

generate__swmm__inp

Manual for the QGIS plugin, version 0.31

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1 Introduction

SWMM is an open-source model and software by the US EPA for the simulation of rainfall-runoff and routing in water bodies, sewer systems and wastewater infrastructures. An introduction to the model itself and details about attributes used in SWMM can be found in the official manual [4].

For a new SWMM model, objects such as nodes, links and catchments can either be drawn via the graphical user interface (GUI) of SWMM or specified in a plain text file in ".inp" format (*input file*). The required data regarding sewer geometries and rivers systems are usually available as geodata (e.g. *geopackage*, *shapefiles*...). A direct import function for such files is not available in SWMM so far. To fix this problem, the plugin "generate_swmm_input" enables the conversion of geodata in QGIS into *input files* for SWMM. Additionally, the plugin provides a tool to import *input files* from SWMM into QGIS. This allows you to edit the model data as layers with the aid of the large toolbox of QGIS.

This documentation explains how to install the plugin and how to prepare the geodata in QGIS. It is (and will remain) a "work in progress". If you find any mistakes or you miss explanations for certain tools, layers, ... please write an issue on GitHub or an email to the author.

An article to with the description of the plugin was published in 2022 [5]. If you're using the tool for scientific or educational purposes, please use this reference.

1.1 Installation

The plugin: "generate_swmm_inp" can be installed within QGIS from the official QGIS plugin repository. The latest experimental version of the plugin will always be available on GitHub and can be installed from a zip file after downloading it from the GitHub repository of the plugin [1] .

Missing Python packages: The plugin needs the Python packages "pandas" and "openpyxl"¹. If they are not already installed, the tools will raise errors, when running. To install missing packages, various instructions can be found online. Here are some examples...

- Windows:
 - If you have had an "advanced install" of QGIS with the osgeo4w installer, you can simply open the osgeo4w installer again, search for the packages and select the checkbox to install them.
 - until QGIS version 3.18: Open the OSGeo4W shell and run `py3_env` .
Then run `python -m pip install openpyxl` (and likewise "pandas" if needed).
 - for QGIS version 3.20 and later: Open the OSGeo4W shell and directly run `python -m pip install openpyxl` .
- Linux: open the terminal and install via pip: `python -m pip install openpyxl` (and likewise "pandas" if needed).

SWMM: To run the models, SWMM has to be installed. Alternatively you can use the "swmmr" package [2] for R or packages such as "pyswmm" [3] for Python.

1.2 Hints for this documentation

Two different types of tables will appear in the documentation. The first type shows the column names and attributes which are used in geodata and .xlsx (.xls, .ods) files. Such a table will look like this:

| Name in attribute table | Data type | Name in SWMM GUI (5.2.1) | annotations |
|-------------------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------------|
| ... | ... | ... | |
| ... | ... | ... | |

¹"openpyxl" is needed to write tables in .xlsx format. Instead you could also install the packages "odf" and "odfpy" to use the .ods file format for tables.

The second type shows examples of how tables in the .xlsx (.xls, .ods) files have to be organised. Such a table will look like this:

| 1st col. | 2nd col. | 3rd col. | 4th col. | 5th col. |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| some | random | data | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | .. | ... |

1.3 Latest changes

VERSION 0.31: (highlighted in **red**)

- updated import of SWMM report files
- fixed import when geometry is missing

NOTABLE CHANGES IN FORMER VERSIONS:

- Version 0.30: new feature: import of SWMM report files (QgsAction)
- Version 0.28: new feature: hydrographs und rdii tables (inflows), see subsection 4.2.6
- Version 0.25: new tool '4_SelectSubModel' ; added import and export of descriptions / annotations
- Version 0.23: added option 'empty layers' to tool 1
- Version 0.23: raingages can now only be added as layers. This replaces former rain gage setting in time series (see subsection 4.2.3).
- Version 0.22: new feature forms
- Version 0.20: "RoadWidth" was renamed in version 0.20, before: (unfortunately) "CurbWidth" (see subsection 4.2.8)
- Version 0.19: New features of SWMM 5.2 are integrated in the plugin. Therefore new columns, tables and keywords had to be added. These features are highlighted in **blue** in every section. If you want to continue working with SWMM 5.1 the plugin can still generate suitable input files as long as you don't choose the new features and keywords.

2 The tools

2.1 1_GenerateDefaultData

The first tool will give you a default data set to see the data structure needed for the export and conversion into a input file later on. You can choose whether you would like empty layers, a data sample for SWMM 5.1 or a data sample for SWMM 5.2. You can directly create the layers with the coordinate reference system (CRS) for your region. The default CRS is "epsg:25833". The files will be saved in the selected folder. Geodata are provided for the main infrastructures:

- rain gages (SWMM_raingages.gpkg)
- junctions (SWMM_junctions.gpkg)
- conduits (SWMM_conduits.gpkg)
- subcatchments (SWMM_subcatchments.gpkg)
- storages (SWMM_storages.gpkg)
- outfalls (SWMM_outfalls.gpkg)
- pumps (SWMM_pumps.gpkg)
- weirs (SWMM_weirs.gpkg)
- outlets (SWMM_outlets.gpkg)
- orifices (SWMM_orifices.gpkg)
- dividers (SWMM_dividers.gpkg)

Further data is provided in tables and can be edited there:

- curves (gisswmm_curves.xlsx)
- inflows (gisswmm_inflows.xlsx)
- options (gisswmm_options.xlsx)
- patterns (gisswmm_patterns.xlsx)
- quality (gisswmm_quality.xlsx)
- timeseries (gisswmm_timeseries.xlsx)
- transects (gisswmm_transects.xlsx)
- [streets \(gisswmm_streets.xlsx\)](#)

2.2 2_GenerateSwmmInpFile

With the second tool, you can directly convert layers from QGIS into input files. You can add further data (e.g. curves, inflows patterns, see chapter 4.2) from tables to the input file. The default data serve as a template for your own model, because column names have to be matching in order to identify the correct information for the input file (see section ??geodata) for column names). Actions in the user interface:

1. Select the layers and files you want to have in your SWMM model
2. Choose a location and name for the resulting input file (".inp")

The tool will not check if the layers are in the same CRS. This can lead to unexpected results. So make sure, that all selected layers have the same CRS (or save a copy of the layer in the desired CRS).

