

Homework 6

DATA604 Simulation and Modeling

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1) Drivers License Facility Simulation

a) How many 'source', 'server', 'sink' do we need to develop this model, what do those objects stand for in the real system?

- We need 1 **source**.
- 3 **servers**
- 1 **sink**

The source, named *SrcApplicantArrives* in my model, effectively represents the front door of the driver's license facility in this model. It generates the arrival events for the applicant entity.

The servers, named *SvrCheckin*, *SvrExamClerks* and *SvrCheckout* in my model, represent the check clerk, exam clerks and checkout computers, respectively.

The sink, named *SnkApplicantDeparts*, represents the exit door which enables the applicants to leave after they are done.

b) Simio Model Screenshots

The screenshots of my model in Simio follow:



SrcApplicantArrives Properties

I chose to use the exponential distribution for interarrival time since the question stated “approximately 10/hour” as opposed to “exactly” 10/hour.

Properties: SrcApplicantArrives (Source)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Show Commonly Used Properties Only	
Entity Arrival Logic	
Entity Type	EntApplicant
Arrival Mode	Interarrival Time
+ Time Offset	0.0
+ Interarrival Time	Random.Exponential(6)
Entities Per Arrival	1
Stopping Conditions	
Maximum Arrivals	Infinity
General	
Name	SrcApplicantArrives
Description	

SvrCheckin Properties

For the checkin processing time, I chose to use the normal distribution with a mean of 5 minutes and standard deviation of 1 minute. Again, my rationale was that the question write stated “approximately 5 minutes”.

Properties: SvrCheckin (Server)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Show Commonly Used Properties Only	
Process Logic	
Capacity Type	Fixed
Initial Capacity	1
Ranking Rule	First In First Out
+ Processing Time	Random.Normal(5, 1)
Buffer Capacities	
Input Buffer	Infinity
Output Buffer	Infinity
General	
Name	SvrCheckin
Description	

SvrExamClerks Properties

Properties: SvrExamClerks (Server)

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Process Logic

Capacity Type	Fixed
Initial Capacity	2
Ranking Rule	First In First Out
Processing Time	Random.Normal(8.8, 1)

Buffer Capacities

Input Buffer	Infinity
Output Buffer	Infinity

General

Name	SvrExamClerks
Description	

SvrCheckout Properties

Properties: SvrCheckout (Server)

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Process Logic

Capacity Type	Fixed
Initial Capacity	2
Ranking Rule	First In First Out
Processing Time	Random.Normal(9, 1)

Buffer Capacities

Input Buffer	Infinity
Output Buffer	Infinity

General

Name	SvrCheckout
Description	

c) Run the model and obtain the performance measures...

I set the simulation to run for 8 hours based on the concept of a business day. I created an Experiment with 10 Replications which was run to generate the following performance results:

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Average Minimum Maximum Half Width

Scenario

Scenario1

Object Type	Object Name	Data Source	Category	Data Item	Statistic	Average	Minimum	Maximum	Half Width
Applicant	EntApplicant	[Population]	Content	NumberInSystem	Average	4.8060	3.3903	6.3903	0.6454
					Maximum	10.1000	8.0000	13.0000	1.0900
			FlowTime	TimeInSystem	Average (Ho...	0.5075	0.4143	0.6155	0.0444
					Maximum (Ho...	0.8020	0.6038	1.0406	0.0879
Server	SvrCheckin	[Resource]	Capacity	UnitsUtilized	Minimum (Ho...	0.3291	0.2912	0.3468	0.0124
					Average	0.7867	0.6705	0.8779	0.0457
	SvrCheckout	[Resource]	Capacity	UnitsUtilized	Maximum	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.0000
					Average	1.3886	1.1658	1.5549	0.0831
	SvrExamClerks	[Resource]	Capacity	UnitsUtilized	Maximum	2.0000	2.0000	2.0000	0.0000
					Average	1.3832	1.1831	1.5629	0.0806
					Maximum	2.0000	2.0000	2.0000	0.0000

d) Adding an optional “computerized exam kiosk”

