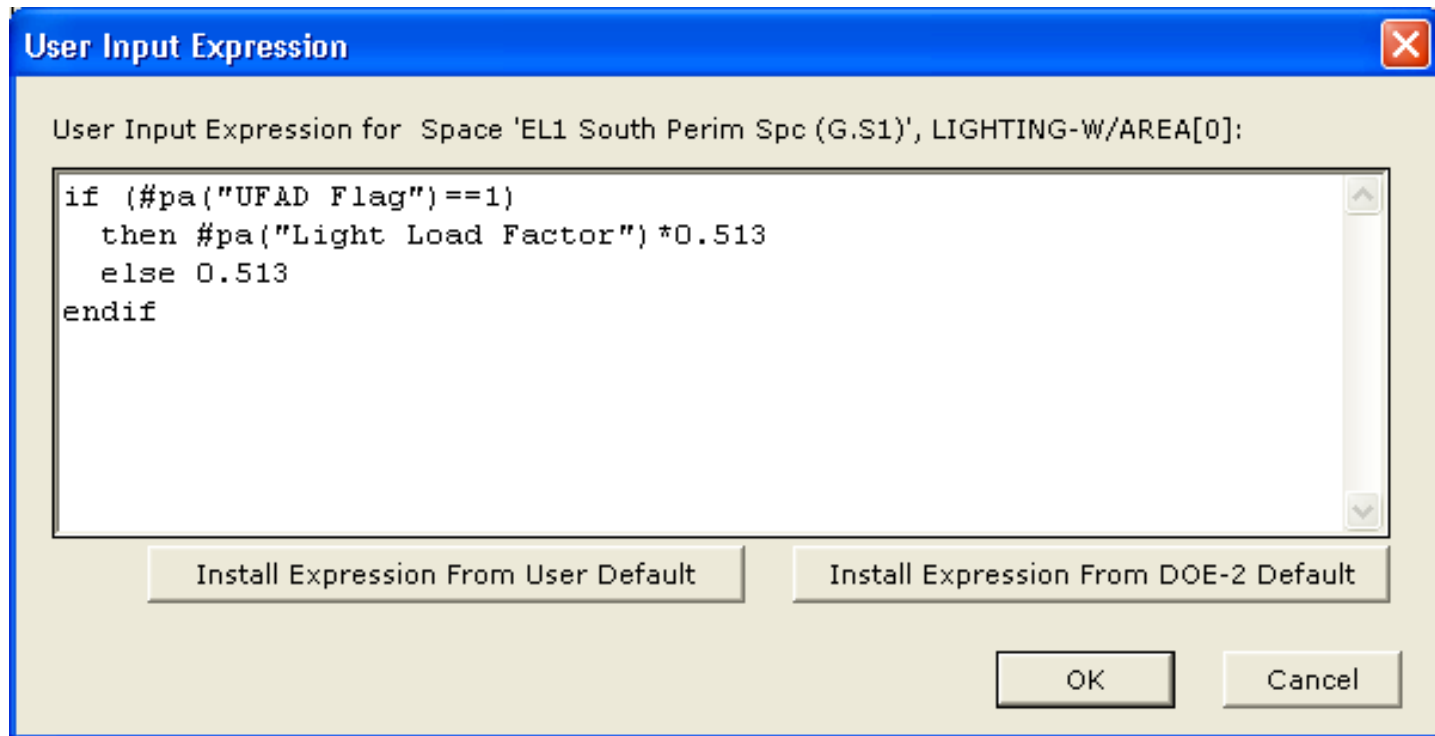
Power: n/a kW

Workplane Height: 2.50 ft

Power Summary

	W/ft2	kW
Overhead Lighting:	0.557	1.89
Task Lighting:	0.000	0.00
Misc. Equipment:	0.502	1.71

Done

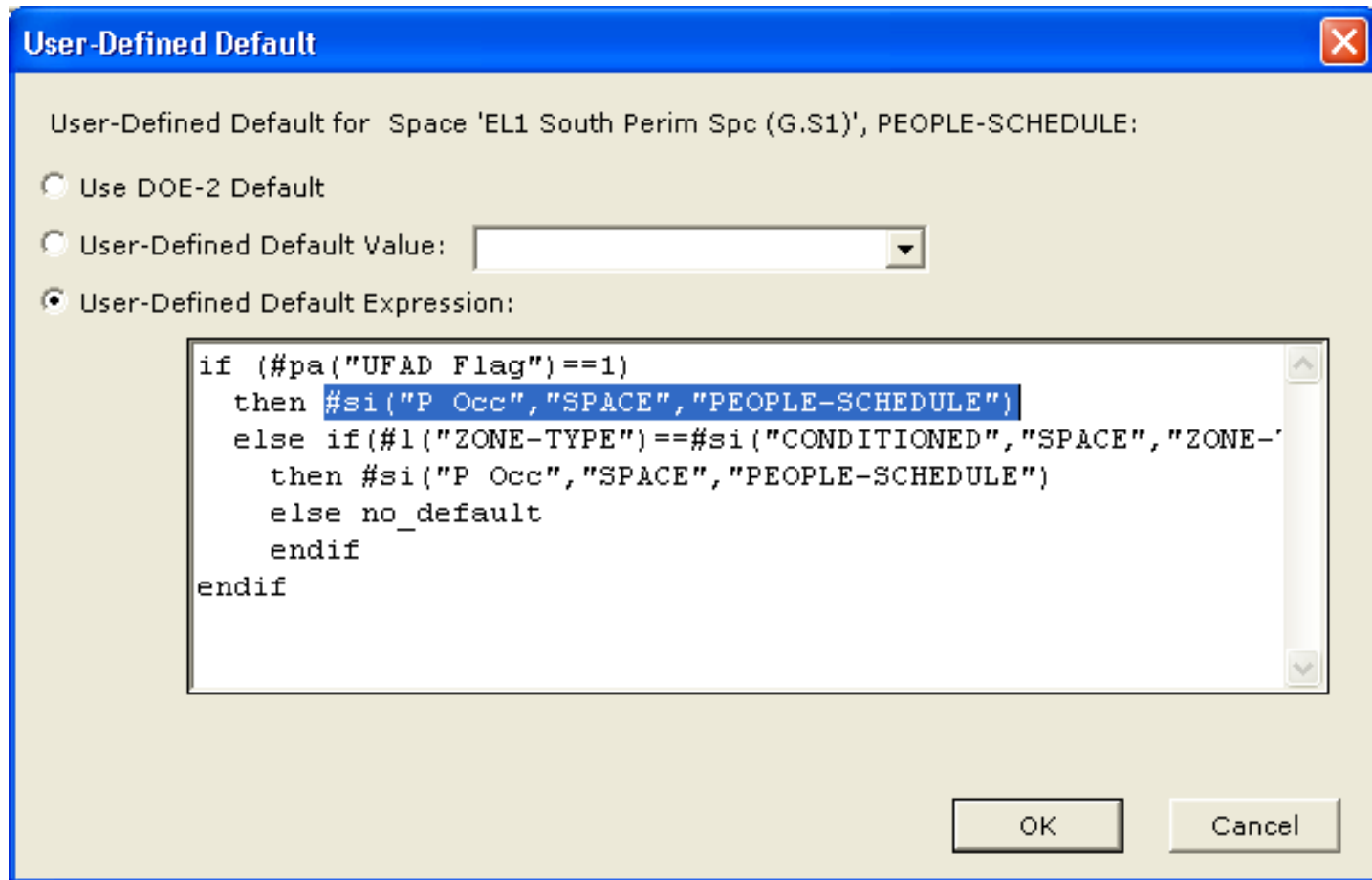


b. SymIndex or #SI

- i. Returns the symbol table index of the symbol named.
- ii. Syntax: SymIndex(str,com,key) or #SI(str,com,key)
  1. where str is the character string of a BDL symbol, com is a command, key is a keyword. The second two arguments are optional, so the user can call this function with just str, with both str and com, or with all three.
  2. SymIndex( str ): returns the symbol index of the symbol matching the character string str and of the same symbol type as the keyword being set by the expression.
  3. SymIndex( str, com ): returns the symbol index of the symbol matching the character string str and of the same symbol type as the command specified by the com argument.
  4. SymIndex( str, com, key ): returns the symbol index of the symbol matching the character string str and of the symbol type compatible with the com : key arguments.

iii. Example

```
PEOPLE-SCHEDULE =  
#SI( "P Occ" , "SPACE" , "PEOPLE-SCHEDULE" )
```



