

Multiple Run Management

1. Introduction

Multiple Run Management is a RiverWare utility for setting up and automatically running many runs. The runs are set up through the Multiple Run Manager, which then carries out all runs and outputs the results into an RDF or Excel file or through an output DMI.

A multiple run is defined as a set of one or more model runs, where for all runs:

- The model configuration (object network) remains constant.
- The simulation/optimization run duration is the same (except for consecutive and/or I/O-optimization runs).
- The timestep size is constant.
- The same set of slots is saved to the output.

Runs are conducted automatically; i.e., RiverWare controls and invokes each run without user interaction.

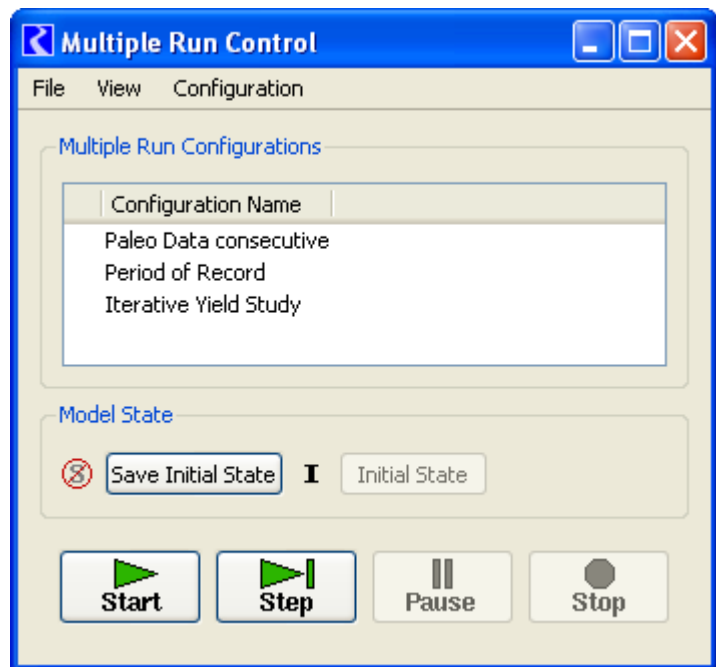
2. Running a pre-configured MRM model

This section describes how to run a pre-configured MRM model. It is assumed that the MRM configuration is already set up and the user wishes only to run the multiple runs and view the multiple run output.

- Open the MRM Dialog by selecting **Control MRM Control Panel...** from the main RiverWare menu bar or click on the MRM button on the toolbar.



- Highlight the desired configuration
- Press the start button
- After the run has finished, determine where the output was placed by selecting **Configuration Edit...** and clicking on the Output tab in the ensuing Multiple Run Editor dialog.
 - If there is a value in the Control File field this means that data was sent to the RDF file (or files) specified in the control file using the “file=” keyword. If there are no “file=” keywords specified in the control file, the data will go to the file specified in the Data File field.
 - If there is a value in the DMI field, this means that data was sent to multiple files using a DMI. Check the diagnostics output window for DMI diagnostics that show where output was sent. DMI slot diagnostics must be turned on during the run for this information to be printed.

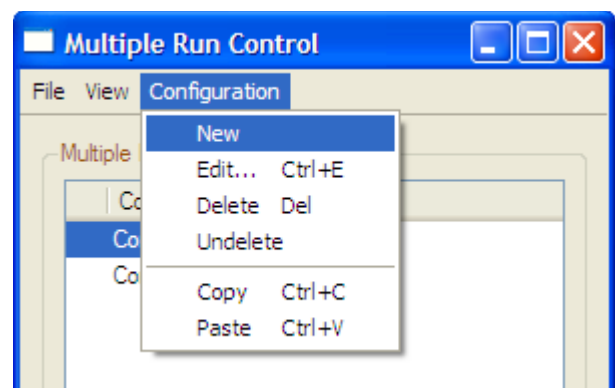


For more information on output, see click [HERE \(Section 4.8\)](#).

3. Managing MRM Configurations

This section describes how to manage MRM configurations using the Multiple Run Control dialog. The basics of creating, deleting, and opening a configuration for editing are described here.

- Open the MRM Dialog by selecting **Control MRM Control Panel...** from the main RiverWare menu bar or click on the MRM button on the toolbar.



3.1 Creating a new configuration

- Select **Configuration New** from the Multiple Run Control Dialog
- Highlight the newly created configuration and select **Configuration Edit...** or right-mouse click on the highlighted configuration to bring up a context menu and select **Edit...**

- In the Multiple Run Editor, make any necessary edits to the new configuration and click **OK** (see “Setting Up A Multiple Run Configuration” section [HERE \(Section 4\)](#) for details)

3.2 Editing an existing configuration

- Highlight the desired configuration in the Multiple Run Control dialog and select **Configuration Edit...** or right-mouse click on the highlighted configuration to bring up a context menu and select **Edit...**
- Apply desired edits in the Multiple Run Editor dialog and click **OK**

3.3 Deleting an existing configuration

- Highlight the configuration to be deleted and select **Configuration Delete** or right-mouse click on the highlighted configuration to bring up a context menu and select **Delete**
- Apply the deletion by confirming the dialog

3.4 Copying an existing configuration

An easy way to create a new configuration similar to an existing one is by copying the existing configuration and making the slight changes. Configurations can only be copy and pasted within one model (i.e., within one open session of RiverWare).

