

Simulator Overview Training

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Simulator Training

1 Introduction


This document will give you an overview of the simulator and some of the basic functions which will help you get started using your simulator.

2 Starting the Simulator

With the PatrolSim/TranSim software fully installed, configured, and functioning properly, it is important you follow these procedures when starting or stopping the simulator, to ensure the integrity of the system.

If the simulator has been in storage, allow the system to stabilize to ambient environmental conditions before starting.

START UP:

1. Turn on the OPCON computer by pressing its Power button.	
2. The simulator computers are automatically turned on via a “Wake on Land” (WOL) command as the OpCon application automatically launches.	
3. To assure that the system has powered-up correctly, check the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) All three displays on the simulator should display the L-3 logo window.b) The power switch should display a green light.c) The touch screen console should be displayed.d) The “MDYN” indicator in the simulator tile from the Opcon application should be green.	

3 Loading a Scenario and Vehicle

The Scenario Process toolbar contains tools that control scenarios, and modify the environment within a scenario.

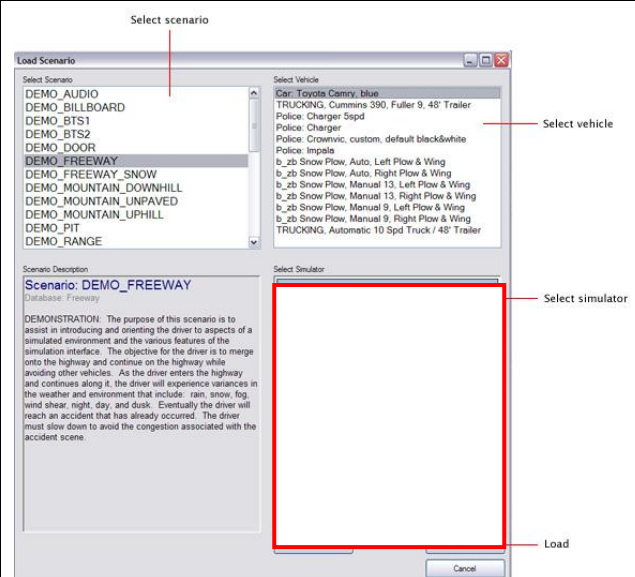


We will first look at loading a scenario and then we will look at adjusting the environment once the scenario has been loaded. The **Load** button brings up the **Load Scenario** dialog box which allows you to bring up a new scenario and vehicle on a specific simulator, or on all simulators on the network.

TO LOAD A NEW SCENARIO AND VEHICLE:

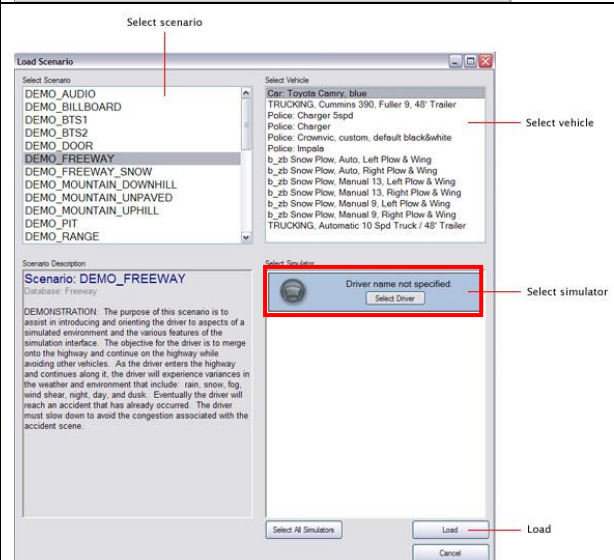
1. Click the Load button.	
2. Select a scenario from the list.	
<p>3. Select a vehicle to load. If you do not select a vehicle, the program uses the scenario default vehicle, or if none, the last vehicle loaded; or the system default.</p> <p>If this is the first scenario being run after starting up the simulator; the system will not automatically detect a default vehicle, please ensure that you select the appropriate vehicle from the list.</p>	

