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*Practical introduction
to groundwater modelling*

Computer exercises
01 04 Adding features to our model

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Purpose

In this exercise, we will

✓ add a river,

✓ a drain,

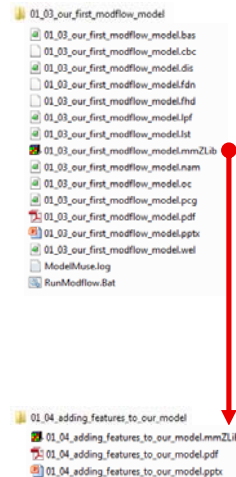✓ and constant head boundaries

to our model.

We will also

✓ visualize the fluxes from/to these model features.

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Copy file previous exercise

- ✓ Copy file "/01_03_our_first_modflow_model /01_03_our_first_modflow_model. mmZLib" to folder "/01_04_adding_features_ to_our_model/"
- ✓ Change the file name to "01_04_adding_features_ to_our_model.mmZLib",
- ✓ and open the file in ModelMuse.

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Enable MODFLOW packages

- ✓ Select **Model|MODFLOW Packages and Programs…**,
- ✓ and mark the checkboxes of the **Flow and Head Boundary**, **Drain**, and **River** packages.
- ✓ Then press **OK**.
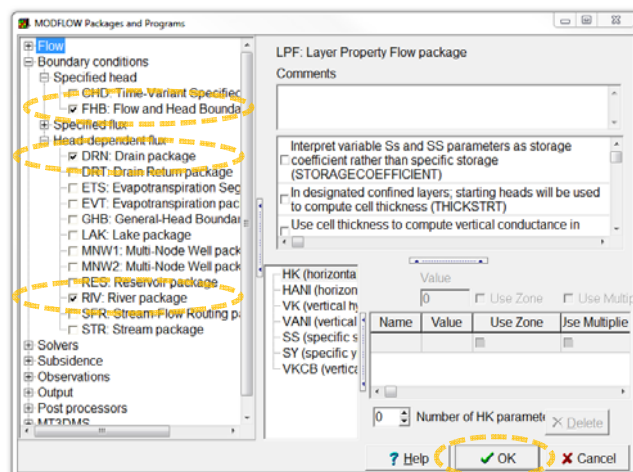
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Add a river (1/3)

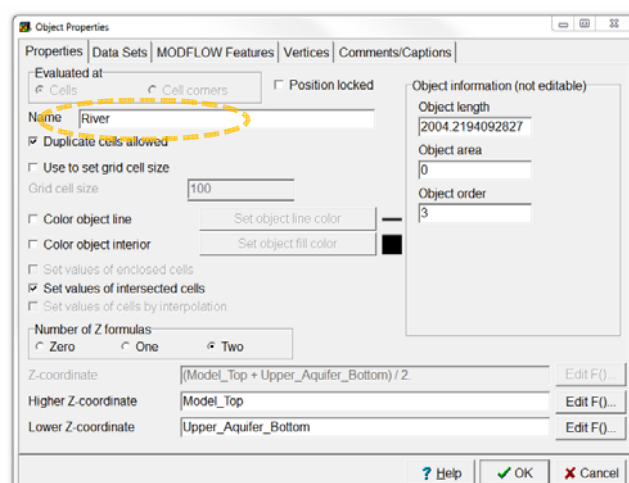- ✓ Select **Object|Create|Straight Line** or use the corresponding button,
- ✓ and draw a straight river in the fifth column, going from the first to the last row.

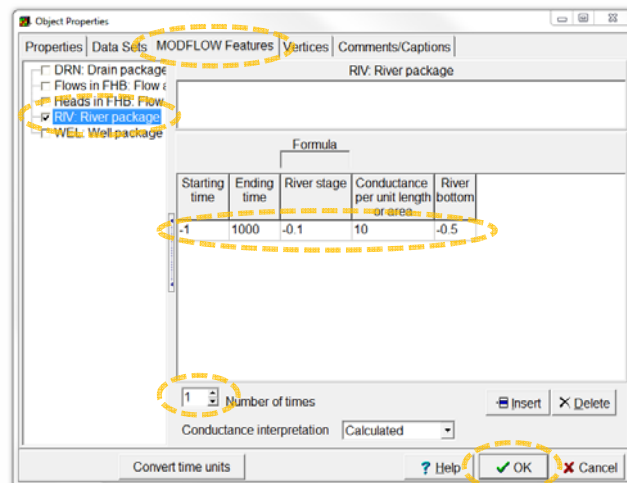**Create straight-line object**
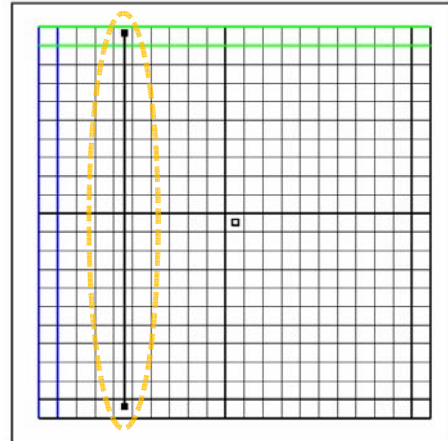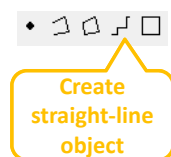
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Add a river (2/3)