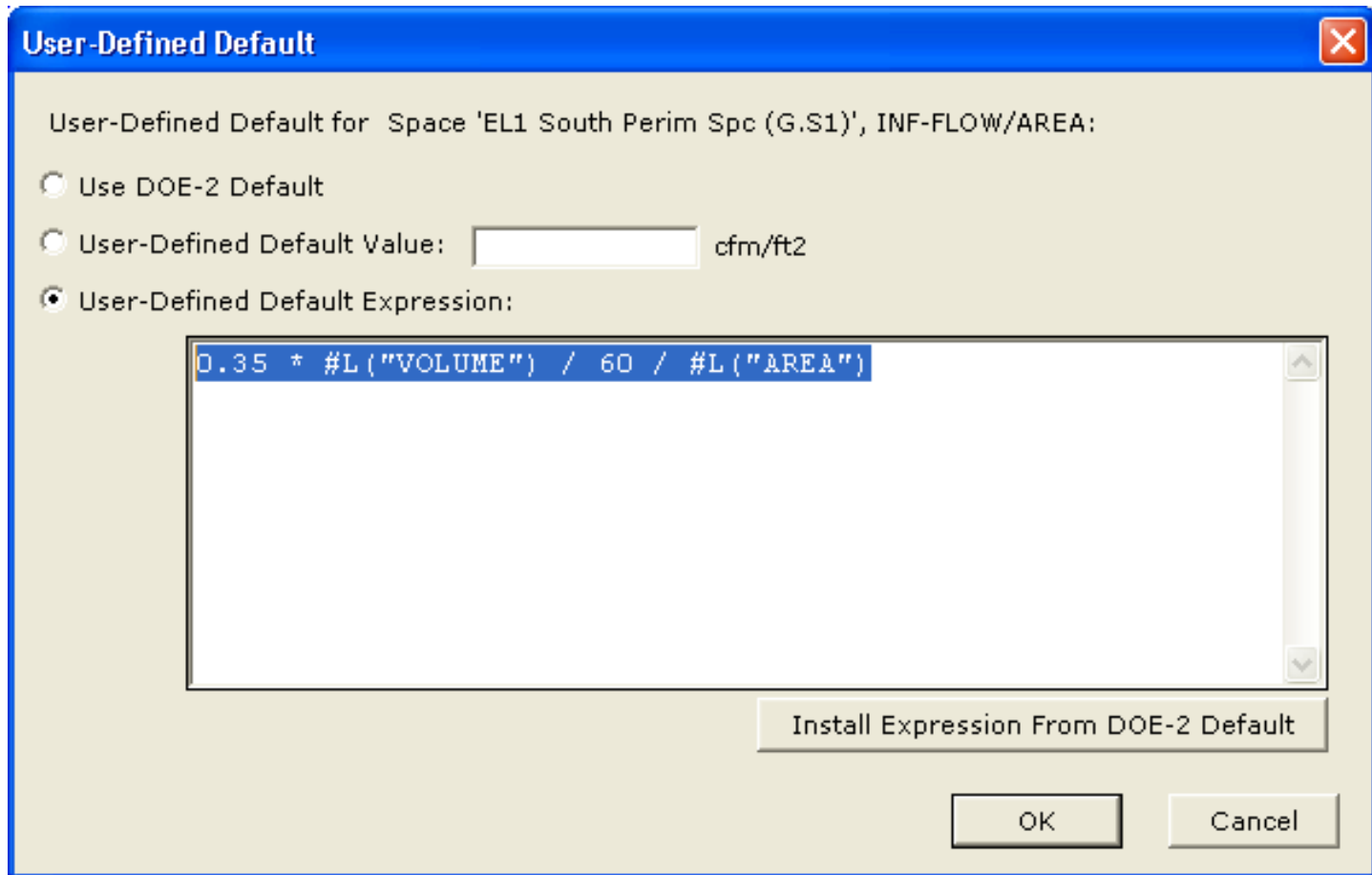
c. Local or #L

- i. Returns the value of a local keyword. See also BDL function notes.
- ii. Syntax: Local(com, key, i) or #L(com, key, i)
  1. where com is a command, key is a keyword, and i is the ith value of the local keyword.

iii. Example

```
INF-FLOW/AREA = { 0.35*#L("VOLUME")/60/#L("AREA") }
```





d. ResVal or #RV

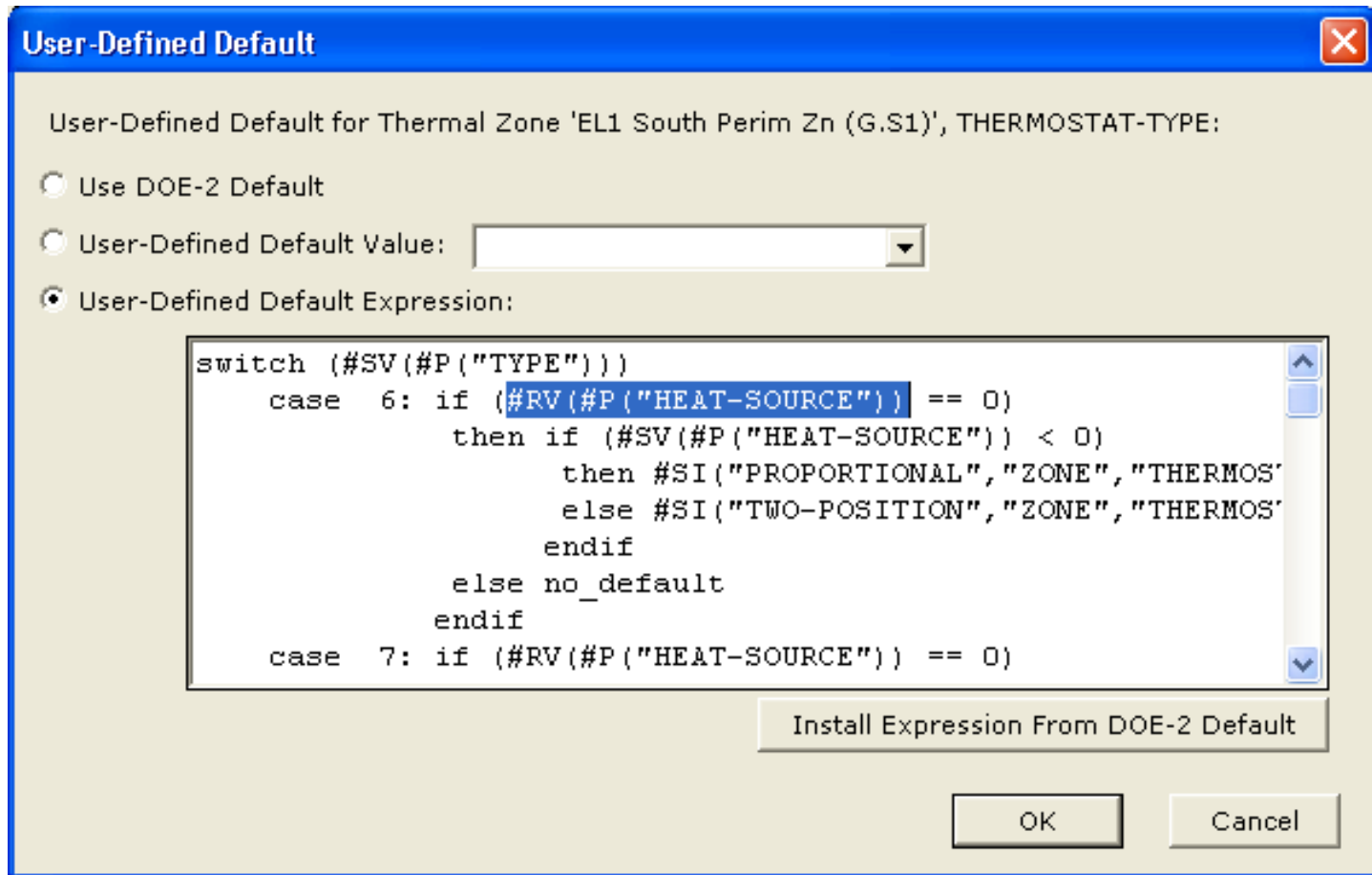
i. Returns an integer that specifies whether the argument is required, unused, has no default, or is unfilled. The integer that this function returns can be interpreted as follows:

1. 0 if argument is not a BDL reserved value
- 1 if argument = -99999.0 or "required"
- 2 if argument = -88888.0 or "unused"
- 3 if argument = -77777.0 or "no default"
- 4 if argument = -66666.0 or "unfilled"

ii. Syntax: ResVal(number) or #RV(number)

1. where number is the character string of a BDL symbol.

```
THERMOSTAT-TYPE =
  case 6: if (#RV(#P("HEAT-SOURCE"))) == 0)
  then if (#SV(#P("HEAT-SOURCE"))) < 0)
  then #SI("PROPORTIONAL", "ZONE", "THERMOSTAT-TYPE")
  else #SI("TWO-POSITION", "ZONE", "THERMOSTAT-TYPE")
endif
else no_default
endif
```



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## 6. Creating Custom Meters


The screenshot shows the eQUEST software interface. The 'Electric Meters' section is active in the spreadsheet, displaying a table with the following data:


	Electric Meter Name	Electric Meter Type	Source-to-Site Efficiency (Btu/Btu)	Energy Billing Unit Label	Demand Billing Unit Label	Transformer Size (kW)	Transformer Loss (ratio)	Transformer Losses f(part load)
1	EM1	Utility	0.33	54	28		n/a	n/a

