

CPLEX IBM solver

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CPLEX Toolkit

- CPLEX allows one to work in several ways.
- An IDE that uses the OPL modeling language
- An interactive command-line optimizer
- A callable library in several languages
 - Java
 - Python
 - C
 - C++ (Concert Technology)
 - ...



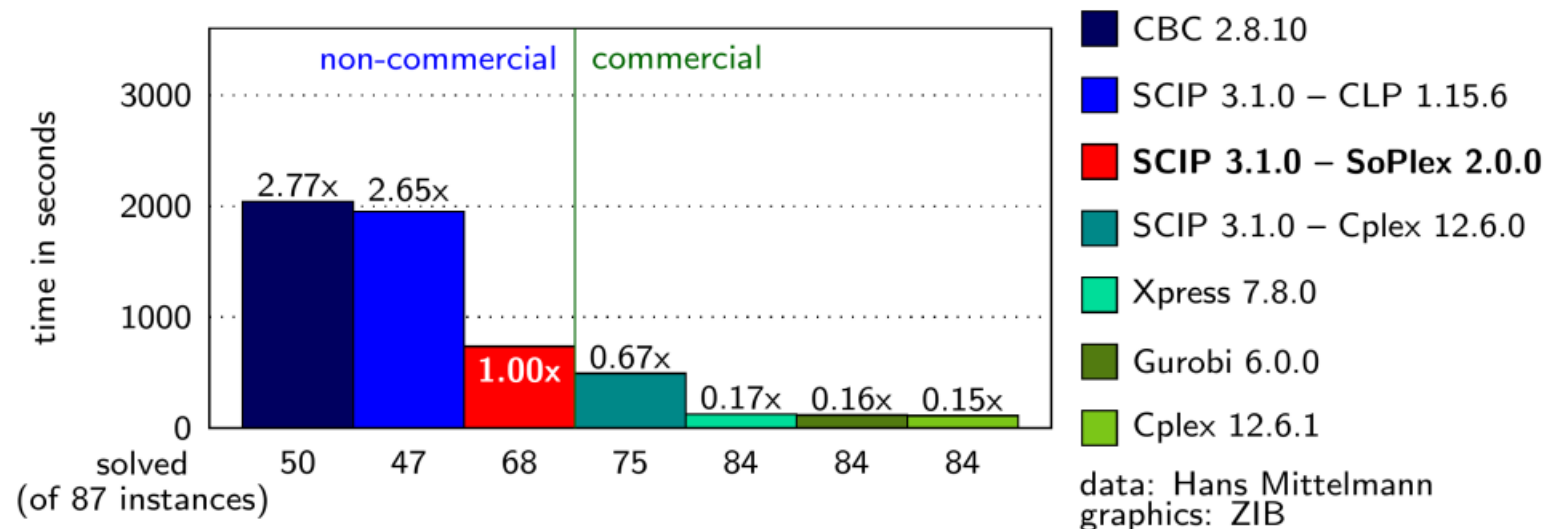
CPLEX & Optimization Programming Language (OPL)

- Math-like Modelling Language
- Clean separation between model and data
- CPLEX solver for mathematical models
- Solve linear, quadratic, and quadratically constrained programs

```
7 dvar float+ Gas;
8 dvar float+ Chloride;
9
10 maximize
11     40 * Gas + 50 * Chloride;
12
13 subject to {
14     ctMaxTotal:
15         Gas + Chloride <= 50;
16     ctMaxTotal2:
17         3 * Gas + 4 * Chloride <= 180;
18     ctMaxChloride:
19         Chloride <= 40;
20 }
```

