



AVEVA

Integration Guide

DETAILED PRODUCTION SCHEDULING
WITH REAL-TIME DATA



Forward Thinking

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03 Overview



Welcome to the world of simulation. Simulation provides a unique way to examine the future and make intelligent decisions based on what you learn. While simulation technology has been around for decades, it is still rapidly evolving. Advances in object-oriented approaches provide rapid modeling and the flexibility to model complex systems that could not be modeled just a few years ago. And integrated 3D animation makes the creation of compelling 3D visualizations easy, and this in turn helps assure more robust, understandable models and better communication with stakeholders.

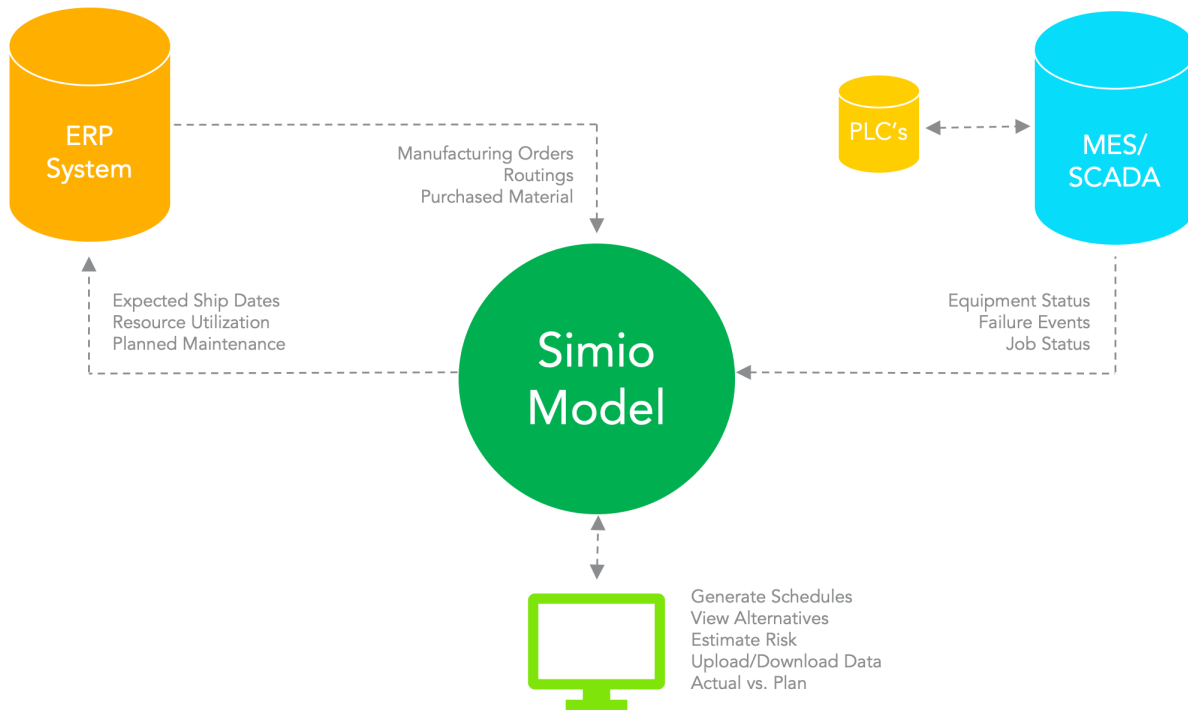
Simio extends that base technology to provide a unique solution for planning and scheduling. Simio provides AVEVA MES with Finite Capacity Scheduling and Advanced Planning and Scheduling functionality. Simio's patented approach to planning and scheduling is first to automate comparing a deterministic schedule from MRP with a variation adjusted schedule to let you effectively deal with breakdowns, unplanned events and material shortages. You can then re-schedule resources to acceptable levels of risk. Data is brought into memory for fast execution. While Simio takes full advantage of your existing data to quickly and automatically build your scheduling model, that base model can also be enhanced as needed to accurately capture complexity unique to your system.

The team of architects behind Simio have been leaders in simulation since the early 1980's, playing key roles in the design and development of four previous market-leading products. Simio is the result of this team applying their collective 180 years of simulation experience and using the very latest in technology and development techniques to create a new generation of simulation problem solving capability.

04 ERP Integration

The Simio Production Scheduling model is typically integrated with the existing ERP and MES/SCADA system to provide the data on the current status of the system and the actual jobs to be processed through the system. This data is provided to Simio in the form of relational data sets that are imported and held in memory by Simio for fast execution.

These data sets typically contain data such as a list of jobs to be processed, a bill of material for each job, job routings including setup and processing times, purchased material, etc., along with the status of all jobs in the system at the start of the planning period. Simio does not have a fixed data schema – the data sets used by Simio are configured as needed to match the form of the external data. The flow of jobs as defined by the data sets is then simulated by Simio using the model to generate a detailed schedule.



Integration between Simio Production Scheduling and AVEVA MES

This interface has been built to integrate data between Simio Production Scheduling and AVEVA MES to enable real-time event based scheduling. Utilizing Simio's simulation-based scheduling capabilities, a model can be developed to depict the resource and material constraints within a manufacturing system. Then, interfacing Simio to the AVEVA MES enables the scheduling model to be run near real-time. This means as events happen on the factory floor, the production schedule can be re-run quickly to re-route orders around possible bottlenecks.

The integration employs pulling of data from database views and stored procedures of the MES tables to get data into the model. The AVEVA MES as Web API Data Connector to call the AVEVA Web API to pull this data from the AVEVA MES data model. Inventory, work orders, routings, bill-of-materials, order status and machine status are all captured through this inbound integration to pull the data for creating the production schedule.



Once the schedule is generated, the scheduled is updated in the AVEVA MES using the AVEVA MES API. The Export Schedule to MES also uses a Web API Data Connector and the AVEVA Web API.

06 Interface Components

There are a number of components that are used for this integration. These components can be downloaded using the following URL:

<https://github.com/SimioLLC/AVEVAMES>

Unzip the file. The contents are as follows:

AVEVAMESMSSQL2019Backup

A Microsoft SQL Server 2019 database backup is provided to recreate the demo if someone has AVEVA MES 2017 R2.

DatabaseScripts

SQL views and stored procedures used to pull the MES data.

DemoModels

There are 2 completed scheduling models. One model shows the integration with AVEVAMES and the other shows the integration with InBatch.

Documents

This folder contains 2 documents. The first this SimioAPI-UsingTheSimioBackendDll.pdf that shows how to run Simio without the GUI. The MiddlewareExtensibility_Jan2013.pdf is a reference on how to trigger events from the MES Middleware.

InBatchXMLStylesheets

This folder contains a sample InBatch recipe in BatchML format as well as 4 XML Stylesheets used to transform the BatchML into the format needed to import the data into the Simio tables.

Node-REDFlows

This folder contains the flow used to automatically regenerate the schedule based on MQTT Topic and Simio Portal Web API.