2.3 3_ImportInpFile

The third tool allows you to import input files into QGIS. All sections (if already implemented) of the input file will be converted into QGIS layers (e.g. shapefiles) and tables. Actions in the user interface:

1. Choose the input file (".inp") to import
2. Choose the file format for geodata
3. Choose the (expected) CRS of the data in the input file
4. Optional: choose a prefix to specify the name of the resulting files. For example, if the prefix is set to "20210101", then the name of the junctions file will be "20210101_SWMM_junctions". Try to avoid any characters here, which could cause trouble with file systems (e.g. ".", ",", "/"...)
5. Select a folder to save the resulting files in. Creating and choosing a new, empty folder for the import is recommended.

Attention: SWMM was a command line tool in the beginning. Therefore, "visible" geometries (polygons, lines, points) are not necessary to run a simulation in SWMM. QGIS, by contrast, needs geometries. If a geometry is not available in the input file, the tool will set a default geometry for this feature.

2.4 4_SelectSubModel

This tool allows you to create a new set of layers as a "submodel" of already existing SWMM layers in QGIS. You start by selecting exactly one node/point in any node layer (Junction, Storage, Divider, Outfall). Then you double-click on the tool to open it. You choose, whether you'd like to

- keep/select all the features above the selected node
- exclude all the features above the selected node

for the new SWMM layers. You can define a prefix, which will be added to the layer names. If you do not define a prefix, then "Subset" will be taken by default, here. As in tool 2 (section 2.2) you choose the layers to be included in the model and a folder to save the resulting layers in. The new layers will automatically added to the QGIS project in a new group (named with the chosen prefix).

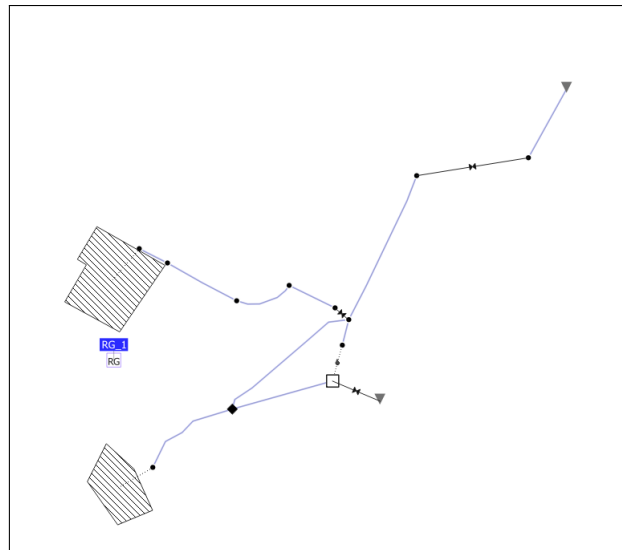


Figure 2.1: Layers before

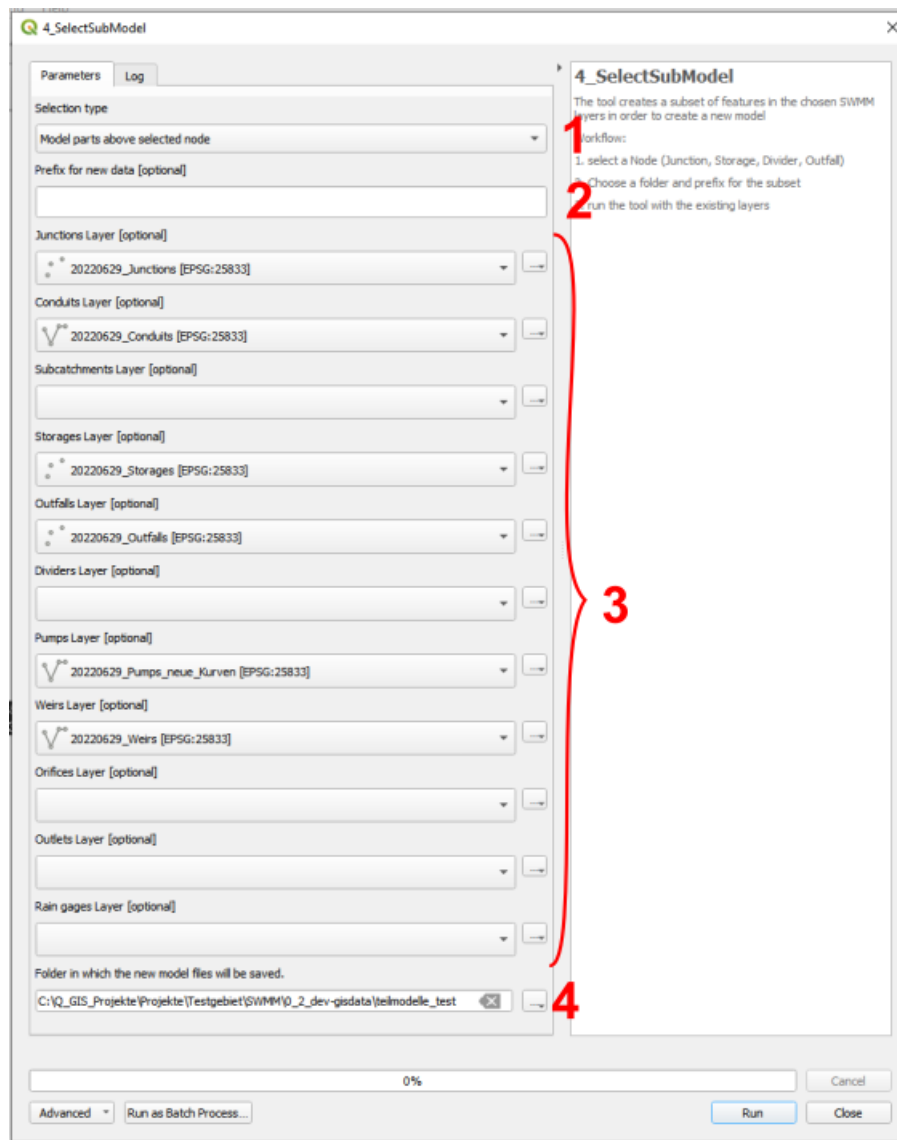


Figure 2.2: GUI of the tool; 1: Above or below selected point; 2: prefix; 3: chosen layers; 4: folder for resulting layers