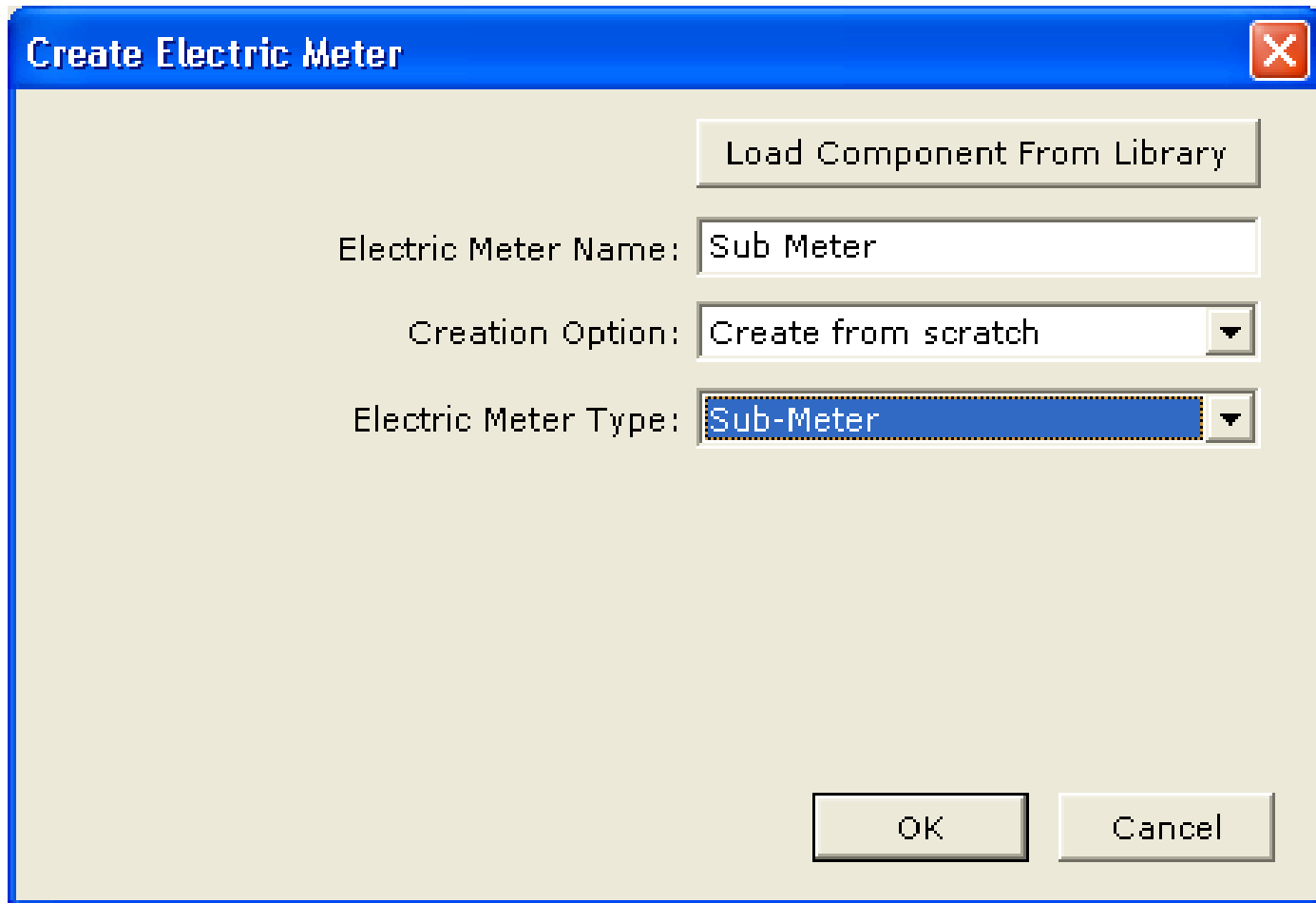
The interface also shows a project tree on the left with categories like Global Parameters, Utility Rates, Block Charges, Ratchets, Electric Meters, Fuel Meters, Steam Meters, and CHW Meters. A 'Create Electric Meter...' button is visible over the 'EM1' entry in the tree.

**Create Electric Meter** 

Electric Meter Name:

Creation Option:  

Electric Meter Type:  



The image shows a software dialog box titled "Create Electric Meter" with a blue header and a red close button in the top right corner. The dialog contains the following elements:

- A button labeled "Load Component From Library" at the top right.
- A text input field labeled "Electric Meter Name:" containing the text "Sub Meter".
- A dropdown menu labeled "Creation Option:" with "Create from scratch" selected.
- A dropdown menu labeled "Electric Meter Type:" with "Sub-Meter" selected.
- "OK" and "Cancel" buttons at the bottom right.

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**Electric Meter Properties** [?] [X]

Currently Active Electric Meter:  Type: Sub-Meter

Basic Specifications | Building and/or Submeters | Direct Loads

Electric Meter Name:   
Type:

Equipment Efficiency \_\_\_\_\_  
Source-to-Site Eff:  Btu/Btu

Billing Unit Labels \_\_\_\_\_  
Energy:   
Demand:

Transformer \_\_\_\_\_  
Size:  kW  
Loss:  ratio  
Losses f(part load):

Miscellaneous \_\_\_\_\_  
Meter Report:

Done



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**Electric Meter Properties** ? X

Currently Active Electric Meter:  Type: Sub-Meter

Basic Specifications | Building and/or Submeters | **Direct Loads**

Interior Direct Loads

	Load (kW)	Schedule	Enduse
1	101.67	Elevator Sch	Misc. Equipment
2	n/a	n/a	n/a
3	n/a	n/a	n/a
4	n/a	n/a	n/a

Exterior Direct Loads

	Load (kW)	Schedule	Enduse
1	n/a	n/a	n/a
2	n/a	n/a	n/a
3	n/a	n/a	n/a
4	n/a	n/a	n/a

Refrigeration Direct Loads

Load (kW)  Schedule

Done

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**Electric Meter Properties** [?] [X]

Currently Active Electric Meter: **EM1** Type: Utility

Basic Specifications | Building and/or Submeters | Direct Loads

Building and/or Submeters

1: Plug Load Mtr	14: - undefined -	27: - undefined -	40: - undefined -
2: Lighting Mtr	15: - undefined -	28: - undefined -	41: - undefined -
3: Building HVAC Mtr	16: - undefined -	29: - undefined -	42: - undefined -
4: Lab Power Mtr	17: - undefined -	30: - undefined -	43: - undefined -
5: Lab HVAC Mtr	18: - undefined -	31: - undefined -	44: - undefined -
6: Ext Lighting Mtr	19: - undefined -	32: - undefined -	45: - undefined -
7: Elevator Mtr	20: - undefined -	33: - undefined -	46: - undefined -
8: - undefined -	21: - undefined -	34: - undefined -	47: - undefined -
9: - undefined -	22: - undefined -	35: - undefined -	48: - undefined -
10: - undefined -	23: - undefined -	36: - undefined -	49: - undefined -
11: - undefined -	24: - undefined -	37: - undefined -	50: - undefined -
12: - undefined -	25: - undefined -	38: - undefined -	
13: - undefined -	26: - undefined -	39: - undefined -	

Done

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File Edit View Mode Tools Help

Project & Site Building Shell Internal Loads Water-Side HVAC Air-Side HVAC Utility & Economics

Project: 'UFAD Prototype'

Global Parameters

- 901 Flag
- UFAD Flag
- Space Load Factor
- Light Load Factor
- Equip Load Factor
- Light OS Occ Factor

Utility Rates

- PGE 83-5 3P N-TOU Lrg N
- NW Natural-OR 31-Comm

Block Charges

- PGE 83-5 3P MonthlyDem
- PGE 83-5 3P FacilityCapB
- NW Natural-OR 31-Comm
- NW Natural-OR 31-Comm

Ratchets

- PGE 83-5 3P FacilityCapR
- PGE 83-5 3P MonthlyPeal

MASTER-METERS 1

- Electric Meters
  - EM1
  - Plug Load Mtr
  - Lighting Mtr
  - Building HVAC Mtr
  - Lab Power Mtr
  - Lab HVAC Mtr
  - Ext Lighting Mtr
  - Sub Meter
- Fuel Meters
  - FM1
- Steam Meters
- CHW Meters

Spreadsheet Summary

Display Mode: Basic Specifications

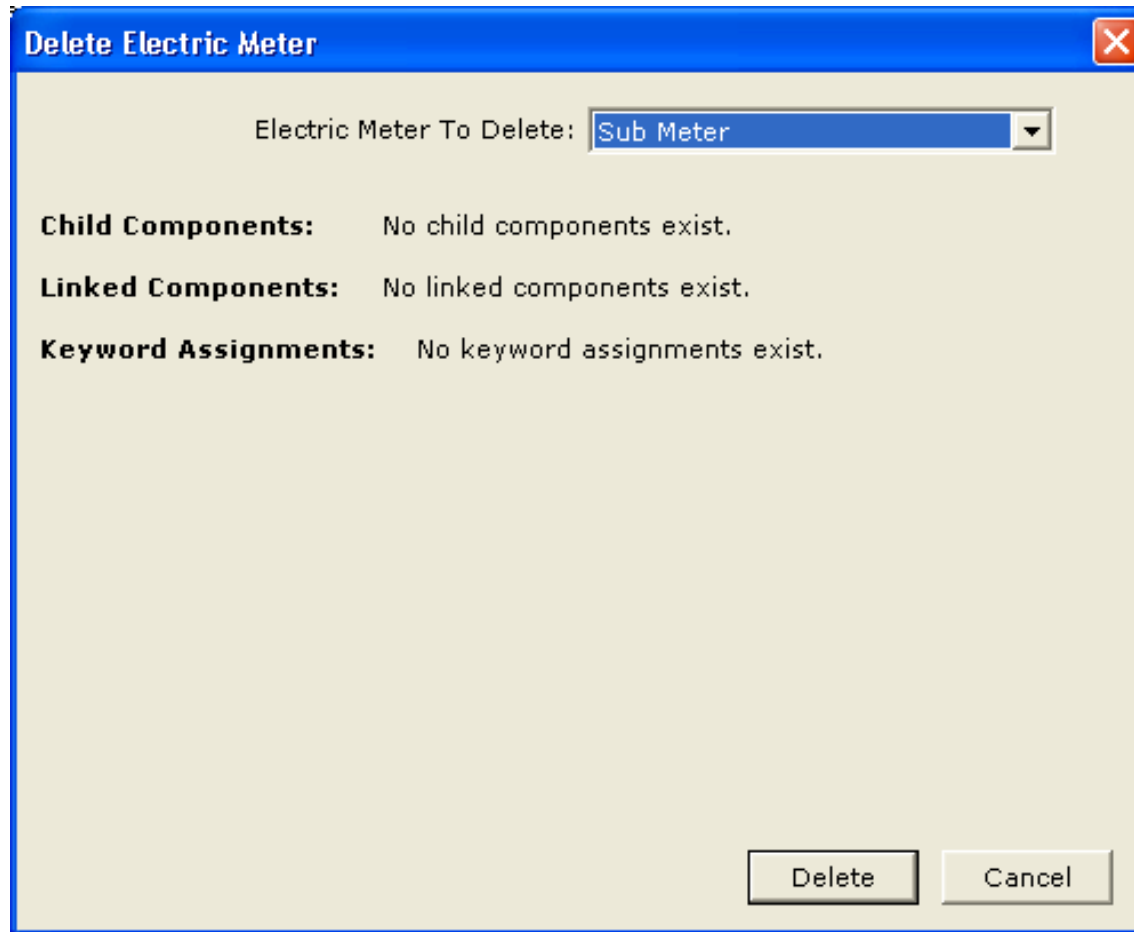
	Electric Meter Name	Electric Meter Type	Source-to-Site Efficiency (Btu/Btu)	Energy Billing Unit Label	Demand Billing Unit Label	Transformer Size (kW)	Transformer Loss (ratio)	Transformer Losses f(part load)
1	Plug Load Mtr	Sub-Meter	0.33	54	28		n/a	n/a
2	Lighting Mtr	Sub-Meter	0.33	54	28		n/a	n/a
3	Building HVAC Mtr	Sub-Meter	0.33	54	28		n/a	n/a
4	Lab Power Mtr	Sub-Meter	0.33	54	28		n/a	n/a
5	Lab HVAC Mtr	Sub-Meter	0.33	54	28		n/a	n/a
6	Ext Lighting Mtr	Sub-Meter	0.33	54	28		n/a	n/a
7	Elevator Mtr	Sub-Meter	0.33	54	28		n/a	n/a
8	Sub Meter	Sub-Meter	0.33	54	28		n/a	n/a