PublishMQTT

The folder contains the visual studio project that calls an MQTT topic called “mes/downtimeEvent” when configured to run via the AVEVAMES middleware. This is to be used with the Node-RedFlows.

PublishMQTTTest

Test Client to run PublishMQTT

RunSimioPortalExperiment












The folder contains the RunSimioPortalExperiment executable and supporting files to run Simio Portal Experiment using a Windows Service.

RunSimioPortalExperimentCode

The folder contains the visual studio project used to generated the RunSimioPortalExperiment executable.

TestHooks

The folder contains the visual studio project that produces a file when configured to run via the AVEVAMES middleware. This is to be used with the RunSimioPortalExperiment.

Name	Status	Date modified
 AVEVAMESMSSQL2019		2020-11-13 08:56
 DatabaseScripts		2020-11-04 18:49
 DemoModels		2020-11-12 17:13
 Documents		2020-01-30 18:05
 InBatchXMLStylesheets		2020-01-30 18:05
 Node-REDFlows		2020-11-12 15:33
 PublishMQTT		2020-11-11 16:54
 PublishMQTTTest		2020-11-04 19:25
 RunSimioPortalExperiment		2020-11-04 19:03
 RunSimioPortalExperimentCode		2020-11-04 19:02
 TestHooks		2020-09-08 07:41

The DatabaseScript need to be run on the AVEVAMES database to setup the integration. The other folders are optional depending on the project. If needed, they will be referenced in other sections of this document.

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Install Database Objects

The database views and stored procedures are used to map the data between the AVEVA MES database and the Simio table. A database objects are in the SQL script provided. The scripts are to be run on the same database used by AVEVA MES.

Install these two scripts:

1. DatabaseViews.sql

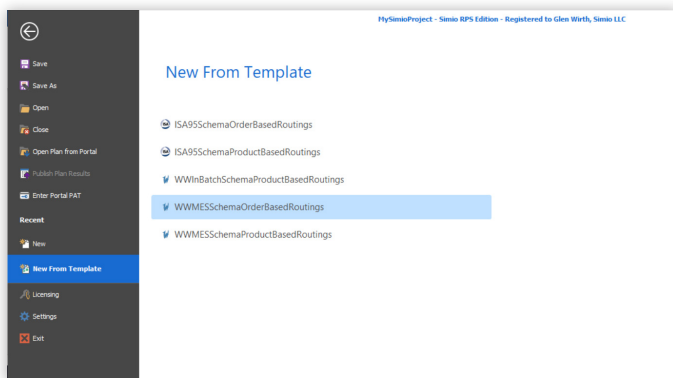
This script contains all the database views used in this integration.

2. DatabaseStoredProcedures.sql

This script contains all the stored procedures used in this integration.

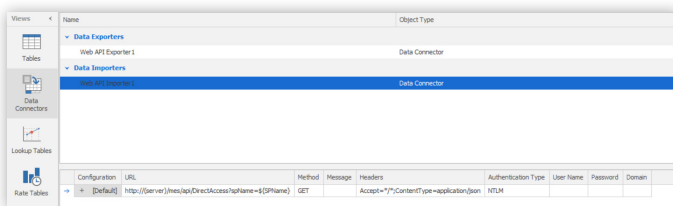
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New Simio Model Based On Template



1. Open Simio
2. Select File "New From Template"
3. Select "WWMES Schema Order Based Routings"

This will create a new model that has a data schema, sub-classed object definitions, dashboards and reports defined. The new model can then easily be integrated with a existing AVEVAMES system that has order based routings.



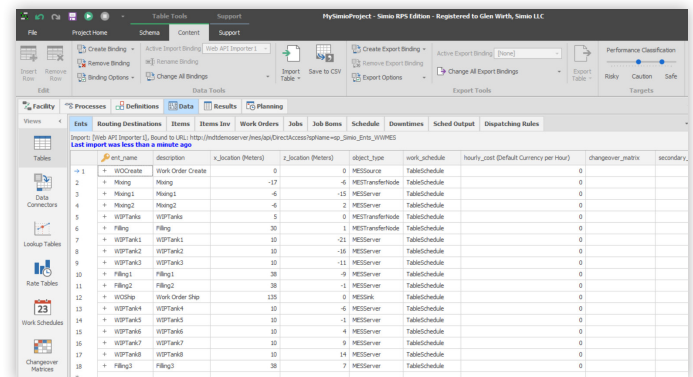
4. Select the Data tab and the Data Connectors.
5. Configure URL, UserName, Password and Domain.

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Import Entities

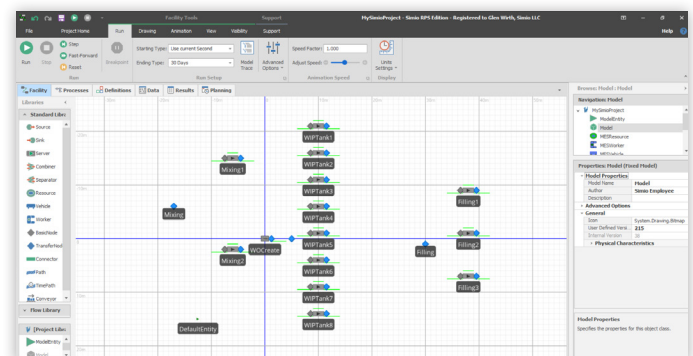
In this step, we will import the entities (referred to as resources in Simio) from AVEVA MES into Simio.

1. Select the DATA tab
2. Select the ENTS table
3. Select IMPORT table



Entity Name	Description	x_location (Meters)	y_location (Meters)	object_type	work_schedule	hours_per_week (Default Currency per hour)	changerover_maths	secondary...
WCCreate	Work Order Create	0	0	MESSource	TableSchedule	0	0	
Mhang1	Mhang	-17	-6	MESTransferNode	TableSchedule	0	0	
Mhang2	Mhang1	-6	-13	MESSEServer	TableSchedule	0	0	
WPTank1	WPTank1	5	0	MESTransferNode	TableSchedule	0	0	
Filng1	Filng	30	1	MESTransferNode	TableSchedule	0	0	
WPTank1	WPTank1	10	-21	MESSEServer	TableSchedule	0	0	
WPTank2	WPTank2	10	-18	MESSEServer	TableSchedule	0	0	
WPTank3	WPTank3	10	-11	MESSEServer	TableSchedule	0	0	
Filng1	Filng1	30	-9	MESSEServer	TableSchedule	0	0	
Filng2	Filng2	30	-1	MESSEServer	TableSchedule	0	0	
WCCorp	Work Order Ship	10	0	MESSEServer	TableSchedule	0	0	
WPTank4	WPTank4	10	-6	MESSEServer	TableSchedule	0	0	
WPTank5	WPTank5	10	-1	MESSEServer	TableSchedule	0	0	
WPTank6	WPTank6	10	-4	MESSEServer	TableSchedule	0	0	
WPTank7	WPTank7	10	9	MESSEServer	TableSchedule	0	0	
WPTank8	WPTank8	10	14	MESSEServer	TableSchedule	0	0	
Filng3	Filng3	30	7	MESSEServer	TableSchedule	0	0	