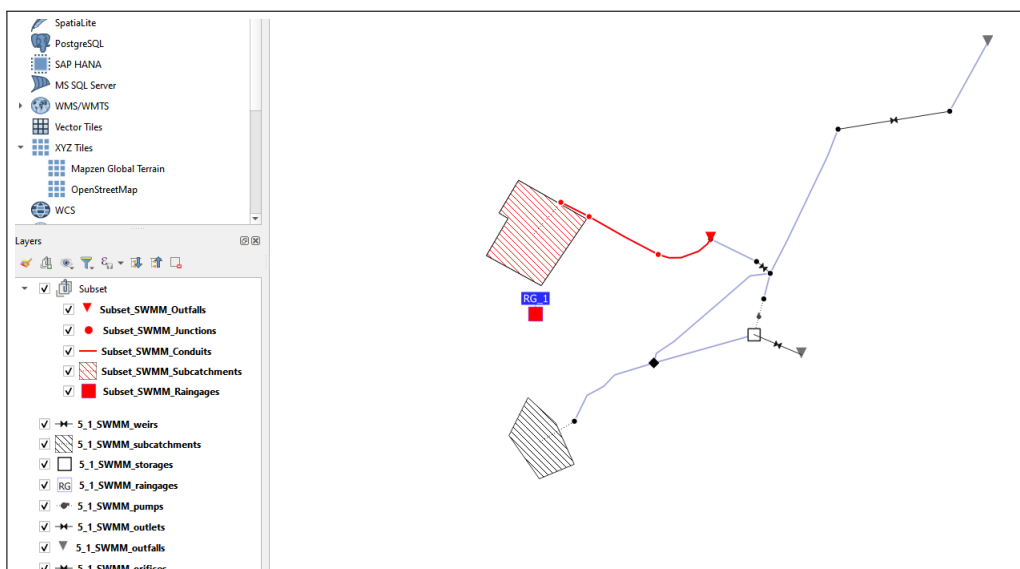


Figure 2.3: New created layers after execution of tool 4

3 Feature forms

Style files (.qml) with custom feature forms for every SWMM layer are added to the layers with the first tool by default. Alternatively you can download the style files or copy them from your QGIS plugin folder. These feature forms will help you to insert suitable values when you add or edit a feature:

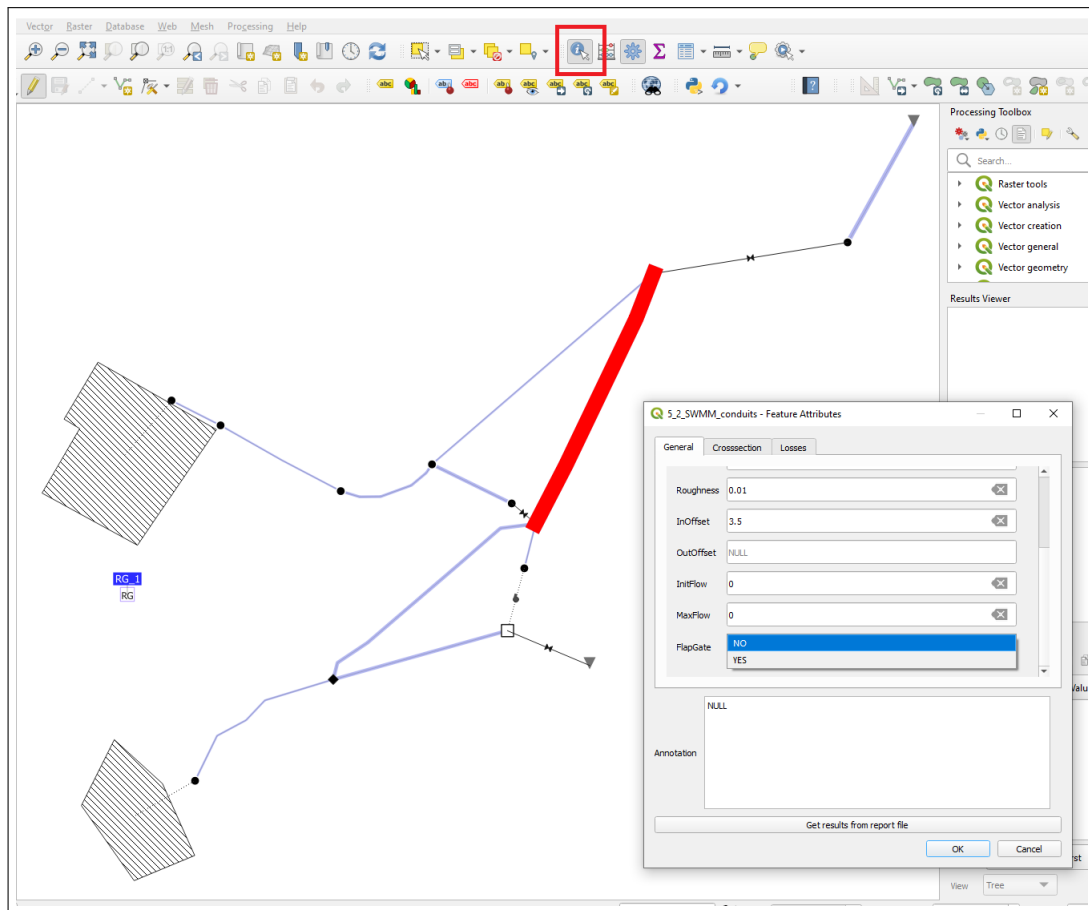


Figure 3.1: Feature form for a conduits layer

After you ran a simulation in SWMM (or with a python package) you can add the results from a report file. You'll find the button for the QgisAction ¹ in the feature form of a SWMM layer (Figure 3.2). You select the report file, the SWMM feature type and the desired report section. The report table will be opened as a new window. You can now save the the table as a csv file. By default, the resulting file will be added to the QGIS project (if you don't want this, uncheck the checkbox).