Properties...  
Create another Electric Meter...  
Save to Library...  
Define Link...  
Delete...  
Help

Ready NUM

start 2011-01-19 BSUG eQ... UFAD Prototype.pd2 ... 5:03 PM

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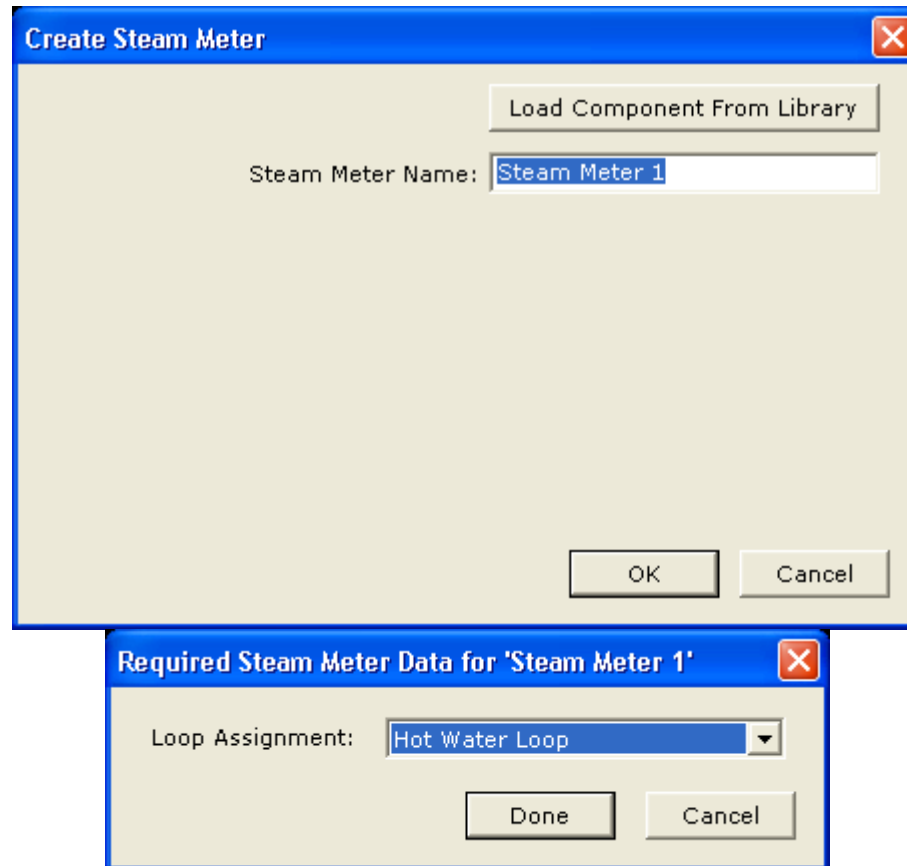


The image shows a software dialog box titled "Delete Electric Meter". At the top right of the dialog is a red close button with a white "X". Below the title bar, there is a label "Electric Meter To Delete:" followed by a dropdown menu that currently displays "Sub Meter". Below this, there are three lines of text: "Child Components: No child components exist.", "Linked Components: No linked components exist.", and "Keyword Assignments: No keyword assignments exist.". At the bottom right of the dialog, there are two buttons: "Delete" and "Cancel".

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The screenshot displays the eQUEST Quick Energy Simulation Tool interface. The title bar reads "UFAD Prototype.pd2 - eQUEST Quick Energy Simulation Tool". The menu bar includes "File", "Edit", "View", "Mode", "Tools", and "Help". The toolbar contains icons for "Project & Site", "Building Shell", "Internal Loads", "Water-Side HVAC", "Air-Side HVAC", and "Utility & Economics". The "Water-Side HVAC" tab is active, showing a "Properties..." dialog box with a list of creation options. The main workspace shows a schematic diagram of a water-side HVAC system with components like "Chiller 1 (ECCentHer)", "Chiller 2 (ECCentHer)", "Multiple coils", "Open Tower", "Boiler 1a (HWCond)", "Boiler 1b (HWCond)", "Boiler 1c (HWCond)", "Boiler 1d (HWCond)", "Boiler 1e (HWCond)", and "DHW Plant 1 loop (1)". The status bar at the bottom shows "Ready" and the system clock is 5:04 PM.

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**Steam Meter Properties** [?] [X]

Currently Active Steam Meter:

Basic Specifications | Direct Loads

Steam Meter Name:

Loop Assignment:

Equipment Capacity:  MBtu/h  
Capacity Ratio:  ratio

Equipment Efficiency:  Btu/Btu

Heat Exchanger:  ft  
HX Static Head:  ft

Billing Unit Thermal Value:  Btu/unit

Billing Units Labels:  Energy  
 Demand

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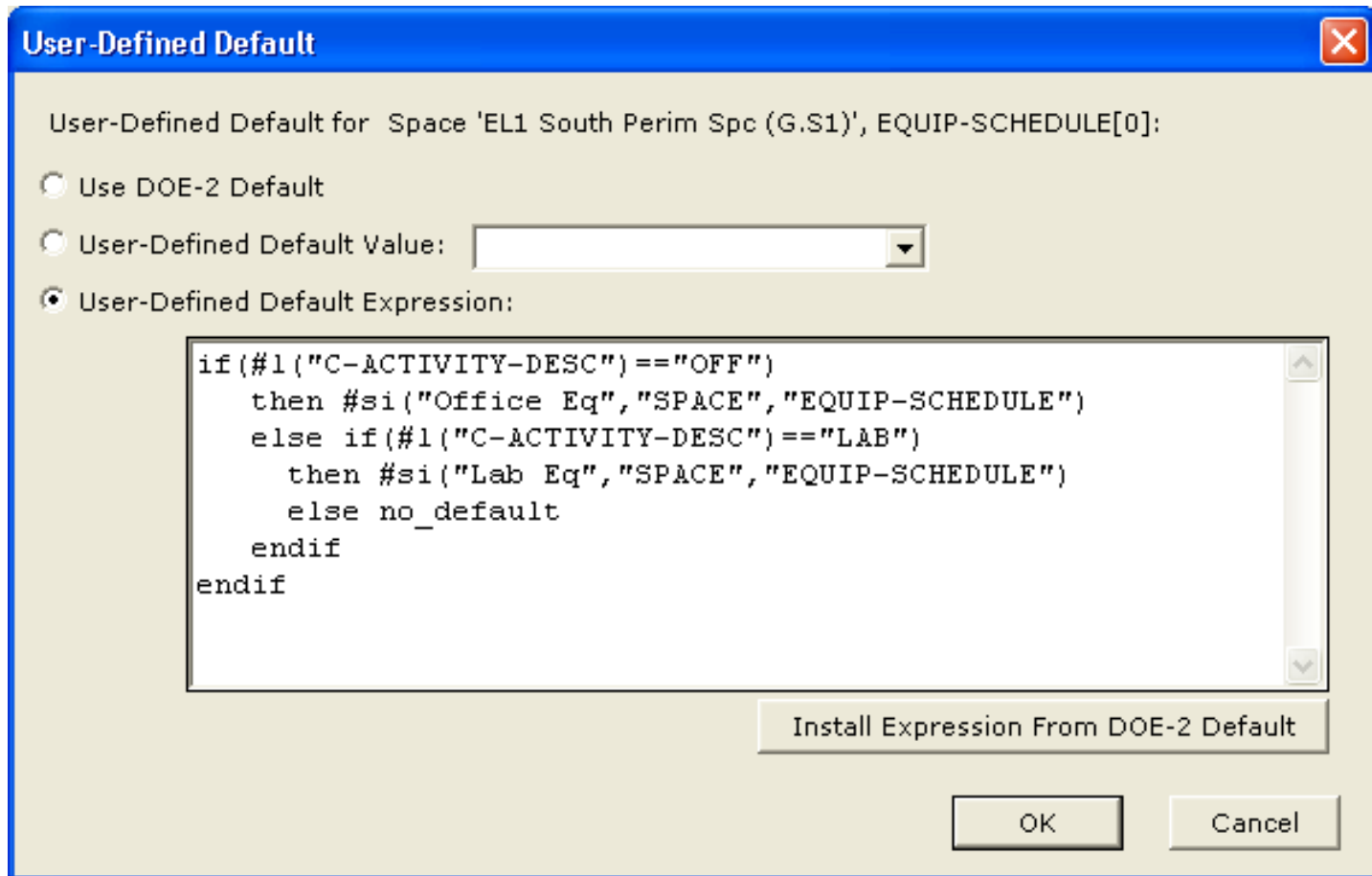
## 7. IF-THEN-ELSE Statements