- Highlight the configuration to be copied and select **Configuration Copy** or right-mouse click on the highlighted configuration to bring up a context menu and select **Copy**
- Select **Configuration Paste** to paste the copied configuration into the open Multiple Run Control dialog or right-mouse click on the highlighted configuration to bring up a context menu and select **Paste**
- Highlight the “Copy of” configuration and select **Configuration Edit...** (or right-mouse click on the highlighted configuration to bring up a context menu and select **Edit...**)
- Change the name, if desired, and apply any other edits. Click **OK** in the Multiple Run Editor.

Edit notations: Whenever a configuration is edited, the change is noted with an icon in the Multiple Run Control dialog until those changes have been either accepted or cancelled.



4. Setting Up A Multiple Run Configuration

This section provides the steps to setting up a multiple run configuration. Setting up a multiple run configuration requires specifying several parameters in the Multiple Run Editor. The parameters and brief descriptions are provided below. For parameters that require in-depth discussion, additional documentation is provided in a separate section of this document.

- Open the MRM Dialog by selecting **Control MRM Control Panel...** from the main RiverWare menu bar or click on the MRM button on the toolbar.



4.1 Create the configuration

- Select **Configuration New** from the Multiple Run Control Dialog
- Highlight the newly created configuration and select **Configuration Edit...** or right-mouse click on the highlighted configuration to bring up a context menu and select **Edit...**
- In the Multiple Run Editor, make edits to the new configuration as described below
- After completing the edits, click **OK** in the Multiple Run Editor

4.2 Name

Provide a unique name for the configuration in the Name field

4.3 Mode

Select the Mode of the configuration (Concurrent, Consecutive or Iterative) from the Mode section:

4.3.1 Concurrent Runs

Concurrent runs are multiple runs of which the time horizons are identical. The begin and end times, and timestep length, are the same for all runs.

- Open the MRM Dialog by selecting **Control MRM Control Panel...** from the main RiverWare menu bar or click on the MRM button on the toolbar.
- In the Multiple Run Control dialog highlight the concurrent configuration and select **Configuration Edit...** or right-mouse click on the highlighted configuration to bring up a context menu and select **Edit...**



- In the ensuing Multiple Run Editor, click on the Run Parameters tab and change the initialization and end dates to reflect the length you wish. The Run Parameters describe the initial and end date of each concurrent run. The run parameters also show the timestep size. Timestep size is dependent on the model and can only be changed in the single run control dialog.

- Click on the Concurrent Runs tab and check that the number of multiple runs is correct
 - In most cases, the total number of runs should be the product of the number of policy sets, the number of input DMIs, and the number of index sequential runs:

$$\text{\#of MRM runs} = \text{\#of Policy Sets} * \text{\#of Input DMIs} * \text{\#of Index Seq Runs}$$

- If the Pairs option for DMI/Index Sequential Mode has been selected on the Input tab, the total number of runs should equal the number of pairs of Input DMIs and Index Sequential runs. If the number of input DMIs does not match the number of Index Sequential runs, then the number of index sequential runs equals the total number of possible pairs, (i.e., the minimum of the number of input DMIs and the number of Index Sequential runs). (See the Index Sequential / DMI Mode section for more details.)

$$\text{\#of MRM runs} = \min(\text{\#of Input DMIs}, \text{\#of Index Seq Runs})$$

Example of Concurrent Runs with 2 Input DMIs and 2 policy sets, no Index Sequential:


Run	Input DMI	Policy	Initial Date	Timesteps (6 Hour)	End Date
1	D1	R1	12:00 May 9, 2005	4	12:00 May 10, 2005
2	D1	R2	12:00 May 9, 2005	4	12:00 May 10, 2005
3	D2	R1	12:00 May 9, 2005	4	12:00 May 10, 2005
4	D2	R2	12:00 May 9, 2005	4	12:00 May 10, 2005

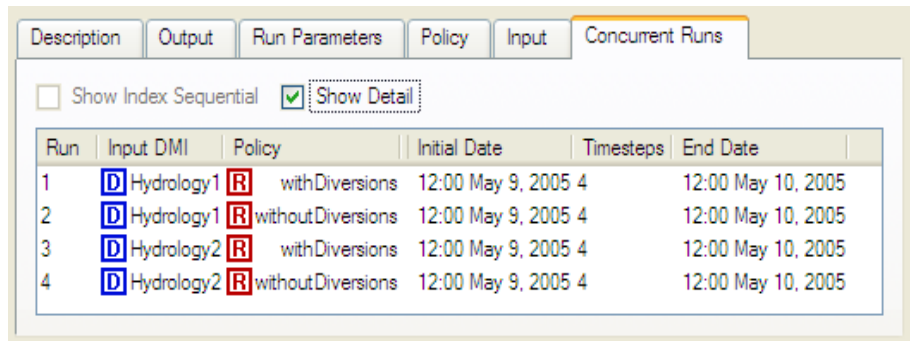
Toggling the Show Details box will show the names of the DMIs and policy sets:

4.3.2 Consecutive Runs

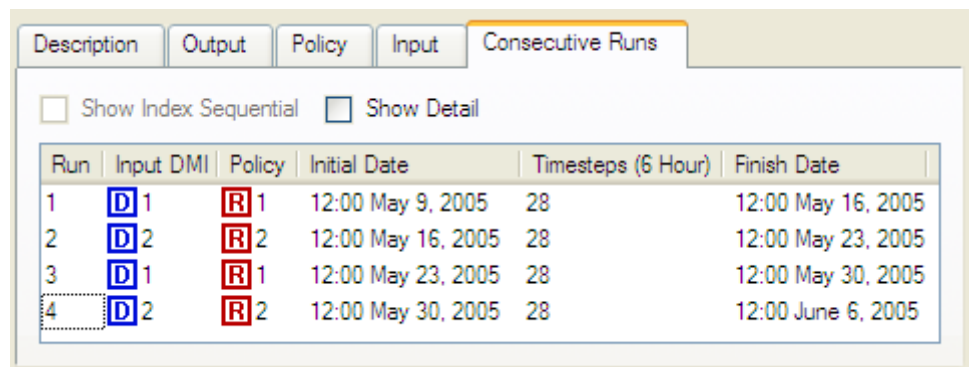
Consecutive runs are multiple runs of which the time horizons are laid out consecutively in time. The end time of one run is the initial time of the next run.