¹https://docs.qgis.org/3.28/en/docs/training_manual/create_vector_data/actions.html

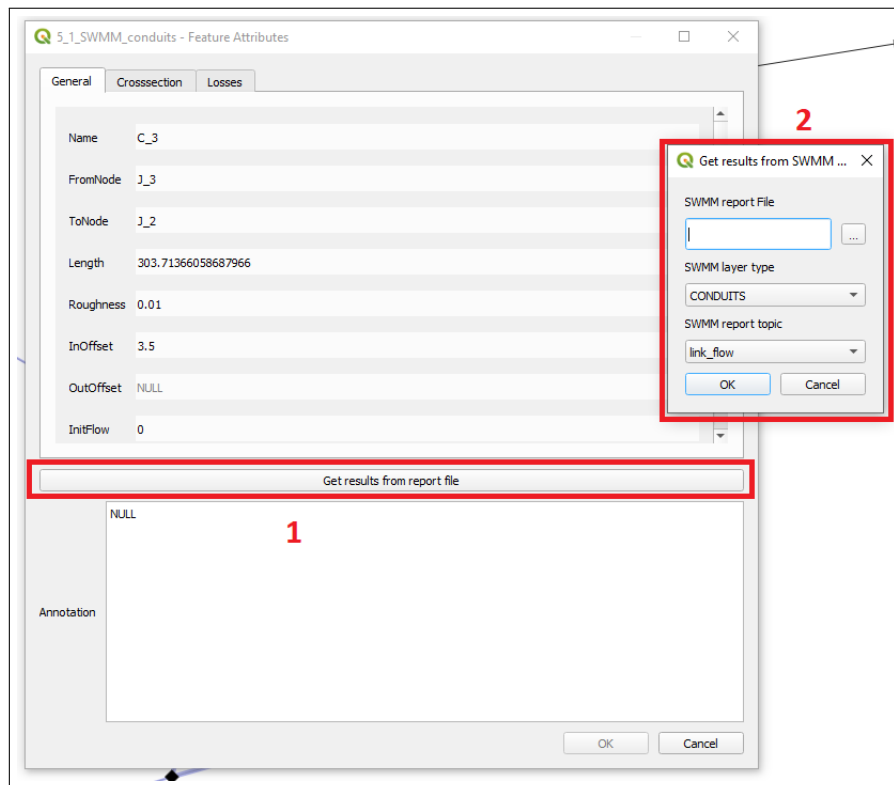


Figure 3.2: Button (1) and widget (2) for the import of a section of a SWMM report file

4 Field names and column names in geodata and tables

4.1 Geodata

In the first versions of the plugin, the main file type for geodata were shapefiles. This limited the length of the field names in the attribute to 10 characters. Hence, in some cases, the field names required for the tools differ from those used in the graphical user interface (GUI) in SWMM. For example, the rate of seepage loss into the surrounding soil of a conduit can be defined with the field "Seepage" in the conduits layer (see section 4.1.3), which refers to "Seepage Loss Rate" in the SWMM GUI.

4.1.1 Rain gages

LAYER TYPE: point

DESCRIPTION: Rain gages are used in SWMM to set precipitation data for subcatchments. The rain gages layer was added in version 0.22 of the plugin.

| Name in attribute table | Data type | Name in SWMM GUI | annotations |
|-------------------------|-----------|------------------|---|
| Name | string | Name | |
| Format | string | Rain Format | |
| Interval | string | Time Interval | format: HH:mm |
| SCF | float | float | Snow Catch Factor |
| DataSource | string | Data Source | 'FILE' or 'TIMESERIES' |
| SeriesName | string | Series Name | if "DataSource" is 'TIMESERIES' |
| FileName | string | File Name | if "DataSource" is 'FILE' |
| StationID | string | Station ID | if "DataSource" is 'FILE' |
| RainUnits | string | Rain Units | 'IN' or 'MM'; if "DataSource" is 'FILE' |
| Annotation | string | Description | optional column |

4.1.2 Nodes

LAYER TYPE: point

Four types of nodes can be added to a SWMM-file: junctions, storage units, dividers or outfalls. Inflows into any kind of nodes can be defined in the 'Inflows' table (see chapter 4.2.6). Treatment of pollutants is not implemented yet.

Junctions

| Name in attribute table | Data type | Name in SWMM GUI | annotations |
|-------------------------|-----------|------------------|-----------------|
| Name | string | Name | |
| Elevation | float | Invert El. | |
| MaxDepth | float | Max. Depth | |
| InitDepth | float | Initial Depth | |
| SurDepth | float | Surcharge Depth | |
| Aponded | float | Ponded Area | |
| Annotation | string | Description | optional column |

Storage units

DESCRIPTION: Storage units are represented in a point layer ¹ in QGIS. Until SWMM version 5.1 the shape of a storage could be described either by a function ('FUNCTIONAL') or in a table ('TABULAR') as a storage curve. [With SWMM version 5.2 storage units can have a variety of shape types \(see "Type"\)](#). Different columns in the attribute table are required for different shape types². Of course you can also have shape types for different storages within one storage layer.

| Name in attribute table | Data type | Name in SWMM GUI | annotations |
|-------------------------|-----------|----------------------------------|--|
| Name | string | Name | 'FUNCTIONAL', 'TABULAR', 'PYRAMIDAL', 'PARABOLIC', 'CONICAL' or 'CYLINDRICAL' |
| Elevation | float | Invert El. | |
| MaxDepth | float | Max. Depth | |
| InitDepth | float | Initial Depth | |
| SurDepth | float | Surcharge Depth | |
| Type | string | Storage Curve | for TABULAR storage curves; the names of the curves have to be matching with those in the storage curves table |
| Curve | string | Curve Name | |
| Coeff | float | Coefficient | for FUNCTIONAL curves |
| Exponent | float | Exponent | |
| Constant | float | Constant | NULL if Type is FUNCTIONAL or TABULAR |
| MajorAxis | float | (Base) Major Axis Length | |
| MinorAxis | float | (Base) Minor Axis Length (Width) | |
| SideSlope | float | Side (Wall) Slope | |
| SurfHeight | float | Height of Axis Surface | |
| Fevap | float | Evap. Factor | for seepage loss; inches or mm |
| Psi | float | Suction Head | |
| Ksat | float | Conductivity | for seepage loss; in/h or mm/h |
| IMD | float | Initial Deficit | for seepage loss; difference between porosity and moisture content |
| Annotation | string | Description | optional column |

Dividers

DESCRIPTION: If the routing option (see options section) is set to 'Steady Flow' or 'Kinematic Wave', flow dividers divert inflows in a certain way, prescribed by the user with the attribute "Type". With the 'Dynamic wave' routing model, dividers are treated as junctions.