4. Select the simulators on which to load the scenario.



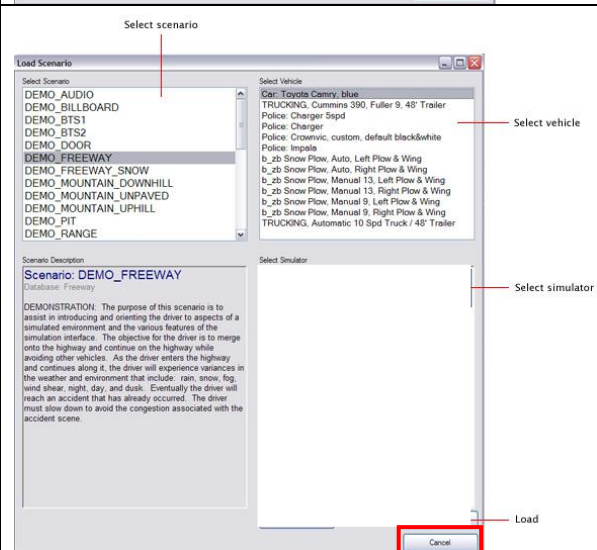
5. Select the driver (**Select Driver** button).

NOTE: If using the **Lesson Management System**, you can select a driver by clicking the **Select Driver** button. You can select class and student; then click **Use Selected Student**. You can also add/edit students, add a new class or delete a class, and view exercise details.



6. Click the **Load** button in the lower right part of the dialog window.

NOTE: You can now sit in the simulator and drive the PatrolSim/TranSim. Turn on the ignition, and put the transmission into the appropriate gear position.



4 Adjusting the Driving Environment

You can adjust the driving environment by choosing the **Weather** button. By adjusting the driving environment, you can create more realistic driving conditions the driver may encounter, which will enhance the simulator experience.



TO ADJUST THE WEATHER:

Click the Weather button to display the list of various weather options you can manipulate.	
CLEAR clears all weather effects in the scenario. NOTE: Clicking the Weather icon automatically restores all weather conditions to the clear state.	
RAIN Very Light Rain Light Rain Medium Rain Heavy Rain	
SNOW Very Light Snow Light Snow Medium Snow Heavy Snow	
FOG Very Light Fog Light Fog Medium Fog Heavy Fog	
SUN GLARE On / Off NOTE: You must be facing East at sunrise, or West at sunset, to see this effect.	

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<div>WIND</div> <div>Enable/Disable buttons at the bottom of the dialog box turn the wind in the scenario on or off at any time.</div> <div>Wind is made up of:<ul style="list-style-type: none">wind speed (in mph)heading (direction in degrees, where 0 = east, 90 = north, -90 = south, 180 = west)</div> <div>To create wind gusts:<ul style="list-style-type: none">set speed, direction, and frequency (number of gusts per second)</div> <div>Select the wind speed and heading by clicking the mouse on the circle end of the wind vector and dragging it to the heading (direction) and length (intensity) desired.</div> <div>To remove gusts:<ul style="list-style-type: none">set all three gust amplitudes in the Wind dialog box to 0.0 (using the sliders)</div> <div>NOTE: Keep in mind that vehicles can tip over if the wind is set too high.</div>	<div><div><div><div>Weather</div><div>Clear Rain Snow Fog Sun Glare Ice Wind</div></div></div></div> <div><div>Click and drag to set wind vector</div><div><div>Wind Settings</div><div><div><div>N</div><div></div></div><div><div>Gust 1</div><div>Gust 2</div><div>Gust 3</div></div><div><div>Wind</div><div>Speed(MPH) 30 Direction (degrees) 180</div><div><div>Gusts</div><table><thead><tr><th></th><th>Speed (MPH)</th><th>Direction (degrees)</th><th>Frequency (cycles/sec)</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>1:</td><td>25</td><td>45</td><td>0.2</td></tr><tr><td>2:</td><td>50</td><td>180</td><td>0.1</td></tr><tr><td>3:</td><td>75</td><td>270</td><td>0.05</td></tr></tbody></table></div><div><div>Enable</div><div>Disable</div><div>Cancel</div><div>OK</div></div></div></div><div><div>Frequency between gusts</div><div>0.2 = 5 sec. 0.1 = 10 sec. 0.05 = 20 sec.</div></div></div></div>		Speed (MPH)	Direction (degrees)	Frequency (cycles/sec)	1:	25	45	0.2	2:	50	180	0.1	3:	75	270	0.05
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5 Failures

Failures offer sub-menus for each type of vehicle failure. The options in the sub-menus cause a specific component of the vehicle to fail. Again, creating a more realistic driving environment.



