### OpenDSS Training Workshop

**Basics and Scripting** 

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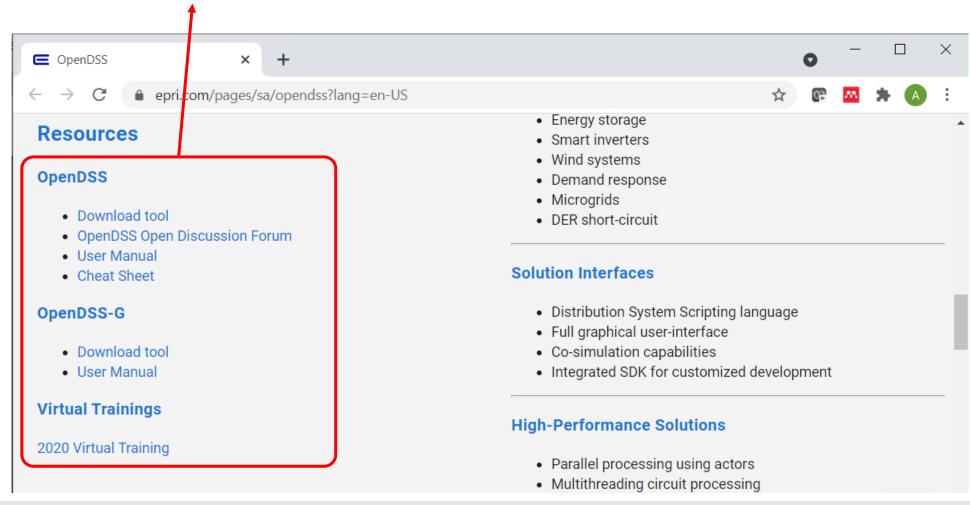
Installation and Startup



#### OpenDSS in EPRI.com

Plenty of resources to start with at EPRI.com

https://www.epri.com/pages/sa/opendss?lang=en-US

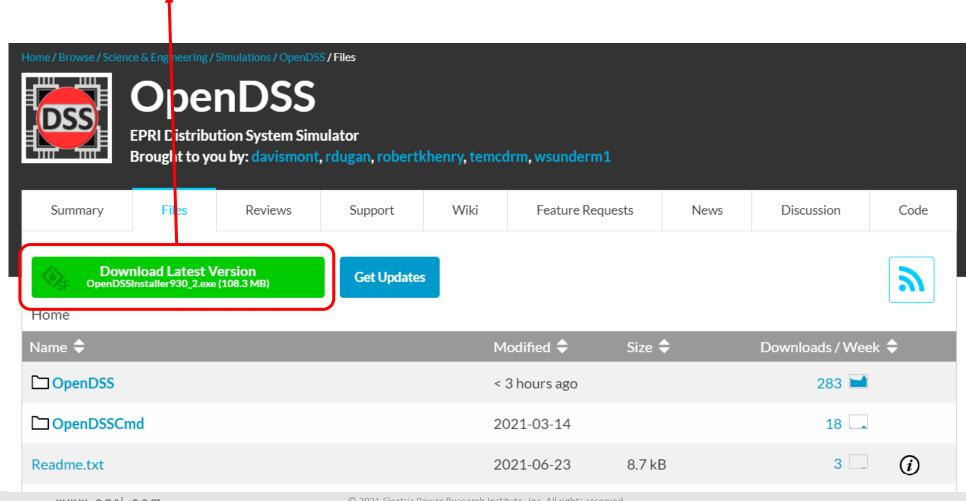




#### OpenDSS in SourceForge.net

You can get the latest <u>installer</u> of OpenDSS from

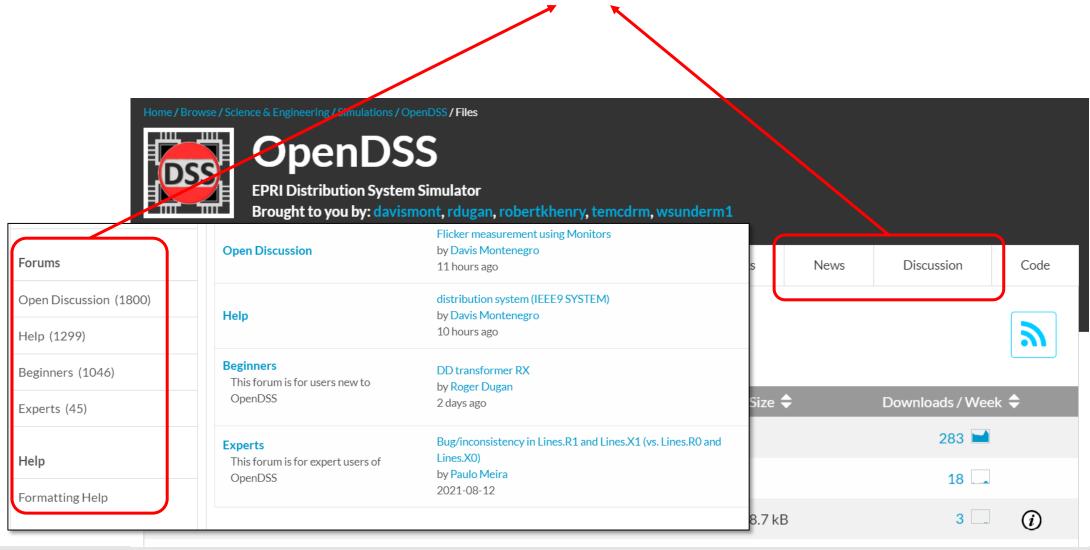
https://sourceforge.net/projects/electricdss/files/





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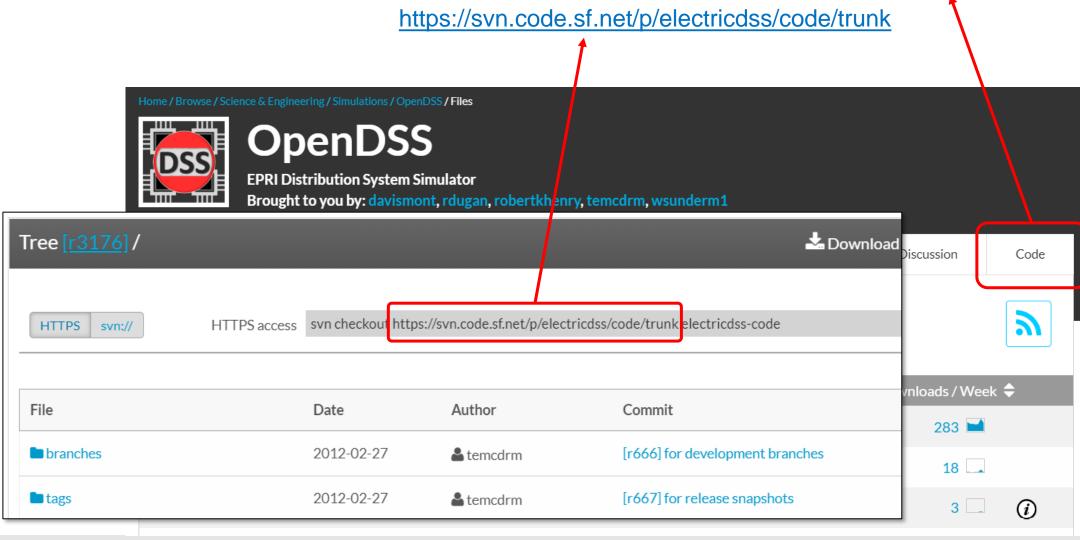
The News and forums in the Discussion tab are one of the best resources to get your questions answered