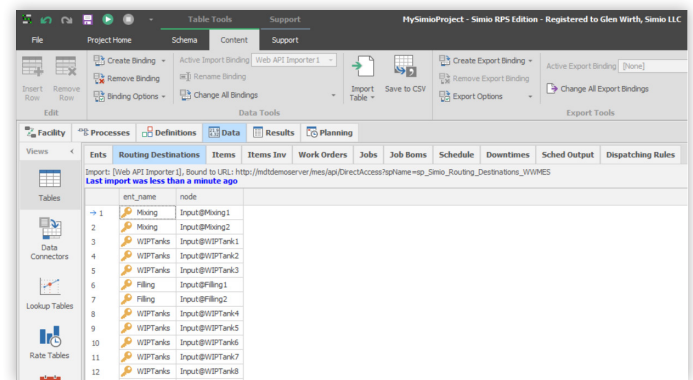
As the entities are added to the table, they are automatically added to the model. Select the 'Facility' tab. The entities are positioned at the location defined in the Ents table. If you choose to move the entities in the facility, the position will be updated in the Ents table.



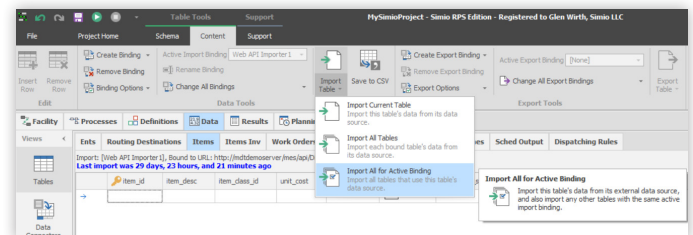
Your Facility view is ready to use. It is good to save your model at this time. You can choose File...Save As to choose a different name for the model.

Import Product Definition and Order Management Tables

Follow the same database binding steps described in the **IMPORT ENTITIES** section to import the rest of the data. On each table that has an import binding, press the to import the data into the model.



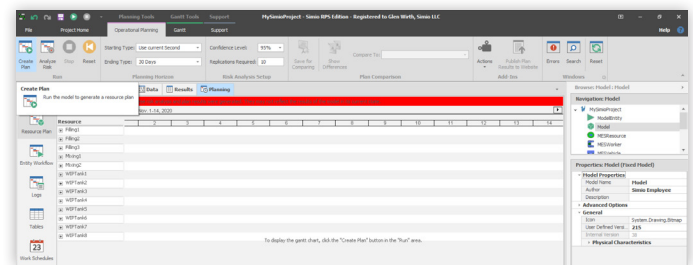
You can also press 'Import All for Active Binding' to import all the data into the model with a single button press.



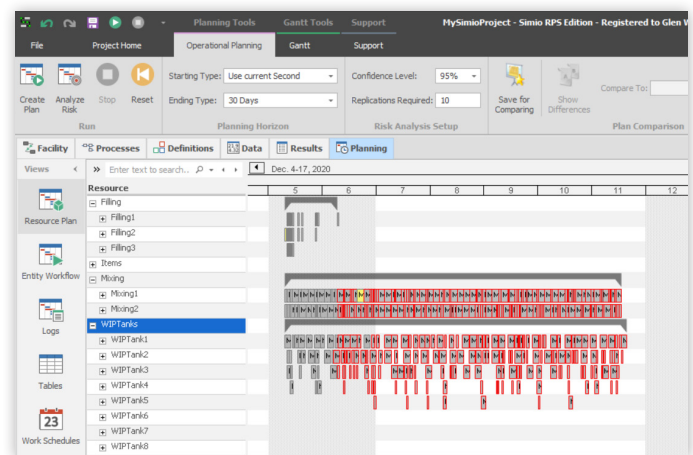
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Generating the Schedule

Select the 'Planning' tab.
Once selected, the 'Resource Plan' should be populated with the AVEVA MES Entities. From here, the schedule can be generated. By default, the work orders will be scheduled based on priority. To create the schedule, select "Create Plan".



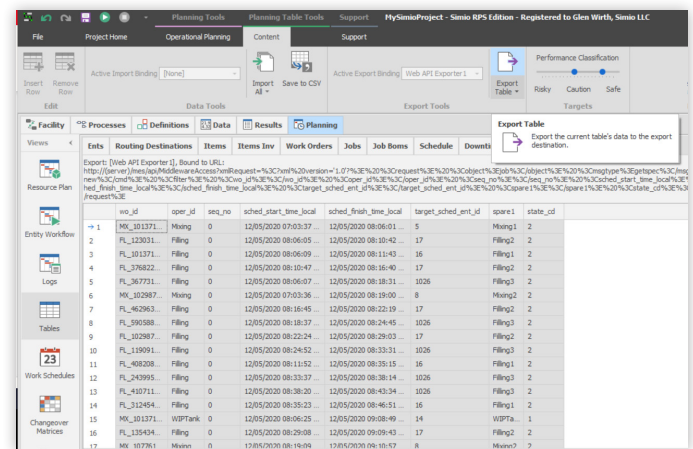
This will create the schedule. From the Gantt tab, select "All" to see the entire schedule.



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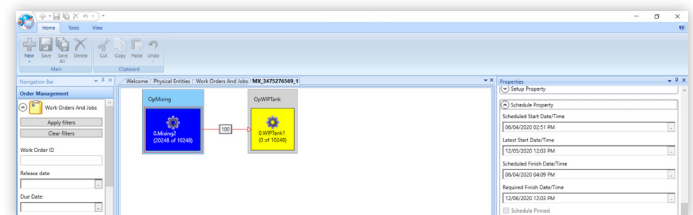
Exporting Results

By default, the template is setup to automatically export the schedule back to AVEVA MES at the end of RunPlan. You can also do it manually by selecting the Tables from the Planning tab. Then, select the SchedOutput table and press 'Export Table'.