- ✓ In the **Object Properties** dialog box, change the object name to "River".
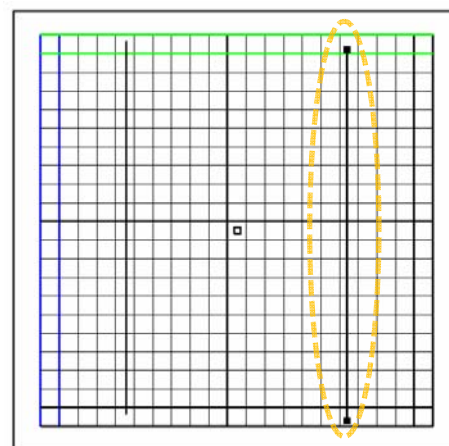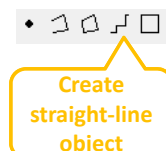

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Add a river (3/3)

- ✓ Switch to the **MODFLOW Features** tab, and
- ✓ check the **River package**.
- ✓ Change **Number of times** to 1,
- ✓ and fill in the **Starting time**, **Ending time**, **River stage**, **Conductance**, and **River bottom** with, respectively, -1, 1000, -0.1, 10, -0.5.
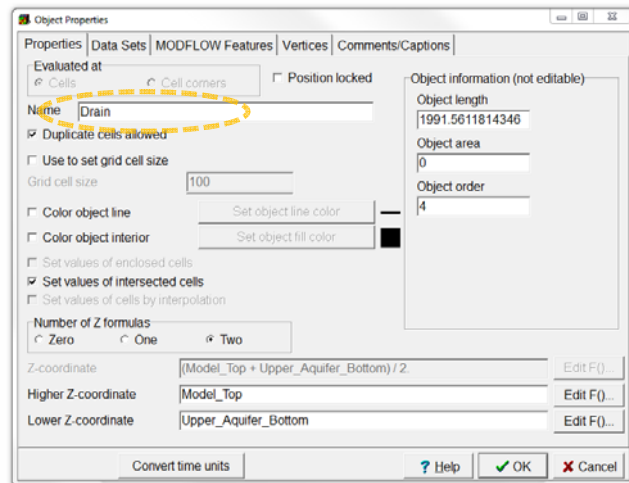- ✓ Then press **OK**.

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Add a drain (1/3)

- ✓ Select **Object|Create|Straight Line** or use the corresponding button,
- ✓ and draw a straight drain in the 17th column, going from the first to the last row.

Create straight-line object

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Add a drain (2/3)
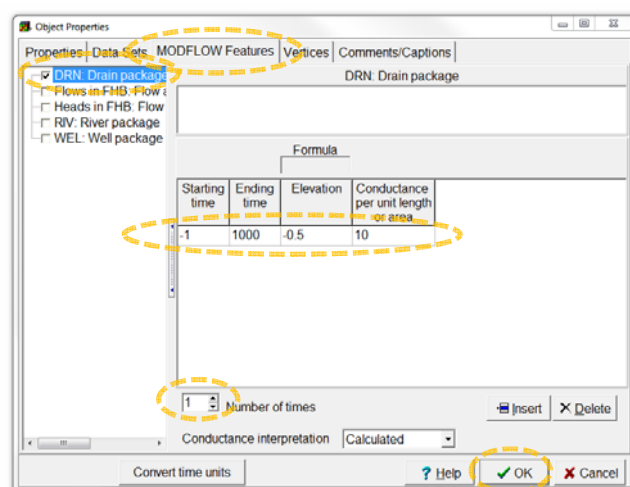
✓ In the **Object Properties** dialog box, change the object name to "Drain".
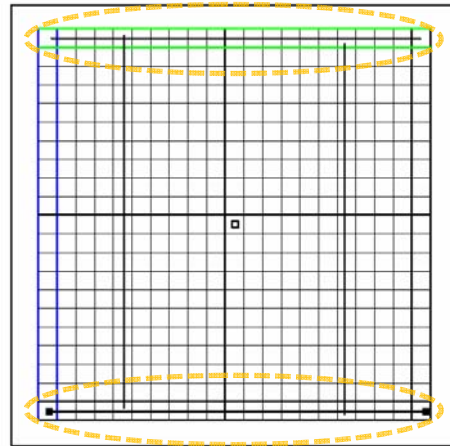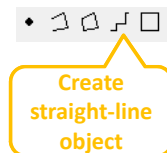