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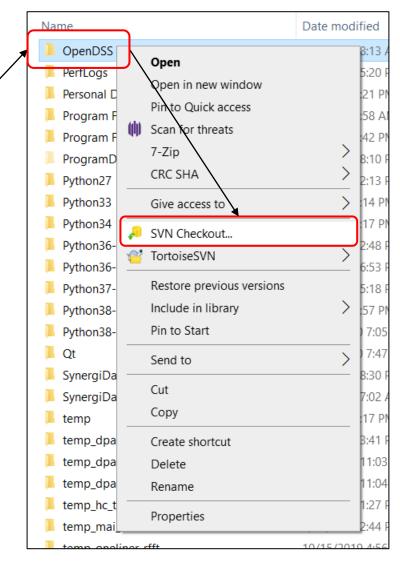
In the Code tab you can get the URL of the main repository or download a snapshot of the source code



#### Accessing the Source Code Repository with TortoiseSVN

- Install a TortoiseSVN client from https://tortoisesvn.net/downloads.html
- Grab the OpenDSS files from SourceForge:
  - 1. Create a clean directory such as C:\OpenDSS
  - Right-click on it and choose <u>SVN Checkout...</u> from the menu
  - The repository URL is <u>https://svn.code.sf.net/p/electricdss/code/trunk</u>

Thereafter, to update a folder or file, right-click on the folder or file and select **SVN Update** 

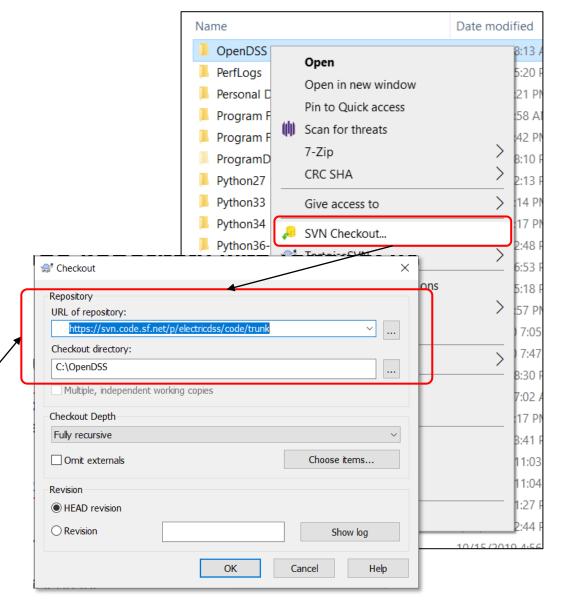




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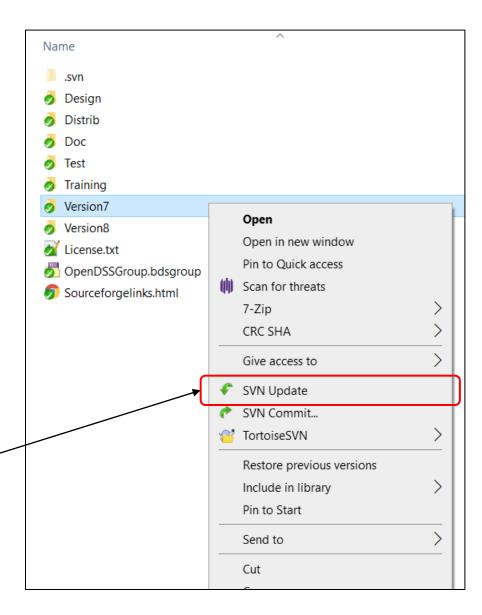




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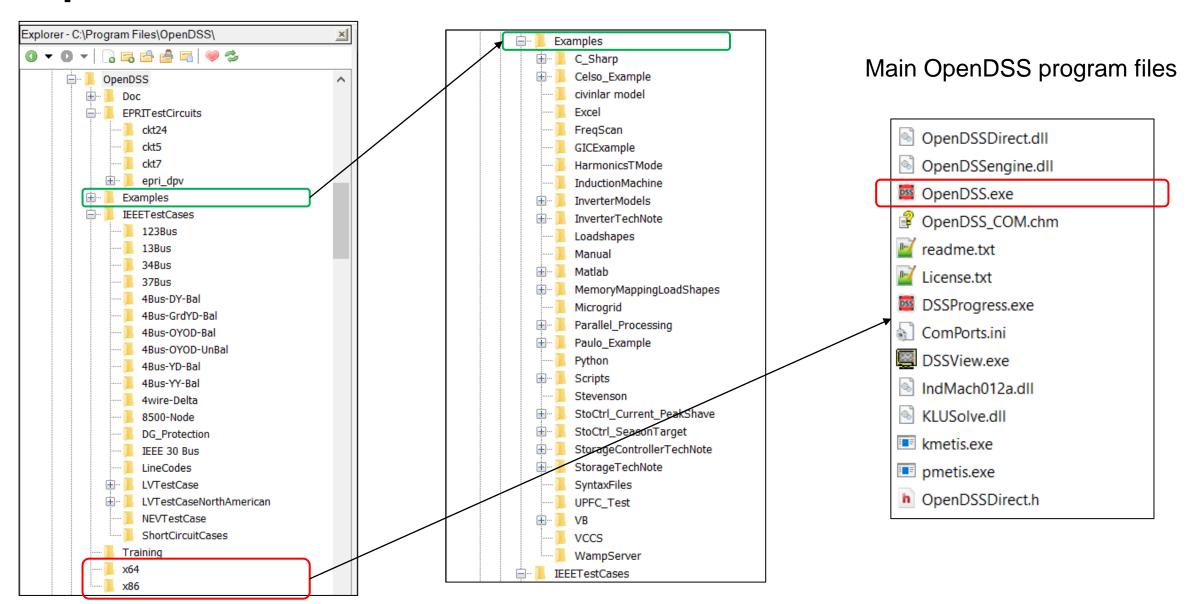
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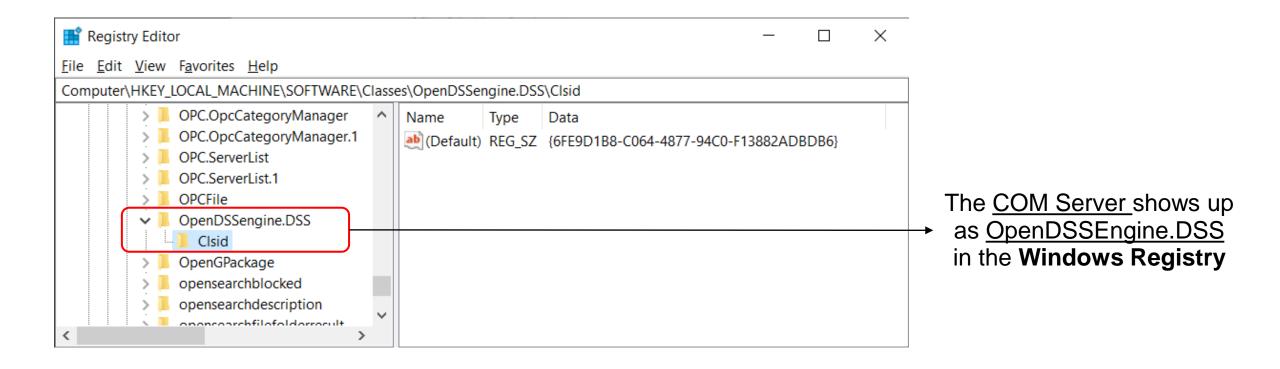
#### OpenDSS Files in Installation folder