Ents	Routing	Destinations	Items	Items Inv	Work Orders	Jobs	Job Boms	Schedule	Dest
MR_013771	Mixing	0	12/05/2020 07:03:37	12/05/2020 08:06:01	5	Mixing1	2		
FL_123031	Filling	0	12/05/2020 08:06:05	12/05/2020 08:11:42	17	Filling2	2		
FL_101371	Filling	0	12/05/2020 08:06:09	12/05/2020 08:11:43	16	Filling1	2		
FL_376822	Filling	0	12/05/2020 08:10:47	12/05/2020 08:16:40	17	Filling2	2		
FL_367731	Filling	0	12/05/2020 08:06:07	12/05/2020 08:18:31	1026	Filling2	2		
MR_02987	Mixing	0	12/05/2020 07:03:36	12/05/2020 08:19:00	8	Mixing2	2		
FL_462963	Filling	0	12/05/2020 08:16:45	12/05/2020 08:22:19	17	Filling2	2		
FL_590588	Filling	0	12/05/2020 08:18:37	12/05/2020 08:24:45	1026	Filling2	2		
FL_020897	Filling	0	12/05/2020 08:22:24	12/05/2020 08:29:03	17	Filling2	2		
FL_119091	Filling	0	12/05/2020 08:24:52	12/05/2020 08:33:31	1026	Filling2	2		
FL_408308	Filling	0	12/05/2020 08:11:52	12/05/2020 08:35:15	16	Filling1	2		
FL_243995	Filling	0	12/05/2020 08:33:37	12/05/2020 08:38:14	1026	Filling2	2		
FL_410711	Filling	0	12/05/2020 08:38:20	12/05/2020 08:43:34	1026	Filling2	2		
FL_312454	Filling	0	12/05/2020 08:35:23	12/05/2020 08:46:51	16	Filling1	2		
MR_013771	WPTank	0	12/05/2020 08:06:25	12/05/2020 09:08:49	14	WPTA	1		
FL_135434	Filling	0	12/05/2020 08:29:08	12/05/2020 09:09:43	17	Filling2	2		
MR_107261	Mixing	0	12/05/2020 08:19:09	12/05/2020 09:10:57	8	Mixing2	2		

In AVEVA MES, you will see that the jobs have been updated with the Simio scheduling information.

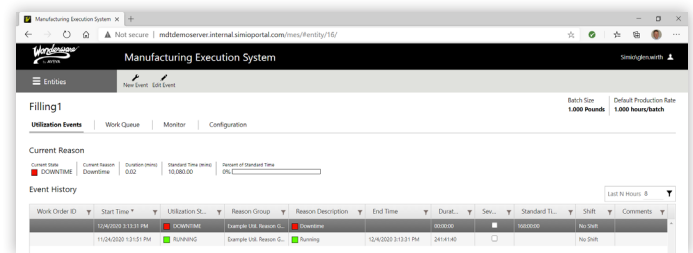


Property	Value
Schedule Property	
Schedule Start Date/Time	[06/04/2020 03:03 PM]
Latest Start Date/Time	[12/05/2020 13:03 PM]
Schedule Finish Date/Time	[06/04/2020 04:00 PM]
Required Finish Date/Time	[12/05/2020 13:03 PM]
Schedule Period	

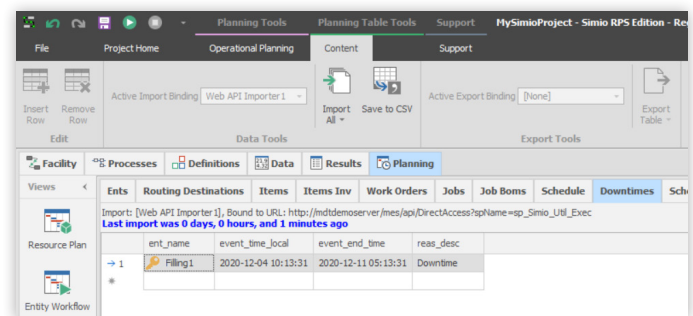
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Import Downtime

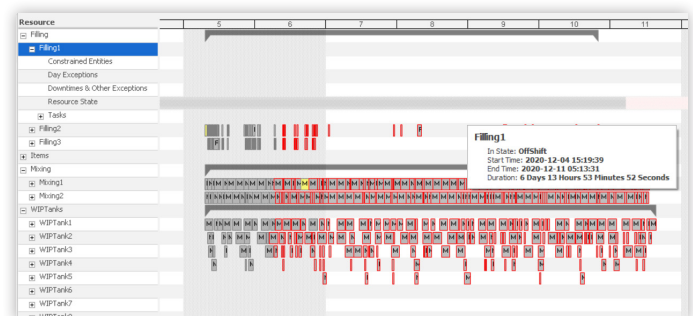
Add downtime on an entity in AVEVA MES Portal



Within Simio, select the Tables from the Planning tab. Then, select the Downtimes table and press 'Import Table'.



Re-plan around downtime. You will see that jobs have been shifted from Filler1 to the other mixer resources.



Appendix A

Automatic Reschedule Using TestHooks and RunSimioPortalExperiment

To automate reschedule, the AVEVA MES Middleware Extensibility Hooks and the Simio Portal Web API are used. The AVEVA MES Middleware Extensibility Hooks are used to capture the events in AVEVA MES. Once the events are captured, the RunSimioPortalExperiment service will see the event and automatically re-run the schedule using the Simio Portal Web API. After the scheduling run, the schedule will automatically be sent back to MES and published on Simio Portal.

To setup the AVEVA MES Middleware Extensibility Hooks, the 'Custom Assembly That Is Not in the GAC' example that start on page 26 of the MiddlewareExtensibility_Jan2013.pdf guide was referenced. The example was modified slightly to change the name of the output file and to capture any exceptions. The method used is:

```
public void TestHooksMethod(string xmlSource)
{
    // Compose a string that consists of three lines.
    string lines = string.Format("DateTime: {0}, XMLSource: {1}", DateTime.Now.ToString(), xmlSource);
    // Write the string to a file.
    try
    {
        using (System.IO.StreamWriter file = new System.IO.StreamWriter("C:\\Temp\\Event.txt", true))
        {
            file.WriteLine(lines);
        }
    }
    // Catch Exception
    catch (Exception ex)
    {
        using (System.IO.StreamWriter file = new System.IO.StreamWriter("C:\\Temp\\Error.txt", true))
        {
            file.WriteLine(ex.Message);
        }
    }
}
```

This assembly was compiled using the same structure defined in the 'Custom Assembly That Is Not in the GAC' example.

C:\\Temp\\TestHooks\\bin\\Debug\\TestHooks.dll;TestHooksNamespace.
TestHooksClass;TestHooksMethod

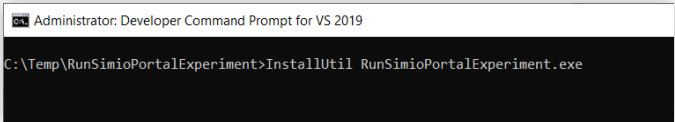
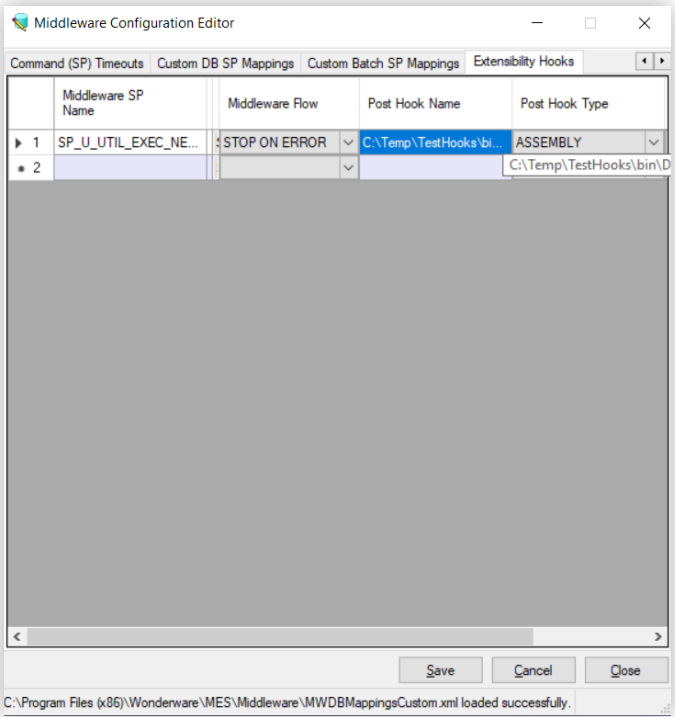
Once Within the Middleware Configuration Editor, a post hook is defined to call the assembly every time a new downtime is entered or updated 'SP_U_UTIL_EXEC_NEWREASON'. When the new downtime is entered / updated, the Event.txt is added /updated.

