OpenRoads Designer Managing Civil Geometry from Simple to Complex



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Learning Objectives

This session intends to define concepts of OpenRoads Geometry and cover some commonly asked questions on it's use. This session intends to provide something for the novice user through to expert user.

- Reference Lectures Material
 - Previous Learn Conferences
 - Best Practice Geometry
 - CivilAccuDraw, MicroStation AccuDraw or Both (Lecture)
 - QuickStart: OpenRoads Technology Geometry (Workshops)
 - Creating and Editing Alignment Geometry (Workshops)

Harnessing the Power of Civil Geometry

OpenRoads geometry is very powerful but can get complex. However, once you understand all of the tools and relationships you will be on your way to being a geometry master. In this session we explore tools and techniques that make editing and managing even complex geometry easy. We will explore tools such as Copy, Append, Table Editing, Simplify, Complex Redefine, and more.



Agenda

- Geometry where have we come from
 - The drivers for change
- OpenRoads Geometry
 - Getting Started
 - Tools
 - Workflows



Geometry where we've come from

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Geometry - where we've come from



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The drivers for change

Legacy processes





Introduction to 2D Civil Geometry – SELECTseries2 (cira 2010)

Lets focus on the phrase

'Civil tools create geometry with rules and associations that provide intelligent updating – Design Intent'

Originally seen way back in SELECTseries 2 as new Horizontal Geometry capability

3D Civil Geometry – SELECTseries 3 (cira 2013) and beyond



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OpenRoads Geometry

Characteristics of Openroads Geometry

- MicroStation graphical elements with added intelligence. Created with rules and relationships that provide intelligent updating – Design Intent
- Interactive / Dynamic user experience
 - Easier to Learn
 - Edit handlers, manipulators
 - Context sensitive toolbars
 - In-Place Editing
 - Heads up prompting keeps your focus on your work.
- Supports multiple data sources ALG, GPK and FIL, LandXML

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OpenRoads Geometry – Getting Started

Getting Started

- Connected User
- Personal Portal
- Connect Advisor
 - Communities
 - Learn Server
 - You Tube



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- Settings > User > Preferences
 - Look and feel
- Settings > File > Design file settings
 - Units
 - Civil formatting
 - Stationing
 - Radius
 - Profile



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 - Change the colour to suit your background
 - Change the size to suit your eyesight and screen



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- Manipulators not available ?
 - Handles turned off
 - Zoomed out or partially off screen
 - Stored in a Reference file
 - Activate / exchange
 - Imported without rules (think read only)





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• Civil Model and Element info

- Geometry is stored in the following containers
 - OpenRoads Designer
 - Alignments (New in CONNECT)
 - Linear
- It's all Geometry
- Features provide default Geometry naming
- Sorting by Feature Definition > Element Name
- Right Click options to navigate / highlight and dig into elements within a complex

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Project Explorer > Civil Model

Provides the container for the Civil Model

- Alignments
- Linear Elements
- Point Elements
- 3D Linear
- Terrain Models
- Corridors
- Superelevation
- Civil Objects
- Civil Cells
- Reference Models

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Understanding The Geometry Model - Rules

- Rules
 - Relationship cause / effect
 - Line / Arc / Spiral from / to
 - Line / Arc between
 - Offset from
 - Slope from
 - Etc
 - Includes
 - Snaps
 - Civil Accudraw
 - Multiple Rule Buckets
 - Geometry
 - Corridor



Without Rules there would be no Design Intent They underpin EVERYTHING in OpenRoads

Understanding The Geometry Model - Rules

- Rules
 - Rule Management
 - Lock / Unlock Rule #
 - Can't edit / delete / no manipulators
 - Lock / Unlock Referencing Rules #
 - Children are locked and don't update
 - Remove Rule
 - # sometimes a toggle or explicit command



Lock - Deactivate Referencing Rules
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Remove Rule
Unlock - Activate Referencing Rules

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OpenRoads Geometry – Importing