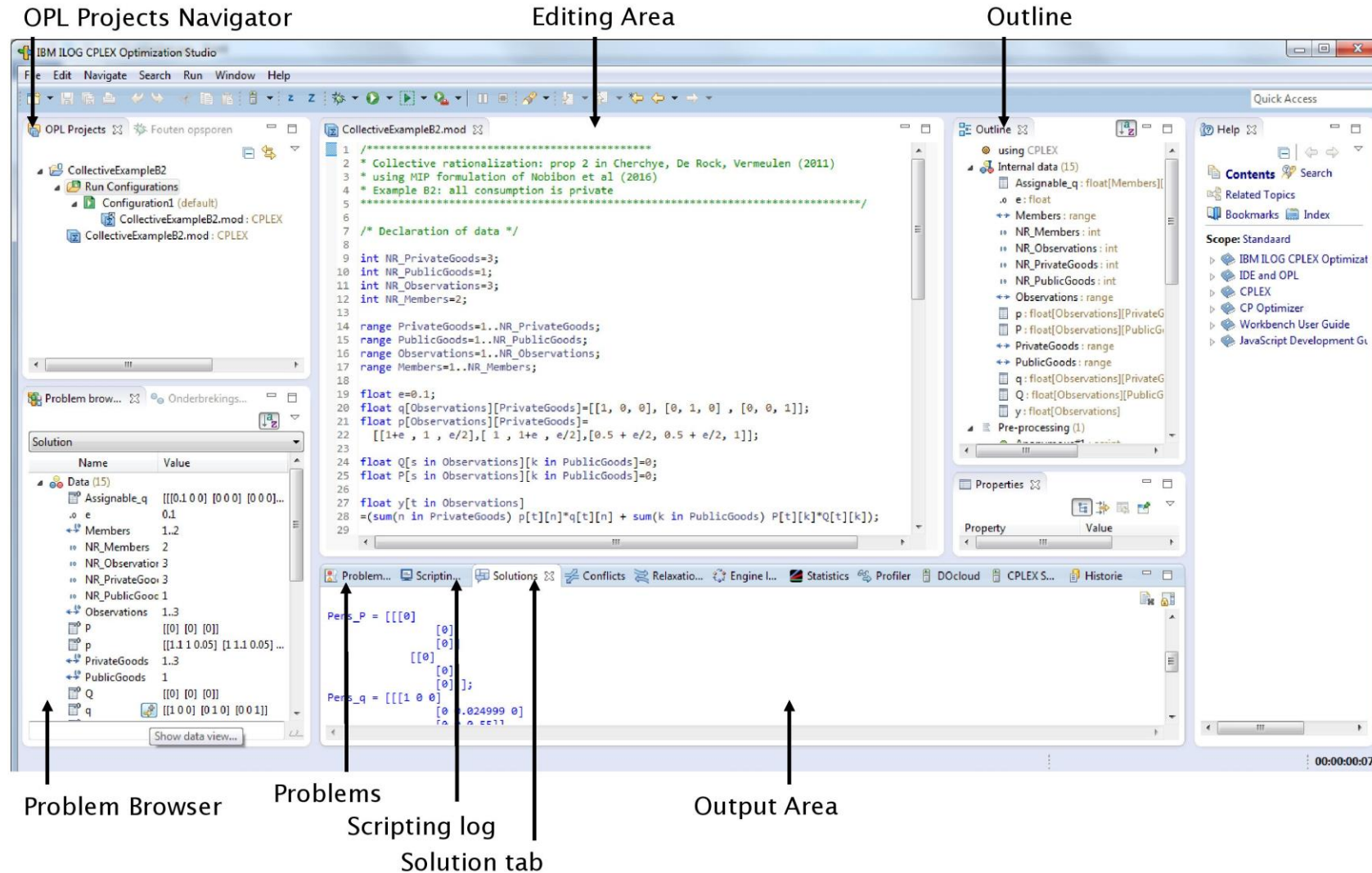
Why do we use CPLEX?