Once configured, the middleware server needs to be restarted before this event will be captured.

Copy the RunSimioPortalExperiment folder from the AVEVAMES.zip into the 'C:\Temp' folder. Modify the RunSimioPortalExperiment.exe.config.

Next, register the RunSimioPortalExperiment.exe as a windows service. Open a command prompt as an administrator (e.g. right click and select 'Run as Administrator').

Navigate to 'C:\Temp\RunSimioPortalExperiment'
From the command prompt, enter command 'InstallUtil RunSimioPortalExperiment.exe'



This will install the RunSimioPortalExperiment as a windows service.


```
Administrator: Developer Command Prompt for VS 2019

C:\Temp\RunSimioPortalExperiment>InstallUtil RunSimioPortalExperiment.exe
Microsoft (R) .NET Framework Installation utility Version 4.8.3752.0
Copyright (C) Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.

Running a transacted installation.

Beginning the Install phase of the installation.
See the contents of the log file for the C:\Temp\RunSimioPortalExperiment\RunSimioPortalExperiment.exe assembly's progress.
The file is located at C:\Temp\RunSimioPortalExperiment\RunSimioPortalExperiment.InstallLog.
Installing assembly 'C:\Temp\RunSimioPortalExperiment\RunSimioPortalExperiment.exe'.
Affected parameters are:
  logtoconsole =
  logfile = C:\Temp\RunSimioPortalExperiment\RunSimioPortalExperiment.InstallLog
  assemblypath = C:\Temp\RunSimioPortalExperiment\RunSimioPortalExperiment.exe
Installing service RunSimioPortalExperiment...
Service RunSimioPortalExperiment has been successfully installed.
Creating EventLog source RunSimioPortalExperiment in log Application...

The Install phase completed successfully, and the Commit phase is beginning.
See the contents of the log file for the C:\Temp\RunSimioPortalExperiment\RunSimioPortalExperiment.exe assembly's progress.
The file is located at C:\Temp\RunSimioPortalExperiment\RunSimioPortalExperiment.InstallLog.
Committing assembly 'C:\Temp\RunSimioPortalExperiment\RunSimioPortalExperiment.exe'.
Affected parameters are:
  logtoconsole =
  logfile = C:\Temp\RunSimioPortalExperiment\RunSimioPortalExperiment.InstallLog
  assemblypath = C:\Temp\RunSimioPortalExperiment\RunSimioPortalExperiment.exe

The Commit phase completed successfully.

The transacted install has completed.

C:\Temp\RunSimioPortalExperiment>
```

Next, start the service. Enter 'net start RunSimioPortalExperiment' to start the service.

```
Administrator: Developer Command Prompt for VS 2019

C:\Temp\RunSimioPortalExperiment>net start RunSimioPortalExperiment
The RunSimioPortalExperiment service is starting.
The RunSimioPortalExperiment service was started successfully.

C:\Temp\RunSimioPortalExperiment>
```

Manufacturing Execution System

Entities

Filling1

Utilization Events | **Work Queue** | Monitor | Configuration

Batch Size: 1.000 Pounds | Default Production Rate: 1.000 hours/batch

Job Queue

FL_1013719364
Operation: Filling
Qty at Start: 310.0000000 Pieces
Qty Produc...: 0.0000000 Pieces
Qty Rejected: 0.0000000 Pieces
Job State: ■ READY

FL_408208255
Operation: Filling
Qty at Start: 1,379.0000000 Pie...
Qty Produc...: 0.0000000 Pieces
Qty Rejected: 0.0000000 Pieces
Job State: ■ READY

41 Records Found
Current Filter: Status={NEW,REA...

To test the automatic generation of the schedule, check the work queue to verify that the current dispatch list on an entity.

Manufacturing Execution System

Entities

New Event Edit Event

Filling1

Utilization Events | **Work Queue** | Monitor | Configuration

Batch Size: 1.000 Pounds | Default Production Rate: 1.000 hours/batch

Current Reason

Current State: ■ DOWNTIME | Current Reason: Downtime | Duration (mins): 0.00 | Standard Time (mins): 10,080.00 | Percent of Standard Time: 0%

Event History

Last N Hours: 8

Work Order ID	Start Time	Utilization St...	Reason Group	Reason Description	End Time	Durat...	Sev...	Standard Ti...	Shift	Comments
	12/4/2020 3:45:30 PM	■ DOWNTIME	Example Util. Reason G...	■ Downtime		00:00:00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	168:00:00	No Shift	
	12/4/2020 3:43:59 PM	■ RUNNING	Example Util. Reason G...	■ Running	12/4/2020 3:45:30 PM	00:01:31	<input type="checkbox"/>		No Shift	
	12/4/2020 3:13:31 PM	■ DOWNTIME	Example Util. Reason G...	■ Downtime	12/4/2020 3:43:59 PM	00:30:28	<input type="checkbox"/>	168:00:00	No Shift	
	11/24/2020 1:31:51 PM	■ RUNNING	Example Util. Reason G...	■ Running	12/4/2020 3:13:31 PM	241:41:40	<input type="checkbox"/>		No Shift	

4 Events Found

Enter a downtime on the entity.

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Entities

Filling1

Batch Size: 1.000 Pounds | Default Production Rate: 1.000 hours/batch

Utilization Events | **Work Queue** | Monitor | Configuration

Job Queue

No Records Found

No Records Found
Current Filter: Status=[NEW,REA...

Verify that the schedule has changed.

