



OpenGround

Tutorial TSF3

How to Create a Master Template

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2. Introduction

This guide has been developed to assist users in producing a basic master [template](#). It will demonstrate the basics of creating the template and using the functions of the Template Studio application.

A master template is a template type that is designed in Template Studio that will take the basics of a standard template but offer the opportunity to incorporate some more advanced functionality such as re-using strip templates and hiding and showing strips based on hide and show conditions.

This will be done in the format of a tutorial, which can be followed along with producing a replica output while introducing core concepts and ideas.

This guide can be followed from the beginning to create a finalised output or can be used to jump to a specific section along with the accompanying files that have been provided as a 'jumping in' point.

Users are expected to have a basic understanding of how OpenGround is set up and how configurations function within the scope of configuration packs. In this tutorial, users are also expected to have a basic knowledge of how a template is setup, it is recommended to follow through 'Tutorial TSF1 – How to Create a Borehole Log' if this is not the case.

Note that this guide has been created with the US market in mind, hence the dimensions and outputs being suited to a US output. Due to this, the [US configuration pack](#) has been used.

However, this guide can be applied by users across the world as needed.

Commented [PC1]: Right here is a banging opportunity to quickly say (a) what a master template is and (b) why they are important. Having this at the top of the document is important as it is where they will look when they are working out if these are the droids they are looking for.

Commented [SE2R1]: Have added another paragraph in to explain this although I think a user would only follow along with this if they already knew what it was!

3. Accompanying Files

Note that the following downloads are also available to help users compare the output at the end of each section, or to allow users to skip to the section that they wish to work through.

The example project used has the Project ID of SEQ-BEN-000 and can be found here;

1. SEQ-BEN-000.zip

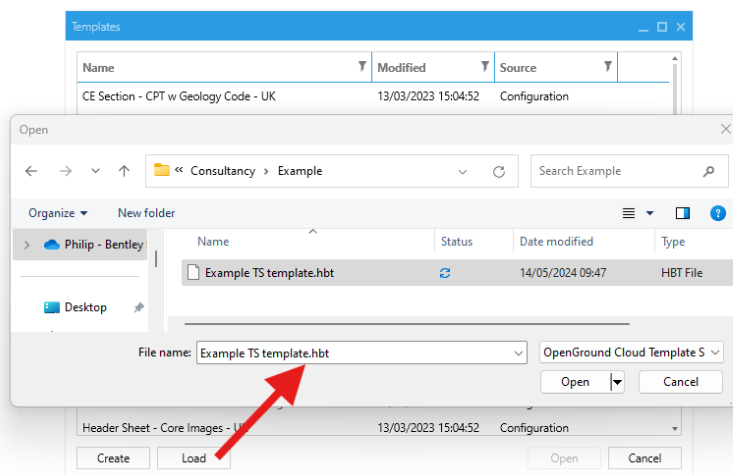
The templates that can be used along with this guide can be found here;

2. Tutorial 3 - Template after Header and Footer Completion.hbt

Templates can [be saved](#) as an external file to allow them to be distributed. To load such a template file (.hbt) click the Load button and browse to the file:

Commented [PC3]: I'm guessing you know these aren't linked, right?

Commented [SE4R3]: Yes - they are included in the attached files zip when a user downloads the files (including the tutorial guide itself) from Communities.



Note that you will need to save the template manually to store it on the system.

4. Setting up a Master Template

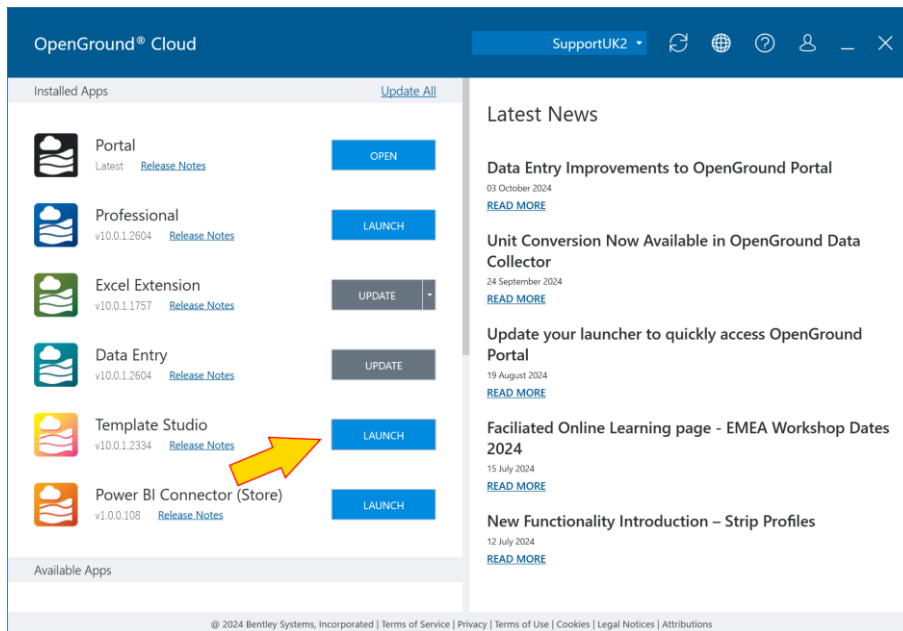
At the end of this tutorial, a user should be able to take a borehole log template, convert it into a master template and then start introducing strips in to the depth area, with settings set up to hide strips that have no data.

Please note that the SEQ-BEN-000 example project is used in this tutorial. Please see this guide on how to setup this project if following along and not using other data.