Getting Started – Import / Export Geometry

- Import Geometry looks to native product formats and third party file types
 - GPK GEOPAK
 - ALG InRoads
 - .FIL MX
 - LandXML
 - ASCii H&V
 - IFC Alignment
 - Genio
 - Import Horizontal Points from Ascii File





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What we just saw– Import Geometry

- Create Civil Rules What does this mean ?
- Ruled Geometry
 - Promotes the Geometry to the DGN
 - Creates dynamically editable civil geometry H&V
- Un-Ruled Geometry
 - Read only Geometry to the DGN
 - Only provides Station controls
 - Vertical can have new profile defined and applied
 - Maintains control to the Native application / re-import

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Geometry Intervals - what are they ? What are the benefits

- Intervals are the visible presentation of underlying base geometry
- Intervals have external rules applied to them and so dynamically react to changes
 - Trim / Extend
 - Gaps
- Creates New named Element with rule to the parent with the base (hidden) geometry provides the 'provenance' that facilitates part of what we refer to as 'design intent'

Add Surface To Profile

Horizontal Geometry Report

Match Feature Definition Open Profile Model

Create Corridor

Remove Intervals

Rules Delete Properties

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Geometry Intervals - How can they be edited / removed ?

- Interval presentation
 - Intervals are displayed 'dimmed' to help identify intervals
 - Prior to update 2 the controlling base element properties were displayed

- Interval editing
 - How to access the interval

Impact of Simplifying Geometry and removing Intervals

- Simplify Geometry
 - Comparable to Legacy edits
 - Export to the tools we know, edit, round trip
 - 'Dumbs' the geometry down and removes rules
 - May not be desirable
 - Where there is no dependent rule allows the base elements in a complex to be simplified down to the interval
 - Works for both horizontal and vertical
 - Option to keep base element



Simple Geometry editing

How To...

Insert PI

- Use Insert Vertex to insert PI to horizontal alignment
- Delete PI and Remove Curves
 - Use Delete Vertex to remove PI's which can also remove horizontal curves

Insert Curves

 Use Insert Fillet tool if you need to insert a curve or curve combinations between tangents on previously create alignment

Append Elements

- If you need to add additional elements to the beginning or end of alignment





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Complex Geometry editing

- New Geometry Paradigm
 - impact of
 - Rules & relationships
 - Reference files
 - MSTN edits vrs Civil Edits



Complex Geometry editing



Copy

- MSTN Copy vrs Civil Copy
 - MSTN just copies plan graphics
 - Civil Copy preserves civil integrity including vertical if present and gives option of maintaining rules

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Complex Geometry Editing Options

- Drop edit rebuild
 - REMEMBER Civil Geometry is more than just CAD graphics
 - In the early stages this can be ok but the project develops, especially by adding vertical this can give rise to rule issue and 'static' models due to lost refences

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- Substitute Geom
 - Allows the corridor to be reassigned to new geom



Complex Geometry editing Options - Complex Redefine



- Provides the best and recommended workflow for complex editing of 'ruled geometry'
- Non destructive
- Preserves rules



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Complex Geometry editing Options - Complex Redefine



- The recommended workflow for complex editing of 'ruled geometry'
- Non destructive
 - Preserves rules
 - Links maintained for common elements
- Projects vertical (the new horizontal will be different so this is a best first attempt)



Complex Geometry editing Options – Table Editor (H&V)

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NOTE :- Table Editor 'Simplifies the geometry'

Complex Geometry editing Options – Geometry Builder

- Provides 'COGO' workflows
- Really powerful geometry creation / editing tools
 - Element Highlight
 - Move element up/down
 - Insert element before/after

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Complex Geometry editing Options – Transform

- Allows custom 'Transformation' to be defined and saved for reuse for one or more
 - Move / rotate / scale
 - Z transform
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 - Cursor Point
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- Caution - 'Transform' 'Simplifies' the geometry - AKA removes rules

Geometry Modeling Improvements in 2019 R3



Open 'X' Common Deliverables

Drawing Production Enhancements

Event Points



Geometry Modeling Improvements

Geometry workflows

Geometry Builder and Connection Editor





Have a great conference!



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