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Appendix B

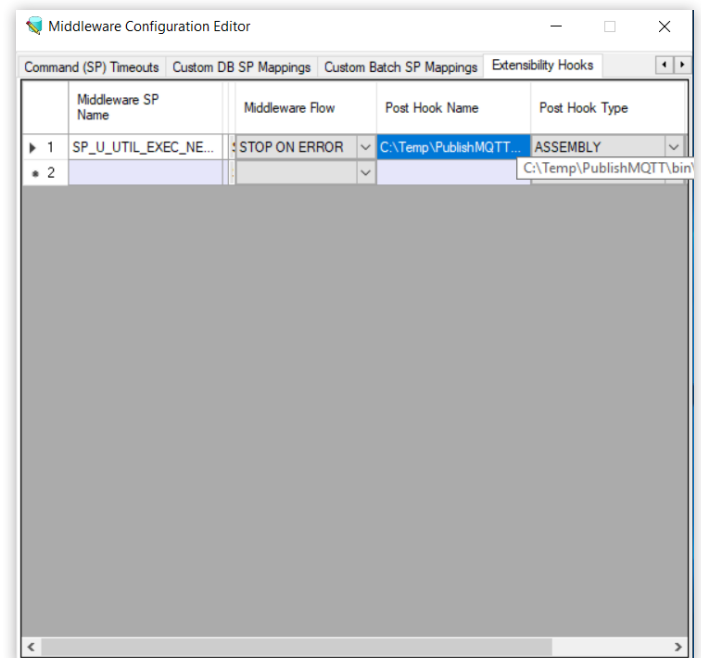
Automatic Reschedule Using PublishMQTT and Node-RED flow.

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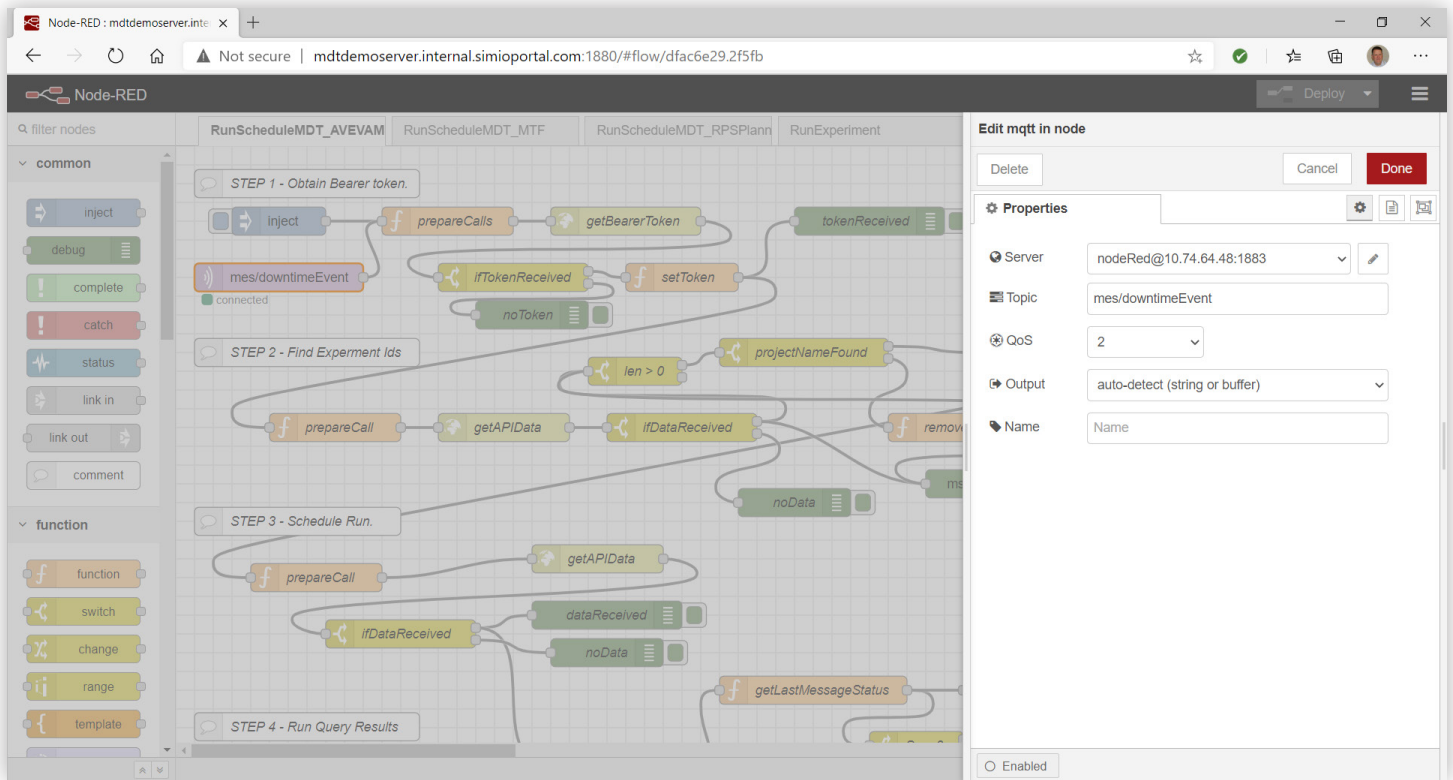
Instead of the TestHooks (previous appendix), we are going to use PublishMQTT instead.

```
C:\Temp\PublishMQTT\bin\Debug\  
PublishMQTT.dll;PublishMQTTNamespace.  
PublishMQTTClass;PublishMQTTMethod
```