#### **COM Server Registration**

The installer <u>automatically registers the OpenDSS COM server</u> in the Windows Registry Entry



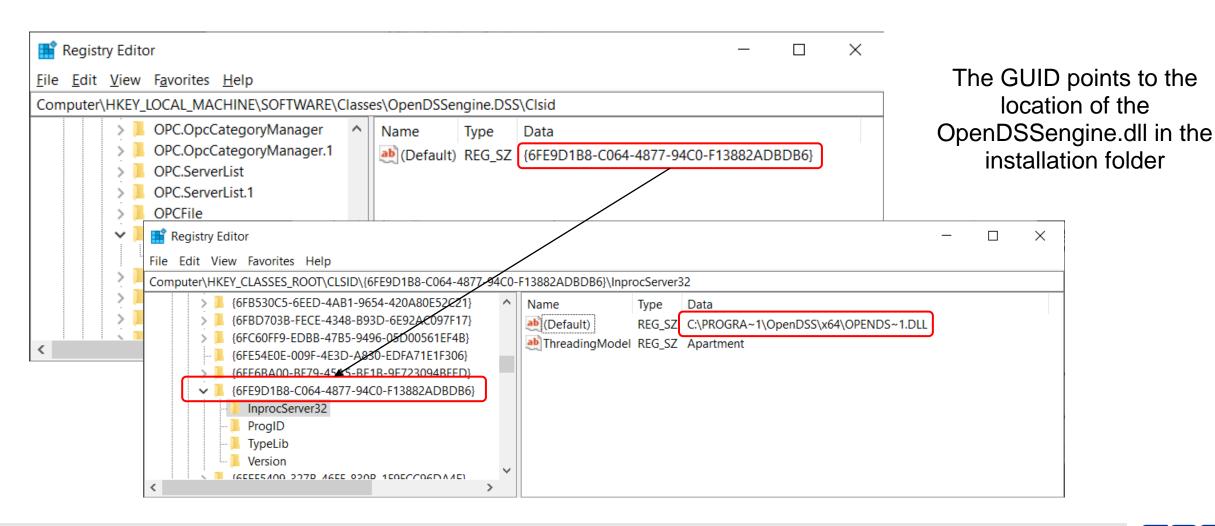


The OpenDSS COM server is now available to any COM <u>client/program</u> on the computer



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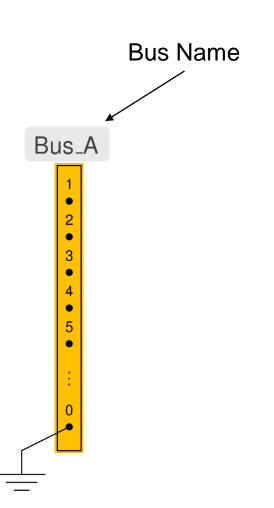




#### Scripting Basics and Examples



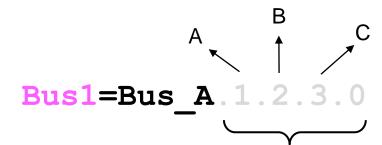
#### OpenDSS Buses and Nodes





Buses are a collection of 1 or more nodes

- A bus can host several nodes
- Node 0 of the bus is always grounded (0 V)
- Conventionally nodes 1 2 and 3 are associated to phases A B and C (but it is not mandatory)



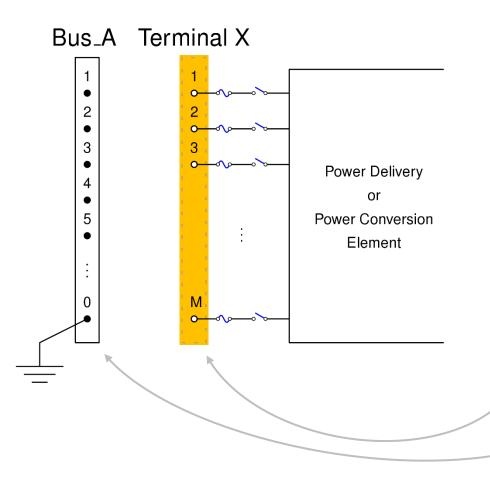
Assumed by default for 3-ph elements if not specified



#### **OpenDSS Terminals**



A Terminal can be associated to <u>only one</u> Bus. A Bus can be associated to multiple terminals