This tutorial is also based as a follow on to the TSF1 – How To Create a Borehole Log tutorial. If the user has a basic understanding of Template Studio then this can be skipped and this tutorial started at the stepping on point file.

3.1 Starting Template Studio

Template Studio is launched from the [OpenGround Launcher](#). Assuming that no updates are available for the application, press the Launch button next to the Template Studio application to launch the software.



3.2 Selecting a Project

Template Studio works on the basis that a user will be creating a template with the use of project data, therefore it allows for a project to be selected once it has been launched. Any data that is then previewed within Template Studio will use the live project data to give a preview that is indicative of what the finished template would look like. To select the relevant project, simply find the project in the list, select it by clicking on it, then double click on it or click the Open button to advance to the next window.

Projects

ID	Title	Location	Engineer	Client	Contractor
SEQ-BEN-000	Hawthorns Red	Birmingham Ro	Jeff Jordan	Aston Homes ar	Bigger and Digc
SEQ-BEN-001	ivale Sky	Autumnvale	Emily Clarkson	TerraFirm Soluti	Earth Probes
SEQ-BEN-002	Harbc	Amethyst Harbc	Oliver Smith	GeoConstruct A	Soil Search Spec
SEQ-BEN-003	Arbor s Cres	Arbor Flats	Isabella Johnsor	EarthTech Innov	Terra Test Team
SEQ-BEN-004	Aqua Vista Aurc	Aqua Vista	Ethan Taylor	SubSurface Dyn	Ground Info Grc
SEQ-BEN-005	Alphacrest Nebi	Alphacrest	Sophia Brown	RockSolid Engin	Dirt Detectives
SEQ-BEN-006	Angel's Haven S	Angel's Haven	Liam Davis	GroundPioneer	Geostudy Crew
SEQ-BEN-007	Apex Grove Celc	Apex Grove	Ava Wilson	StrataPro Consu	Solid Survey Sol
SEQ-BEN-008	Aetherwind Hor	Aetherwind	Noah Miller	CoreDepth Strat	Land Insight Exp
SEQ-BEN-009	Arcane Falls Pini	Arcane Falls	Mia Moore	SoilSecure Desig	Rock Research F
SEQ-BEN-010	Ashwood Bluff	Ashwood Bluff	Jacob White	Bedrock Builde	Subsurface Anal
SEQ-BEN-011	Azure Meadow	Azure Meadow	Amelia Harris	GeoNex Solutic	Terra Probe
SEQ-BEN-012	Albatross Bay I	Albatross Bay	William Martin	TerraLogic Surv	Earth Eyes
SEQ-BEN-013	Ascot Ridge Ze	Ascot Ridge	Harper Thomps	StratumWorks I	Ground Grasp

Open

Cancel

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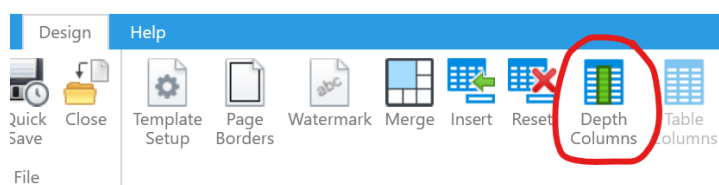
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3.3 Loading the Template and Setting up for a Master Template

Note that this is the point that the example file 'Tutorial 3 – Template after Header and Footer Completion.hbt' will be used as the starting point (this file was created based on the steps in the TSF1 – How to Create a Borehole Log tutorial).

When converting a borehole log to a master template. The only difference is that the depth columns that are used will be replaced with a single strip set column instead.

It is possible to combine normal columns with a Strip Set column (although there can only ever be one Strip Set column), however, for the purposes of this tutorial, the normal columns will be replaced with strips in the Strip Set instead.



Select the Depth Columns button to show the Depth Columns window. Press the Add button once to add one column to the template.

Depth Columns

Row Heights

Level 1

Level 2

Level 3

10

2

1

10mm

2mm

1mm

Continuation Text

Header

Next Page

End of Borehole

Style

Style

Columns

Column

Name

Header

Split Item Placement

Width

☐ Group

Order

☐ Expand to fill available space
 ☐ Vertical header
 ☐ Distinct sequential records
 ☐ Display divider border for combined logs
 ☐ Strip set column
 ☐ Section centre column
 ☐ Hide column if empty (Quick section only)
 ☐ Hide column condition (Quick section only)

Add

Delete

Add

Borders

Footer

10 of 195 columns used.

OK

Cancel

Select the first column in the list, the settings in the right hand side of the window will then become active. This column will become the Strip Set column that will contain all of the strips. Change the name to be Strip Set.

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The name of the column does not effect anything with how the template functions and is solely presented to help a user differentiate between the different columns on their log.

Change the Header to be Strip Set.

This header name will not appear anywhere or be used at all, but it is best practice to name columns to help differentiate them in future if needed.

Select the option for 'Expand to fill available space' which will automatically set the width to be that of the remaining space in the template (don't worry if this doesn't update straight away, the settings will be saved in the template).