TO ENABLE FAILURES:

Click the Failures button to display the list of various failure options you can manipulate.	
RESTORE ALL FAILURES restores any (and all) of the below listed failures previously selected.	
BLOWOUT TIRES Blow Out Left Tire Blow Out Right Tire Restore Left Tire Restore Right Tire	
FAIL BRAKES Fail Brakes Restore	
LOCK BRAKES Front Left Front Right Rear Left Rear Right Trailer Left Trailer Right Restore	

SMOKING BRAKES Left Right Restore	 <p>The 'Smoking Brakes' menu is highlighted with a red border. It contains the following options: Left, Fail Brakes; Right, Fail Brakes; Left, Lockup Brakes; Right, Lockup Brakes; and Restore.</p>
ENGINE TEMP Overheat Restore	 <p>The 'Engine Temp' menu is highlighted with a red border. It contains the following options: Overheat and Restore.</p>
OIL PRESSURE Fail Restore	 <p>The 'Oil Pressure' menu is highlighted with a red border. It contains the following options: Fail and Restore.</p>
FAIL HEADLIGHTS Left Right Both Restore	 <p>The 'Fail Headlights' menu is highlighted with a red border. It contains the following options: Left; Right; Both; and Restore.</p>
LOW FUEL Fuel Gauge Low Restore	 <p>The 'Low Fuel' menu is highlighted with a red border. It contains the following options: Fuel Gauge Low and Restore.</p>
ENGINE FAULTY Faulty Restore	 <p>The 'Engine Faulty' menu is highlighted with a red border. It contains the following options: Faulty and Restore.</p>

6 Lesson Plans


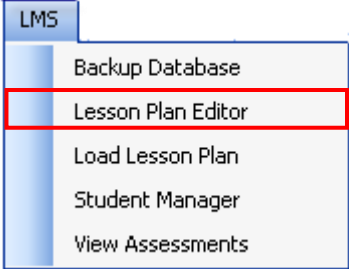
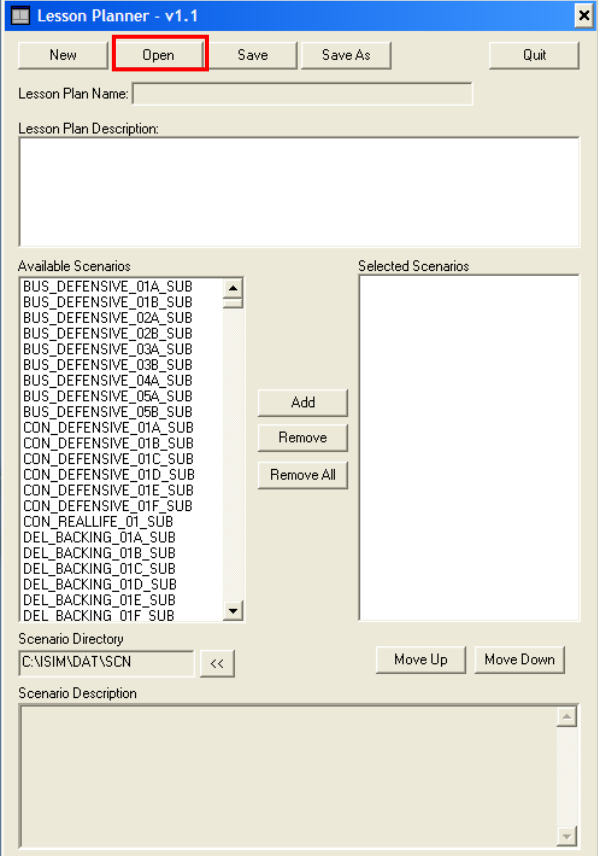
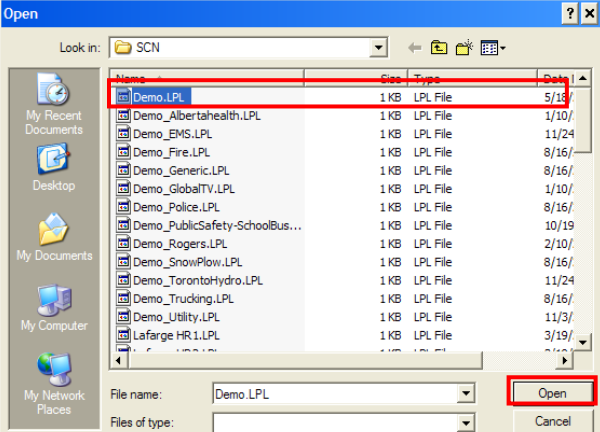
Lesson plans contain a list of existing scenarios that are specific for your training needs. Using a lesson plan gives you quick and easy access to the required scenarios. We will discuss how to use existing lesson plans as well as how to modify an existing lesson plan.