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Add a drain (3/3)

✓ Switch to the **MODFLOW Features** tab, and

✓ check the **Drain package**.

✓ Change **Number of times** to 1,

✓ and fill in the **Starting time**, **Ending time**, **Elevation** and **Conductance** with, respectively, -1, 1000, -0.5 and 10.

✓ Then press **OK**.


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Add constant head boundaries (1/3)

- ✓ Select **Object|Create|Straight Line** or use the corresponding button,
- ✓ and draw a straight line in the first row, going from the first to the last column.
- ✓ Go through the next 2 slides and then repeat the steps for the last row.

Create straight-line object

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# Add constant head boundaries (2/3)

- ✓ In the **Object Properties** dialog box, change the object name to "**Constant_head_1**" or "**Constant_head_2**".
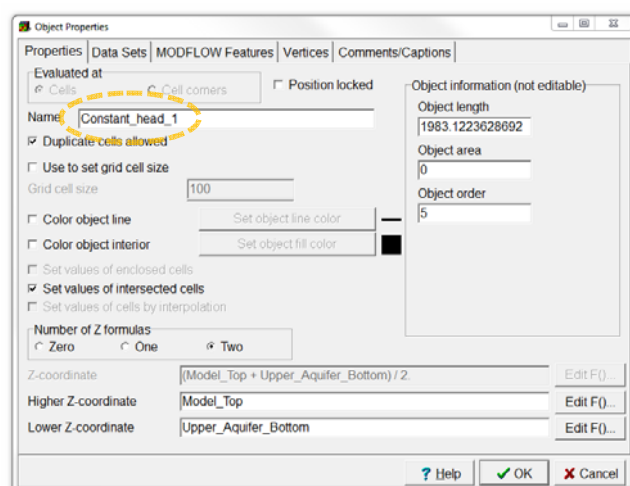
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Add constant head boundaries (3/3)

- ✓ Switch to the **MODFLOW Features** tab, and
- ✓ check the **Flow and Head Boundary package**.
- ✓ Change **Number of times** to 3,
- ✓ and fill in the **Time** column with -1, 0, 1000, and the **Head** column with 0, 0, 0.
- ✓ Then press **OK**.
- ✓ Make sure you defined two constant head boundaries!
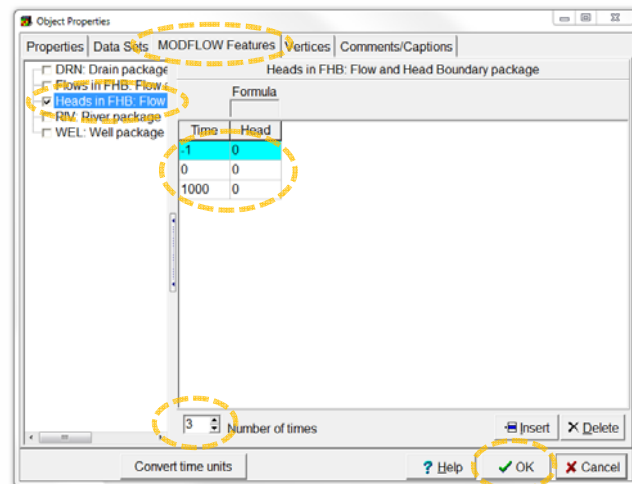
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Run model (1/2)

