

“Leveraging Social Networks to Communicate & Share Simulations” Webinar Q&A

Q: I'm new to modeling. Are there any free tutorials on the web that I could access?

- A. There are tutorials that come bundled with the STELLA/*iThink* software itself or you can check out the online versions at the following link:
<http://www.iseesystems.com/community/downloads/tutorials/ModelBuilding.aspx>

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- A. We're constantly adding to the library of resources available on our web site and on the isee systems blog. A recent blog post written by Jeremy about mental models is a great example. You can view the post at the following link:
<http://blog.iseesystems.com/systems-thinking/what-are-mental-models/>

The SystemsWiki web site is also an excellent resource. It pools together materials from a variety of sources and is especially helpful to folks new to Systems Thinking and dynamic modeling. Below is a link to the site:

http://www.systemswiki.org/index.php?title=Systems_Thinking

Q: Can we use the tagging etc for our intranet?

- A. Tagging, commenting and rating are all value-added features of the Forio Simulate hosting service. When published with the free hosting plan, your sim appears in a Showcase along with other public sims hosted by Forio. While searching or browsing the Showcase, tags are one of the ways in which people find and navigate to your sim. Showcase pages are all public. Forio would be happy to explore a private-label version of the Showcase that could be part of a private intranet, but this is not the default offering.

When publishing models to your own intranet site with isee NetSim Server installed, you do not have access to the value-added features offered by Forio Simulate. isee NetSim Server version 1.1 supports sharing, embedding and downloading source models from your intranet site.

Q: Is there an API for this?

- A. Forio Simulate has an API that allows for hosting of other types of models and can be used to share simulation results with other applications or to create simulations on other devices such as mobile phones.

Q: Can you amend the model layer within the web environment?

- A. All changes to the model are done using STELLA or *iThink*. isee NetSim provides the publishing capability and Forio Simulate provides the web hosting.

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Q: Are there any features in STELLA 9.1.4 that are not compatible with isee NetSim at the present time?

- A. Our goal is to support all features available in STELLA and *iThink* but there are still some features in Version 9.1.4 that are not currently supported by isee NetSim. Queues, Ovens and Cycle-time structure are examples of unsupported features. For a complete list of isee NetSim requirements visit:
<http://www.iseesystems.com/iseenetsim/1.1/help/index.aspx>

Q: Does the software work offline?

- A. Forio hosted models do not work offline. You can use the isee NetSim Wizard to publish models to an internal web server. This option requires an isee NetSim Server license and installation and does not support all of the value-added services provided by Forio Simulate, such as tags, comments, ratings, etc.

Q: Are there any issues with the type of browser in use, while sharing models over the social network?

- A. Forio Simulate supports most popular browsers with Adobe Flash 9, specifically Internet Explorer 6, 7 & 8; Firefox 3; Chrome 4 & 5; and Safari 4 & 5.