

IBM ILOG CPLEX Optimization Studio

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- 90 Days Trial
- The distribution bundles OPL with CPLEX into an Integrated Development Environment (IDE) called IBM ILOG CPLEX Optimization Studio.

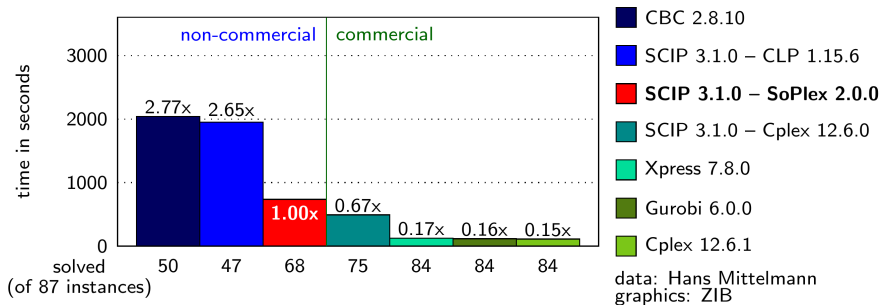


What is OPL? What is CPLEX?

- OPL, the Optimization Programming Language, is a modeling language used to formulate mathematical models.
- It provides a syntax that is very close to the mathematical formulation, thus making the computer implementation very easy.
- It enables a clean separation between the model and the accompanying data. Thus, the same model can be solved for different input data with little extra effort.
- The mathematical model is solved by the CPLEX solver and the result is reported in the IDE.
- CPLEX can solve linear, quadratic and quadratically constrained programs, ~~but in this course we will only solve linear programs.~~
- FYI, there are other modeling languages, such as GAMS, AMPL, Mosel, and other solvers, for example Gurobi, GLPK, CBC...

Why do we use CPLEX?

- CPLEX is a state-of-the-art commercial solver
- It is in active development and is continuously improved
- It is widely used in both academia and industry



Source: SCIP website

Layout

The screenshot displays the IBM ILOG CPLEX Optimization Studio interface. The main window is divided into several panes:

- Left Pane (Project Explorer):** Shows the project structure for 'ABB'. It includes folders for 'Run Configurations', 'Configuration1 (default)', and 'Exercise'. The 'Exercise' folder is expanded, showing 'OR_Course', 'Overall', 'SubProblem', and 'Thesis'.
- Top Pane (Code Editor):** Displays the 'ABB_Final.mod' file. The code defines various parameters and decision variables for a battery scheduling problem. Key sections include:
 - Parameters:** Defines constants like `A_FFS`, `A_TFS`, `A_DFS`, `M`, `cost_energy_battery`, `number_of_buses`, `battery_UB`, `power_UB_Fast_Stop`, `power_UB_Slow_Stop`, `power_LB_Fast_Stop`, `power_LB_Slow_Stop`, `U_DFS`, `L_DFS`, `U_TFS`, and `L_TFS`.
 - Decision Variables:** Declares variables like `battery_UB`, `power`, `power_before`, `power_after`, `power_used`, and `has_FFS`.
- Right Pane (Outline):** Provides a hierarchical view of the model's components, including 'Internal data (3)', 'External data (19)', and 'Decision variables (8)'. It lists variables like `DFS_number`, `M`, `Stops`, `A_DFS`, `A_FFS`, `A_TFS`, `cost_energy_battery`, `E`, `Fast_Stops`, `fixed_cost`, `L_DFS`, `L_TFS`, `N`, `number_of_buses`, `power_LB_Fast_Stop`, `power_LB_Slow_Stop`, `power_UB_Fast_Stop`, `power_UB_Slow_Stop`, `S`, `T`, `U_DFS`, `U_TFS`, `battery_UB`, `capacity_exceeded`, `has_FFS`, and `power`.
- Bottom Pane (Problem Browser):** Shows the 'Problems' tab with a table of 0 items. The table has columns for 'Description', 'Resource', 'Path', 'Location', and 'Type'. The status bar at the bottom indicates 'Writeable', 'Insert', '33:24', and '00:00:00'.

Syntax

- Data declarations - known parameters

- simple

- ```
int c = 8; float b = 3.2; string s = "EPFL, TRANSP-OR";
```

- range/set

- ```
range Days = 1..7;
```

- ```
{string} season = {"spring", "summer", "autumn", "winter"};
```

- array:

- ```
float a[season] = [1.0, 2.0, 3.0, 5.0];
```

- ```
a["winter"]; // for accessing
```

- from data file:

- ▶ in the model file:

- ```
{string} countries = ...;
```

- ▶ in the data file:

- ```
countries = {"Switzerland", "France", "Italy"};
```

# Syntax

- In OPL, we do not define each variable and parameter separately, rather we define them over sets for the purpose of indexing.
- Let's learn by example. In the diet problem, we need these sets:

```
{string} foods = {"corn", "milk", "bread"};
{string} subs = {"vitamin A", "calories"};
```