- ✓ Select **File|Export|MODFLOW Input Files**,
- ✓ specify the file name "/01_04_adding_features_to_our _model/ 01_04_adding_features_to_our_ model.nam", and
- ✓ click **Save**. ModelMuse will create the MODFLOW input files and start running MODFLOW.
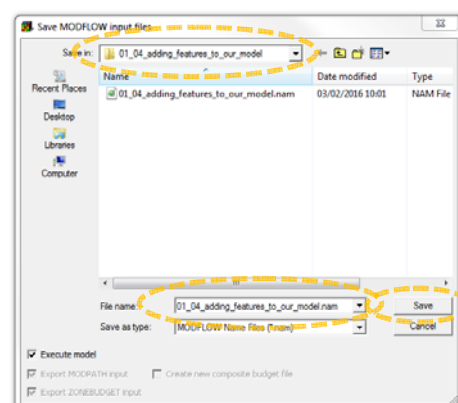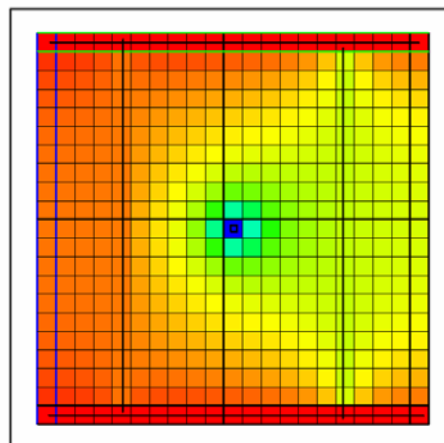
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Run model (2/2)

- ✓ ModelMonitor found a warning in the Listing file, but this is normal when using the **Flow and Head Boundary package** with transient stress periods.
- ✓ Close ModelMonitor,
- ✓ the listing file,
- ✓ and the command line window.
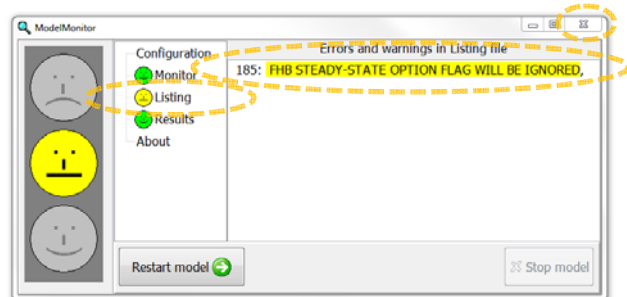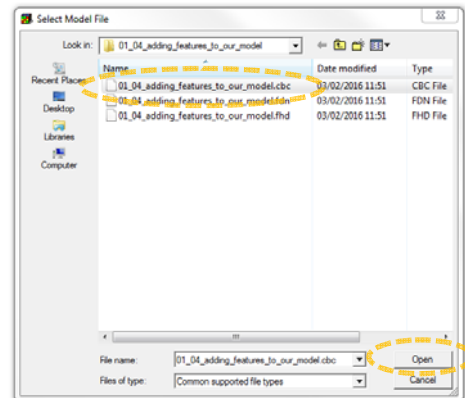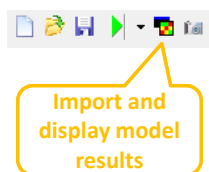

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Visualize simulated heads

- ✓ Color the grid with the simulated heads like we did during the previous exercise.


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Import flow data (1/2)

✓ Select **File|Import|Model Results…** or use the corresponding button,

✓ select the binary flow file "01_04_adding_features_to_our_ model.cbc", and

✓ click **Open**.

Import and
display model
results

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Import flow data (2/2)

✓ In the **Select Model Results to Import** dialog box, scroll down to the bottom, and

✓ select **Constant Head**, **Drains**, and **River Leakage** for **Period: 2; Step: 100**.

✓ Also, choose to color the grid with the **River Leakage** flows.

✓ Then click **OK**.
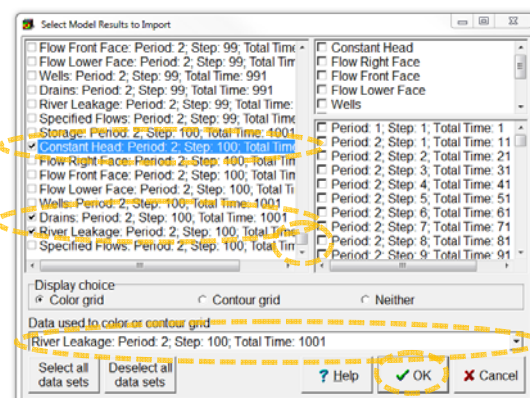
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Check fluxes from/to the river

✓ Check the values of the fluxes from/to the river using the status bar, or **Data|Show Grid or Mesh Values**.