Depth Columns

Row Heights

Level 1

Level 2

Level 3

10

2

1

10mm

2mm

1mm

Continuation Text

Header

Next Page

End of Borehole

Style

Style

Columns

Strip Set

Name

Strip Set

Header

Header

Split Item Placement

First page only

Width

10

10mm

☐ Group

1

Order

1

☒ Expand to fill available space

☐ Vertical header

☐ Distinct sequential records

☐ Display divider border for combined logs

☐ Strip set column

Add

Delete

Add

Borders

Footer

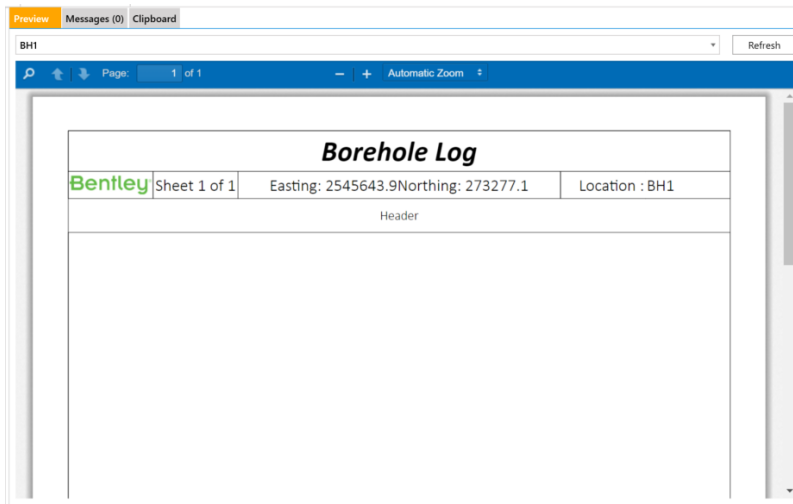
0 of 195 columns used.

OK

Cancel

Select OK to save the changes and the middle part of the template should update to show the changes made.

Preview the template to see how this currently looks.



The template preview will appear with a header and a footer area but with no data shown in the middle 'depth related area' of the template. This area will be defined in the following sections of this guide.

Save the template into the Project, or the Configuration Pack. Once this has been done, the Strip Sets button will become available in the ribbon. At this stage, there are no strips to add to the Strip Set so these will be created next.

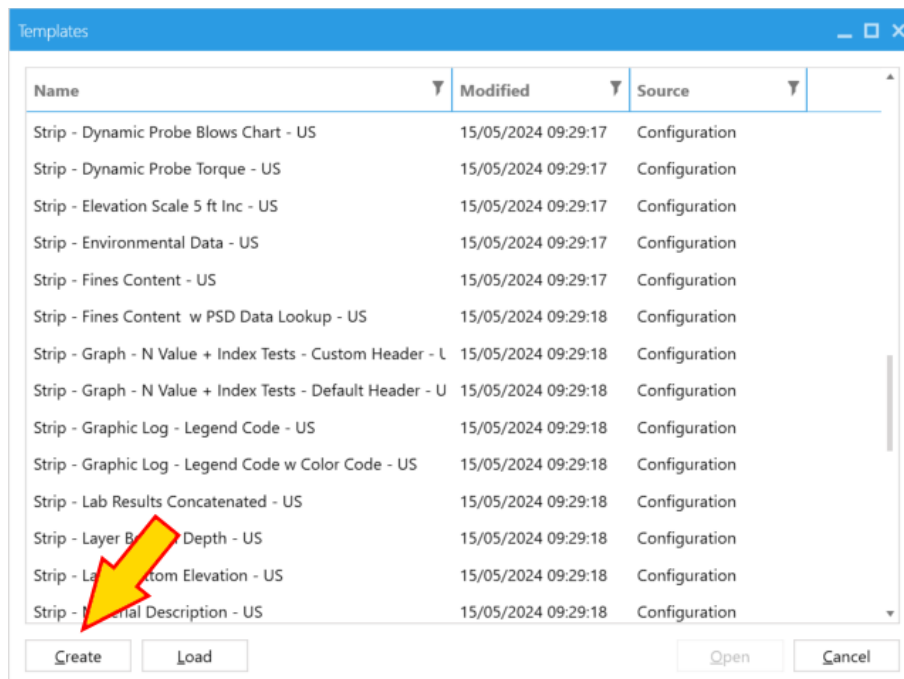
Commented [PC7]: Could be a good idea to state the obvious here. Something like 'at this point we've just created a placeholder for a strip set and not defined the content. As a result the depth related area appears blank - we will be filling it with content later.'

3.4 Creating a Strip for a Master Template

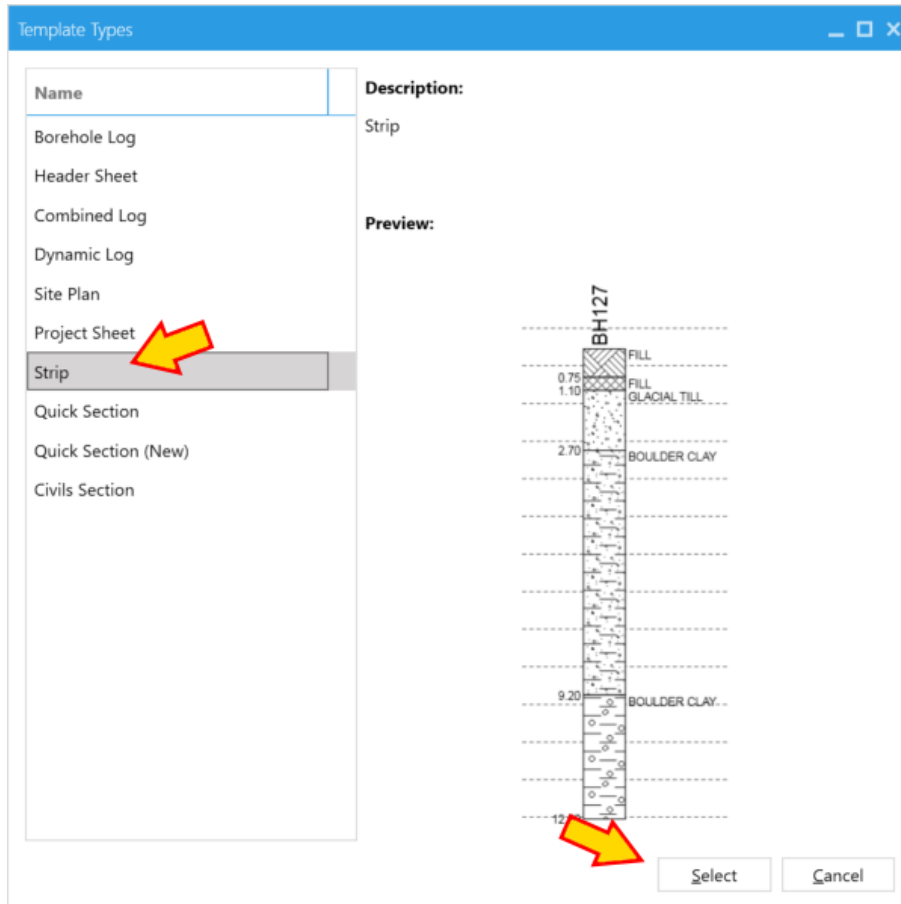
The next stage in setting up a Master Template is to create the first strip that will be used in the template. These will then be applied into a Strip Set which will contain the strips and the settings used to bind them together.

