

# What's New

This page lists all the additions and improvements incorporated in InfoWorks® ICM 2023.2 (October 2022) which were not available in previous versions.

See the InfoWorks ICM [Release Notes](#) for details on enhancements, resolved issues.

Any feature marked with an asterisk (\*) requires a database [update](#) to database version 2023.2 in order to access the feature.

## Overlapping roughness zones for clip meshing\*

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Previously, when two or more roughness zones that are located within the same 2D zone overlapped, the mesh could not be generated. A message would be included in the [log](#) indicating which zones intersected, and you would need to correct the overlapping geometry of the intersecting zones before the 2D zone could be meshed successfully.

Now you can assign a priority value to roughness zones. If a zone overlaps another roughness zone, the overlapping part of the zone with the lowest priority value will have precedence over a zone with a higher priority value. When the mesh is [generated](#), using the clip meshing method, the software can now assign roughness based on priority, removing the need for editing overlapping geometry.

To let you to assign a priority value to the roughness zone, a new [Priority](#) field has been added to the roughness zone properties.

When you now [mesh a 2D zone](#), the roughness value that is assigned to each mesh triangle depends on what priority has been set for the roughness zone the triangle is located in. Any mesh triangles, whose [centroid](#) falls within an overlapping zone, will be assigned the roughness of the lowest priority overlapping zone if Exclude roughness zone boundary when creating 2D mesh is unchecked. If checked, all mesh triangles that fall within the overlapping zones will be assigned the roughness of the lowest priority overlapping zone. See the example included [Roughness Zone Data Fields \(InfoWorks\)](#) and [Roughness Zone Data Fields \(SWMM\)](#) for further information.

The mesh generation process will still fail for overlapping roughness zones if you:

- Do not assign a [Priority](#) to a roughness zone.
- Use the same priority value as another roughness zone located in the same 2D zone.
- Use the classic method of mesh generation.

## Size limit error added to the Mesh 2D zones log

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A new message has been added to the Mesh 2D zones log that informs you if the size of the mesh data (vertices, edges, triangles or elements) exceeds the storage limit.

1:32:53 3:20:02	Writing mesh data to database... --> database ready (6429.4 s)
ERROR	Size limit exceeded for field 'mesh_data' when creating mesh for 2D zone: 1 17063122 vertices used to create 34106057 triangles and 28736088 elements
3:20:10	Total Time



*Example of a size limit error*

Whether the limit is exceeded depends on various factors including the amount of aggregation and the complexity of the geometry. See [Creating 2D Meshes](#) for further information.

## Ground model theme improvements\*

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To provide a more convenient way to update the range of elevations displayed on the GeoPlan, the layer theme editor for ground models has been updated to include a new [Value Range](#) section. This section includes a Restrict range box, that when checked, lets you restrict the range of values, displayed in the Value column in the Ranged Themes grid, to the values specified in the Min and Max boxes.

In addition, the [Value count](#) in the in Ranged Themes grid for a ground model theme is now editable. This lets you type in the number of values allowed for the range, providing an alternative to using the Plus and Minus buttons ( ) to add or remove values within the range. When you increase or decrease the number of values allowed, the values displayed in the Value column are automatically calculated according to the distribution type that has been selected.

See [Displaying a Ground Model on the GeoPlan](#) for further information.

## Cross section line elevations updated from the ground model

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Previously, [Cross section line](#) elevations could only be updated by sampling the ground model using the [Update from ground model](#) option in the [Model](#) menu. But now the elevations for existing vertices can also be updated by sampling the ground model using a new Update from Ground Model button in the [Section Editor](#). The updated levels will be displayed in the editor's grid and section profile graph.

See [Updating Network Objects from the Ground Model](#) for further information.

## Simulations status set to incomplete when access to an Autodesk licence is lost

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If you use an Autodesk [licence](#), access to it is required when [running](#) simulations. Previously, if access to the licence was lost, because for example, you [signed out](#) of your Autodesk account, the simulation stopped and the simulation status was set to completed. As this status was potentially confusing, the status of a simulation will now be set to [incomplete](#) when access to the licence is lost. Simulation results are still available until access is lost, and a message is still included in its [log](#) that provides the reason for its status.