- We can define parameter arrays (single and multi-dimensional):

```
float cost[foods] = [1.80, 2.30, 0.50];
int maxserving[foods] = [10, 10, 10];
int contents[foods][subs] = [[107,72],[500,121],[0,65]];
int mincontent[subs] = [5000, 2000];
int maxcontent[subs] = [50000, 2250];
```

- We can define a continuous decision variable as follows:

```
dvar float+ amount[foods];
```

# Syntax

- We always need an objective function  
minimize, maximize

minimize sum(f in foods) cost[f] \* amount[f];

- And of course constraints:

subject to {  
  forall(f in foods)  
    amount[f] <= maxserving[f];

  forall(s in subs) {  
    sum(f in foods) contents[f,s] \* amount[f] >= mincontent[s];  
    sum(f in foods) contents[f,s] \* amount[f] <= maxcontent[s];  
  }  
};

## Small Example

A company produces two products:

- doors
- windows

It has three production facilities with limited production time available:

- Facility 1 produces the metal frame
- Facility 2 produces the wooden frame
- Facility 3 produces glass and mounts the parts

Each product generates a revenue, and requires a given amount of time of each facility's capacity. Find the number of products of each type to produce in order to maximize the revenue.



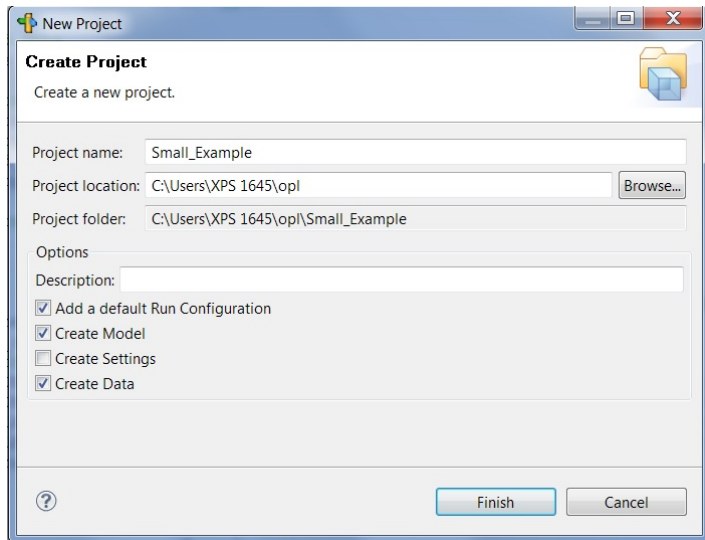
## Small Example

|                     | Hours per product |        | Hours at Disposal |
|---------------------|-------------------|--------|-------------------|
|                     | Door              | Window |                   |
| Factory 1           | 1                 | 0      | 4                 |
| Factory 2           | 0                 | 3      | 12                |
| Factory 3           | 3                 | 2      | 18                |
| Revenue per product | 3 000             | 5 000  | –                 |

## Small Example

- Formulate the problem mathematically:
  - input parameters
  - decision variable(s)
  - objective function
  - constraints
- Model the problem in OPL
  - Start by thinking what sets you need to index your parameters and variables.
  - Then define the parameters with the given input data.
  - Declare the decision variables.
  - Write the objective and constraints.
  - OPL is installed on the machines in this lab – <sup>vSmith</sup> ~~you should run as administrator.~~
- Run the model and check your results in the "Solutions" tab

# Create New Project in OPL

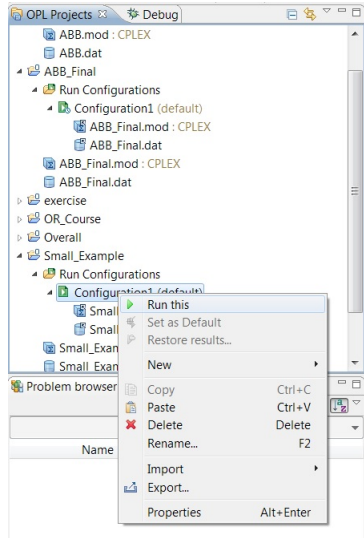


The screenshot shows a 'New Project' dialog box with the following fields and options:

- Project name:** Small\_Example
- Project location:** C:\Users\XPS 1645\opl (with a 'Browse...' button)
- Project folder:** C:\Users\XPS 1645\opl\Small\_Example
- Options:**
  - ☒ Add a default Run Configuration
  - ☒ Create Model
  - ☐ Create Settings
  - ☒ Create Data

At the bottom, there is a help icon (question mark) and two buttons: 'Finish' and 'Cancel'.

# How to Run the Model



# Results

- Decision is integer:
  - revenue: 29 000
  - $x = [3 \ 4]$
- Decision is float:
  - revenue: 30 000
  - $x = [3.3333 \ 4]$

# References



- The presentation has been based on:
- [http://folk.uio.no/trulsf/opl/opl\\_tutorial.pdf](http://folk.uio.no/trulsf/opl/opl_tutorial.pdf)
- The lab slides of Tomáš Robenek from 2013