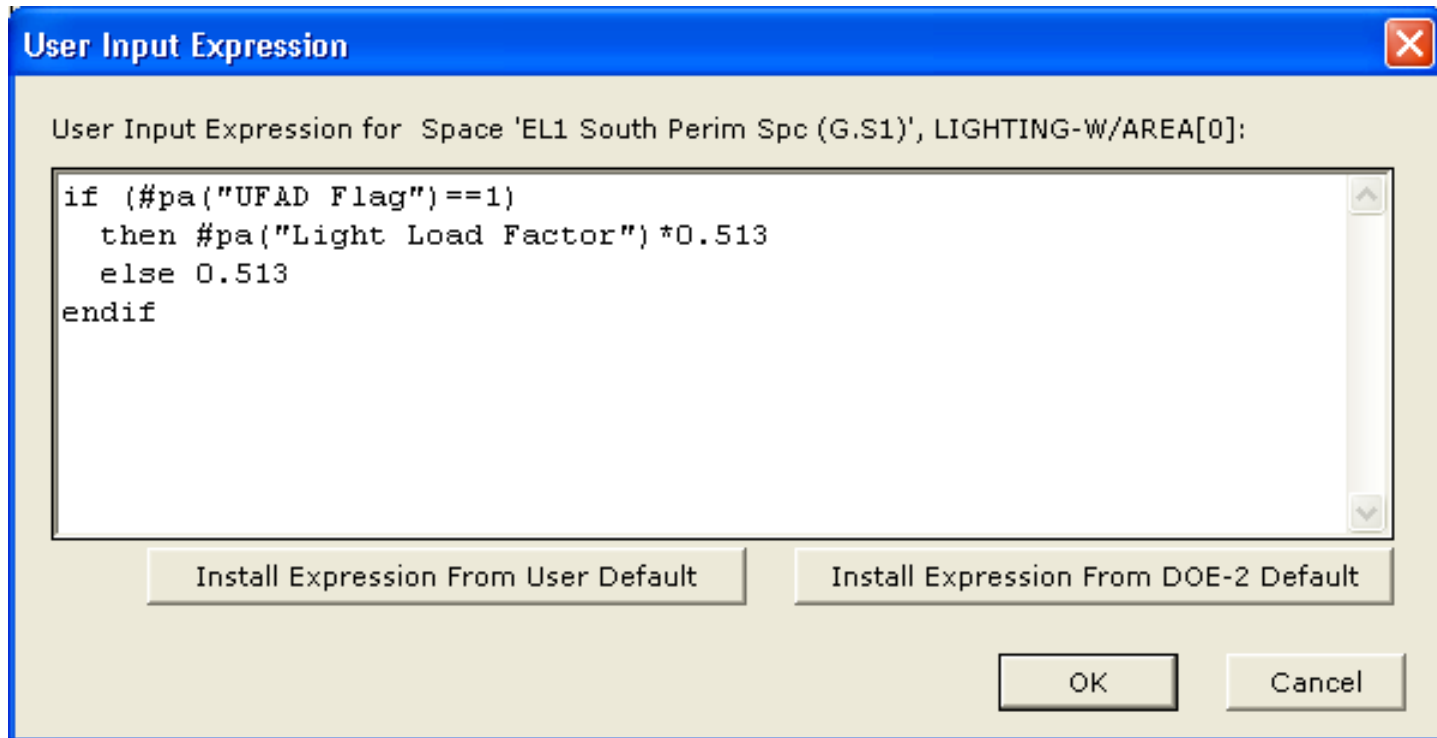
a. Returns one value if an expression evaluates to TRUE and another value if it evaluates to FALSE. If-then statements can be nested and each loop must be closed with an endif statement.

b. Structure

```
{if (expression1)
  then statement1
  else if (expression2)
    then statement2
    else statement3
  endif
endif}
```

c. Where (expression#) are expressions get evaluated to TRUE or FALSE (statement#) is the statement that is executed based on the evaluation of expression#

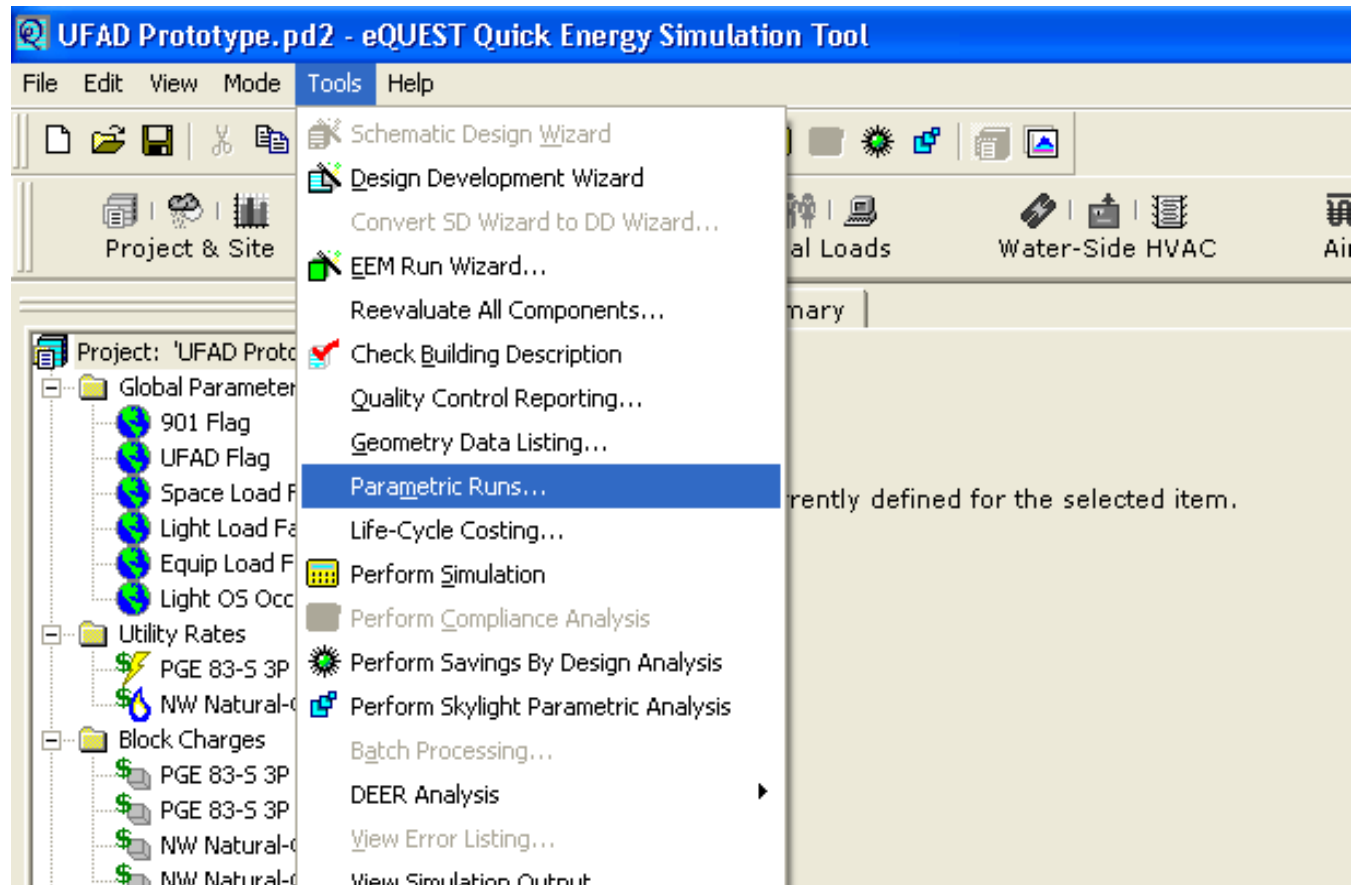




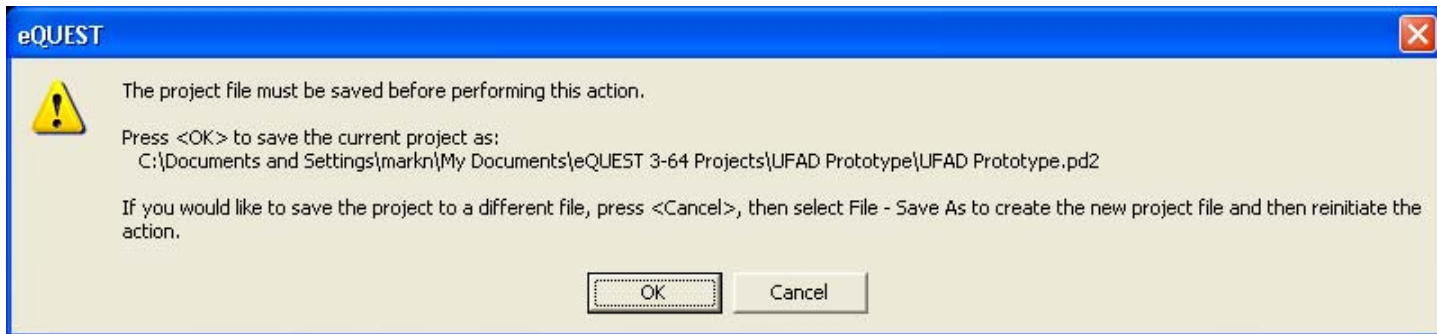
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## 8. Parametric Runs



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**Parametric Run Definitions**