Timesteps do not vary among the different runs in a consecutive run. .

- Open the MRM Dialog by selecting **Control MRM Control Panel...** from the main RiverWare menu bar or click on the MRM button on the toolbar. 
- In the Multiple Run Control dialog highlight the consecutive configuration and select **Configuration Edit...** or right-mouse click on the highlighted configuration to bring up a context menu and select **Edit...**
- Note that there is no Run Parameters tab. The consecutive runs will begin at the start timestep of the model run. If users wish to change the model start timestep, this should be done in the single Run Control dialog.
- Click on the Consecutive Runs tab and, if necessary, change the Initial Date for the consecutive runs. Do this by clicking twice (not double clicking) on the existing initial date and toggling the up/down arrows in the ensuing date-time spinner.
- Change the number of timesteps for the first consecutive run by clicking twice on the existing number of timesteps and toggling the up/down arrows of the ensuing integer spinner. Notice that the Finish Date automatically updates.
- Append a new row for each additional consecutive run by right-mouse clicking below the existing consecutive run and selecting Append Row from the ensuing context menu. Notice that the Initial Date is automatically set to match the Finish Date of the previous consecutive run. Only the Initial Date of the first consecutive run can be changed.
- Change the number of timesteps for each individual run, if necessary. The default is for newly appended runs to have the same number of timesteps as the previous run.



Run	Input DMI	Policy	Initial Date	Timesteps	End Date
1	[D] Hydrology1	[R] withDiversions	12:00 May 9, 2005	4	12:00 May 10, 2005
2	[D] Hydrology1	[R] withoutDiversions	12:00 May 9, 2005	4	12:00 May 10, 2005
3	[D] Hydrology2	[R] withDiversions	12:00 May 9, 2005	4	12:00 May 10, 2005
4	[D] Hydrology2	[R] withoutDiversions	12:00 May 9, 2005	4	12:00 May 10, 2005



Run	Input DMI	Policy	Initial Date	Timesteps (6 Hour)	Finish Date
1	[D] 1	[R] 1	12:00 May 9, 2005	28	12:00 May 16, 2005
2	[D] 2	[R] 2	12:00 May 16, 2005	28	12:00 May 23, 2005
3	[D] 1	[R] 1	12:00 May 23, 2005	28	12:00 May 30, 2005
4	[D] 2	[R] 2	12:00 May 30, 2005	28	12:00 June 6, 2005

4.3.3 Iterative Runs

Iterative runs are multiple runs where MRM rules at the end of each run examine the state of the system and, if appropriate, set inputs for the subsequent simulation run. If no values are set and/or modified or

the maximum number of iterations occurs, then the simulation ends. As in concurrent runs, the time horizons, begin and end times and timestep length are all the same for all runs.

The iterative runs can use any of the controllers as specified in the single Run Control dialog: simulation (with or without accounting), rulebased (with or without accounting) or optimization. If the run is rulebased or optimization, the same RPL set or constraint set, respectively, is used in each iteration.

An iterative run executes as follows:

1. Initialize the iteration count.
2. Execute the **Pre-MRM Run Rules**, if specified.

Note: **Pre-MRM Run Rules** are similar to Initialization rules for each run described [HERE \(SimHowItWorks.pdf, Section 5.2\)](#).

3. Perform a single run.
4. Execute the **Post-Run Rules**, if specified.
5. If the **Post-Run Rules** return “no change”, that is they do not assign one or more new (different) values, the iteration is complete.
6. Otherwise, the iteration count is checked. If it equals the maximum number of iterations specified, then the iteration is complete also.
7. If the iteration is not complete, then increment the iteration count and return to step 3 above.

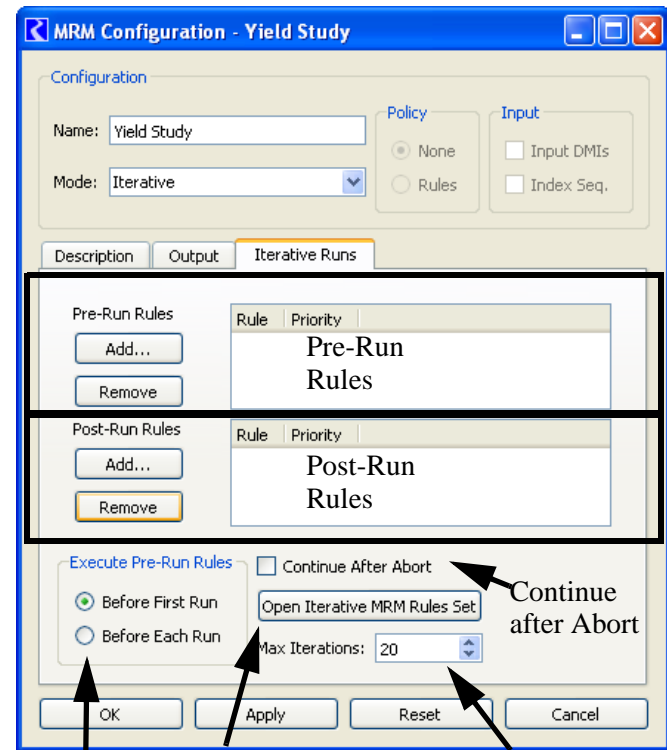
When an MRM rule, either during initialization or post-simulation, sets a value on a slot, the value is given the **i** flag indicating that it is an “initialization value.” Values with the initialization flag are cleared at the beginning of an iterative MRM run but are not cleared between iterations of the MRM. This allows values set by the iterative MRM rules to persist between iterations but values are cleared at the beginning of the MRM run. In non-iterative MRM and single runs, values with an **i** flag are also cleared. The user should be aware of this behavior if switching from iterative MRM to another mode.