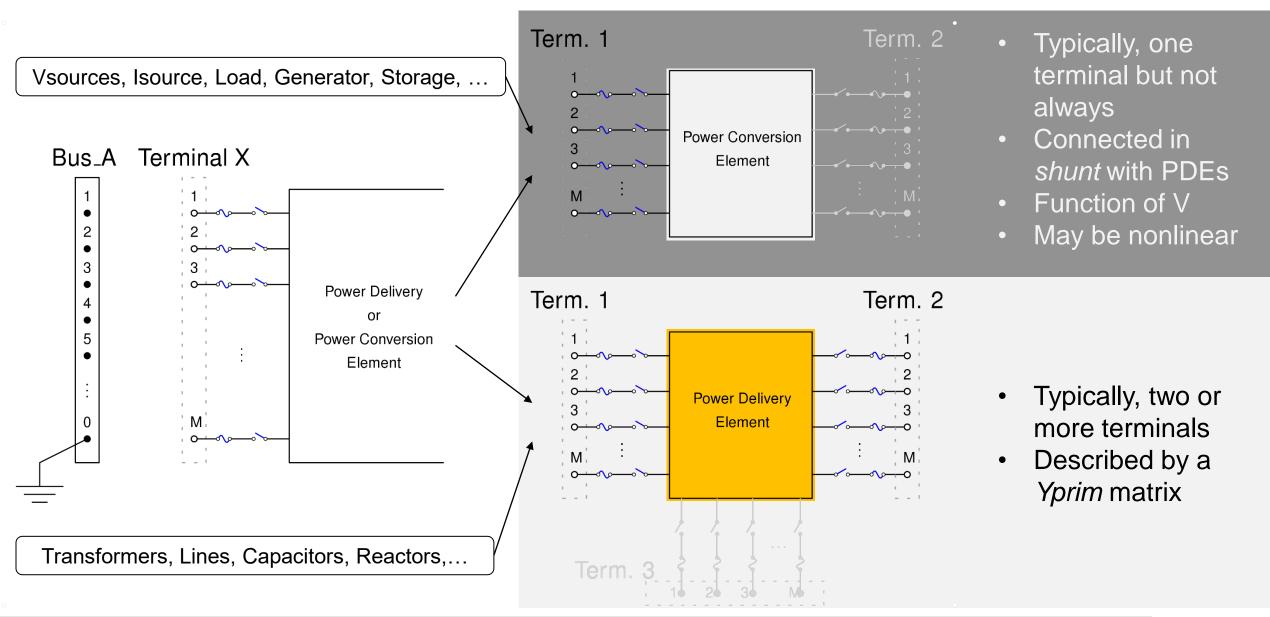


- Circuit Elements can have one or more terminals
- A Terminal is a collection of M conductors
- Circuit Elements have fuses in series with switches on each conductor of each of its terminals

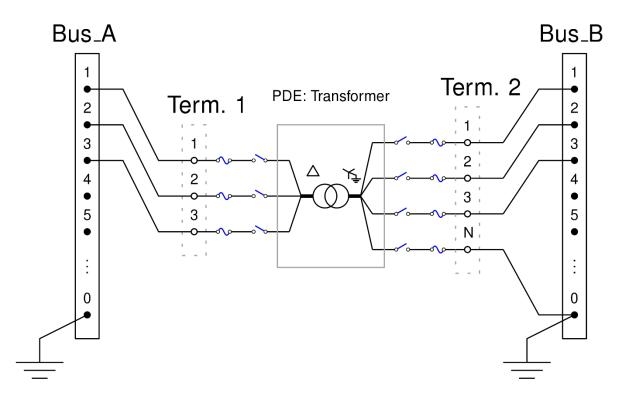
Bus1=Bus\_A.1.2.3.0



#### Power Delivery (PDE) & Power Conversion (PCE) Elements



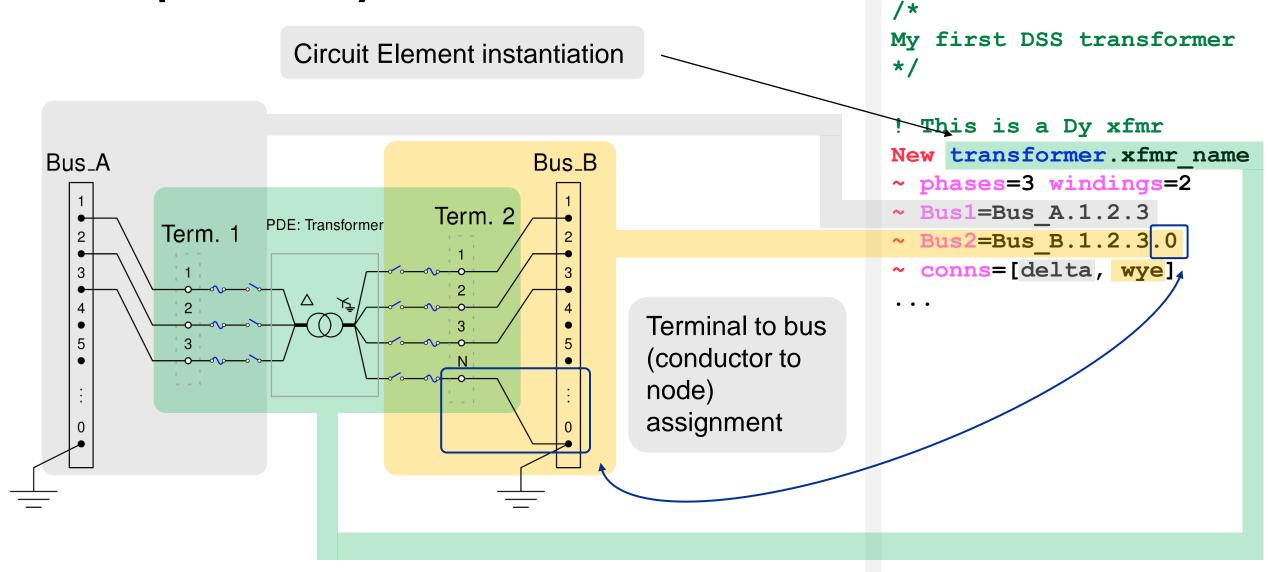
Part of the OpenDSS script that defines this transformer