Existing Parametric Runs

- 1 - Baseline Rotate 0
  - Remove Daylighting
  - LPD to 1
  - OA Econo Limit 75F
  - All Loads to Space
  - 90\_1 Flag On
  - UFAD Off
  - Parameter #7
- 2 - Baseline Rotate 90
  - Azimuth 90
- 3 - Baseline Rotate 180
  - Azimuth 180
- 4 - Baseline Rotate 270
  - Azimuth 270

Name:

Type:

Component Type:

Sort Component Type

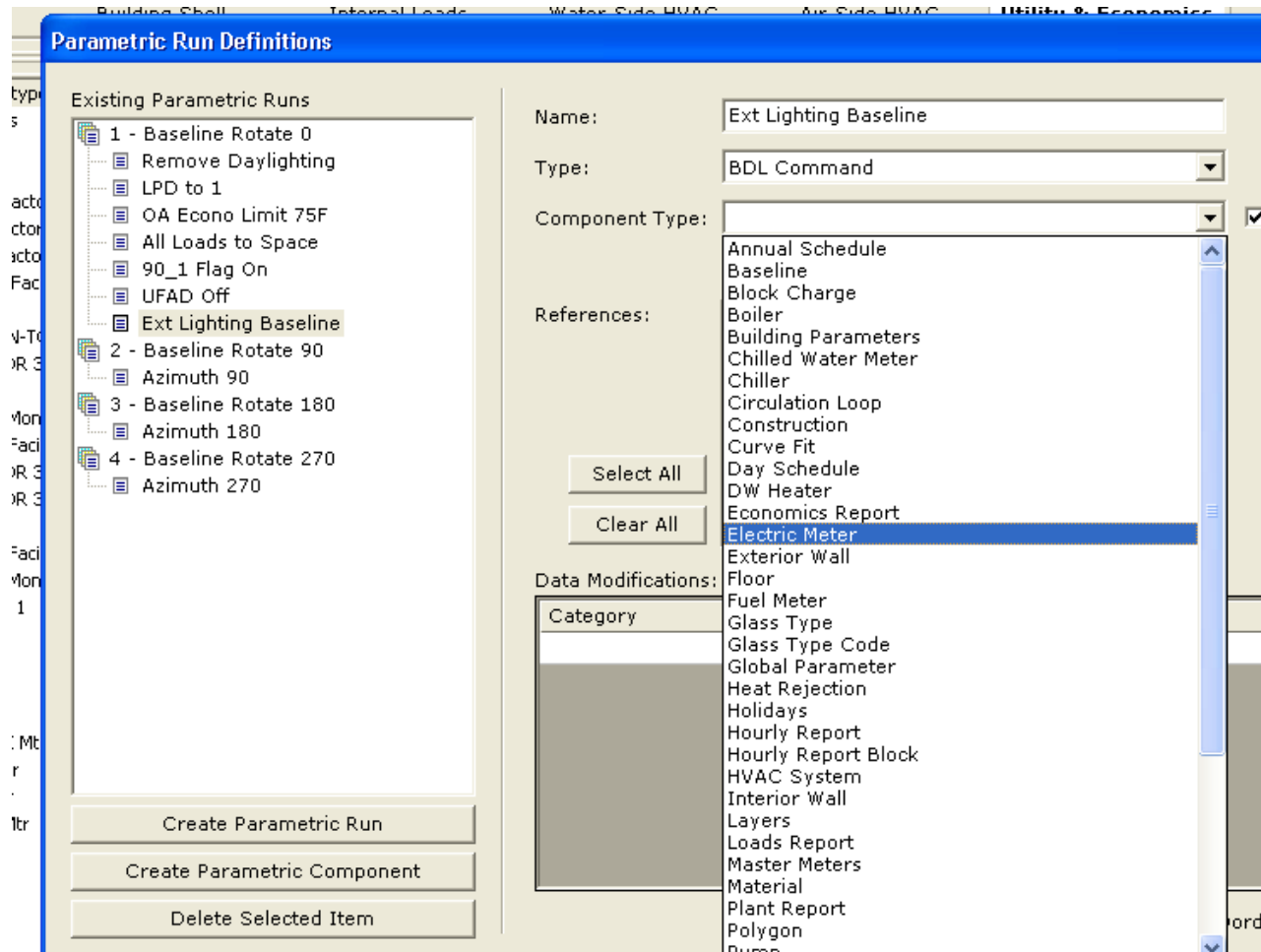
References:

Data Modifications:

Category	Keyword	Value

Display DOE-2 BDL Keyword

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The screenshot shows the "Parametric Run Definitions" dialog box in eQUEST. The dialog is divided into several sections:

- Existing Parametric Runs:** A tree view on the left lists four parametric runs:
  - 1 - Baseline Rotate 0
    - Remove Daylighting
    - LPD to 1
    - OA Econo Limit 75F
    - All Loads to Space
    - 90\_1 Flag On
    - UFAD Off
    - Ext Lighting Baseline
  - 2 - Baseline Rotate 90
    - Azimuth 90
  - 3 - Baseline Rotate 180
    - Azimuth 180
  - 4 - Baseline Rotate 270
    - Azimuth 270
- Name:** A text field containing "Ext Lighting Baseline".
- Type:** A dropdown menu set to "BDL Command".
- Component Type:** A dropdown menu set to "Electric Meter" with a checkmark to its right.
- Electric Meter Type:** A dropdown menu set to "Sub-Meter".
- References:** A list of components with checkboxes:
  - Plug Load
  - Lighting Mtr
  - Building HVAC Mtr
  - Lab Power Mtr
  - Lab HVAC Mtr
  - Ext Lighting Mtr
  - Elevator Mtr
- Data Modifications:** A table with two columns: "Category" and "Keyword". The "Category" column has a dropdown menu. The table body is currently empty.
- Buttons:** "Select All", "Clear All", "Create Parametric Run", "Create Parametric Component", and "Delete Selected Item".
- Display DOE-2 BDL Keyword:** A checkbox at the bottom right, currently unchecked.

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**Parametric Run Definitions**

Existing Parametric Runs

- 1 - Baseline Rotate 0
  - Remove Daylighting
  - LPD to 1
  - OA Econo Limit 75F
  - All Loads to Space
  - 90\_1 Flag On
  - UFAD Off
  - Ext Lighting Baseline
- 2 - Baseline Rotate 90
  - Azimuth 90
- 3 - Baseline Rotate 180
  - Azimuth 180
- 4 - Baseline Rotate 270
  - Azimuth 270

Name: Ext Lighting Baseline

Type: BDL Command

Component Type: Electric Meter

Electric Meter Type: Sub-Meter

References:

- Plug Load Mtr
- Lighting Mtr
- Building HVAC Mtr
- Lab Power Mtr
- Lab HVAC Mtr
- Ext Lighting Mtr
- Elevator Mtr

Select All

Clear All

Data Modifications:

Category	Keyword
- none -	
Basic Specifications	
Direct Loads - Interior	
Direct Loads - Exterior	

Display DOE-2 BDL Keyword

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Water Side HVAC   Air Side HVAC   Utility & Economics

Name:

Type:

Component Type:   Sort Component Type

Electric Meter Type:

References:

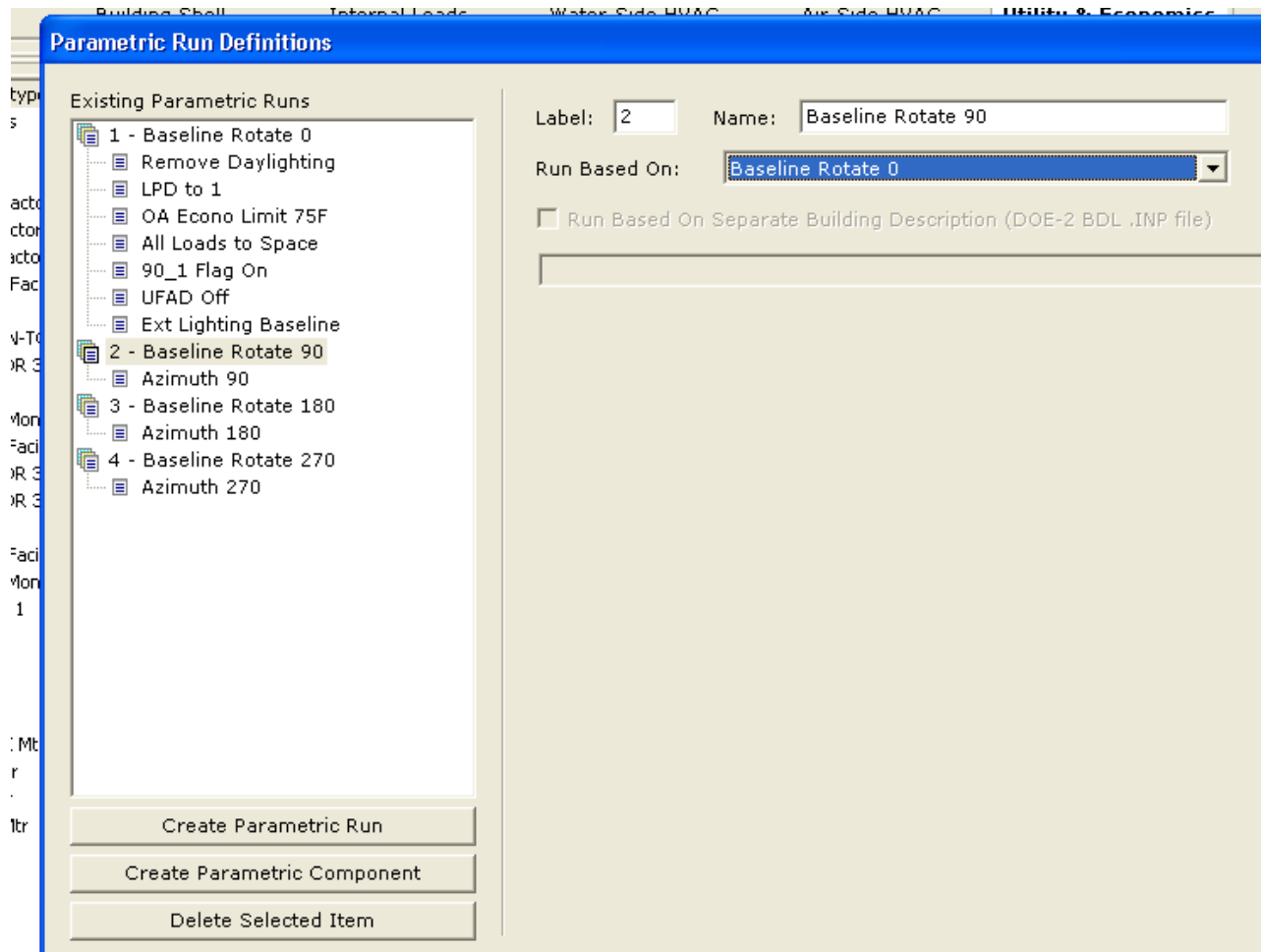
- Plug Load Mtr
- Lighting Mtr
- Building HVAC Mtr
- Lab Power Mtr
- Lab HVAC Mtr
- Ext Lighting Mtr
- Elevator Mtr