¹With SWMM 5.2.2 storage units can be drawn as polygons in the GUI of SWMM. This is not yet implemented in this plugin.

²Not all columns are needed. If a column is not necessary it will be ignored. You'll need:

- When at least one "Type" is 'FUNCTIONAL': Coeff, Exponent, Constant
- When at least one "Type" is 'TABULAR': Curve
- When at least one "Type" is 'PYRAMIDAL': MajorAxis, MinorAxis, SideSlope
- When at least one "Type" is 'PARABOLIC': MajorAxis, MinorAxis, SurfHeight
- When at least one "Type" is 'CONICAL': MajorAxis, MinorAxis, SideSlope
- When at least one "Type" is 'CYLINDRICAL': MajorAxis, MinorAxis

| Name in attribute table | Data type | Name in SWMM GUI | annotations |
|-------------------------|-----------|------------------|--|
| Name | string | Name | 'CUTOFF', 'TABULAR', 'WEIR' or 'OVERFLOW' if Type is CUTOFF if Type is TABULAR; the names of the curves have to be matching with those in the divider curves table |
| Elevation | float | Invert El. | |
| DivertLink | string | Outlet Node | |
| MaxDepth | float | Max. Depth | |
| InitDepth | float | Initial Depth | |
| SurDepth | float | Surcharge Depth | |
| Aponded | float | Ponded Area | |
| Type | string | Type | |
| CutoffFlow | float | Cutoff Flow | |
| Curve | float | Curve Name | |
| WeirMinFlo | float | Outlet Offset | if Type is 'WEIR' optional column |
| WeirMaxDep | float | Initial Flow | |
| WeirCoeff | float | Maximum Flow | |
| Annotation | string | Description | |

Outfalls

DESCRIPTION: Outfalls are the terminal nodes of the model. Only one link can be connected to an outfall.

| Name in attribute table | Data type | Name in SWMM GUI | annotations |
|-------------------------|-----------|---------------------------|--|
| Name | string | Name | 'YES' or 'NO' Subcatchment outflow ist routed onto; leave blank if not applicable 'FREE', 'NORMAL', 'FIXED', 'TIDAL' or 'TIMESERIES' for outfalls with FIXED type for TIDAL type: the name of the tidal curve has to be matching with the name in the curves table; for TIMESERIES type: the name of the time series has to be matching with then name in the time series table optional column |
| Elevation | float | Invert El. | |
| FlapGate | string | Tide Gate | |
| RouteTo | string | Route To | |
| Type | string | Type | |
| FixedStage | float | Fixed Stage | |
| Curve_TS | string | Curve Name or Series Name | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| Annotation | string | Description | |

4.1.3 Links

LAYER TYPE: line

Links are represented as line layers in QGIS. These can be conduits, pumps, weirs, orifices or outlets.

Conduits

| Name in attribute table | Data type | Name in SWMM GUI | annotations |
|-------------------------|-----------|------------------|-------------|
| Name | string | Name | |
| FromNode | string | Inlet Node | |
| ToNode | string | Outlet Node | |
| Length | float | Length | |
| Roughness | float | Roughness | |
| InOffset | float | Inlet Offset | |
| OutOffset | float | Outlet Offset | |
| InitFlow | float | Initial Flow | |
| MaxFlow | float | Maximum Flow | |

Data for cross sections (XSECTIONS):

| | | | |
|-------------|--------|-------------------|---|
| Shape | string | Shape | See SWMM manual [4] for shape types for most of the shapes this is the 'Max. Depth' |
| Geom1 | float | | |
| Geom2 | float | | |
| Geom3 | float | | |
| Geom4 | float | | |
| Barrels | int | Number of Barrels | Transect name if "Shape" is IRREGULAR, shape curve name if "Shape" is CUSTOM or street type name if "Shape" is STREET |
| Shp_Trnsect | string | - | |
| Culvert | float | Culvert Code | |

Data for LOSSES:

| | | | |
|------------|--------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Kentry | float | Entry Loss Coeff. | can be 'YES' or 'NO' |
| Kexit | float | Entry Loss Coeff. | |
| Kavg | float | Avg. Loss Coeff. | |
| FlapGate | String | Flap Gate | |
| Seepage | float | Seepage Loss Rate | |
| Annotation | string | Description | optional column |

Pumps

| Name in attribute table | Data type | Name in SWMM GUI | annotations |
|-------------------------|-----------|------------------|--|
| Name | string | Name | |
| FromNode | string | Inlet Node | |
| ToNode | string | Outlet Node | |
| PumpCurve | string | Pump Curve | has to be matching with the curve name in the pump curves table; set an asterisk ('*') here for ideal pump |
| Status | string | Initial Status | 'ON' or 'OFF' |
| Startup | float | Startup Depth | |
| Shutoff | float | Shutoff Depth | |
| Annotation | string | Description | optional column |

Weirs

| Name in attribute table | Data type | Name in SWMM GUI | annotations |
|-------------------------|-----------|------------------|---|
| Name | string | Name | 'TRANSVERSE', 'SIDEFLOW', 'V-NOTCH', 'TRAPEZIODAL' or 'ROADWAY' |
| FromNode | string | Inlet Node | |
| ToNode | string | Outlet Node | |
| Type | string | Type | |
| Height | float | Height | Slope (width-to-height) of TRAPEZIODAL weir side walls |
| Length | float | Length | |
| SideSlope | float | Side Slope | |
| CrestHeigh | float | Inlet Offset | |
| Qcoeff | float | Discharge Coeff. | 'YES' or 'NO' |
| FlapGate | string | Flap Gate | |
| EndContrac | int | End Contractions | |
| EndCoeff | float | End Coeff. | |
| Surcharge | string | Can Surcharge | 0, 1 or 2 |
| CoeffCurve | float | Coeff. Curve | |
| | | | For TRAPEZIODAL weirs |
| | | | 'YES' or 'NO' |
| | | | the name of the curve has to be matching to the name in the table for weir curves |
| RoadWidth | float | Road Width | For ROADWAY weir types |
| RoadSurf | float | Road Surface | |
| Annotation | string | Description | |
| | | | optional column |