When creating a Master Template, it maybe better to think of designing all of the strips first, then applying them to the Master Template in one go. This tutorial will guide through creating a strip and adjusting the Strip Set in the Master Template when new items are available.

Return to the Templates window in Template Studio, then select the option for Create.

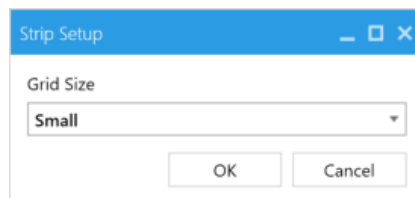


Select the option for Strip and then Select Select.

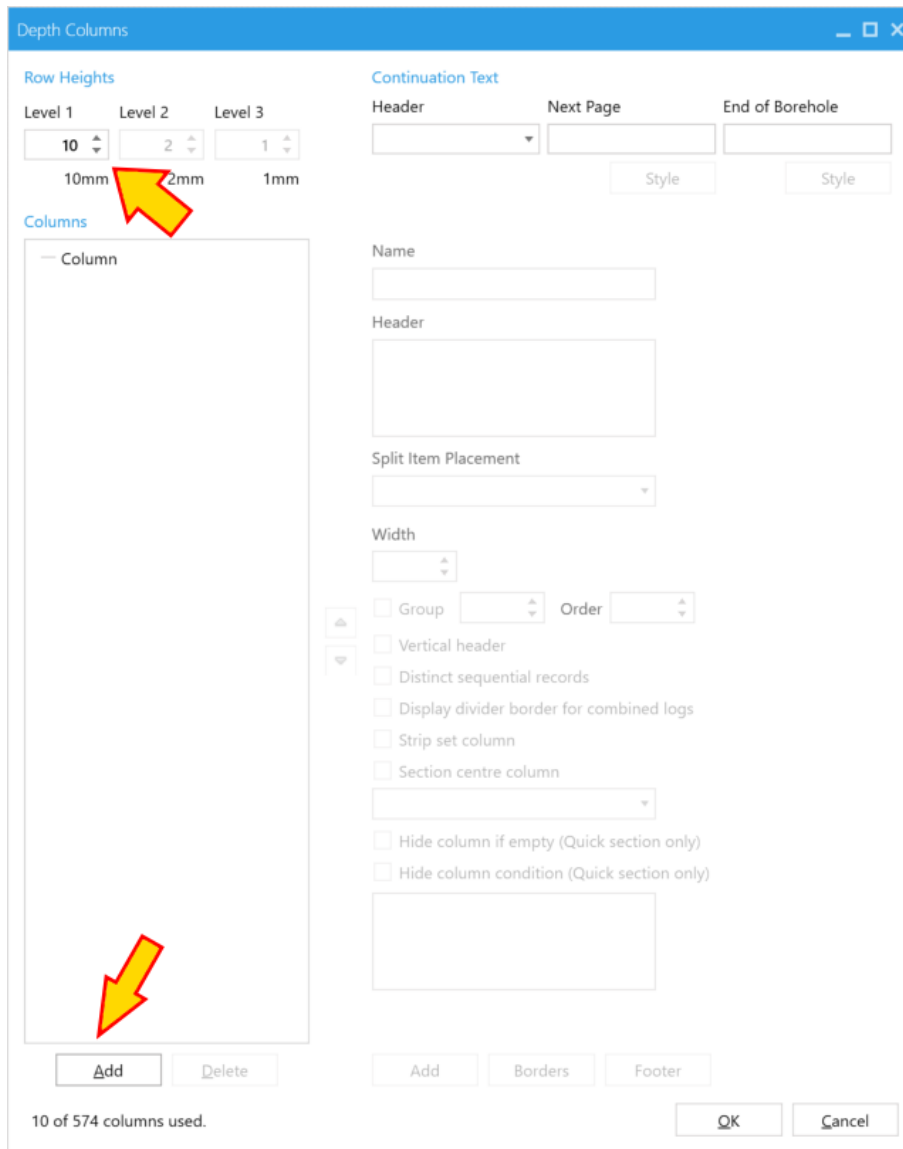


Select the Small grid size and Select OK.

It is recommended to select the same grid size as the Master Template that you are designing the strip for use with. This is however not essential.