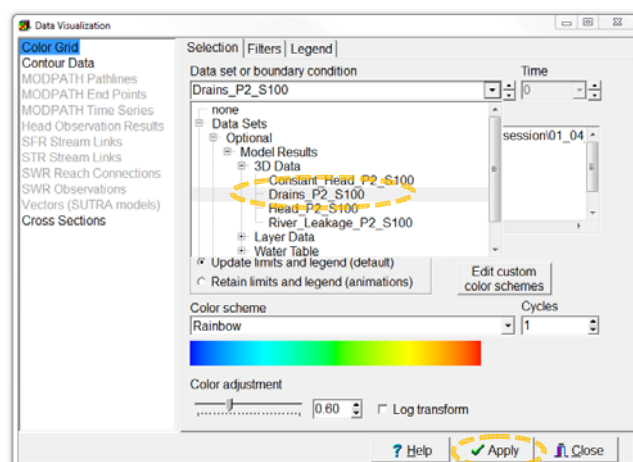✓ Is the river gaining water from, or losing water to the aquifer?
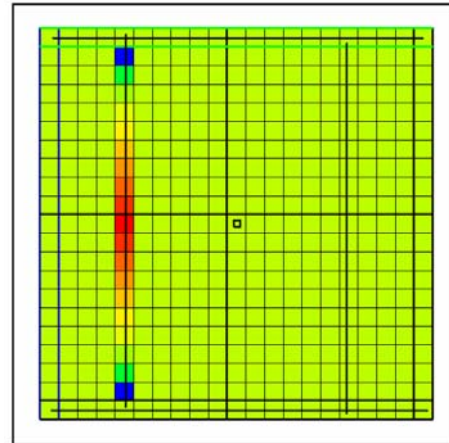
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Check fluxes to the drain (1/2)

✓ Now color the grid with the Drain flows, by selecting **Data|Data visualization**, or using the corresponding button,

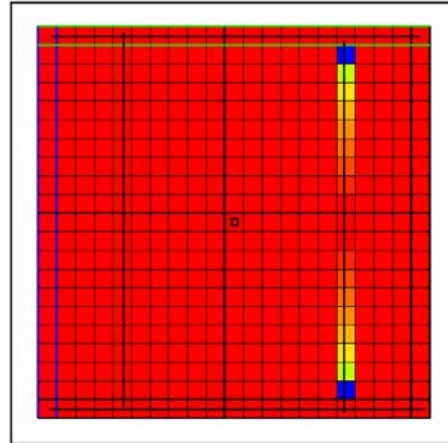✓ changing the data set to **Drains_P2_S100**,

✓ and pressing **Apply**.

Data visualization

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Check fluxes to the drain (2/2)

✓ Check the values of the fluxes to the drain using the status bar, or **Data|Show Grid or Mesh Values**.
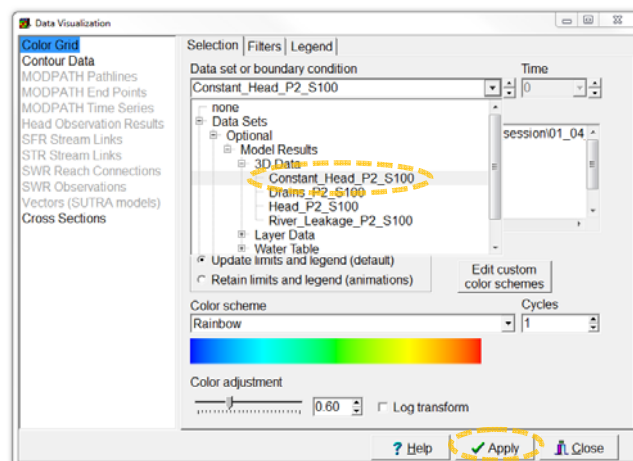
✓ Is the drain active over its entire length?

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Check fluxes from/to the constant head boundaries (1/2)

✓ Now color the grid with the Constant Head flows, by selecting **Data|Data visualization**, or using the corresponding button,

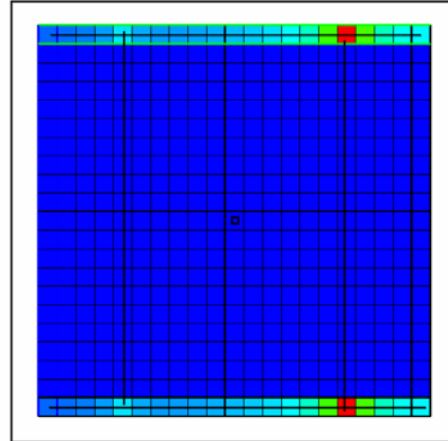✓ changing the data set to **Constant_Head_P2_S100**,

✓ and pressing **Apply**.

Data visualization

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Check fluxes from/to
the constant head boundaries (2/2)

✓ Check the values of the fluxes to the Constant Head cells using the status bar, or **Data|Show Grid or Mesh Values**.

✓ Why are the largest values located at the drain?

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*Questions? Found an error?
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