Orifices

| Name in attribute table | Data type | Name in SWMM GUI | annotations |
|-------------------------|-----------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| Name | string | Name | 'SIDE' or 'BOTTOM' |
| FromNode | string | Inlet Node | |
| ToNode | string | Outlet Node | |
| Type | string | Type | |
| Shape | string | Shape | 'CIRCULAR' or 'RECT_CLOSED' |
| Height | float | Height | |
| Width | float | Width | |
| InOffset | float | Inlet Offset | |
| Qcoeff | float | Discharge Coeff. | 'YES' or 'NO' |
| FlapGate | string | Flap Gate | |
| CloseTime | float | Time to | |
| | | Open/Close | |
| Annotation | string | Description | optional column |

Outlets

| Name in attribute table | Data type | Name in SWMM GUI | Annotation |
|--------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|--|
| Name | string | Name | |
| FromNode | string | Inlet Node | |
| ToNode | string | Outlet Node | |
| InOffset | float | Inlet Offset | |
| FlapGate | string | Flap Gate | 'YES' or 'NO' |
| RateCurve | string | Shape | 'FUNCTIONAL/DEPTH', 'TABULAR/DEPTH', 'FUNCTIONAL/HEAD' or 'TABULAR/HEAD' |
| Qcoeff | float | Coefficient | for FUNCTIONAL curves |
| Qexpon | float | Exponent | for FUNCTIONAL curves |
| CurveName | float | Curve Name | for TABULAR curves; has to be matching with the name in the outlet curves table |
| Annotation | string | Description | optional column |

4.1.4 Subcatchments

LAYER TYPE: point / polygon

DESCRIPTION: Subcatchments can either be points or polygons. Each subcatchment has to have a unique name (attribute *Name*). The required fields in the attribute table are:

| Name in attribute table | Data type | Name in SWMM GUI | annotations |
|-------------------------|-----------|------------------|---|
| Name | string | Name | |
| RainGage | string | Rain Gage | the name of the rain gage |
| Outlet | string | Outlet | the name of the junction into which water of the subcatchment flows |
| Area | float | Area | Area in hectares (or other unit defined in the options table) |
| Imperv | float | % Imperv | |
| Width | float | Width | |
| Slope | float | % Slope | |
| CurbLen | float | Curb Length | Optional parameter needed only for buildup functions (quality) |
| SnowPack | string | Snow Pack | for snow melt analysis only |

Data for SUBAREAS:

| | | | |
|-----------|-------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| N_Imperv | float | N-Imperv | |
| N_Perv | float | N-Perv | |
| S_Imperv | float | Dstore-Imperv | |
| S_Perv | float | Dstore-Perv | |
| PctZero | float | % Zero-Imperv | |
| RouteTo | float | Subarea Routing | 'OUTLET', 'PERVIOUS' or 'IMPERVIOUS' |
| PctRouted | float | Percent Routed | |

Data for INFILTRATION³:

| | | | |
|------------|--------|---------------------|--|
| InfMethod | string | Infiltration Method | 'HORTON', 'MODIFIED_HORTON', 'GREEN_AMPT', 'MODIFIED_GREEN_AMPT', 'CURVE_NUMBER'; if empty then the infiltration method defined in the options table will be applied |
| MaxRate | float | Max. Infil. Rate | Maximum infiltration rate on the Horton infiltration curve in mm/h or in/h |
| MinRate | float | Min. Infil. Rate | Minimum infiltration rate on the Horton infiltration curve in mm/h or in/h |
| Decay | float | Decay constant | Decay constant for the Horton curve in 1/h |
| DryTime | float | Drying Time | Drying time (number of days it takes a fully saturated soil to dry) |
| MaxInf | float | Max. Volume | Maximum infiltration volume possible (Max. Infil. Vol.) in inches or mm; 0 if not applicable |
| SuctHead | float | Suction head | Suction head in inches or mm |
| Conductiv | float | Conductivity | Soil saturated hydraulic conductivity (in/h or mm/h) |
| InitDef | float | Initial deficit | This is the fraction of soil volume that is initially dry [0 to 1] |
| CurveNum | float | SCS curve number | see SWMM Manual [4] for details |
| Annotation | string | Description | optional column |

³Not all columns are required. If a column is not necessary for the infiltration method of a subcatchment it will be ignored. You'll need at least:

- When "InfMethod" is 'HORTON' or 'MODIFIED_HORTON': MaxRate, MinRate, Decay, DryTime, MaxInf
- When "InfMethod" is 'GREEN_AMPT' or 'MODIFIED_GREEN_AMPT': SuctHead, Conductiv, InitDef
- When "InfMethod" is 'CURVE_NUMBER': CurveNum, Conductiv, DryTime

You can also have different infiltration methods for different subcatchments.

4.2 Tables

4.2.1 Options

FILE IN DEFAULT DATA: gisswmm_options.xlsx

DESCRIPTION: You may want to set the options already in your input file. To do so, you simply write them in a table with two columns: "Option" and "Value". So far, **time steps longer than one day cannot be chosen here**, as the date format in python is in conflict with the notation in SWMM (e.g. in SWMM a time step of two days will be written as '48:00:00'. However, Python only accepts 0-23 hours)

4.2.2 Curves

FILE IN DEFAULT DATA: gisswmm_curves.xlsx

DESCRIPTION: Any type of curves can be imported as a table in an xlsx file. Each curve type has to be in a separate sheet/table named with the curve type. Different curves of the same type are stored in the same table by using different names. Just like in the SWMM GUI, curves always consist of three columns: Name, a x-value and a y-value. More columns can be added (e.g. for annotations), but only the first three columns are relevant for the import into SWMM. Rows beginning with a semicolon (";") will be ignored. Curve types are:

- Pump1
- Pump2
- Pump3
- Pump4
- Pump5
- Weir
- Storage
- Rating
- Tidal
- Control
- Diversion
- Shape

Example for a table of two storage curves (where "Depth" is the x-value and "Area" is the y-value) :

| Name | Depth | Area | Annotation |
|------------|-------|------|----------------------------------|
| StC_1 | 0 | 3 | this is the first storage curve |
| StC_1 | 0.5 | 4 | |
| StC_1 | 1 | 4 | |
| StC_1 | 1.5 | 5 | |
| ; | | | this row will be ignored |
| second_StC | 0 | 10 | this is the second storage curve |
| second_StC | 1 | 10 | |
| second_StC | 2 | 11 | |
| second_StC | 3 | 11 | |
| second_StC | 4 | 12 | |

4.2.3 Timeseries

FILE IN DEFAULT DATA: gisswmm_timeseries.xlsx

DESCRIPTION: All time series for one SWMM model are saved in a .xlsx file (any sheet name). For a standard time series you only fill the columns "Name", "Date" (optional), "Time" and "Value" (See example "TS_1" below). Alternatively you can define a time series in an external data file. Rows beginning with a semicolon (";") will be ignored.