The Depth Columns dialogue will then appear, which functions the same as it would in a standard borehole log. Select the Add button to add a new column to the depth area, then change the Row height for Level 1 to be 10mm



Depth Columns

Row Heights

Level 1: 10 (10mm)
 Level 2: 2 (2mm)
 Level 3: 1 (1mm)

Columns

- Column

Continuation Text

Header: []
 Next Page: []
 End of Borehole: []

Name: []

Header: []

Split Item Placement: []

Width: []

☐ Group [] **Order** []

☐ Vertical header

☐ Distinct sequential records

☐ Display divider border for combined logs

☐ Strip set column

☐ Section centre column []

☐ Hide column if empty (Quick section only)

☐ Hide column condition (Quick section only) []

Add **Delete** **Add** **Borders** **Footer** **OK** **Cancel**

10 of 574 columns used.

Select the column in the list, the settings in the right hand side of the window will then become active. This column will become the scale bar column.

Change the name to be Scale Bar.

The name of the column does not effect anything with how the template functions and is solely presented to help a user differentiate between the different columns on their log.

Change the Header to be Scale.

This is the header that will appear in the Depth Header part of the column.

Change the width to be 5mm and check the option for Vertical Header. This will make the column thinner and make the text appear sideways in the Depth Header. Then click on the OK button to close the dialogue.

Depth Columns

Row Heights

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
10	2	1
10mm	2mm	1mm

Continuation Text

Header	Next Page	End of Borehole
	Style	Style

Columns

Scale Bar

Name

Scale Bar

Header

Scale

Split Item Placement

First page only

Width

5mm

Group 1 Order 1

Vertical header

Distinct sequential records

Display divider border for combined logs

Strip set column

Section centre column

Centre

Hide column if empty (Quick section only)

Hide column condition (Quick section only)

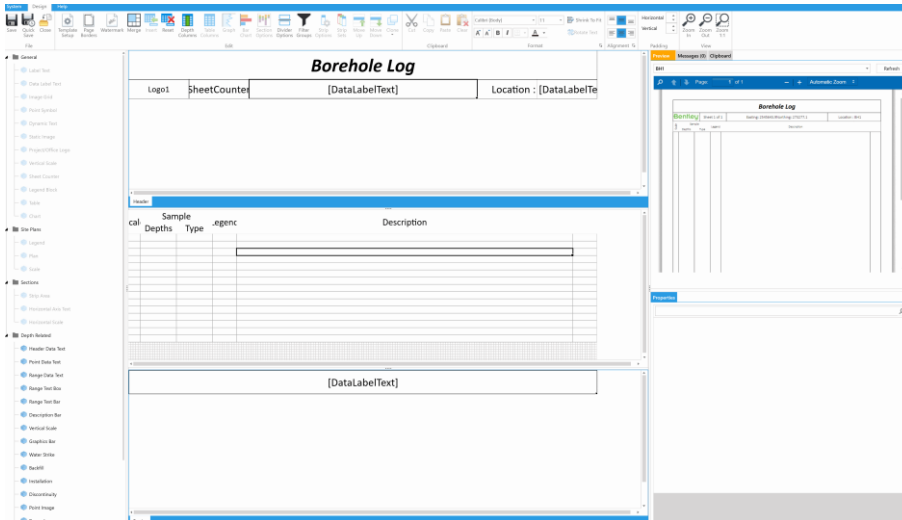
Add Delete

Add Borders Footer

5 of 574 columns used.

OK Cancel

Select the scale column header which is the first header column, then set the font size to be size 14.

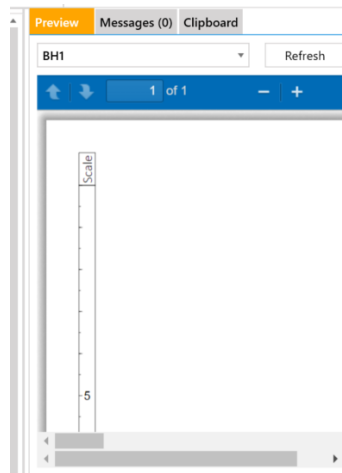


Next, select the borders button on the ribbon and then select more borders, then select inside and outline borders and click OK.

Then select the Vertical Alignment option and change the value to be 0.0.



Click on the top empty cell in the depth area under the Scale header, then double click on the [Vertical Scale Bar library item](#) to insert this. This will update the workspace to show an item has been inserted and the Properties window will update with further settings.



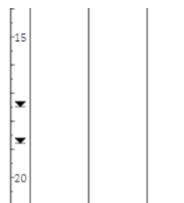
It is possible to add more than one item in a depth column. In this case, a water strike will be plotted in the scale column.

Select the next empty cell in the scale column, which should be the 2nd row down, then double click on the [Point Symbol Library Item](#). The workspace should update to show a point symbol item in the relevant space and new options appear in the Properties window.

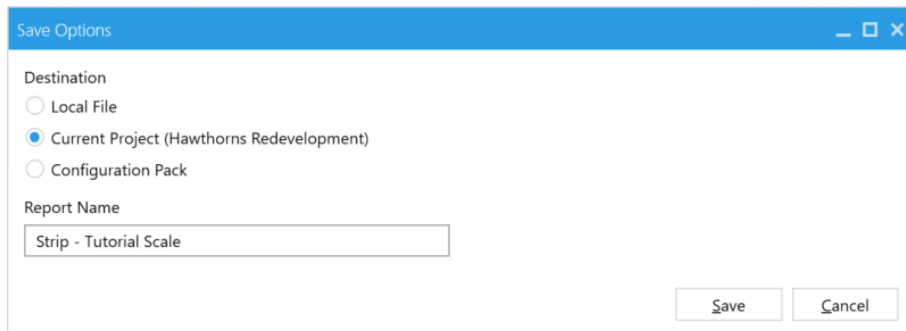
Change the following properties (settings not changed aren't listed);

- Group – Water Levels and Boring Drilling Progress By Time
- Depth – Depth water value
- Symbol – Water Strike Filled
- Scale X – 50
- Scale Y – 50

After setting these settings, preview the log template.