To configure an iterative run:

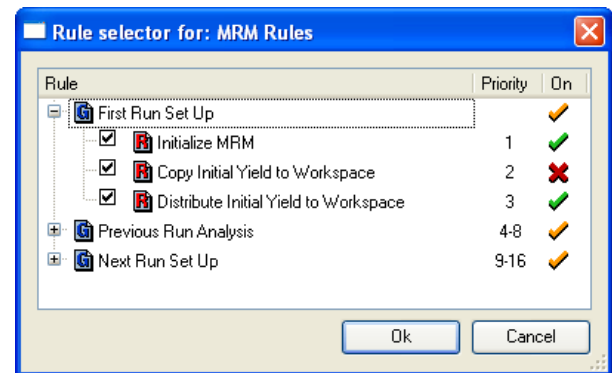
- Open the MRM Dialog by selecting **Control MRM Control Panel...** from the main RiverWare menu bar or click on the MRM button on the toolbar.
- In the Multiple Run Control dialog highlight the iterative configuration and select **Configuration Edit...** or right-mouse click on the highlighted configuration to bring up a context menu and select **Edit...** this will open the MRM Configuration dialog. If no iterative configuration exists, you will need to create a new one and edit it to define it as operating in iterative mode. For more details in doing this, please click [HERE \(Section 4\)](#) above.
- Note that within the MRM Configuration dialog with the iterative mode assigned, there is no Run Parameters tab. The iterative runs will begin at the start timestep of the model run. If users wish to change the model start timestep, this should be done in the single Run Control dialog.



- Click on the **Iterative Runs** tab. Here you will find 5 significant areas: the **Pre-MRM Run Rules**, the **Post-Run Rules**, the **Continue After Abort** toggle, the **Open Iterative MRM Rules Set** button, and the **Max Iterations** spinner.
- Click **Open Iterative MRM Rules Set** button to open the MRM RPL set. This dialog operates very similarly to the standard RBS Ruleset Editor dialog. Create one (or more) Policy Group(s) and associated rule(s). The MRM Rules created are stored within the model file. The set of MRM Rules stored in the model may be available for use with any number of iterative MRM configurations. This set of rules can also be accessed from the workspace **Policy Iterative MRM Rules Set**.
- Once the MRM Rules have been built, return to the **Iterative Runs** tab of the MRM Configuration dialog. In this tab, the user defines which of the MRM rules should execute as part of the Pre-MRM and which should execute after each iterative run, or both. These are defined in the appropriate areas using one of the following methods
 - Use the **Add** and **Remove** buttons. Click the **Add** button to bring up the **Rule Selector** as shown in the following figure. This dialog shows the rule groups in a tree view. Expand the tree-view to show individual rule names, their **Priority** and their **On** status. Click the box to check the desired rules. Click **Ok** to accept and return to the configuration dialog.
 - Drag and drop rules from the MRM Ruleset to the Initialization area or **Post-Run Rules** area.



Pre-Run Rule Execution tie Open Iterative MRM Rules RPL set Max Iterations



Note: Note that the order of addition into the display does not affect the rule ordering; the order is strictly consistent with priorities defined in the MRM Rules.

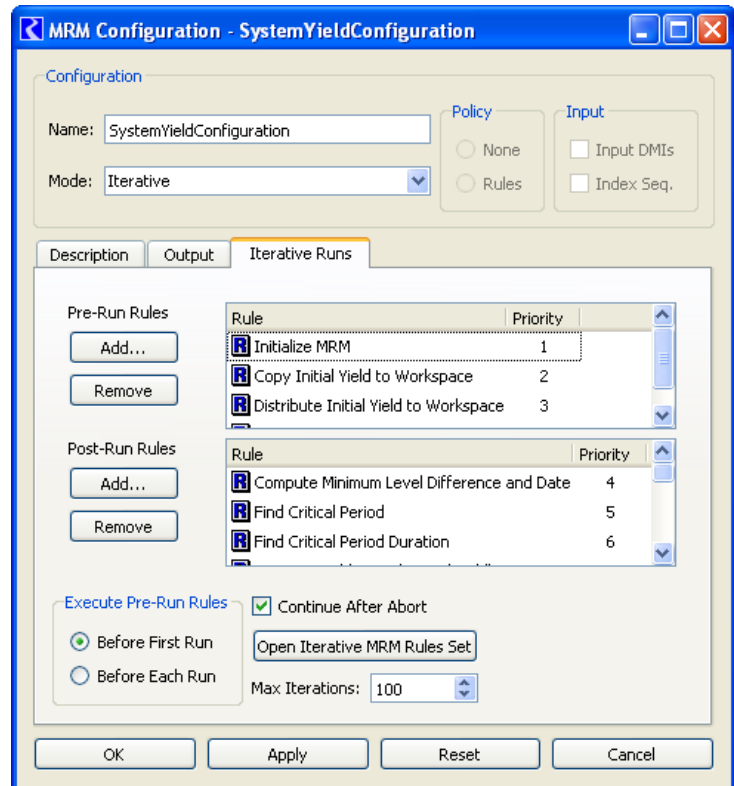
- If you would like to view a rule directly from the **Iterative Runs** tab, double click on the rule's name to open the Rule Editor.
- Use the **Execute Pre-Run Rules** buttons to specify when **Pre-Run Rules** are executed:

