

Quick Start Guide :

<Create and use a Schedule for a Spur>

This step-by-step guide will help the user to set up a schedule for a spur, in order to more directly control the movement of cars within OpsPro. This will allow a path to be established for certain industry pairs, off-layout destinations, as well as matching up car-types with spurs that would prototypically host them.

While the use of schedules is most effective when teamed with custom loads, it is not impossible to define certain spurs that could use a schedule involving the default "L". For example, consider the scrap yard which might receive a gondola of large metal scrap which, after being unloaded, may then be refilled with shredded metal for use elsewhere...i.e. receive gond (L), ship gond (L). Or a LCL express box, handled by a passenger train, set out at various stations, then moved along to other stations but remaining loaded until the last stop. A schedule (or series of them) can do this plus more! This guide will cover the very basics to set up a schedule.

Step-by-step "How-To":

1. Open **PanelPro** (if not already open).
2. From the menu-bar, select **Operations-->Locations**.
3. Click the "Edit" button for the location with the target spur.
 - a. Click the "Edit" button for the specific spur to which to add the schedule.
 - i. In the "Optional Schedule" area, click the "Add" button.
 1. Fill in a name (I suggest the "name of the location" + "<spur name>").
 2. Decide on the Mode (sequential or match). [Help for "Mode"](#) <-click here
 3. Click the "Add Schedule" button at the bottom of the window.
 4. In the lower left, select the car type to add, then click "Add car type".
 5. Under **Receive**, select the load the spur will be allowing.
 6. Under **Ship**, select the load the spur will be shipping.
 7. For **Destination**, the user can select the target location for the car movement (which can be another town, staging, or within the same location).
 8. The **Track** pull-down box will list what tracks allow the car-type+load (if no selection is made, the program will assign automatically).

Other variables to the schedule are also selectable in the "Add Schedule" window but for basic set up, are not covered here. Any schedule may be edited later if the user so chooses by clicking "Edit Schedule".

9. Click "Save Schedule" and close the window.
- ii. Click "Save Spur Track" and close the window.
- b. Click "Save Location" and close the window.
4. Exit **PanelPro**, or continue to develop other OpsPro sections.

Upon completion of this task, the user will have schedules available for use with spurs, thereby helping to define the movements of some car-types. A word concerning "staging", as schedules will NOT be recognized from "staging"-type tracks unless teamed with custom loads. (See guide <[HowTo #009b](#)>) For those wishing to continue using default E & L for loads, the schedule will only be triggered when the program randomly routes the car(s) to the spur (with the schedule). That can take a while so patience is needed to see the schedule in action.

All these quick-start guides are intended for use with OperationsPro, a stand-alone application accessed from within PanelPro. The use of any other PanelPro functions (such as creating a panel) is NOT required.