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Little GAMS Program from Tom Rutherford that Illustrates
Report Generation with Excel
         Use the canonical transport model as illustration.
         We begin by using GAMSLIB to retrieve a copy in the current
         directory:
$call 'gamslib trnsport'
         Include the library model. This defines the model and
         provides an initial solve:
$include trnsport
         Create a parameter in which to store the reference solution.
         We use this solution as a reference point from which to
         evaluate changes induced by policy intervention:
parameter
                 x0(i,j)
                               Benchmark trade flows;
x0(i,j) = x.l(i,j);
         Declare some scenarios to compute:
set
           scn /0,50,100,150,200,250,300/;
         Define a macro which computes percentage changes:
              pct(x0,xscn)
                                 ((100*(xscn/x0-1))$(x0>0))
$macro
         Add the following if you want to label changes from
         a zero base:
                 (+inf) (x0=0 \text{ and } xscn>0) + (-inf) (x0=0 \text{ and } xscn<0))
         Declare a parameter in which to store model results.
         In a more complicated model there could be many such
         parameters.
                               Summary report;
parameter
                report
         Generate a "reporting subroutine".
         The $echov syntax permits us to write %1 in the
         file without having it expanded.
         We save the subroutine in the scratch directory
         with an ".scr" suffix so that it is erased at the
         end of the GAMS job.
$onechov >%gams.scrdir%report.scr
report(%1,"lvl",i,j) = x.l(i,j);
report(%1,"%",i,j) = pct(x0(i,j),x.l(i,j));
$offecho
         Loop over scenarios with computations and reporting.
         More complicated models might be better processed one
         by one with output saved to individual .gdx files.
option solprint=off;
option limrow=0;
option limcol=0;
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loop(scn, Assign the scenario policy -- an upper bound on flows from Seattle to Chicago: X.UP("seattle", "chicago") = scn.val; Solve transport using lp minimizing z; Use the report code as a subroutine: \$batinclude %gams.scrdir%report.scr scn); Unload scenario results in a GDX file: execute unload 'pivotdata.gdx', report; When an xls output directory already exists, move the pivot report data into every XLSX file in that directory: \$ifthen exist '.\xls\nul' execute 'for %F in (.\xls*.xlsx) do (call gdxxrw i=pivotdata.gdx o=.\xls\%~nF.xlsx par=report rng=PivotData!a2 cdim=0)'; \$else If no xls output directory exists, create one and dump report data into a new report file there: execute 'mkdir .\xls'; execute 'gdxxrw i=pivotdata.gdx o=.\xls\report.xlsx par=report rng=PivotData!a2 cdim=0'; \$endif

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I use the XLSX Excel file format here which is the standard format for Excel 2007. An important advantage of using this format is that there is a much larger upper bound on the number of rows in an individual worksheet (~1.5 million). This helps a lot for pivot report tables with many keys or lots of scenarios.

The usefulness of the "for %F in (xls*.xlsx) do ()" DOS statement may not be immediately evident. This statement applies the same GDXXRW data transfer to every worksheet in the xls directory which is very helpful if you have worked with the pivot report and produced one or more report tables or charts. This syntax assures that you can update all of the report files related to your model automatically.

An important advantage of this approach is that if you discover a glitch in your model and find that you need to rerun all the cases, then you won't need to lose your earlier edits. You can work with Excel and pivot any number of reports, save these in any number of files in the report directory and then having these reloaded each time you rerun your model.

PS. Advanced Excel users may be aware that you can set a Pivot Table switch requesting that a pivot table cache be automatically reloaded each time the workbook opens. Alas, if you set this option in Excel, GDXXRW crashes when trying to move data into the Workbook. Who knows, perhaps this can be fixed in future versions of GDXXRW?

PPS. There is a major annoyance related to how GDXXRW transfers integer labels. In orrder to have the pivot table sort rows numerically, you need to convert the labels in column A of the PivotData worksheet to numeric format. Click on the column headding (A) while the yellow box is visible and while holding down the shift key. Then click "convert to number". This is a real pain. Perhaps someone can tell us how to do this automatically? \$offtext