- 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

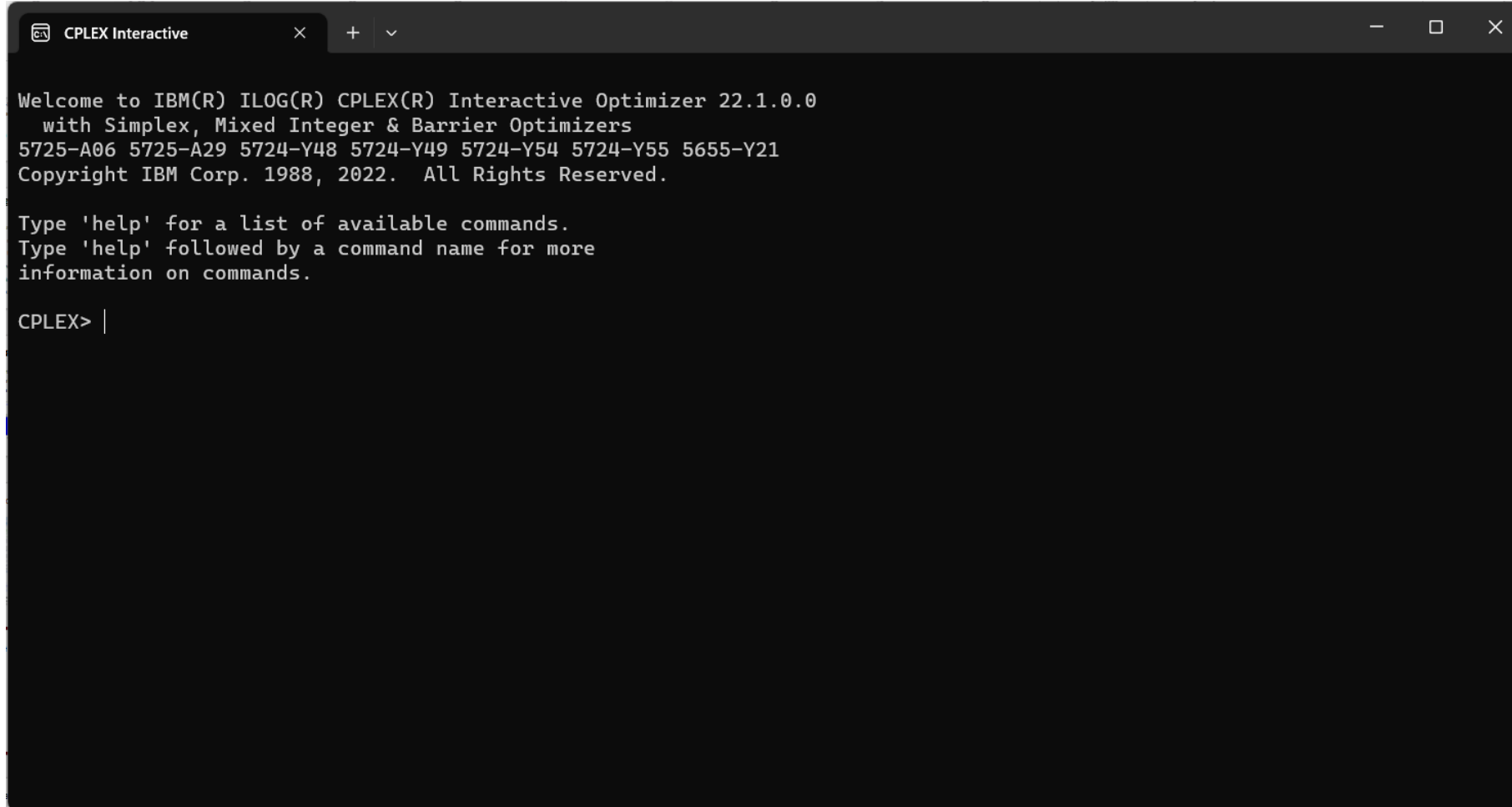


Source: SCIP website

CPLEX Optimization studio



CPLEX interactive command-line

A screenshot of the CPLEX Interactive Optimizer command-line interface. The window has a dark gray title bar with the text "CPLEX Interactive" and standard window controls (minimize, maximize, close). The main content area is black with white text. The text displays the welcome message for version 22.1.0.0, lists the supported optimizers (Simplex, Mixed Integer, and Barrier), and provides a list of license keys. It also includes instructions on how to use the 'help' command. The prompt "CPLEX>" is followed by a vertical bar, indicating the user is ready to enter a command.

```
CPLEX Interactive
Welcome to IBM(R) ILOG(R) CPLEX(R) Interactive Optimizer 22.1.0.0
  with Simplex, Mixed Integer & Barrier Optimizers
5725-A06 5725-A29 5724-Y48 5724-Y49 5724-Y54 5724-Y55 5655-Y21
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Type 'help' for a list of available commands.
Type 'help' followed by a command name for more
information on commands.

CPLEX> |
```

Describing an optimization problem

- OPL is a domain-specific language, created for describing optimization problems.
- What must we define?
 - **Constants/parameters** used in the problem.
 - **Decision variables** used in the problem.
 - **Objective function:** linear objective function.
 - **Constraints:** linear inequalities defining the feasible region.