## Annual exceedance probabilities (AEP) for the NOAA Storm Generator

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When you now select annual maximum times series data on the [Rainfall data page](#), a list of annual exceedance probabilities (AEP) is displayed on the [Event page](#).

Previously these would have been incorrectly listed as annual recurrence intervals (ARI).

## CNSWMM runoff volume model for InfoWorks subcatchments\*

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A new runoff volume model - [CNSWMM](#) - is now available for InfoWorks subcatchments. This model is based on the SWMM (Storm Water Management Model) Curve Number infiltration model developed by the US Environment Protection Agency (EPA). This model is designed for simulations using multiple storms and should provide comparable results to the Curve number infiltration model that is available for SWMM networks.

In order to use this model, a new option [CNSWMM](#) has been added to the [Runoff volume type](#) field for a [runoff surface](#). Runoff surfaces are associated with [land use](#) objects. Only one runoff surface whose [Runoff volume type](#) is set to [CNSWMM](#) may be associated with a single land use object, and a land use that has one runoff surface whose [Runoff volume type](#) is set to [CNSWMM](#) can only be associated with other runoff surfaces with a [Runoff volume type](#) set to [Fixed](#). See [Subcatchments](#) for information about the relationship between subcatchments, land uses, and runoff surfaces, and [Runoff Volume Models](#) for information about the various models available.

To use the CNSWMM runoff volume model in a simulation, you must specify a [Curve number](#) and a [Drying time](#) for the relevant subcatchment. [Drying time](#) is a new property for

a [subcatchment](#) and it is only available if a land use, which is associated with the subcatchment, has one runoff surface whose [Runoff volume type](#) is set to [CNSWMM](#).

## Export and import of SWMM5 infiltration data to InfoWorks subcatchments\*

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When you export [subcatchment](#) data from an InfoWorks network to a SWMM5 text file, the [Drying time](#) and [Curve number](#) properties, if set, are now exported to the DryTime and CurveNo fields in the [INFILTRATION] section of the SWMM5 file. See [SWMM5 Network Export from an InfoWorks Network](#) for details.

Similarly, when you import data from a SWMM5 text file to an InfoWorks network, the SWMM5 DryTime value, if included, is now imported from the [INFILTRATION] section of the SWMM5 file to the [Drying time](#) field for the relevant [subcatchment](#). Previously this value would have not been imported as there was no equivalent in ICM. Note that the SWMM5 CurveNo value, if present, is still imported to a subcatchment's [Curve number](#) field. See [SWMM5 Conversion - Subcatchments](#) for details.

## New SCS runoff models for SWMM subcatchments\*

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Previously, the only runoff model that was used for a SWMM simulation was the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) SWMM non-linear reservoir runoff routing model, which was automatically applied by ICM when simulations were run. However, two new runoff models, [SCS\\_curvilinear](#) and [SCS\\_triangular](#), are now available. These are Natural Resources Conservation Service (formerly known as the Soil Conservation Service or SCS) runoff routing models that respectively use a curvilinear or triangular hydrographic shape for their unit hydrograph. See [Subcatchments](#) for details.

To let you choose a runoff model, a new [Runoff model type](#) field has been added to the SWMM subcatchment properties. If you choose either of the new models, an SCS runoff section is displayed in the property sheet, which lets you specify the information required to model the selected type of SCS runoff. The new SCS runoff fields include [Time of concentration](#), [Hydraulic length](#), [Shape factor](#) and [Initial abstraction type](#). The [Initial abstraction type](#) gives you a choice of [Depth](#) or [Factor](#), and depending on which option you choose, an [Initial abstraction](#) or an [Initial abstraction factor](#) field is displayed. You can either specify the [Time of concentration](#) or, if the system default [flag \(#D\)](#) is set, ICM will calculate it for you using the lag equation. See [Subcatchments](#) for details of this and other calculations, and [Subcatchment Data Fields \(SWMM\)](#) for descriptions of the new properties.