USE OF AN EXISTING LESSON PLAN:

1. Click the LMS button located on the top menu bar.	
2. From the LMS drop down menu, click on the Load Lesson Plan option.	
3. A window will open allowing you to choose the lesson plan you would like to open. Click on the Lesson Plan to highlight it and then click the Open button in the bottom right of the screen.	
<p>4. This loads the lesson plan and brings up a small dialog window displaying the scenarios within that lesson plan.</p> <p>Choose one of the following options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LOAD launches the highlighted scenario. • NEXT loads the next scenario on the list. • REPEAT repeats the last scenario loaded. • CLOSE closes the lesson plan. 	

MODIFYING AN EXISTING LESSON PLAN:

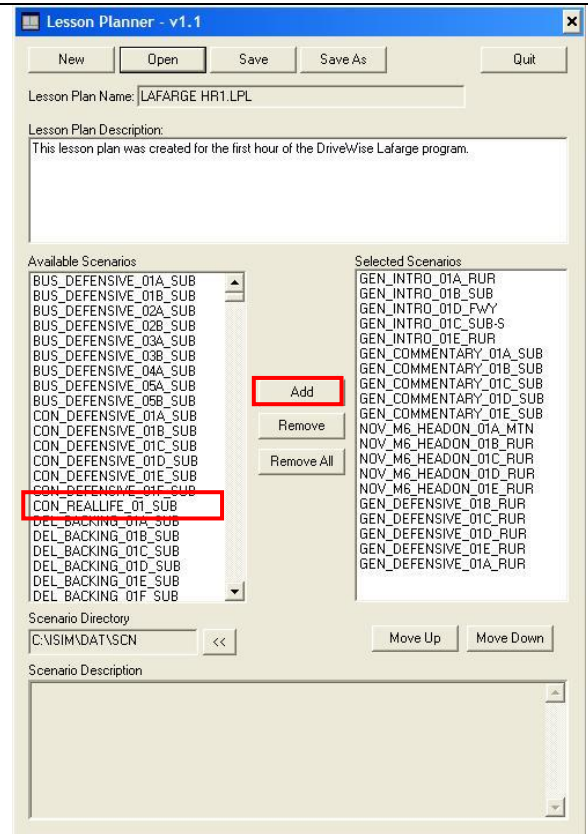
1. Click the LMS button located on the top menu bar.	
2. From the LMS drop down menu, click on the Lesson Plan Editor option.	
<p>3. A window will open that allows you to do the following:</p> <p>Choose one of the following options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New allows you to create a new lesson plan. • Open opens a window where you can chose the lesson plan you would like to open and edit. • Save will save the changes you made to the lesson plan. • Save As allows you to save the changes you made to the lesson plan under a new lesson plan name. <p>This section will focus on modifying an existing lesson plan. Click the Open button to locate the lesson plan you would like to edit.</p>	
4. A window will open allowing you to choose the lesson plan you would like to edit. Click on the Lesson Plan to highlight it and then click the Open button in the bottom right of the screen.	

5. The right area of this screen displays the list of scenarios that are currently in this lesson plan. To modify this lesson plan, click on a scenario on the left of the screen that you would like to add.

