Quick Start Guide:

Other important (but kind of hidden) stuff for OpsPro

This step-by-step guide will allow the user to decide the level of detail in a **Build Report**. This is important in the trouble-shooting process because, if the trains don't seem to work correctly, the **Build Report** can help the user to understand why.

Step-by-step "How-To": Setting the detail level of a Build Report

- 1. If **PanelPro** is not already open, then open **PanelPro**.
- 2. Select "Operations--->Settings" from the main menu.
 - a. Select "Tools--->Build Report Options"
 - i. Check box labeled "Use Text Editor to Preview"
 - ii. Check button labeled "Very Detailed" under **Detail Level**.
 - iii. Check button labeled "Detailed" under Router Detail Level.
 - iv. Set Font to desired size (bi-focal users, I suggest 12+).
 - v. Click "Save" and close window.
- 3. Close the **Settings** window.
- 4. Close **PanelPro**, or continue to develop other OpsPro sections.

Upon completion of this task, the user should (while using <u>OperationsPro</u>) be able to view a detailed **Build Report** whenever a train is built, but fails to perform as expected. (Note: be sure to check the box labeled "Build Reports", found at the bottom of the **Trains** window.) In the event the user "builds" a train that fails outright, click on "Report" in the **Action** column of the **Trains** window.

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This step-by-step guide should be used to set certain options for the train "Build" function. While it is possible to revisit this section after the user has created the trains, a couple of items checked here now, will make life easier later. I suggest these settings...

Step-by-step "How-To": Setting Options for Train Builds

- 1. If **PanelPro** is not already open, then open **PanelPro**.
- 2. Select "Operations--->Settings" from the main menu.
 - a. Select "Tools--->Options".
 - i. Change "Normal" to "Aggressive" under **Build Options.** Set Number of Passes to "3"
 - ii. Under Staging Options,
 - 1. Uncheck box labeled "Enable Type, Road, and Load Restrictions into Staging".
 - 2. Check box labeled "Make departure track available after train is built"
 - 3. Check box labeled "Try Normal Mode if Build Failure from Staging".
 - 4. Click "Save"
 - b. Close **Options** window.
- 3. Close the **Settings** window.
- 4. Close **PanelPro**, or continue to develop other OpsPro sections.

Upon completion of this task, while using OperationsPro, the user should encounter fewer train "build" errors, wherein the train either does not do what the user expected, or fails to build at all (in the case of staging tracks). Car movement errors will possibly be less encountered as well.

For further explanation of these items, spend time reading the excellent "Help" files accessible while in any open window. To access the "Help" screen...

• Click on "Help--->Window Help" from the active window's top menu.

This should open **HELP** directly to the subject of the active window. (E.g. the user is trying to set the location of a car. By clicking on "**Help**--->**Window Help**" at the top of the "<u>Set Car</u>" window, the **HELP** guide opens directly to the info on how to set a car's location.)

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