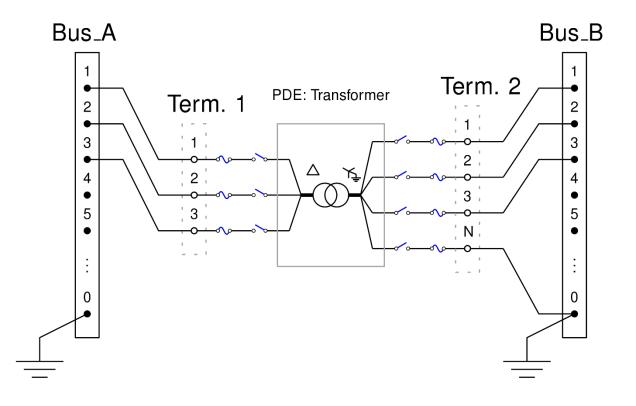
```
/*
My first DSS transformer
*/

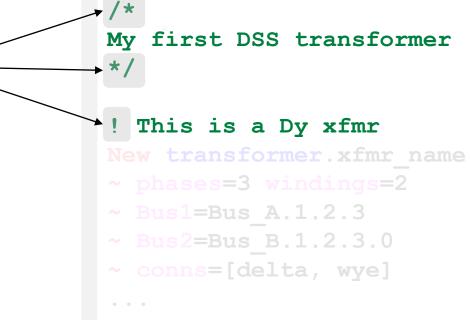
! This is a Dy xfmr
New transformer.xfmr_name
~ phases=3 windings=2
~ Bus1=Bus_A.1.2.3
~ Bus2=Bus_B.1.2.3.0
~ conns=[delta, wye]
....
```

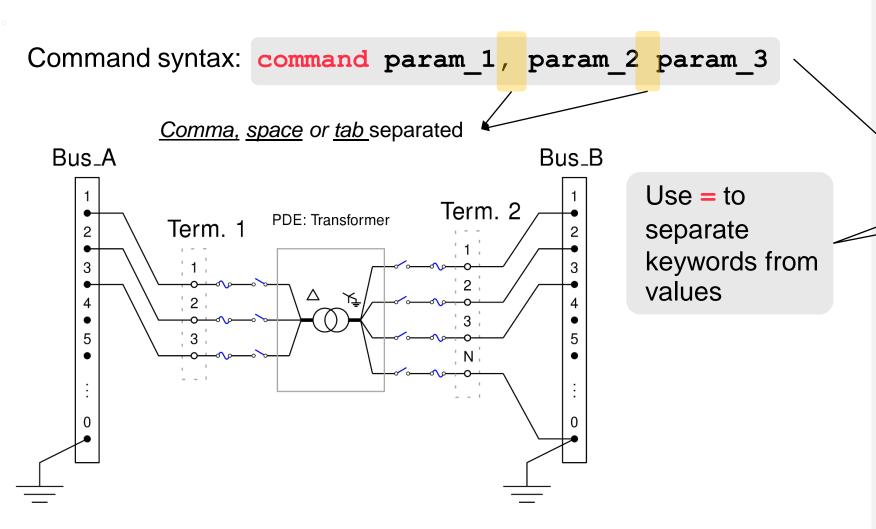




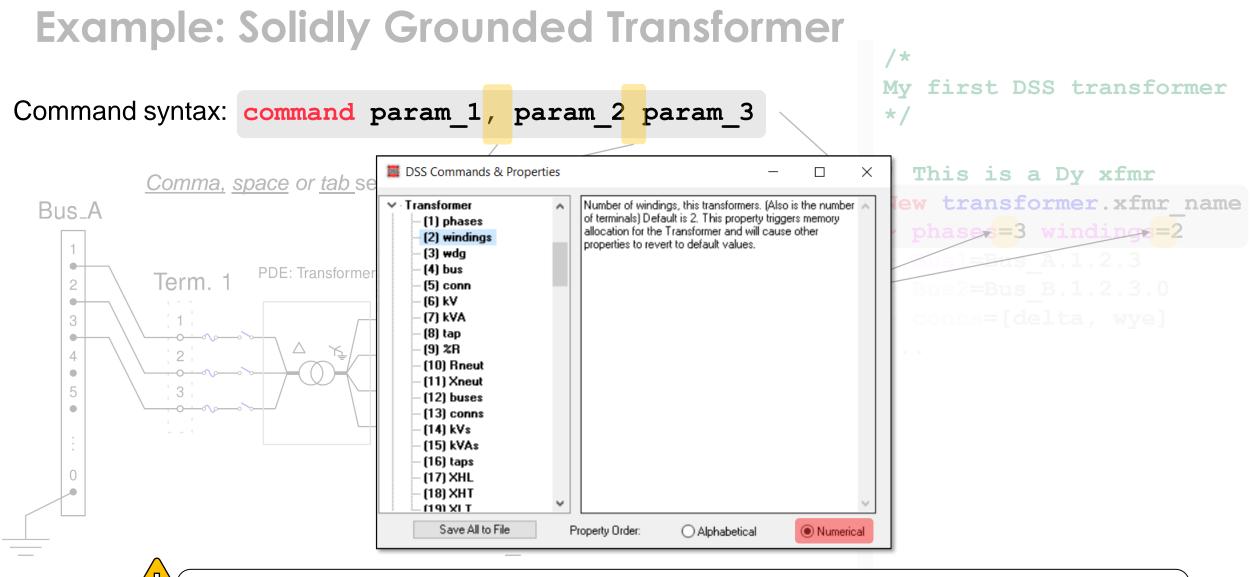
Use /\*...\*/, // or ! for line or block comments