- **Before First Run:** This is the default. Choose this option to execute the **Pre-Run Rules** before the first single run only, but not before subsequent runs.
- **Before Each Run:** Choose this option to execute the **Pre-Run Rules** before **each** single run.
- Consider activating the **Continue After Abort** option. If you want the **Post-Run Rules** to execute and possibly the next iteration to begin after an iteration is pre-maturely aborted (for any reason), check the box.
- Select the **Max Iterations** spinner and adjust it using the up / down arrows or by typing a value in the field to define the maximum number of iterations to run. A fully configured Iterative Runs tab is shown to the right.

Remember, the **Post-Run Rules** must make a significant change in values (for example, through a rule assignment or import of data through an input DMI) at the end of each run for the controller to prescribe the next iteration. If the **Post-Run Rules** do not set any values, or if they set values sufficiently similar to the previous simulation run, the controller will assume that the goal of the iterations has been achieved and stop.

Also be aware that the MRM rules execute differently from the basic ruleset. When the MRM rules execute, each fires once and only once according to the execution order specified. There is no dependency functionality. In fact, they will all fire even if one of them aborts.

Integer indexed Series Slots work very well with Iterative MRM. Using these slots, the user can store inputs, outputs, or intermediate results based on the index of the run. For example, after each iterative run, the user could store the total volume of water released in an integer index slot in the row corresponding to the run index. At the end of the entire run, all of these volumes are stored and can be reviewed. The `GetRunIndex` predefined function can be used to get the index of the next iterative run. For more information on Integer Indexed Series, click [HERE \(Slots.pdf, Section 3.4\)](#). For more information on the `GetRunIndex` function, click [HERE \(RPLPredefinedFunctions.pdf, Section 68\)](#).

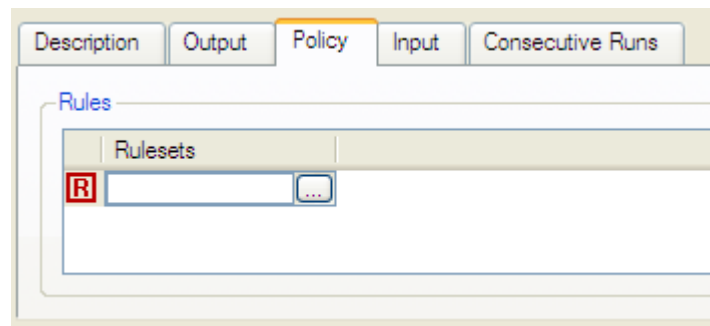
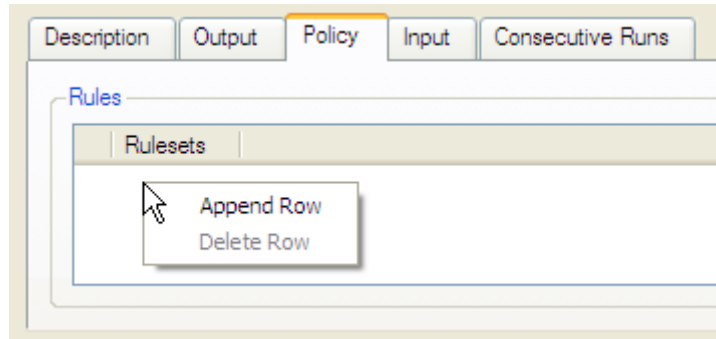


4.4 Policy

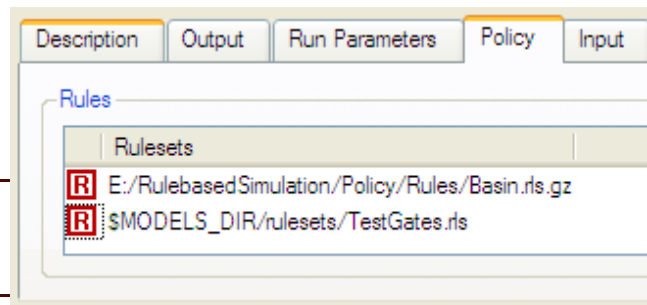
The policy setup of the configuration (None or Rules) must be selected from the Policy section of the Multiple Run Editor. Selecting Rules will enable the Rulebased Simulation controller when the multiple run is started. Rulebased multiple runs are runs in which there are one or more rulesets. The

user specifies the ruleset to use for each run. Variations in rules can be a function of differences in content, priorities, or both.

- Select Rules under in the Policy section of the Multiple Run Editor and click to the Policy tab
- Append a new row by right clicking in the blank area under the Rulesets label and selecting Append Row from the ensuing pop-up context menu
- Select the ruleset by clicking twice in the field next to the red R. This brings up a field in which you can either select the ruleset by browsing with the file chooser or you can type in the path and name of the ruleset directly.
 - To browse with a file chooser to the rule-set, click on the ellipse button next to the blank ruleset name field to bring up the file chooser
 - Typing in the path and name of the rule-set directly allows for the user of environment variables in the path. Take care to spell the entire path correctly.
- Repeat the last two steps for each ruleset to be included in the MRM configuration



In the figure, the first ruleset was specified by browsing to the E: network drive, the second ruleset was specified by typing the path in directly and using the environment variable MODELS_DIR



Note: Policy is not applicable to Iterative MRM runs, but an iterative run can be a rulebased run where one ruleset is used for all iterations.