As the SCS curvilinear and SCS triangular models require that a Curve number type of infiltration model is used, the [Infiltration type](#) property is automatically set to [Curve\\_number](#) when either of these options are chosen.

The default [Runoff model type](#) is [SWMM](#), therefore you do not need to update any of your existing subcatchment data, unless you would like to use one of the new runoff models.

## SCS Hydrology runoff routing data imported from XPX files \*

SCS Hydrology runoff routing data can now be imported from XPSWMM/XPStorm XPX files to subcatchments in a SWMM network. The SCS data is imported to the [Runoff model type](#), [Time of concentration](#), [Shape factor](#), [Initial abstraction type](#) and [Initial abstraction](#) or [Initial abstraction factor](#) fields as well as the [Curve number](#) field for the appropriate subcatchment. See [XPSWMM/XPStorm Conversion Notes \(SWMM\)](#) for details.

## Initial abstraction exported from SWMM subcatchments to SWMM5 text files \*

Initial abstraction is now exported from subcatchments in a SWMM network to the [Innovyze\_UnitHydrograph] section in a SWMM5 text file. See [SWMM5 Export - Conversion Notes](#) for details.

## Importing SCS subcatchment data from XPSWMM/XPStorm data to an InfoWorks network\*

Previously when importing subcatchment data from an XPX file to an InfoWorks network, SCS relevant subcatchment data was only imported if the subcatchment was attached to a polygon. If the subcatchment was not attached to a polygon, only node data was imported. As subcatchments do not require a polygon in XPSWMM and XPStorm, this restriction has been removed, and relevant SCS subcatchment data is now also imported from an XPX file.

See [Importing XPSWMM/XPStorm Data to \(InfoWorks Networks\)](#) and [XPSWMM/XPStorm Conversion Notes \(InfoWorks\)](#) for further information about importing data from XPX files.

## Importing roughness zone data from XPSWMM/XPStorm XPX files

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Previously, data applicable to ICM roughness zones was imported from an XPX file to an InfoWorks or SWMM network as a porous polygon. This is no longer the case and such data is now imported as a [roughness zone](#) in ICM.

See [XPSWMM/XPStorm Conversion Notes \(InfoWorks\)](#) and [XPSWMM/XPStorm Conversion Notes \(SWMM\)](#) for further information.

## Format change for a Roughness zone ID when importing from XPSWMM/XPStorm XPX files\*

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Previously, the ID for a [roughness zone](#) was imported from the Layer Name, Layer ID and Polygon ID fields in an XPX file and took the format <Layer name>\_<Layer ID>\_<Polyline ID>. This has now changed and the ID is now imported from the Landuse ID and Count XPX fields, and has the format <Landuse ID> \_ <Count>.

See [XPSWMM/XPStorm Conversion Notes \(InfoWorks\)](#) and [XPSWMM/XPStorm Conversion Notes \(SWMM\)](#) for further information.

## Manning's roughness imported from XPSWMM/XPStorm data \*

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Manning's roughness that is set to constant in an XPX file is now imported to the [Roughness \(Manning's n\)](#) property for a [Roughness zone](#) in an InfoWorks or SWMM network.

See [XPSWMM/XPStorm Conversion Notes \(InfoWorks\)](#) and [XPSWMM/XPStorm Conversion Notes \(SWMM\)](#) for further information.

## Precision increase for RTC Regulator Rate of change and Range values\*

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[Real time control](#) (RTC) allows the state of ancillary regulator structures in an InfoWorks network, such as pumps, to be changed by controlling values such as depth or velocity.

In order to specify a more precise flow, depth or level value for a Rate of change (Positive or Negative) for a [regulator](#), or a change in flow, depth or level value for [Range](#) Values (Maximum and Minimum) in the [RTC Editor](#), the number of decimal places that are stored for the value has been increased from three to eight.

For the list of features and improvements in previous releases, refer to [Features in Previous Releases](#).