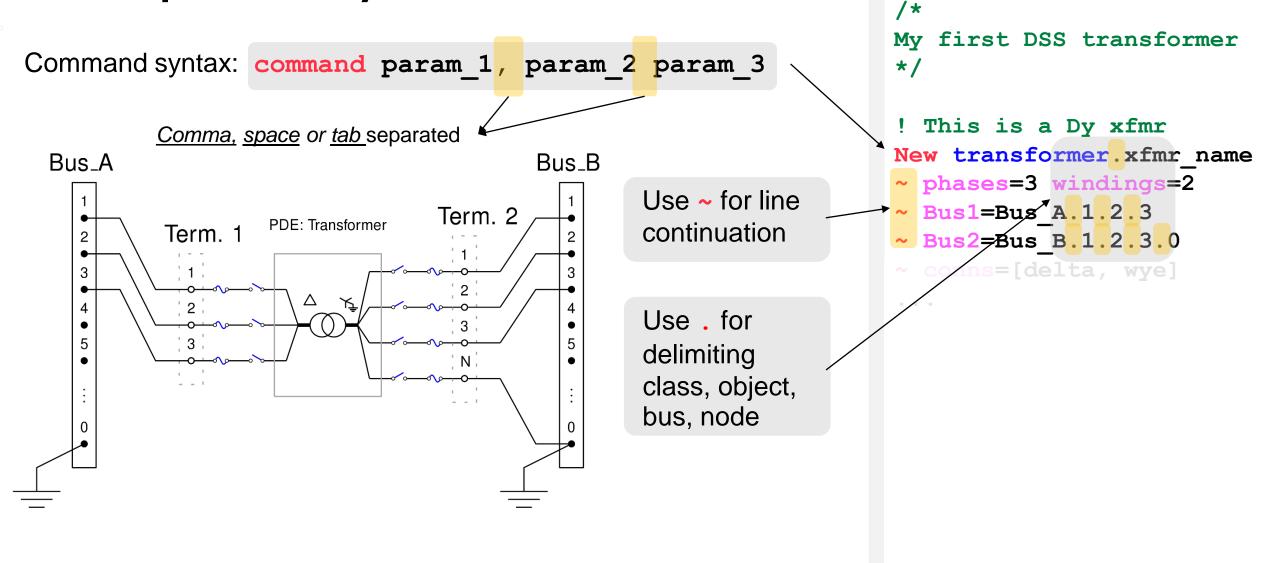


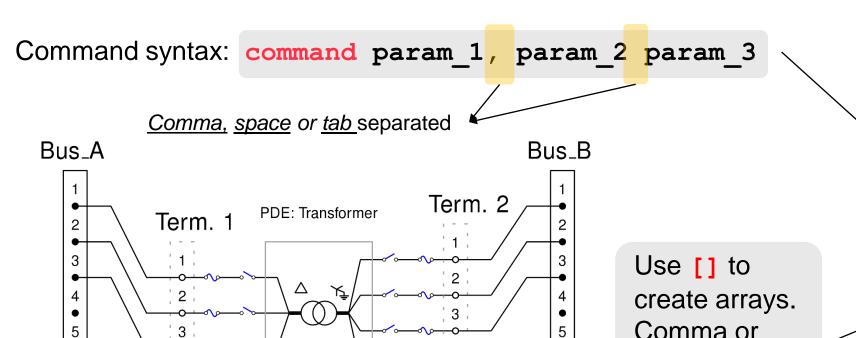
```
/*
  first DSS transformer
*/
  This is a Dy xfmr
New transformer.xfmr name
~ phases=3 windings=2
   onns=[delta, wve]
```



The parameter <u>tag and equals sign</u> in **keyword=value** are <u>not needed if values are</u> passed in numerical order. (See numerical order in OpenDSS command help)





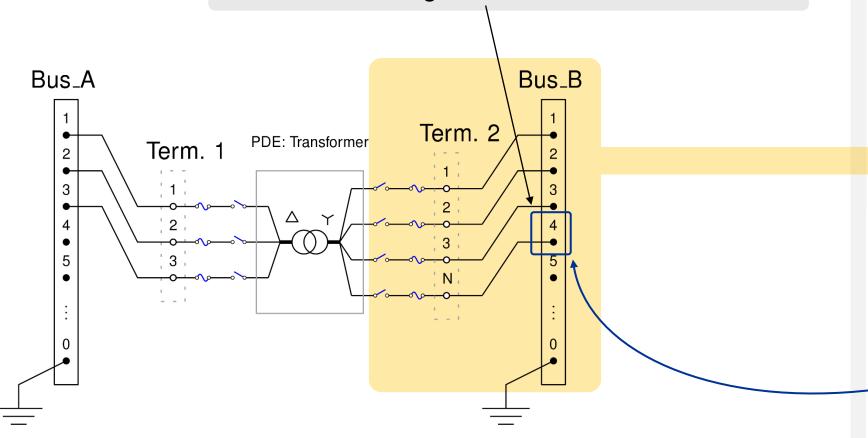


Use [] to create arrays. Comma or space to separate elements

```
/*
  first DSS transformer
*/
  This is a Dy xfmr
New transformer.xfmr name
~ phases=3 windings=2
 Bus1=Bus A.1.2.3
 Bus2=Bus B.1.2.3.0
  conns=[delta, wye]
```

#### **Example: Ungrounded Transformer**

Connect neutral conductor to node 4 of the bus. Neutral is floating now

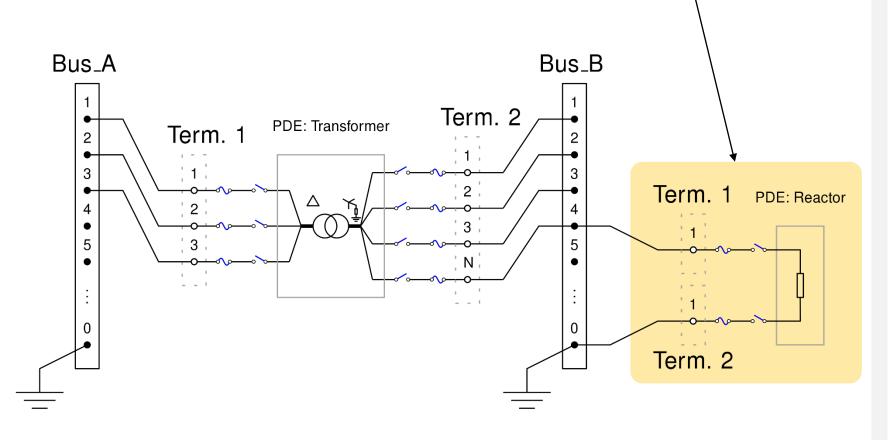


```
/*
My first DSS transformer
*/
  This is a Dy xfmr
New transformer.xfmr name
~ phases=3 windings=2
 Bus1=Bus A.1.2.3
~ Bus2=Bus B.1.2.3.4
  conns=[delta, wye]
```



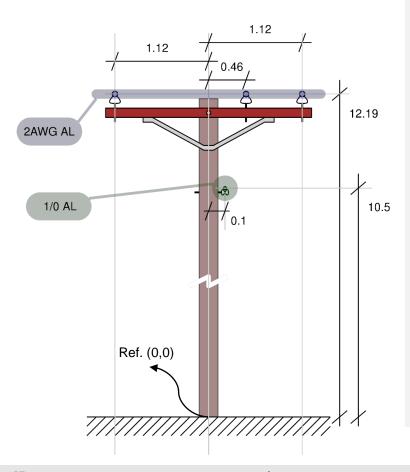
#### **Example: Grounding Impedance**

Connect both terminals of a reactor (another PDE) to Bus\_B None 4 and Node 0. The transformer is grounded again.