Click the **Add** button located in the middle of this window to add the selected scenario to the lesson plan.

If you would like to remove a scenario from the lesson plan, click on a scenario on the right of the screen and click the **Remove** button.

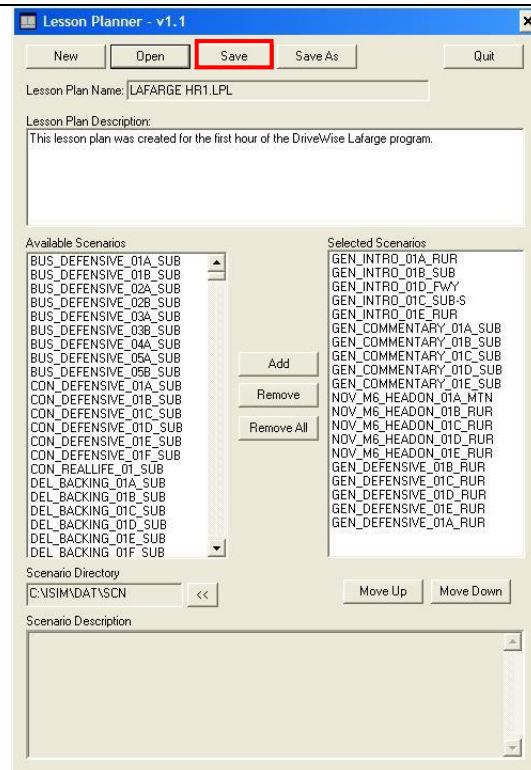
NOTE: If you want to re-order the scenarios in the lesson plan, use the **Move Up** and **Move Down** buttons located towards the bottom right of the window.



6. Once you have finished making modifications to the lesson plan, click the **Save** button.

If you want to rename the lesson, click the **Save As** button.

Once you have finished all modifications and have saved your changes, click the **Quit** button to close the window.

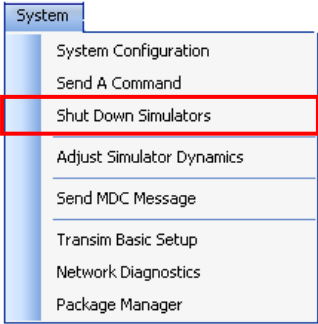



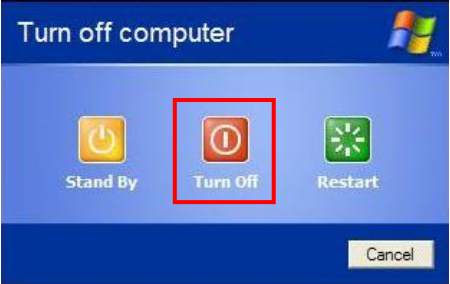


7. To open the lesson plan you just modified, follow the steps on **Use of an Existing Lesson Plan**.

7 Shutting Down the Simulator

Use the following steps to properly shut down the simulator.

SHUT DOWN SIMULATOR:

<p>1. From the System menu on the OPCON, click on Shut Down Simulators.</p> <p>NOTE: If you have more than one simulator, select the System menu on the OPCON, click on the System Configuration button. The System Configuration menu appears. Right-click on the simulator you want to shut down in the Simulators list, and select Shutdown Simulators.</p>	
<p>2. The Shutdown confirmation screen appears. Click Yes to shut down.</p>	
<p>3. On the OPCON computer, press the Start button (usually located in the bottom left of your screen).</p>	
<p>4. Select Turn Off Computer.</p>	
<p>5. Click Turn Off.</p>	

ALTERNATE WAY TO SHUT DOWN SIMULATOR:

1. Press the simulator **Power** button (no more than 1.5 seconds), located to the left of the dash and near the simulator E-Stop button - the computers will shut down.

NOTE: The circuit breaker on the back of the simulator should be left on, unless the system is being moved. If the main A/C power cord needs to be removed, turn the breaker off.

E-STOP (EMERGENCY STOP):

1. To do an emergency stop of the simulator, press the **E-Stop** button. This is the red button located above the On/Off switch near the left side of the dashboard.



2. To reset, wait 30 seconds, twist the E-Stop button until it pops out, and then restart the simulator.