In former versions of the plugin, rain gages could also be defined with the time series table by writing 'rain_gage' in the column "Type", the rain format in the column "Format" and the name of the rain gage in the column "Description". Starting with version 0.23 of the plugin this is not possible any longer. Raingages are defined directly in the rain gages layer in QGIS

| Column in table | Data type | Name in SWMM GUI | annotations |
|-----------------|-------------|------------------|---|
| Name | string | Time Series Name | file name for external data file; if used, keep "Date", "Time" and "Value" empty (see example TS_2 below) |
| Date | date format | Date | |
| Time | time format | Time | |
| Value | float | Value | |
| File_Name | string | - | |

Exemplary table for a normal time series and a time series with an external data file:

| Name | Date | Time | Value | File_Name | Annotation |
|------|------------|----------|-------|-------------------|---|
| TS_1 | 2021-01-02 | 01:00:00 | 0 | | This is the first time series |
| TS_1 | 2021-01-02 | 01:30:00 | 0 | | |
| TS_1 | 2021-01-02 | 02:00:00 | 0 | | |
| TS_1 | 2021-01-02 | 02:30:00 | 0.2 | | |
| TS_1 | 2021-01-02 | 03:00:00 | 0.3 | | |
| ; | | | | | This line will be ignored |
| TS_2 | | | | external_file.dat | This is the second time series which is using an external data file |

4.2.4 Patterns

FILE IN DEFAULT DATA: gisswmm_patterns.xlsx

DESCRIPTION: Patterns can be imported in an .xlsx file, where each pattern type is stored in a separate sheet named after the pattern type. Patterns of the same type are written in the same table. Each table consist of three columns: "Name", a Time_Stamp column and "Factor". Pattern types are:

- HOURLY, where the Time_Stamp column is called "Hour" (from 0:00 to 23:00)
- DAILY, where the Time_Stamp column is called "Day" (from Sunday to Saturday)
- MONTHLY, where the Time_Stamp column is called "Month" (from January to December)
- WEEKEND, where the Time_Stamp column is called "Hour" (from 12AM to 11PM)

For example, a table for two DAILY patterns ('p1' and 'p2') will look like this:

| Name | Day | Factor |
|------|-----|--------|
| p1 | Sun | 2.0 |
| p1 | Mon | 1.6 |
| p1 | Tue | 1.4 |
| p1 | Wed | 1.8 |
| p1 | Thu | 2.5 |
| p1 | Fri | 2.0 |
| p1 | Sat | 1.8 |
| ; | | |
| p2 | Sun | 2.8 |
| p2 | Mon | 2.7 |
| ... | ... | ... |

4.2.5 Quality

FILE IN DEFAULT DATA: gisswmm_quality.xlsx

DESCRIPTION: Quality parameters can be imported with a .xlsx file with the four tables/sheets: 'POLLUTANTS', 'LANDUSES', 'COVERAGES', 'LOADINGS'.

POLLUTANTS

| Columns in table | Data type | Name in SWMM GUI | annotations |
|------------------|-----------|------------------|---------------|
| Name | string | Name | 'YES' or 'NO' |
| Units | string | Units | |
| RainConcentr | float | Rain Concen. | |
| GwConcentr | float | GW Concen. | |
| IiConcentr | float | I&i Concen | |
| DecayCoeff | float | Decay Coeff | |
| SnowOnly | string | Snow Only | |
| CoPollutant | string | Co-Pollutant | |
| CoFraction | string | Co-Fraction | |
| DwfConcentr | float | DWF Concen | |
| InitConcetr | float | Init. Concen | |

LANDUSES

This sheet sets up buildup and washoff functions for different landuses. Since one landuse can have more than one pollutant with individual functions for buildup and washoff, the have defined in different rows of this sheet (see exemplary table).

| Columns in table | Data type | Name in SWMM GUI | annotations |
|---------------------------|-----------|---------------------|---|
| Name | string | Land Use Name | |
| SweepingInterval | float | Interval | in days |
| SweepingFractionAvailable | float | Availability | between 0 and 1 |
| LastSwept | float | Last Swept | in days |
| Pollutant | string | - | |
| BuildupFunction | string | Function | 'NONE', 'POW', 'EXP', 'SAT' or 'EXT' |
| BuildupMax | float | Max. Buildup | kg per textitNormalizer (area or curb length) |
| BuildupRateConstant | float | Rate Constant | |
| BuildupExponent_SatConst | float | Power/Sat. Constant | |
| BuildupPerUnit | string | Normalizer | 'AREA' or 'CURB' |
| WashoffFunction | string | Function | 'NONE', 'EXP', 'RC' or 'EMC' |
| WashoffpCoefficient | float | Coefficient | |
| WashoffExponenet | float | Exponent | |
| WashoffCleaninfEfficiency | float | Cleaning Effic. | percent |
| WashoffBmpEfficiency | float | BMP Effic. | percent |

COVERAGES

This sheet refers to *Land Uses* in the GUI of subcatchments. As one subcatchment can have morge than one land use covering its area⁴, they are defined in the quality table. Example for one subcatchment with two land use types:

| Subcatchment | Landuse | Percent |
|--------------|---------|---------|
| SC1 | LU_1 | 24.5 |
| SC1 | LU_2 | 75.5 |

LOADINGS

This sheet refers to *Initial Buildup* in the GUI of subcatchments. As one subcatchment can have morge than one pollutants the initial buildup is defined in the quality table. Values in the column "InitialBuildup" are mass per area (e.g. kg/ha or lbs/ac). Example for two subcatchments with two pollutants:

| Subcatchment | Pollutant | InitialBuildup |
|--------------|-----------|----------------|
| SC1 | COD | 1 |
| SC1 | TN | 0.6 |
| SC2 | COD | 0.8 |
| SC2 | TN | 0.4 |

⁴the tool will not check if Σ Percent > 100

4.2.6 Inflows

FILE IN DEFAULT DATA: gisswmm_inflows.xlsx

DESCRIPTION: The .xlsx file for inflows contains four tables/sheets (older files with two tables will still work).