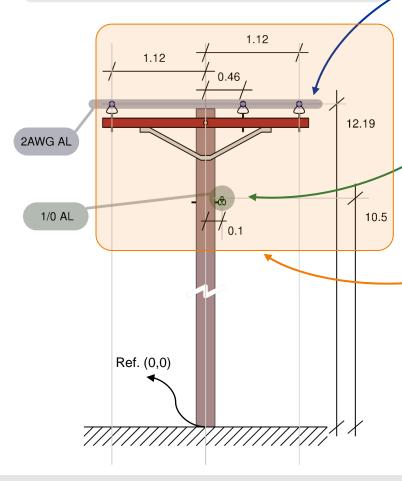
```
/*
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*/
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New transformer.xfmr name
~ phases=3 windings=2
 Bus1=Bus A.1.2.3
~ Bus2=Bus B.1.2.3.4
  conns=[delta, wye]
New reactor.rg name
~ phases=1
 Bus1=Bus B.4
  Bus2=Bus B.0
\sim R=0.1 X=700.0
```

If you know the per-length impedance matrices..



```
Use [] to create matrices.
                     Use | to separate rows.
 My first DSS line
New line.L1 bus1=A bus2=B phases=3\
  rmatrix=[0.9699 | 0.1200 0.9753 | 0.1181 0.1208 0.9714]
  xmatrix=[0.7766 | 0.2905 0.7650 | 0.2682 0.3543 0.7733]
  cmatrix=[7.4518 | -1.493 8.2716 | -1.029 -2.602 8.0307]
 length=1 units=km
             You can define all the
             matrix entries or just those
             of the lower triangle
```

... or if you know the conductor and geometry details...



```
! Phase Conductor
```

New "wiredata.2AWG AL" Rac=0.86942 Runits=km GMRac=0.26924

GMRunits=cm diam=0.74168 radunits=cm

#### ! Neutral Conductor

New wiredata.1/0AL Rac=0.54463 Runits=km GMRac=0.33833 ~ GMRunits=cm diam=0.93472 radunits=cm

Cross arm pole geometry details

New linespacing.4KV 3PH 3CH nconds=4

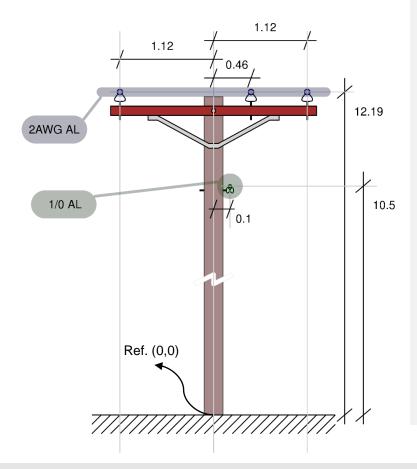
- $\sim x = [-1.1176 \ 0.4572 \ 1.1176 \ 0.10160]$
- ~ h=[12.1920 12.192 12.192 10.5664] units=m

#### ! My second DSS line

New line.L2 bus1=A bus2=B phases=4 spacing=4KV\_3PH\_3CH

- ~ wires=["2AWG AL" "2AWG AL" "2AWG AL" 1/0AL] length=1
- ~ units=km

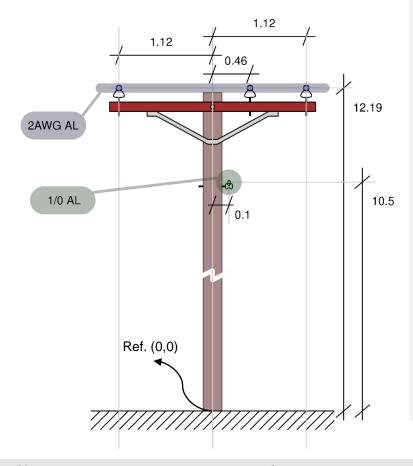
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Use "" if you want to have space characters in strings or names of DSS objects

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~ h=[12.1920 12.1/92 12.192 10.5664] units=m
! My second DS$ line
New line.L2 bys1=A bus2=B phases=4 spacing=4KV 3PH 3CH
~ wires=["2AWG AL" "2AWG AL" "2AWG AL" 1/0AL] length=1
~ units=km
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```



## Scripting

# Commands (common)

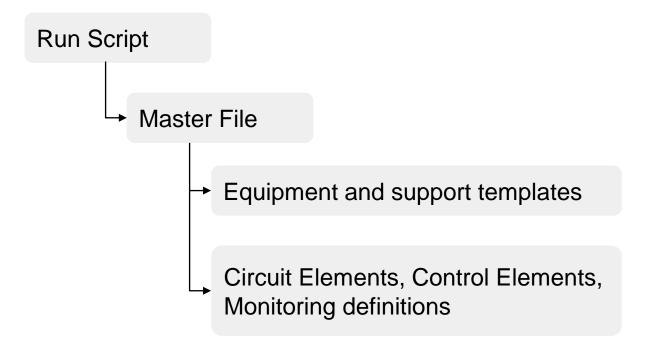
#### Summary: Commands and Scripting Characters

| Character      | Description                                           |
|----------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| ~              | Line continuation                                     |
| [] () {} "" \' | Arrays, Matrices, Strings, Math Expressions           |
| 1              | Row delimiter in matrices                             |
| , space tab    | Delimiter command parameters and array/matrix entries |
| •              | Delimiter class-object, bus-node                      |
| =              | Delimiter parameter tag and parameter value           |
| ! //           | In line comments                                      |
| /**/           | Block comments                                        |

| Command | Description                                    |
|---------|------------------------------------------------|
| New     | Create new DSS elements                        |
| Edit    | Edit existing DSS elements                     |
| Set     | Define solution modes and options              |
| Solve   | Perform current solution mode                  |
| Show    | Write selected results to text files           |
| Export  | Export solution variables in CSV or XML format |
| Plot    | Plots results with built-in plotting features  |



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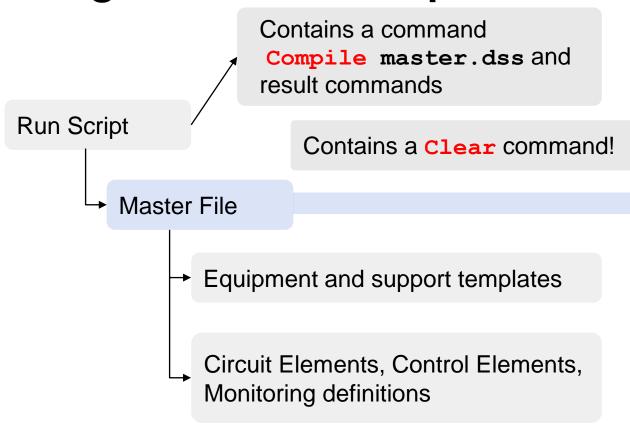