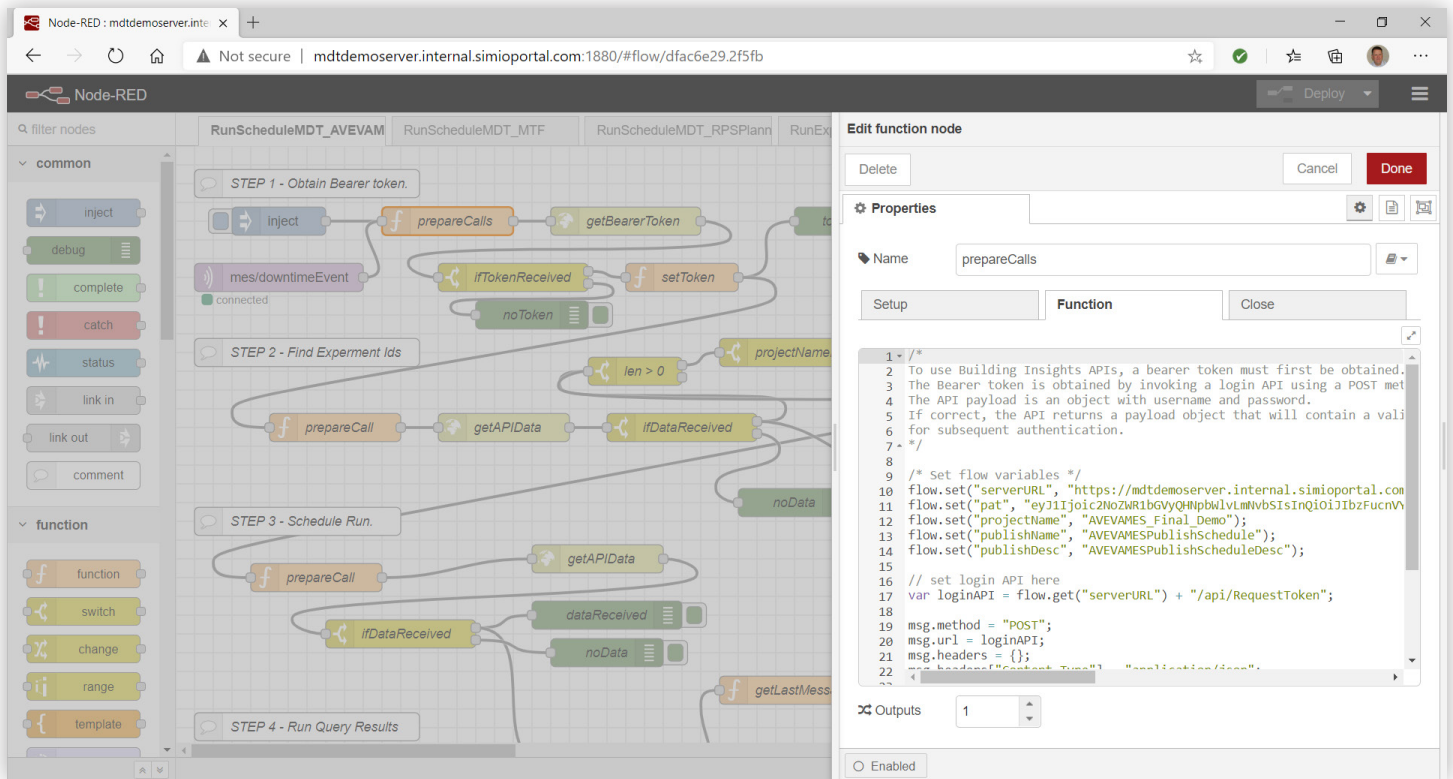
Once Within the Middleware Configuration Editor, PublishMQTT event is defined to call the assembly every time a new downtime is entered or updated 'SP_U_UTIL_EXEC_NEWREASON'. When the new downtime is entered / updated, the MQTT Topic 'mes/downtimeEvent' is notified.



Once configured, the middleware server needs to be restarted before this event will be captured.



Then a Node-RED flow is deployed to capture the event from MQTT. Once captured, the schedule is rerun and published on Simio portal.



The first prepareCall function is used to configure the running and publishing of the schedule.

Once configured and deployed, the downtime works the same as in Appendix A.

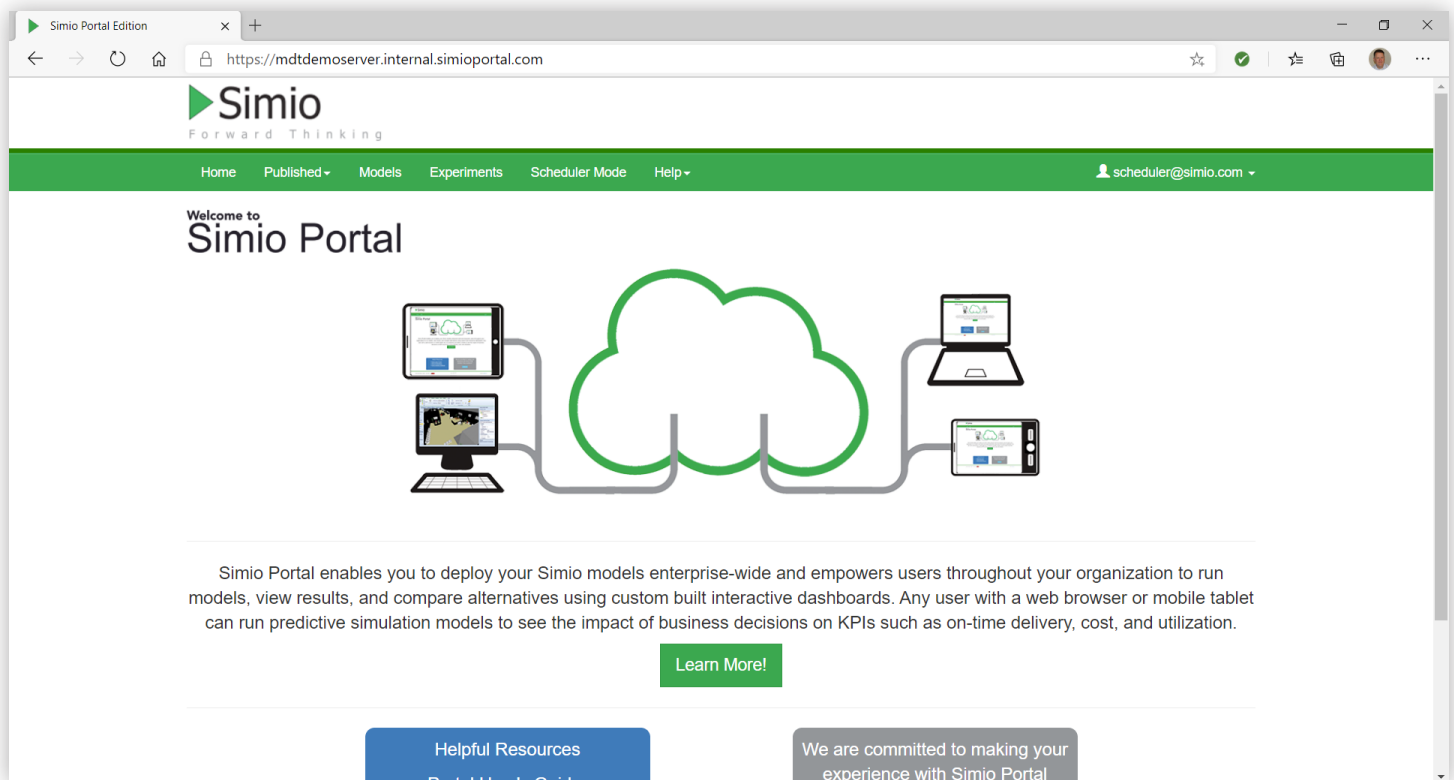
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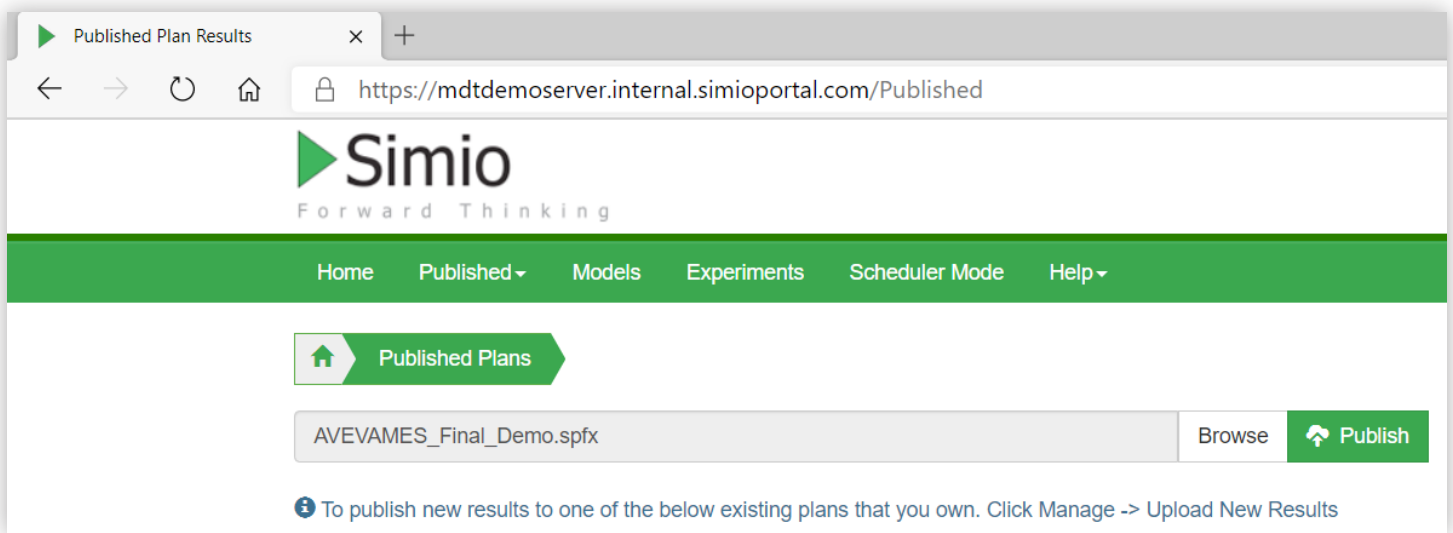
Appendix C

