



News

2017 ICEAA 'Implementation & Operations' - Best Paper Award

Tecolote Research, Inc, would like to recognize Nicholas DeTore for being awarded 2017 ICEAA 'Implementation & Operations' Best Paper for his paper 'Beyond RIFT: Improved Metrics to Manage Cost and Schedule'.

"Risk-Informed Finish Threshold" (RIFT) presented an innovative solution to the problem inherent in schedules that risk analysis results (time) cannot be allocated the same way as in cost models (dollars). Developing RIFT validation methods inspired an exploration into analyzing simulation data more meticulously. Methods described here provide unique insight into cost and schedule uncertainty results while introducing powerful new techniques to improve a project's potential to complete on time, on budget.

To view the full presentation, visit the [Conference Paper section](#) on the ACEIT website.

ICEAA Technology Showcase Webinar

As part of the 2017 ICEAA Professional Development & Training Workshop, Melissa Cyrulik presented an ICEAA Technology Showcase webinar. Her presentation, *Challenges with Using Spreadsheets for Cost Analysis: Why ACE is a Superior Option*, was well received.

Visit the [News Story](#) on the ACEIT website to view the webinar, download the summary presentation or the full presentation with supporting files.



Tip of the Month

How have you been keeping track of revisions to your model?

Perhaps you add additional comment rows to the top of the session or keep a separate spreadsheet outside of ACE to track changes to your model. In ACEIT 7.5, we introduced a **Revision Log**. This new feature provides a place to log changes made to the session.

To track how the cost changes between revisions, you can designate a row to compare between revisions. In the Session Properties dialog, Summary tab, select the desired row. Additionally, you can have ACE prompt for revisions every time you save the session.

Revision Log

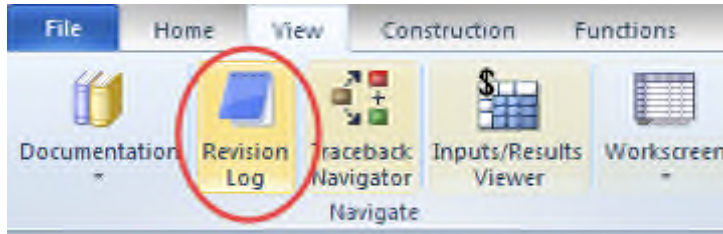
Prompt for revision comments when saving session.

Auto fill the total value for this row:

Total\$

Total Estimate

The revision log is accessible from the View ribbon. Once opened, you can enter a new revision or view existing revisions to the model.



The New Log Entry section (bottom half) of the form is where you enter new information about the changes. The Date and Name field are automatically filled in for each new entry. You can expand each section by pressing the up or down arrows found on the top right of the form. Once you have entered the information, press Add to move the changes into the Log Detail section (top half). The tool keeps track of how the estimate cost changes as each revision is made.

The screenshot shows the 'Revision Log' application window. It is divided into two main sections: 'Log Detail' and 'New Log Entry'. Both sections have a red circle with a question mark icon in the top right corner.

Log Detail

	Date	Name	Changes	Reason	Total After Change	Total Before	Delta
1	06/14/2017 10:	ACEIT Support	Doubled number of ground support personnel needed	New guidance	\$ 963,899,378	\$ 962,448,207	1451,171
2	06/14/2017 10:	ACEIT Support	Updated intermediate and depot maintenance hours	Initial reports show that more hours are needed to perform this maintenance	\$ 962,448,207	\$ 960,637,244	1,810,963
3	06/14/2017 10:	ACEIT Support	Updated army labor rates and mission hours	Received new guidance	\$ 960,637,244	\$ 907,466,992	531,70,252
4	06/14/2017 10:	ACEIT Support	Baseline estimate with all known inputs		\$ 907,466,992		

Buttons: Manage Fields, Copy All, Copy, Delete, Save, Save and Close

New Log Entry

Date: 06/14/2017 14:13 Name: ACEIT Support

Change: Changed Learning curve slope

Reason: Contractor reports that learning curve isn't as steep as expected

Total: \$ 1,021,319,878 Previous Value: \$ 963,899,378

Buttons: Add, Add and Close, Help

The Revision log can be printed out with a Narrative report by selecting Revision Log in the **Optional Content** section of the **Layout** tab on the report form.



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