Simple type declaration

- **Constants/ parameters**

- float
- float+
- int
- int+
- string

```
int+ n;
```

- **Decision variables**

- dvar float
- dvar float+
- dvar int
- dvar int+

```
dvar float+ Gas;
```


Data structures in CPLEX

- Sets:
 - `{string} subs = {"vitamin A", "calories"};`
 - `{string} foods = {"corn", "milk", "bread"};`
- We can define parameter arrays (single and multi-dimensional):
 - `cost[foods] = [1.80, 2.30, 0.50];`
 - `contents[foods][subs] = [[107,72],[500,121],[0,65]];`
 - `maxcontent[subs] = [50000, 2250];`
- Decision Variable:
 - `dvar float+ amount[foods];`

OPL Project Structure

1. Configuration file:

- Specifies the solver and other settings for the OPL project.

2. Model file:

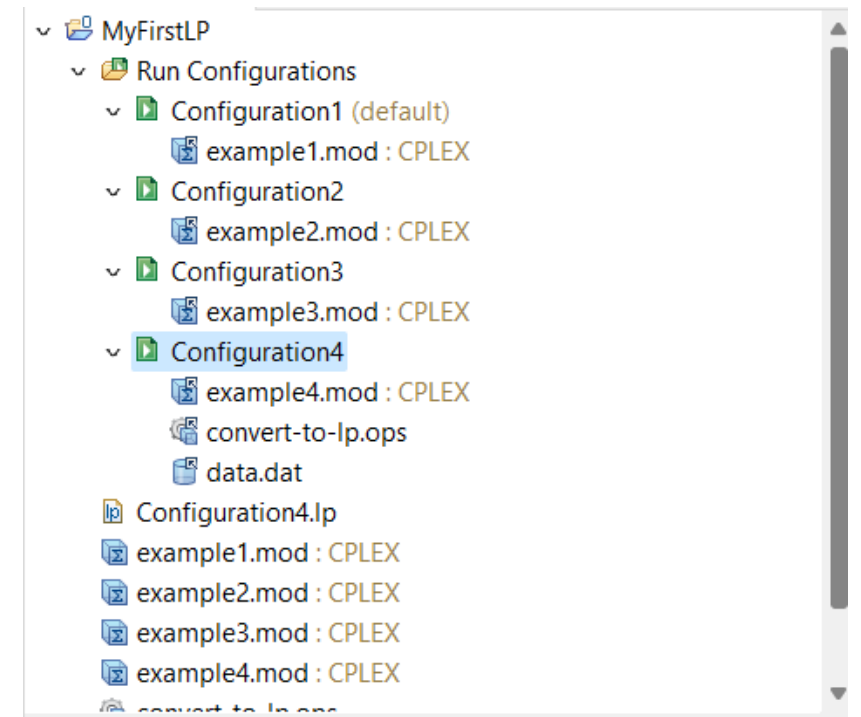
- Contains the mathematical optimization model written in OPL.

3. Data file(s):

- Data input for the OPL model.
- It includes parameters, decision variables, and constraints.

4. Settings file:

- Additional settings and options for the OPL project.



Representing a problem

- OPL separates the model and its instance.
 - Model: **.mod** extension, describes the structure of a problem.
 - Instance: **.dat** extension (or can be baked into .mod), describes the data in a problem.
- Any linear program has the same structure. Only the data changes!
- In the OPL IDE, a model and data file are associated in a run configuration.

Model structure in OPL

Variables/constants;

Maximize expression;

Subject to {
 Constraint 1;
 Constraint 2;
 ..
 Constraint n;
}

A simple production problem

- Products: Ammoniac gas (NH_3) and ammonium chloride (NH_4Cl)
- Limited Stocks:
 - 50 units of nitrogen (N), 180 units of hydrogen (H), 40 units of chlorine (Cl)
- Profit:
 - 40 Euros profit for each sale of an ammoniac gas unit
 - 50 Euros profit for each sale of an ammonium chloride unit
- Objective: Maximize Profits
- Constraints: Utilize available stocks.

LP formulation

Maximize $z = 40 \text{ Gas} + 50 \text{ Chloride}$

Subject to

$$\text{Gas} + \text{Chloride} \leq 50 \quad (\text{Nitrogen})$$

$$3 \text{ Gas} + 4 \text{ Chloride} \leq 180 \quad (\text{Hydrogen})$$

$$\text{Chloride} \leq 40 \quad (\text{chlorine})$$

Example (example.mod)

```
dvar float+ Gas;  
dvar float+ Chloride;  
  
maximize  
    40 * Gas + 50 * Chloride;  
  
subject to {  
    ctMaxTotal:  
        Gas + Chloride <= 50;  
    ctMaxTotal2:  
        3 * Gas + 4 * Chloride <= 180;  
    ctMaxChloride:  
        Chloride <= 40;  
}
```