Publishing the Schedule Using the Simio Portal

An alternative method for publishing the Simio schedule uses the Simio Portal. The Simio Portal is a web based model repository used to publish the production schedule to be viewed throughout the organization. The Simio Portal can be hosted within an enterprise or hosted on Microsoft Azure.

In this example, we will publish the Simio schedule to Microsoft Azure. Once the user logs into the Simio portal, they will be provided a number of capabilities based on their permissions. This user has been given full access in the portal.





The user selects Published to upload a model.

Published Plans AVEVAMESPublishSchedule

As the owner of this Published Plan, you will see all data, without regard to trait values you are assigned.

☐ Act as viewer

Dashboards

Dispatch List

Materials

Order Details

Schedule Attainment

Table Reports

Dispatch List Report

Work Order Details

Results

Table Results

Gantt Charts

By Entity

By Resource

Logs

Resource Usage Log

Transporter Usage Log

Resource Capacity Log

Constraint Log

Resource State Log

State Observation Log

Material Usage Log

Tally Observation Log

Task Log

Task State Log

Resource Information Log

Once the model is uploaded to the Portal, the user will have the option to display Dashboards, Table Reports, Results, Gantt Charts and Logs.



Under Gantt Charts, select 'By Resource'. This will display the Resource Gantt chart

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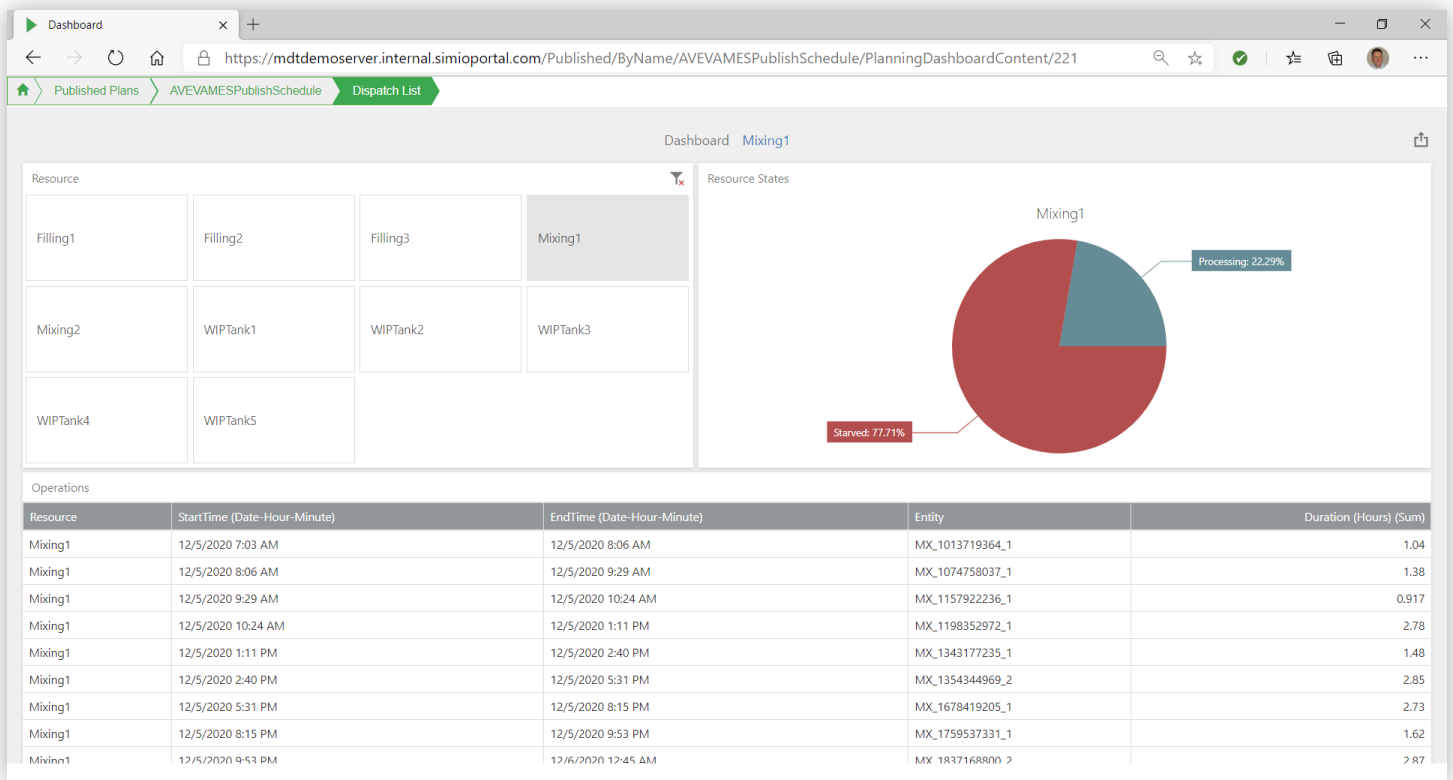
Manage Views for Users

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Manage Views for Groups

Group	Allowed Views
No Groups Assigned To The Plan	

Dashboards and Reports can be configured so only certain users can view them. When the viewer@simio.com user access the schedule, they only view the Dispatch List



Here is an example of the Dispatch List Dashboard provided to the viewer@simio.com user.



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