Data Modifications:

Category	Keyword	Value	Units
Direct Loads - Exterior	Exterior Load 1	75	kW

Display DOE-2 BDL Keyword

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**Parametric Run Definitions**

Existing Parametric Runs

- 1 - Baseline Rotate 0
  - Remove Daylighting
  - LPD to 1
  - OA Econo Limit 75F
  - All Loads to Space
  - 90\_1 Flag On
  - UFAD Off
  - Ext Lighting Baseline
- 2 - Baseline Rotate 90
  - Azimuth 90
- 3 - Baseline Rotate 180
  - Azimuth 180
- 4 - Baseline Rotate 270
  - Azimuth 270

Name:

Type:

Component Type:   Sort Component Type

References:  Building Data

Data Modifications:

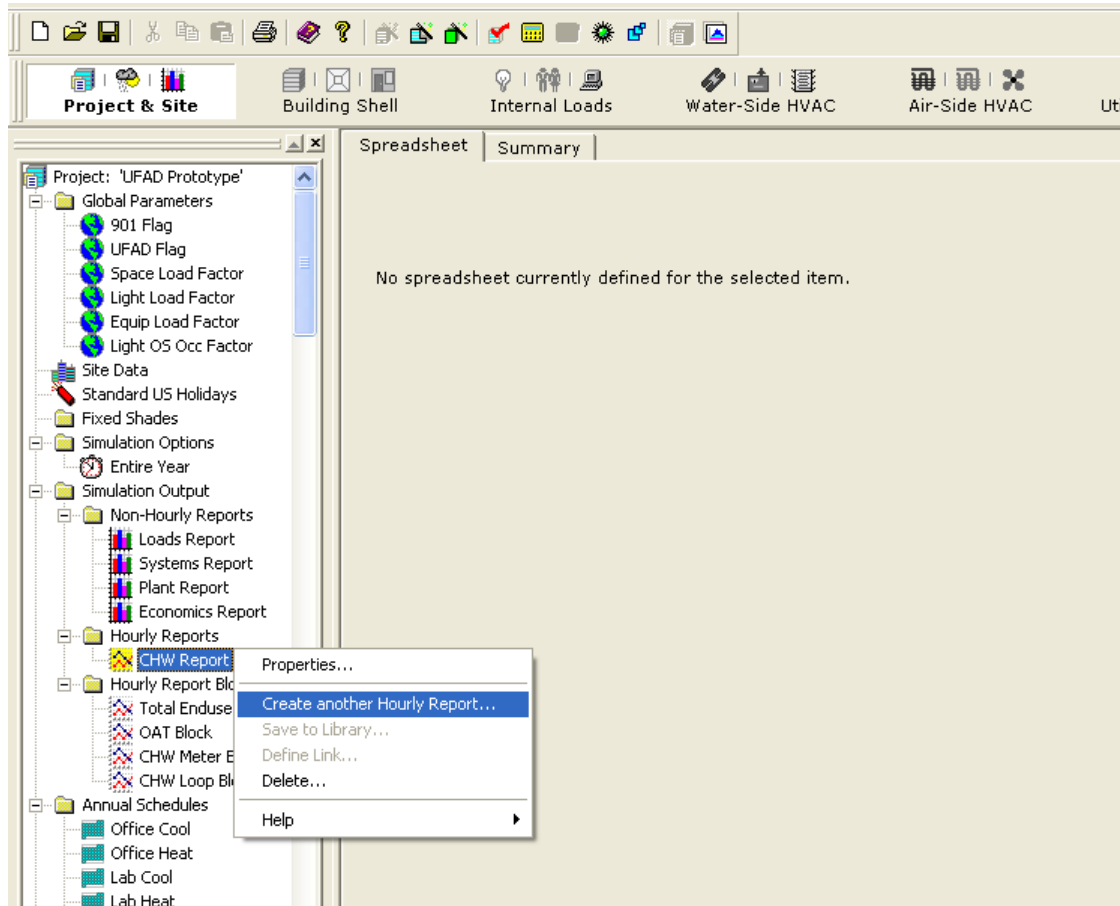
Category	Keyword	Value	Units
Build Parameters	Azimuth	90.0000	deg

Display DOE-2 BDL Keyword

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## 9. Using Custom Hourly Reports for Troubleshooting



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**Create Hourly Report** [X]

Load Component From Library

Hourly Report Name: CHW Report

Creation Option: Create from scratch [v]

OK Cancel

**Required Hourly Report Data for 'CHW Report2'** [X]

Report Schedule: Hourly Report Schedule [v]

First Report Block: Total Enduse Block [v]

Done Cancel




**Create Hourly Report Block**

Load Component From Library

Hourly Report Block Name: Pump Runtime

Creation Option: Create from scratch

OK Cancel

**Required Hourly Report Block Data for 'Pump Runtime'** 

Variable Type:

Variable List:

- Flow
- 
- Electricity used
- Number operating
- Speed ratio
- Fraction of hour pump runs
- Head output requested by loop
- Actual head
- Friction head of attached loop or

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**Hourly Results Selection** [X]

Select Report or Block to View/Edit:

- CHW Report
  - Total Enduse Block
  - OAT Block
  - CHW Meter Block
  - CHW Loop Block
  - Pump Runtime**

Report Block Name:

Variable Type:

Building Component:

Selected Hourly Results Series:

- Flow
- Electricity used
- Number operating
- Fraction of hour pump runs
- 
- Speed ratio
- Head output requested by loop
- Actual head
- Friction head of attached loop or equipment
- Static head of attached loop or equipment
- Ratio of requested head to design head
- Ratio of requested flow to maximum flow at requested head
- Maximum flow the pump can move at the requested head
- RPM ratio raised to the PUMP-POWER-EXP
- Ratio = (Actual flow / Maximum Flow) / (Actual Speed / Design Speed)
- Ratio of actual horsepower to nominal horsepower at current speed ratio
- Heat gain of fluid thru pump
- Temperature rise of fluid thru pump
- Loss in variable-frequency drive (kW)

New Report   **New Block**   Del Block   Done

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**Hourly Results Selection**

Select Report or Block to View/Edit:

- CHW Report
- Total Enduse Block
- OAT Block
- CHW Meter Block
- CHW Loop Block
- Pump Runtime

