

## What's New in this Version

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This topic lists all the additions and improvements incorporated in InfoWorks ICM 2021.4 which were not available in previous versions.

### Roughness definitions

[Roughness definitions](#) are now available for InfoWorks networks. These are non-visual polygon objects that enable roughness to be defined as a function of depth in the mesh elements of [2D Zones](#). The roughness value (Manning's n) in the mesh elements will change dynamically during a simulation according to the roughness definition function.

Up to three roughness (Manning's n) and two depth thresholds parameters can be specified, which will be applied to mesh elements within any 2D Zones and/or [Roughness Zones](#) that the Roughness definition is associated with.

If more than one roughness value is specified for the roughness definition, the additional roughness values are set at specific depth thresholds. For roughness definitions with multiple roughness values, the roughness is defined as a smoothed step function where the transition between roughness values follows a cubic spline.

See the [Roughness Definitions](#) and [Roughness Definition Data Fields](#) topics for further information.

A new **Roughness definition** field has also been added to the properties for [2D Zones](#) and [Roughness Zones](#) that allows you to select a Roughness definition object to be used when generating a mesh for a zone. Previously, the **Roughness (Manning's n)** field provided the roughness information; this field has been retained for backwards compatibility and will only be enabled if no roughness definition object is selected in the **Roughness definition** field.

### Finite Volume Solution Model for InfoWorks conduits

A new solution model option, Finite Volume, is now available for conduits in an InfoWorks network. It has been developed to help model complex trans-critical flow scenarios, in particular resolving hydraulic jumps that can occur within a conduit. See the [Hydraulic Theory](#) topic for further information about this new solution model.

If you want to use the Finite Volume solver in a simulation, ensure that the **Solution model** is set to **FiniteVolume** in the properties for the applicable [conduits](#).

This is a prototype solver which is being made available to users; results should therefore be verified before being used for engineering purposes.

## Malaysia HP1 2015 rainfall

[Design rainfall](#) now includes a new **Malaysia Rainfall HP1 2015** option. It is based on the updated methodology described in the [Hydrological Procedure No 1](#) (Revised and Updated 2015) from the Government of Malaysia, Department of Irrigation and Drainage, and includes two new fields, **ARF** and **Climate change factor**, which are used to determine the areal reduction factor and climate change factors to be applied to the design rainfall.

In addition, the **Area** is now used to specify the size of the catchment area that rainfall is to be generated for, the choice of **ARI** (average return interval in years) has been extended to include the options - **0.16**, **0.25** and **200**, and the choice of **Locations** has been updated so that you can now select one of the five rainfall regions that determine which temporal pattern is to be used. And, whilst you are still required to supply the IDF polynomial equation coefficients, these are now for  $\lambda$ ,  $K$ ,  $\theta$  and  $\Gamma$ , which are used in the updated rainfall intensity equation.

See the [Design Rainfall Generators](#) and the [Rainfall Generator Dialog](#) topics for further information.

## HYDX importer

Previously XPRAFTS nodes of type 134 were imported as **Break** types of [nodes](#) in InfoWorks ICM. Now, if an XPRAFTS 134 type of node is connected to the network, it will be imported as a **Manhole** type of node; unconnected XPRAFTS 134 type of nodes will still be imported as **Break** nodes.

Also, the **Ground level** of a node is now set to the invert value of the imported upstream or downstream [channel](#) type of link plus the highest depth of the link's associated [channel profile](#).

See [Importing XPRAFTS Data](#) for further information.

## Importing XPSWMM/XPStorm data to InfoWorks networks

Network data from XPSWMM and XPStorm xpx files can now be imported into InfoWorks networks. See [Importing XPSWMM/XPStorm Data to InfoWorks Networks](#) and [XPSWMM/XPStorm Conversion Notes \(InfoWorks\)](#) for further information.

## 2D Nodes (SWMM networks)


A new property, **Flooding discharge coefficient**, has been added to SWMM [nodes](#) that enables you to specify the discharge coefficient for the orifice flow equations used for calculating flooding at [2D nodes](#). If no value is specified, the default coefficient of 0.5 will be used.

## Importing 2D objects from XPSWMM/XPSTORM to SWMM networks

It is now possible to import 2D objects from xpx format files from XPSWMM/XPSTORM to [polygon](#) objects in SWMM networks.

See [Importing XPSWMM Data to SWMM Networks](#) for general information about how to import XPSWMM/XPSTORM xpx files and [XPSWMM Conversion Notes \(SWMM\)](#) for import information.

## Displaying the sum and average value of selected cells in network object grid windows

The sum and average value of applicable numeric network object properties or results, such as area or flood volume, can now be displayed in the [status bar](#) when the **Autosum** (  ) option is selected from the **Grid menu** or the Modelling Grid Windows [toolbar](#), and the relevant cells are selected in the network object or results grid window. See [Editing Data in the Network Object Grid Window](#) for further information.

## Roughness Zones for (SWMM networks)

[Roughness Zones](#) can now be added to SWMM networks to divide [2D Zones](#) into regions of different roughness, and are automatically included in the [mesh generation](#) process when [creating a 2D mesh](#).

See [Roughness Zone Data Fields \(SWMM\)](#) for information about defining roughness zones for SWMM networks.

## Mesh Level Zones for (SWMM networks)

[Mesh Level Zones](#) can now be added to SWMM networks to divide [2D Zones](#) into regions in which mesh element elevations are to be modified based on ground model elevations or user-defined values, providing a more detailed representation of structures such as roads and embankments. Mesh Level Zones are included as part of the [mesh generation](#) process when [creating a 2D mesh](#).

See [Mesh Level Zone Data Fields \(SWMM\)](#) for information about defining mesh level zones for SWMM networks.