This structure <u>is not required but it helps</u> to explore and organize your model. A single script can host an entire model.

```
// Master file for 8500-Node IEEE Test Feeder Case
// Balanced Load Case
Clear
Set DefaultBaseFrequency=60
New Circuit. IEEE8500
! Make the source stiff with small impedance
~ pu=1.05 r1=0 x1=0.001 r0=0 x0=0.001
Redirect LineCodes2.DSS
Redirect
         Triplex Linecodes.dss
Redirect Lines.dss
Redirect Transformers.dss
//Redirect LoadXfmrs.dss
                             ! Load Transformers
Redirect LoadXfmrCodes.dss
                             ! Referencing XfmrCodes
Redirect
         Triplex Lines.DSS
Redirect Loads.dss
                        ! Balanced Loads
Redirect Capacitors.dss
Redirect CapControls.DSS
Redirect Regulators.dss
! Let DSS estimate the voltage bases
Set voltagebases=[115, 12.47, 0.48, 0.208]
Calcvoltagebases
                     ! This also establishes the bus list
! Load in bus coordinates now that bus list is established
Buscoords Buscoords.dss
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Main circuit source New Circuit.name circ Run Script Use Redirect commands to point to other \*.dss files Master File Equipment and support templates Circuit Elements, Control Elements, Monitoring definitions

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```
New Linecode.1ph-x4_acsrx4_acsr ...

New Linecode.1ph-xx4_acsr4_acsr ...

New Linecode.1ph-x2_acsrx2_acsr ...

New Linecode.1ph-x4_acsrx4_wpal ...

New Linecode.3ph_h-4_acsr4_acsr4_acsr4_acsr ...

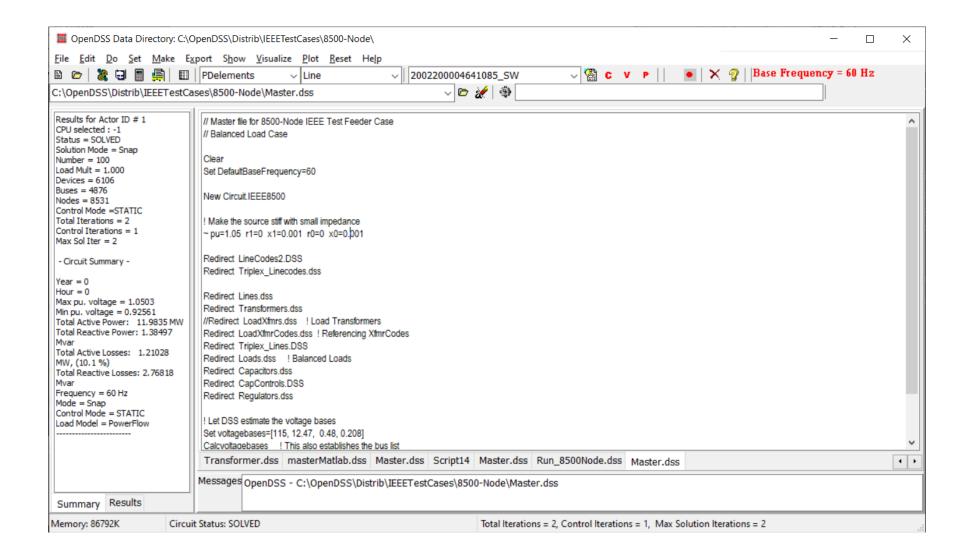
LineCodes2.dss
```

```
New Line.HVMV_Sub_connector ...
New Line.LN5502549-1 ...
New Line.LN6259988-1 ...
New Line.LN6077796-1 ...
New Line.LN5835135-2 ...
New Line.LN5896826-1 ...
New Line.LN5714038-1 ...
Lines.dss
```

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#### **OpenDSS** interface

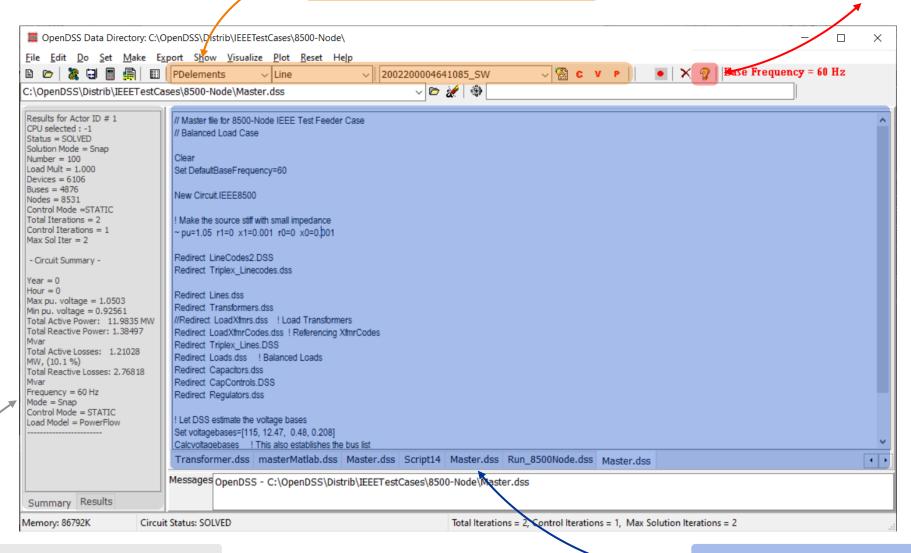




#### **OpenDSS** interface

#### **DSS Element toolbar**

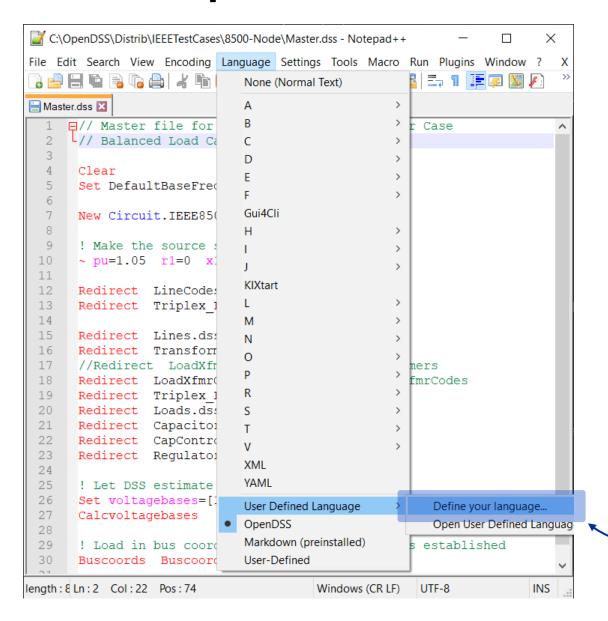
#### Command and Properties help



Solution / Results summaries

DSS script editor / navigator

#### **DSS Scripts in Text editor**



Use a text editor like **Notepad++** or **EditPlus** to better visualize your OpenDSS scripts

Import the syntax file from this folder OpenDSS/Examples/SyntaxFiles



A restart of the text editor might be required



**Live Demo** 



Questions ??