Hourly Report Name: CHW Report

On/Off Schedule: Hourly Report Schedule

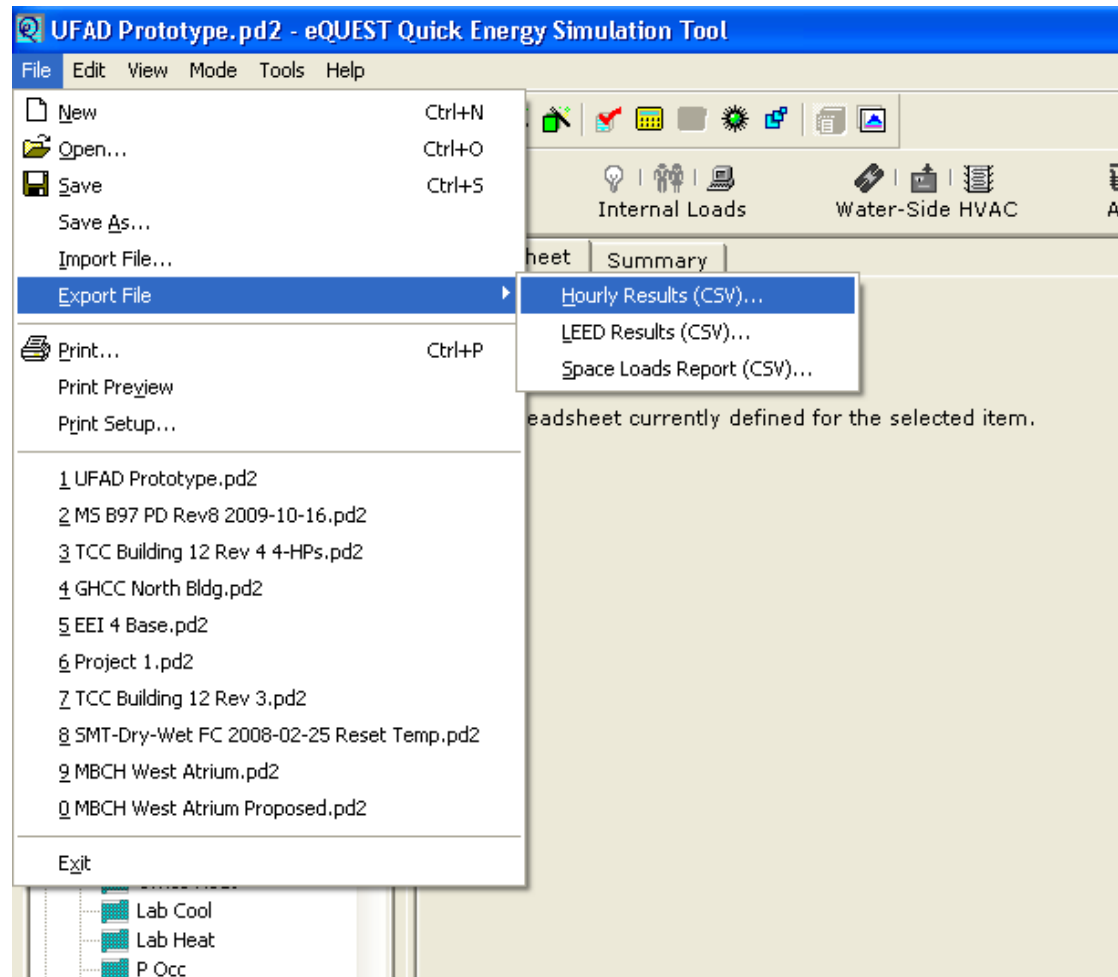
Output Option: Print

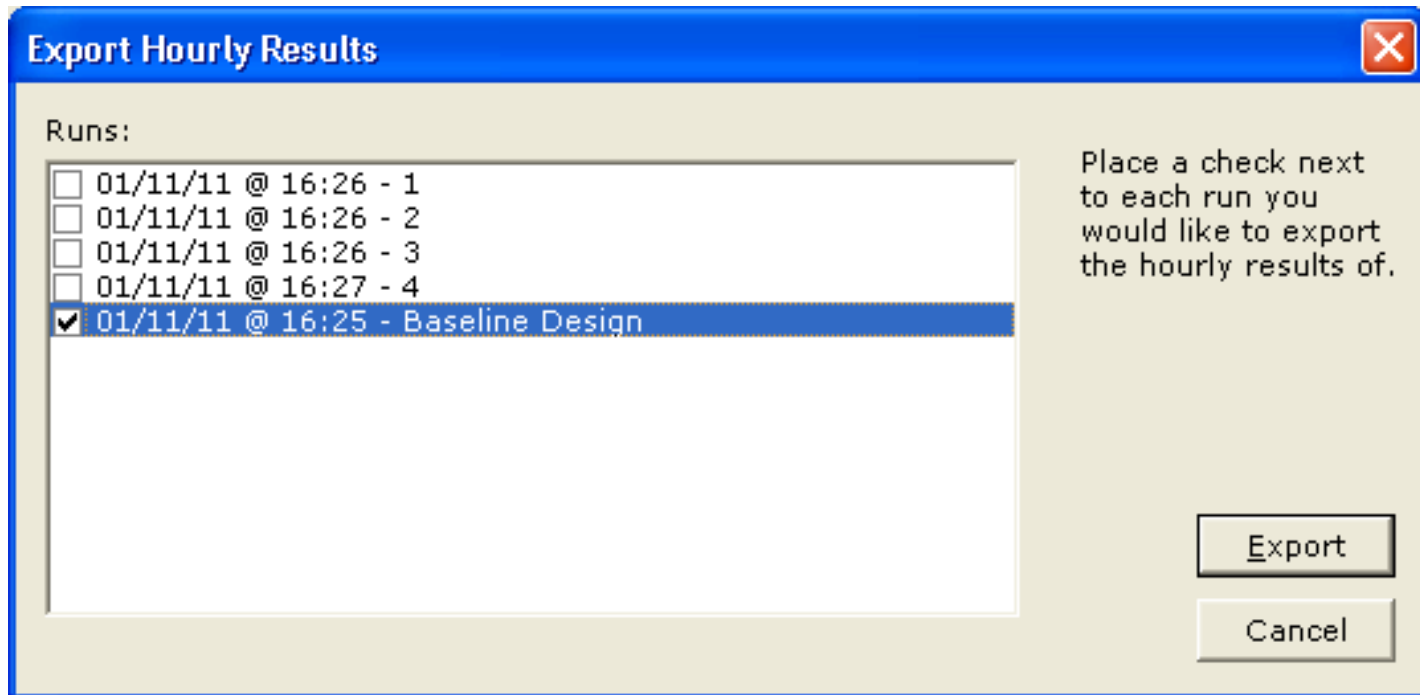
Assigned Hourly Report Blocks:

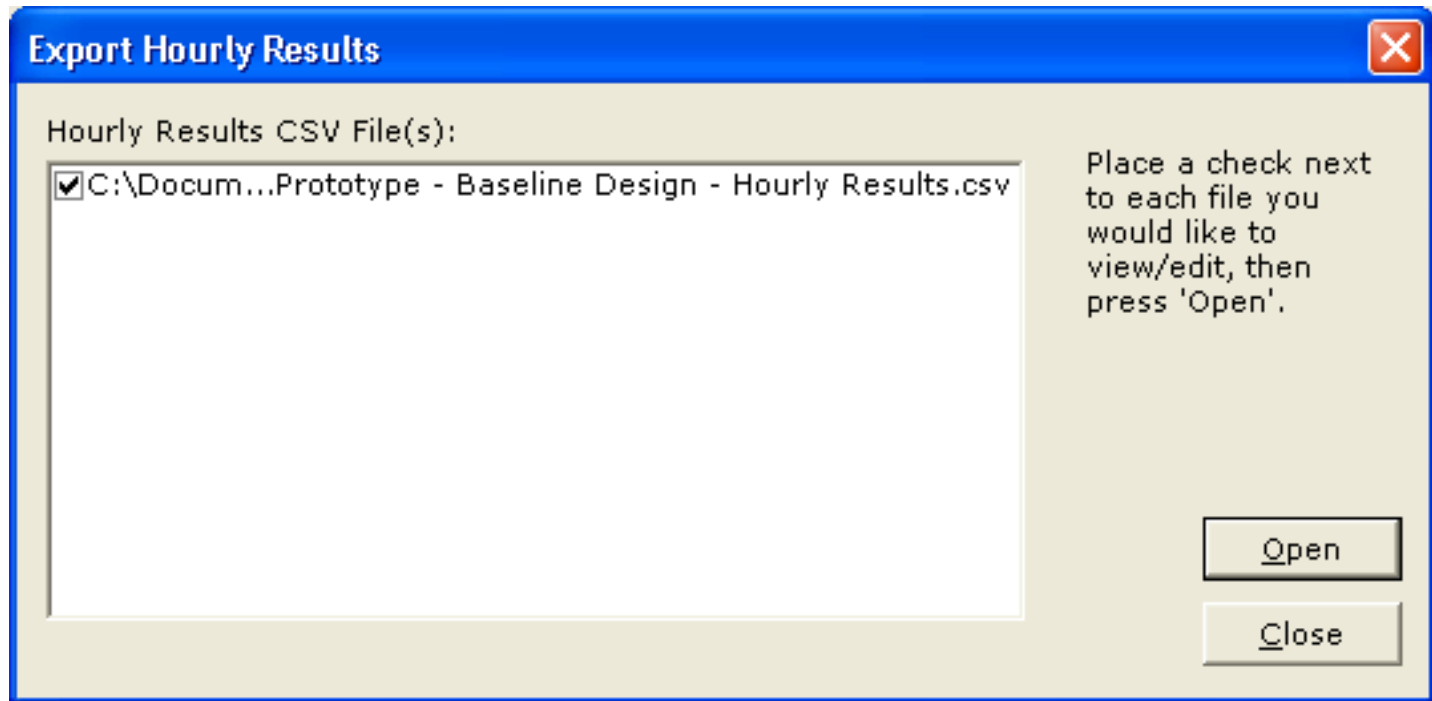
- Total Enduse Block
- OAT Block
- CHW Meter Block
- CHW Loop Block
- Pump Runtime

New Report    New Block    Del Report    Done

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CHW Report														
OAT Block														
Pump Runtime														
Total Enduse Block														
CHW Loop Block														
CIRCULATION-LOOP														
Chilled Water Loop														
EM1														
Day	Var 3	Var 4	Var 1	Var 2	Var 3	Var 5	Var 20	Var 1	Var 5	Var 7				
Month	Day	Hour	Type	Outside wet-bulb temp (F)	Outside dry-bulb temp (F)	Flow	Electricity used	Number operating	Fraction of hour pump runs	Total end-use energy	1=Loop running this hour, 0=Off	Net hourly loop load, including thermal losses and pump heat	Cooling coil load on loop	
17	1	1	7	6	38	39	18.4099	0.837491	1	1.00	128.199	1	2621.09	0
18	1	1	8	6	38	39	18.4099	0.837491	1	1.00	111.287	1	2621.09	0
19	1	1	9	6	39	40	18.4099	0.837491	1	1.00	118.534	1	2621.09	0
20	1	1	10	6	39	40	18.4099	0.837491	1	1.00	111.327	1	2621.09	0
21	1	1	11	6	40	41	0	0	0	0.00	74.982	0	0	0
22	1	1	12	6	40	42	0	0	0	0.00	82.0989	0	0	0
23	1	1	13	6	41	43	18.4099	0.837491	1	1.00	94.7938	1	2621.09	0
24	1	1	14	6	41	43	0	0	0	0.00	57.9858	0	0	0
25	1	1	15	6	42	44	0	0	0	0.00	52.9637	0	0	0
26	1	1	16	6	42	44	18.4099	0.837491	1	1.00	97.5063	1	2621.09	0
27	1	1	17	6	43	45	18.4099	0.837491	1	1.00	117.432	1	2621.09	0
28	1	1	18	6	43	45	18.4099	0.837491	1	1.00	137.946	1	2621.09	0



# QUESTIONS?

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