- for direct inflow (sheet name: "Direct")
- for dry weather inflow (sheet name: "Dry_Weather")
- for RDII: sheets "Hydrographs" and "RDII"

More than one constituent can have inflows to a node.

Direct

| Columns in table | Data type | Name in SWMM GUI | annotations |
|------------------|-----------|------------------|---|
| Name | string | Name | name of the Node 'FLOW' or name of the pollutant "MASS", "CONCEN"; applies, when Constituent is not FLOW |
| Constituent | string | Constituent | |
| Baseline | float | Baseline | |
| Baseline_Pattern | string | Baseline Pattern | |
| Time_Series | string | Time Series | |
| Scale_Factor | float | Scale Factor | |
| Type | string | Type | |
| Units_Factor | float | Units Factor | |

Dry_Weather

| Name in attribute table | Data type | Name in SWMM GUI | annotations |
|-------------------------|-----------|------------------|-------------|
| Name | string | Name | |
| Constituent | string | Constituent | |
| Average_Value | float | Average Value | |
| Time_Pattern1 | string | Time Patterns | |
| Time_Pattern2 | string | | |
| Time_Pattern3 | string | | |
| Time_Pattern4 | string | | |

Hydrographs

| Columns in table | Data type | Name in SWMM GUI | annotations |
|-----------------------|-----------|---------------------------------|---|
| Name | string | Name of UH Group | 'All' or name abbreviation of the month |
| Rain_Gage | string | Rain Gage Used | |
| Months | string | Hydrographs For | |
| R_ShortTerm | float | R (for short-term response) | |
| T_ShortTerm | float | T (for short-term response) | |
| K_ShortTerm | float | K (for short-term response) | |
| D_max_ShortTerm | float | Dmax (for short-term response) | |
| D_recovery_ShortTerm | float | Drec (for short-term response) | |
| D_init_ShortTerm | float | Do (for short-term response) | |
| R_MediumTerm | float | R (for medium-term response) | |
| T_MediumTerm | float | T (for medium-term response) | |
| K_MediumTerm | float | K (for medium-term response) | |
| D_max_MediumTerm | float | Dmax (for medium-term response) | |
| D_recovery_MediumTerm | float | Drec (for medium-term response) | |
| D_init_MediumTerm | float | Do (for medium-term response) | |
| R_LongTerm | float | R (for long-term response) | |
| T_LongTerm | float | T (for long-term response) | |
| K_LongTerm | float | K (for long-term response) | |
| D_max_LongTerm | float | Dmax (for long-term response) | |
| D_recovery_LongTerm | float | Drec (for long-term response) | |
| D_init_LongTerm | float | Do (for long-term response) | |

RDII

| Columns in table | Data type | Name in SWMM GUI | annotations |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------------------|------------------|
| Node | string | Constituent | name of the Node |
| UnitHydrograph | string | Unit Hydrograph Group | |
| SewerArea_Pattern | float | Sewershed Area | |

4.2.7 Transects

FILE IN DEFAULT DATA: gisswmm_transects.xlsx

DESCRIPTION: The .xlsx file for transects (for IRREGULAR cross-sections) contains two tables/sheets ("Data" and "XSections"):

Data

| Name in attribute table | Data type | Name in SWMM GUI | annotations |
|-------------------------|-----------|------------------|-------------|
| TransectName | string | Name | |
| Station | float | Station | |
| Elevation | float | Elevation | |

XSections

| Name in attribute table | Data type | Name in SWMM GUI | annotations |
|-------------------------|-----------|------------------|-------------|
| TransectName | string | Name | |
| RoughnessLeftBank | float | Left Bank | |
| RoughnessRightBank | float | Right Bank | |
| RoughnessChannel | float | Channel | |
| BankStationLeft | float | Left | |
| BankStationRight | float | Right | |
| ModifierStations | float | Stations | |
| ModifierElevations | float | Elevations | |
| ModifierMeander | float | Meander | |

4.2.8 Streets and Inlets

FILE IN DEFAULT DATA: gisswmm_streets.xlsx

DESCRIPTION: [Streets and Inlets are completely new features in SWMM version 5.2.](#) The .xlsx file for streets (for STREET cross-sections) contains three tables/sheets ("STREETS", "INLETS" and "INLET_USAGE"):

STREETS

| Name in attribute table | Data type | Name in SWMM GUI | annotations |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------------|
| Name | string | Street Section Name | |
| RoadWidth | float | Road Width | |
| CurbHeighth | float | Curb Heighth | |
| CurbSlope | float | Curb Slope | |
| RoadRoughn | float | Road Roughness | |
| GuttDepres | float | Gutter Depression | |
| GuttWidth | float | Gutter Width | |
| Sides | int | One Sided / Two Sided | 1 or 2 |
| BackWidth | float | Backing Width | |
| BackSlope | float | Backing Slope | |
| BackRoughn | float | Backing Roughness | |

INLETS

| Name in attribute table | Data type | Name in SWMM GUI | annotations |
|-------------------------|-----------|------------------|---|
| Name | string | Name | 'GRATE', 'CUSTOM', 'CURB', 'SLOTTED', 'DROP_GRATE', 'DROP_CURB' or 'CUSTOM' |
| Type | String | Inlet Type | |
| Length | float | Length | |
| Width | float | Width | |
| Height | float | Height | |
| Shape | String | - | Type for GRATE, DROP_GRATE inlets; Throat Angle for CURB inlets; Curve name for CUSTOM inlets |
| OpenFract | float | Open Fraction | For GRATE inlets with GENERIC shape |
| SplashVel | float | Splash Velocity | |

INLET_USAGE

| Name in attribute table | Data type | Name in SWMM GUI | annotations |
|-------------------------|-----------|-------------------|--|
| Conduit | string | - | Name of the conduit |
| Inlet | string | Inlet Structure | The Name has to be matching to one node name |
| CaptNode | int | Capture Node | |
| Number | float | Number of Inlets | 1 - 5 |
| PercClog | float | Percent Clogged | 0 - 100 |
| MaxFlow | float | Flow Restriction | 0 for no flow restriction |
| DeprHeight | float | Depression Height | 0 for no local depression |
| DeprWidth | float | Depression Width | |
| Placement | string | Inlet Placement | 'AUTOMATIC', 'ON_GRADE' or 'ON_SAG' |

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