4.5 Input

The inputs to the multiple runs are specified by toggling on options in the top of the dialog and then specify in configuration in the appropriate tabs.

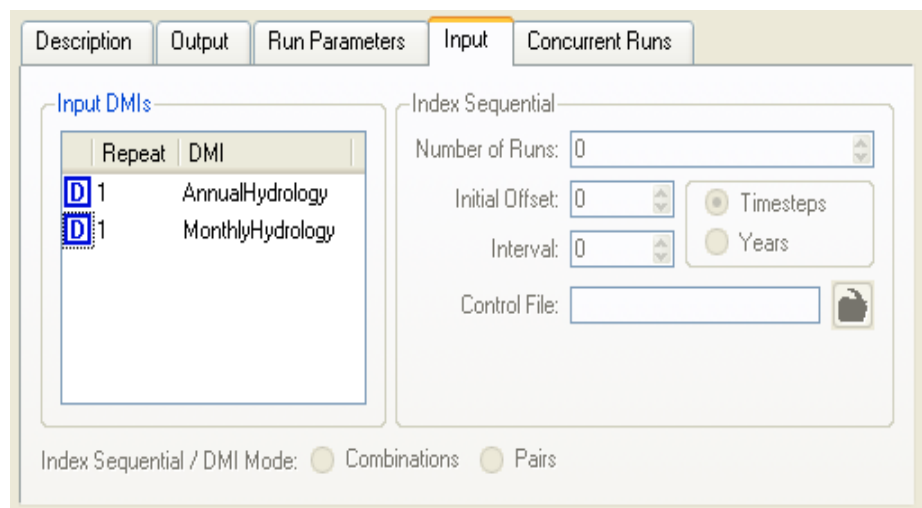
- If the Multiple Runs use an Input DMI, toggle the **Input DMIs** box in the **Input** section.
- If the Multiple Runs use Index Sequential, toggle the **Index Seq.** option in the **Input** section.

Note: The Input section and tab are not applicable to Iterative runs.

4.5.1 Input DMI Runs

Input DMI runs vary the input data for a predefined set of slots. For instance, ten runs might represent ten alternative release schedules for a reservoir. The user specifies the number of runs and a DMI for each run. The DMI loads the data into the model for each run. The DMI executables must be previously defined in the RiverWare DMI interface.

- Open the MRM Dialog by selecting **Control MRM Control Panel...** from the main RiverWare menu bar or click on the MRM button on the toolbar.
- In the Multiple Run Control dialog highlight the desired configuration and select **Configuration Edit...** or right-mouse click on the highlighted configuration to bring up a context menu and select **Edit...**
- Select Input DMIs under in the Input section of the Multiple Run Editor and click to the Input tab
- Append a new DMI by right clicking in the blank area in the Input DMIs section and selecting Append Row from the ensuing pop-up context menu
- Select the input DMI executable by clicking twice in the blank DMI field next to the blue D. Click on the ellipse button and chose the DMI from the ensuing list of previously defined input DMIs
- If the DMI executable will be called more than one time, change the number in the Repeat field by clicking twice and toggling the up/down arrows.
 - DMIs might need to be called more than once in a MRM run, for example, with runs that execute multiple traces using the same DMI. In this situation, the DMI executable should reference the last command line parameter passed from RiverWare: `-STrace=traceNumber`.
- Repeat the last three steps for each input DMI to be included in the MRM configuration.



4.5.2 Index-Sequential Runs

Index Sequential runs use an input time series which is systematically shifted between runs. The user specifies the number of runs, the interval (number of timesteps) by which the input data is shifted from one run to the next, and an initial offset (number of timesteps) by which data is shifted for the first run. The slots with input data to be shifted are identified by the user in a DMI control file. This type of run

is typically used to perturb (shift) historical hydrologic data in order to be able to conduct statistical analysis of the results.

Index Sequential implies that, given run start time, run timestep, run duration, number of runs, and time offset, input time series can be systematically perturbed between runs. For example, if an Index Sequential run is defined as:

- *input time-series:*
original value vector: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9
original time vector: Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep
- *offset:* 4 timesteps
- *interval:* 1 timestep
- *n_of_runs* = 3

then, the following sequence of runs occurs:

Run 1: Jan = 5, Feb = 6, Mar = 7, Apr = 8, May = 9, Jun = 1, Jul = 2, Aug = 3, Sep = 4
 Run 2: Jan = 6, Feb = 7, Mar = 8, Apr = 9, May = 1, Jun = 2, Jul = 3, Aug = 4, Sep = 5
 Run 3: Jan = 7, Feb = 8, Mar = 9, Apr = 1, May = 2, Jun = 3, Jul = 4, Aug = 5, Sep = 6

To setup an Index-sequential run:

- Open the MRM Dialog by selecting **Control MRM Control Panel...** from the main RiverWare menu bar or click on the MRM button on the toolbar.
- In the Multiple Run Control dialog highlight the desired configuration and select **Configuration Edit...** or right-mouse click on the highlighted configuration to bring up a context menu and select **Edit...**
- Select Index Sequential in the Input section of the Multiple Run Editor and click on the Input tab