Example (sets and arrays)

```
{string} Products = {"gas","chloride"};
dvar float production[Products];

maximize
    40 * production["gas"] + 50 * production["chloride"];

subject to {
    production["gas"] +      production["chloride"] <= 50;
    3 * production["gas"] + 4 * production["chloride"] <= 180;
    production["chloride"] <= 40;
}
```


Compact form (scripting language)

```
{string} Products = {"gas" , "chloride"};
{string} Components = { "nitrogen" , "hydrogen" , "chlorine" };

float Demand[Products][Components] = [ [1 , 3 , 0], [1 , 4 , 1] ];
float Profit[Products] = [80 , 40];
float Stock[Components] = [50 , 180 , 40];

dvar float+ Production[Products];

maximize
    sum( p in Products ) Profit[p] * Production[p];

subject to {
    forall( c in Components )
        ct:
            sum( p in Products )
                Demand[p][c] * Production[p] <= Stock[c];
}
```

Compact forms

- `sum(p in Products) Profit[p] * Production[p];`
- `forall(c in Components)
 sum(p in Products)
 Demand[p][c] * Production[p] <= Stock[c];`

Data file (.dat)

- Data file “.dat”

```
Products = {"gas" , "chloride"};  
Components = { "nitrogen" , "hydrogen" , "chlorine" };  
Demand = [ [1 , 3 , 0], [1 , 4 , 1] ];  
Profit = [80 , 40];  
Stock = [50 , 180 , 40];
```

Use of data file

```
{string} Products = ...;  
{string} Components = ...;
```

```
float Demand[Products][Components] = ...;  
float Profit[Products] = ...;  
float Stock[Components] = ...;  
dvar float+ Production[Products];
```

```
maximize  
    sum( p in Products ) Profit[p] * Production[p];
```

```
subject to {  
    forall( c in Components )  
        ct:  
            sum( p in Products )  
                Demand[p][c] * Production[p] <= Stock[c];  
}
```

Interactive CPLEX

- Enter problem / Read LP file
- Optimize
- Display Details
 - Problem details (variables, objective, constraints...)
 - Solutions
- Post-optimality details
 - Sensitivity analysis
 - Reduced cost
 - Dual price

Example

Maximize

obj1: 80 Production("gas") + 40 Production("chloride")

Subject To

ct("nitrogen"): Production("gas") + Production("chloride") <= 50

ct("hydrogen"): 3 Production("gas") + 4 Production("chloride") <= 180

ct("chlorine"): Production("chloride") <= 40

End

Enter the problem

```
CPLEX> enter
Enter name for problem: example
Enter new problem ['end' on a separate line terminates]:
Maximize
    obj1: 80 Production("gas") + 40 Production("chloride")

Subject To
    ct("nitrogen"):    Production("gas") +    Production("chloride") <= 50
    ct("hydrogen"): 3 Production("gas") + 4 Production("chloride") <= 180
    ct("chlorine"):      Production("chloride") <= 40

End
```

Optimize

```
CPLEX> optimize
Version identifier: 22.1.0.0 | 2022-03-09 | 1a383f8ce
Tried aggregator 1 time.
LP Presolve eliminated 1 rows and 0 columns.
Reduced LP has 2 rows, 2 columns, and 4 nonzeros.
Presolve time = 0.00 sec. (0.00 ticks)

Iteration log . . .
Iteration:      1      Dual infeasibility =          50.000000
Iteration:      3      Dual objective      =        4000.000000

Dual simplex - Optimal:  Objective =  4.000000000000e+03
Solution time =      0.00 sec.  Iterations = 3 (2)
Deterministic time = 0.00 ticks (4.38 ticks/sec)
```


Display Details

```
CPLEX> display
```

```
Display Options:
```

auxiliary	display auxiliary information used during optimization
conflict	display the conflict that demonstrates problem infeasibility
problem	display problem characteristics
sensitivity	display sensitivity analysis
settings	display parameter settings
solution	display existing solution

```
Display what: |
```

Conclusion

- CPLEX/OPL is a powerful framework for optimization problems.
- It promotes code organization and data separation for efficient problem management.
- CPLEX/OPL can be applied to a diverse range of applications.
- It is particularly useful for solving large-scale optimization problems.
- With its robust capabilities, CPLEX/OPL is a valuable tool for tackling complex optimization tasks.