Save the template into either the configuration pack or the project to make it then be available when being used inside of a strip set.



Save Options

Destination

☐ Local File

☒ Current Project (Hawthorns Redevelopment)

☐ Configuration Pack

Report Name

Strip - Tutorial Scale

Save Cancel

Following this, close the template to return to the Templates window.

The finalised version of this output is available as [Tutorial 3 - Scale Strip.hbt](#)

3.5 Creating a Strip Set and adding a Strip

The next step in creating the master template is to add a Strip Set and add the Strip that was just created to it. This will then be used in the following steps of this tutorial.

Open the Master Template that was previously saved into the project or configuration pack.

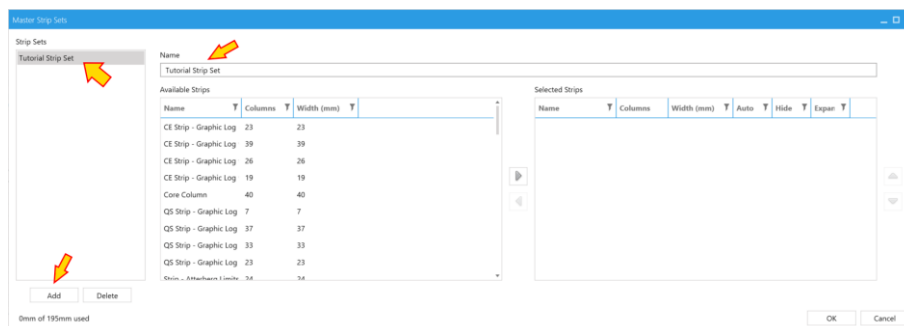
This template is available as Tutorial 3 - After Strip Set Column Set.hbt if the template from the previous step is not available.

Select the Strip Sets button from the ribbon.

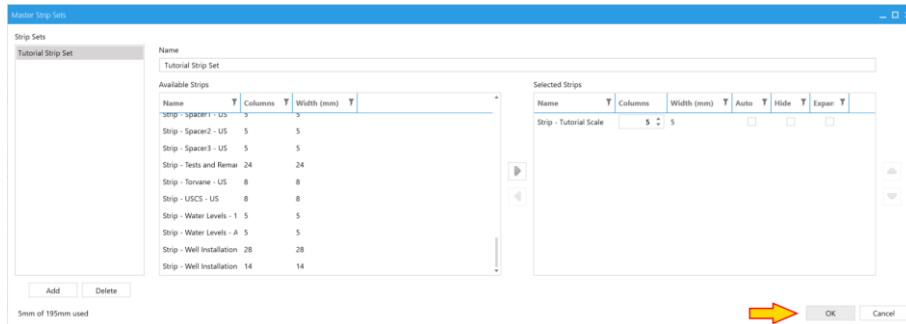
If the Strip Sets button is not available in the ribbon, then the template may have 'lost' this setting. Open the Depth Columns dialogue and reselect the 'Strip set column' then save. The Strip Sets button should then become available.

This can happen as no strip set was created in the previous steps of this tutorial and once a strip set has been added, this will be prevented from happening again.

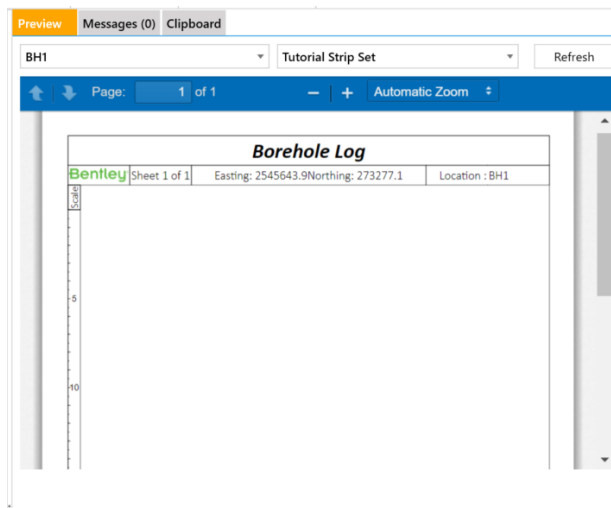
Select the Add button in the Master Strip Sets dialogue, then select the newly created Strip Set and change the name to a more convenient name. In this case, 'Tutorial Strip Set' will be used as the name.



Following this, search the list under Available Strips to find the template created in the previous step, then double click on this to change it so that it appears under Selected Strips. Select OK to save the template, confirming any changes.



Refresh the template preview and the template should now have 1 column in showing how the strip and strip set are now being applied.



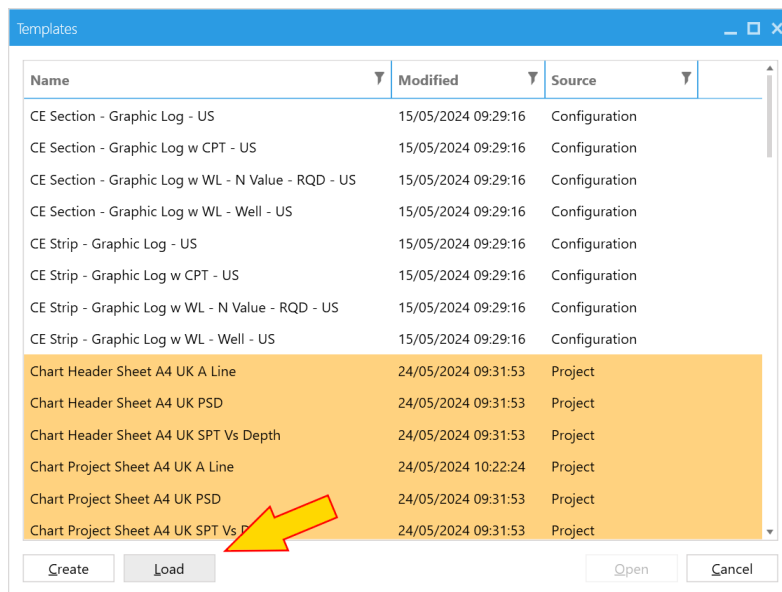
Following this, close the template (Save again), then return to the Templates window.