Input DMI

Repeat	DMI

Index Sequential

Number of Runs: 50

Initial Offset: 0

Interval: 1

Control File: \$MODEL_DIR/dmi/inputHydro

Timesteps (selected)
Years

Index Sequential / DMI Mode: Combinations Pairs

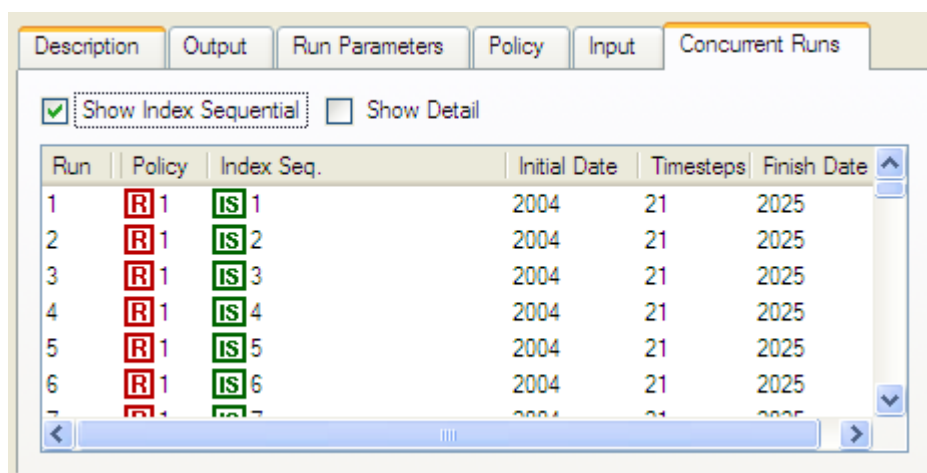
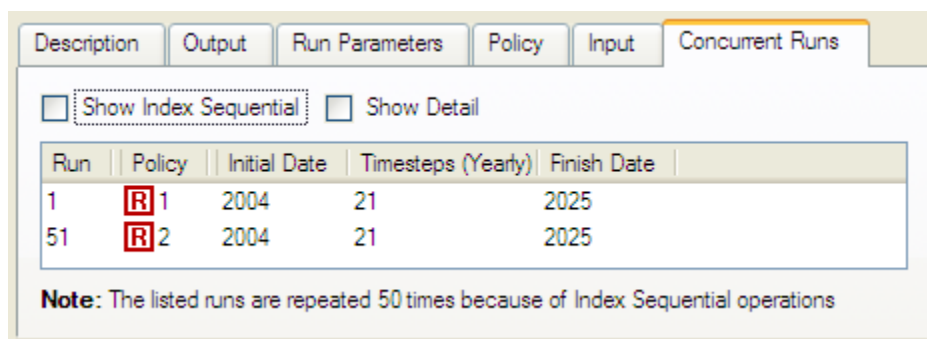
Input

☐ Input DMIs

☒ Index Seq.

- Specify the Number of Runs by typing in the value or by toggling the up/down arrows

- Specify the Initial Offset by typing in the value or by toggling the up/down arrows
- Specify the Interval by which the data is shifted from one run to the next by typing in the value or by toggling the up/down arrows in the Interval field
- Specify the units for the Initial Offset and Interval as Timesteps or Years
- Specify the Input DMI Control File by typing in the path directly or by using the file chooser to select it
 - Typing in the path and name directly allows for the use of environment variables. Take care to spell the entire path correctly.
- Click on the Concurrent Runs tab and check that the correct combination of policy sets and Input DMIs are set up for the index sequential run
- Toggle the “Show Index Sequential” box at the top of the Concurrent Runs tab to view each index sequential run listed individually



4.6 Combined Runs

In very specific circumstances, it is possible to alter the mode of how many MRM runs result from the combination of input DMIs, policy sets, and Index Sequential runs. If Index Sequential has been selected *and* there are as many (or more) Input DMIs as Index Sequential runs *and* there are zero or one rulesets selected, then it is possible to choose the Index Sequential / DMI Mode: either Combinations or Pairs.

Combined runs are defined as the Cartesian product of all the involved base-type runs. For example, a combined run consisting of two rulebased and four Input DMI runs, results in $2 * 4 = 8$ model runs. All combinations of Run Types are possible except for the following:

- Rulebased (Rulebased Simulation) runs.

- Index-Sequential and Consecutive runs.

The order in which individual runs within a combined multiple run are executed is determined by the precedence level of each mode. Order of precedence (from highest (1) to lowest (3)) is as follows:

1. Input DMI runs,
2. Rulebased runs, and
3. Index-Sequential and Consecutive runs

Elements of lower precedence iterate before elements of higher precedence. For example, in case of a combined run containing two Input DMI runs and two Rulebased runs, the following sequence of four runs is made:

1. Input DMI run 1 && Rulebased run 1.
2. Input DMI run 1 && Rulebased run 2.
3. Input DMI run 2 && Rulebased run 1.
4. Input DMI run 2 && Rulebased run 2.

The **Combinations** mode results in the default behavior, where the total number of runs is the product of the number of policy sets, the number of input DMIs, and the number of index sequential runs:

$$\text{\#of MRM runs} = \text{\#of Policy Sets} * \text{\#of Input DMIs} * \text{\#of Index Seq Runs}$$

The **Pairs** mode results in the total number of runs equalling the number of pairs of Input DMIs and Index Sequential runs. If the number of input DMIs does not match the number of Index Sequential runs, then the number of index sequential runs equals the total number of possible pairs, (i.e., the minimum of the number of input DMIs and the number of Index Sequential runs). The Pairs mode is necessary to run the CRSS Lite model.

$$\text{\# of MRM runs} = \min(\text{\# of Input DMIs}, \text{\# of Index Seq Runs})$$

4.7 Description

The configuration description may be multiple lines of text. This first non-blank line of the description appears in the MRM output file. This parameter is optional, and will not affect the MRM execution if left blank.

- Click on the Description tab of the Multiple Run Editor and in the text field below enter a description of the configuration.

4.8 Output

During a multiple run, output can go to one or more RiverWare Data Format (RDF) text files and/or an output DMI.

- Click on the Output tab of the Multiple Run Editor.
- Type or use the file chooser button to select a complete file path into the required control file field. The control file is used to specify which slots are output after each MRM run. The control file may contain “file =” specifiers for any line entries in the file. This causes data associated with those lines to go to the specified RDF output file. In the example control file below, if “fileName” is the same for each slot, then the output will go to a single RDF file; varying fileNames will send the output to multiple RDF files.

The screenshot shows the 'Output' tab of the Multiple Run Editor. It contains two main sections: 'RDF Options' and 'Excel Options'. Under 'RDF Options', there are three fields: 'Control File' with the path 'C:/Temp/MRM_Output.ctl', 'Data File' with 'C:/Temp/Reservoir_Output.RDF', and 'Timesteps' set to 'Use Smallest'. There is also a 'DMI' field which is empty. Under 'Excel Options', there are two checked checkboxes: 'Generate Excel files from RDF files' and 'Delete RDF files after Excel files created'. A 'Configuration' dropdown menu is set to 'Timesteps / Runs / Slots'.

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MountainStorage.Inflow: file=fileName
MountainStorage.Outflow: file=fileName
MountainStorage.Storage: file=fileName file=fileName2
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The user can optionally specify multiple files for a single slot as in the third line above. Also, slots with a timestep different than the model's timestep can be output using the same syntax. The Timesteps control specifies whether RDF output files may contain slots whose timesteps differ. There are three choices:

1. **Must Match** - All slots written to an RDF file must have the same timestep. Slots whose timesteps differ from the file's timestep are skipped. (The file's timestep is determined by the first slot MRM associates with the file.) The user is warned about slots being skipped, and asked whether to continue the MRM run.
 2. **Use Smallest** - Slots written to an RDF file may have different timesteps, with the output written using the smallest timestep. For example, if monthly and yearly slots are written to an RDF file, monthly values will be written and the yearly slots will write 11 NaN followed by a value.
 3. **Use Largest** - Slots written to an RDF file may have different timesteps, with the output written using the largest timestep. For example, if monthly and yearly slots are written to an RDF file, yearly values will be written and the monthly slots will write December values.
- In the control file, there are four ways to specify where the data files are created:
 1. Hard code the path: file=C:/DMI/Data/ResA.Inflow
 2. Use an environment variable: file=\$(DMI_DATA)/ResA.Inflow

3. Use '~': file=~\ResA.Inflow where '~' is replaced with \$RIVERWARE_DMI_DIR/<DMI name>
4. If the filename is not specified, the output file will be created in the directory in which RiverWare resides.

The second option is recommended as it is more transparent than '~' but still allows the model to be moved from machine to machine by setting the environment variable to the appropriate value on each machine.

- Optionally type or use the file chooser button to select a complete file path into the Data File field. This file is used as the RDF output file for any lines in the control file that do not have an explicit file specifier. If the data file field is used and there are no “file=” specifiers in the control file, then all output will go to this single data file.
- The optional DMI field allows selecting or entering an output DMI or a group of output DMIs that will be run after each single run of the multiple run. The DMIs must be previously configured in the DMI Manager in RiverWare. The executable that is configured for the DMI can reference the trace number of the run that is outputting by referencing the last command line parameter passed from RiverWare: -STrace=traceNumber
- Excel options are available on the Windows platform. Checking the “Generate Excel files from RDF files” creates Excel files from all of the RDF output files after all runs have completed. Selecting a configuration from the drop-down box controls how timestep, slot, and run data from RiverWare are mapped onto the Excel dimensions of rows, columns, and worksheets. Checking the delete RDF item causes the RDF files to be deleted after the Excel files are created. (The separate ExcelWriter program contains the same functionality for creating Excel files from RDF files and can be used outside of RiverWare to process RDF files from an MRM run.)

5. Saving and Restoring Initial Model State

This section describes how to save and restore the initial state of a model. The functionality allows users to save model data to a temporary file before a multiple run is invoked and then restore this information after the run has completed.

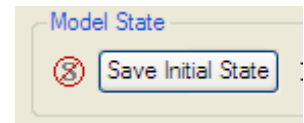
- Open the MRM Dialog by selecting **Control MRM Control Panel...** from the main RiverWare menu bar or click on the MRM button on the toolbar.
- Save the initial state of a model before invoking a MRM run by pressing the **Save Initial State** button in the **Model State** area of the MRM Control Panel.
- Start the MRM run by pressing the **Start** button.
- After the run has finished, restore the initial model state by pressing the **Restore Initial State** button.



Pressing the **Save Initial State** button saves the entire contents of the model, including both input and output slots, TableSlots, selected user methods, run information, and configuration to a file in the user's

temporary directory (either /tmp or the directory specified by the TMP environment variable). Once the initial state has been saved, the button is disabled and reads “**Initial State Saved.**”

Save Initial State button prior to saving state -

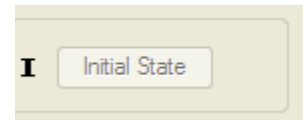


Save Initial State button after saving state -

Once an initial state has been saved, it can be restored by clicking on the **Restore Initial State** button. This re-loads the entire contents of the model at the time its state was saved, clearing all data and configuration in the current state of the model. Until a multiple run has occurred, this button is disabled and reads “**Initial State**”.



Restore Initial State button before a multiple run -



Restore Initial State button after a multiple run -