From this stage on, there will not be a saved output of the Master Template made available as a HBT file. This is because a HBT file does not contain the Strip Set properties. The rest of the strips in this tutorial will be made available as HBT files and the final combined output will be made available as a Professional HBC component that contains everything at the end of the tutorial.

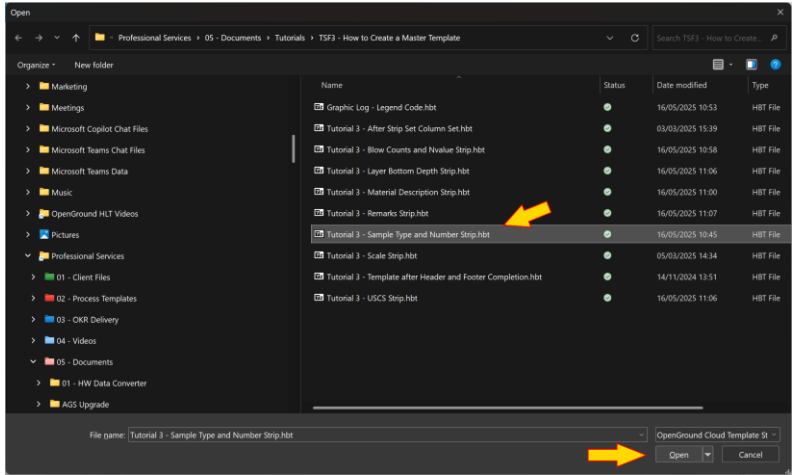
3.6 Saving an Externally provided Strip Template

One of the main advantages of using a Master Template is that it is possible to use pre-created strips and place them inside the template. It is also possible to use a strip in more than one template at a time, allowing for a large reduction in creating copies of the same outputs. In this stage of the tutorial, pre-made strips will be saved into the configuration pack for use with the Master Template.

Return to the Templates window and then press the Load button.



Select the 'Tutorial 3 – Same Type and Number Strip.hbt' file included in the included files and select Open.



The strip will then open in Template Studio. As this strip template has already been setup and no further changes will be needed, simply select the Save button and Save the template as 'Strip – Tutorial Sample Information'.

Save Options

Destination

☐ Local File

☐ Current Project (Hawthorns Redevelopment)

☒ Configuration Pack

Report Name

Strip - Tutorial Sample Information

Saving to configuration...

Save

Cancel

Following this, close the template (Save again), then return to the Templates window.

Repeat the above process for the following strips that are included in the included files;

File Name	Template Studio Name
Tutorial 3 – Blow Counts and Nvalue Strip	Strip – Tutorial SPT
Tutorial 3 - Layer Bottom Depth Strip	Strip – Tutorial Geology Base
Tutorial 3 - Material Description Strip	Strip – Tutorial Geology Description
Tutorial 3 - Remarks Strip	Strip – Tutorial Remarks
Tutorial 3 - USCS Strip	Strip – Tutorial USCS

Tutorial 3 - Graphic Log - Legend Code	Strip – Tutorial Legend Code
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Once all of the above templates have been saved into the configuration pack, return to the Templates window.

3.7 Placing Multiple Strips into a Master Template and Handling Sizes

Now that all of the strips are in place, they can now be placed onto the Master Template. These strips can also be reused in other templates.

Open the Master Template that was previously saved into the project or configuration pack.

This template is available as Tutorial 3 - After Strip Set Column Set.hbt if the template from the previous step is not available.

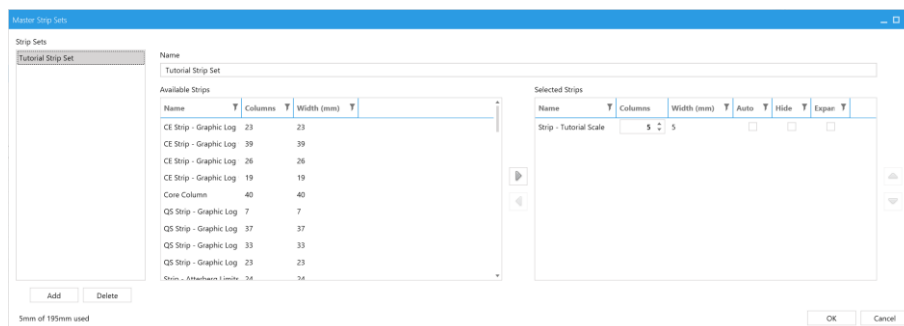
Select the Strip Sets button from the ribbon.

If the Strip Sets button is not available in the ribbon, then the template may have 'lost' this setting. Open the Depth Columns dialogue and reselect the 'Strip set column' then save. The Strip Sets button should then become available.

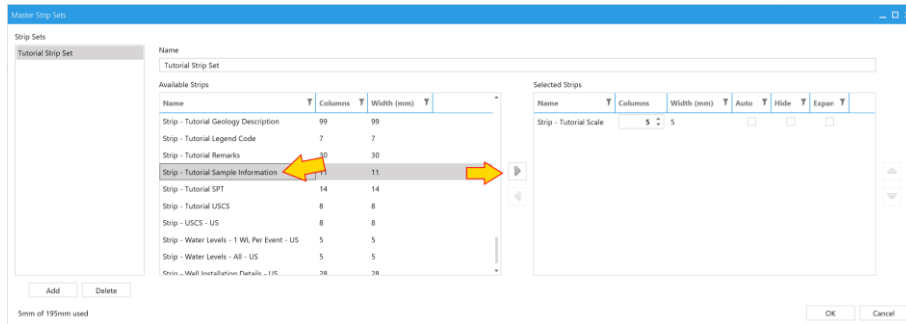
This can happen as no strip set was created in the previous steps of this tutorial and once a strip set has been added, this will be prevented from happening again.

Select the Tutorial Strip Set created before.

If the Strip Set isn't present, then a copy of the template was opened that was not saved with a Strip Set. Select the Add button in the Master Strip Sets dialogue, then select the newly created Strip Set and change the name to a more convenient name. In this case, 'Tutorial Strip Set' will be used as the name.



Select the 'Strip – Tutorial Sample Information' strip and then press the right arrow to add it to the strip set.

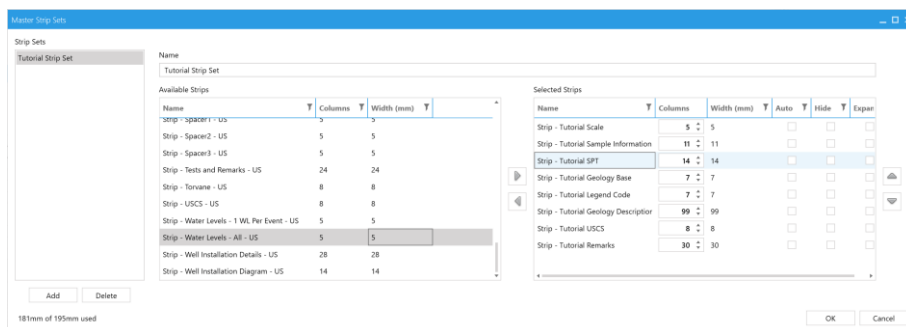


Repeat the above for the following strips, in the following order;

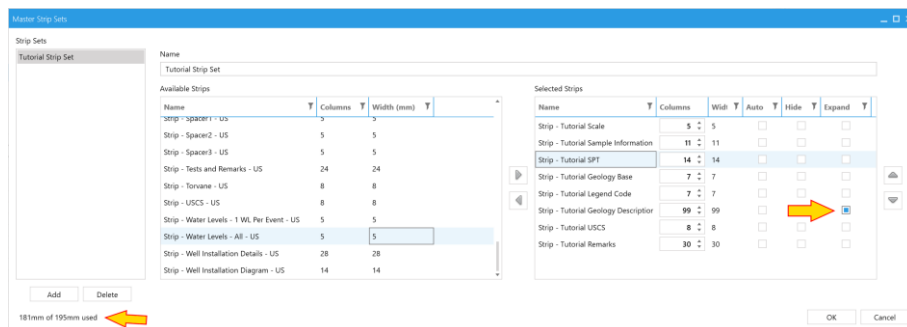
1. Strip – Tutorial SPT
2. Strip – Tutorial Geology Base
3. Strip – Tutorial Legend Code
4. Strip – Tutorial Geology Description
5. Strip – Tutorial USCS
6. Strip – Tutorial Remarks

If the strips are placed in the wrong order, it is possible to select the required strip and then use the up and down arrows on the far right of the window to move the currently selected strip up or down the order.

The outcome of this should lead to the window looking like the following;



Note that the value in the far bottom left of the window states that only 181mm of the 195mm has been used. This will mean that when the template is previewed, there would be a 14mm gap on the right hand side of the template. To rectify this, select the Expand option next to the 'Strip – Tutorial Geology Description' strip.



Although this will not update the value on the bottom left, the selected strip will automatically expand horizontally to fill out any empty space on a preview.

The Auto and Hide options are used in conjunction with Hide Options in Strip templates to automatically hide strip templates, and expand another strip template to fill the available space when a strip is hidden. This is not covered in this guide.

Save the template.

Preview the template to show the resulting strips on the Master Template.

Borehole Log									
Bentley		Sheet 1 of 1		Easting: 2545643.9 Northing: 273277.1				Location : BH1	
Scale	STRIP	E TYPE	NAME	COUN	IN	VALUE	COUN	IN	VALUE
MATERIAL DESCRIPTION									
REMARKS									
5	SS-1	2-2-4	(6)				0.00		
	SS-2	WOH-2-3	(5)						
	SS-3	2-3-3	(6)						
	SS-4	1-2-4-5	(6)						
10	SS-5	12-10-12	(22)				8.00		
	SS-6	12-12-12	(24)						
15	SS-7	16-18-20	(38)				11.00		
	SS-8	18-20-32	(52)						
20									
25									
30									
Terminated at 20.00 ft. Reached target depth.									
Equipment used : CME75									
Template Name: Tutorial 3 - After Strip Set Column Set Log Produced: 05-16-2025 01:48									

Note that some of the template headers may not fit correctly in the space made available for this template. This has been done to show that although strips can be used in multiple templates, they will not always show correctly. The best way to resolve this would be to go into the strip templates and change the header information, either to use Shrink to Fit, or use a smaller font etc.

5. Final Template Output

Note that this is the point that the example file 'Tutorial 3 - Final Output.hbc' has been created. If comparing the final output with an output produced by a user, use this file.

