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# **oemof Documentation**

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## Getting started

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Oemof stands for “Open Energy System Modelling Framework” and provides a free, open source and clearly documented toolbox to analyse energy supply systems. It is developed in Python and designed as a framework with a modular structure containing several packages which communicate through well defined interfaces.

With oemof we provide base packages for energy system modelling and optimisation.

Everybody is welcome to use and/or develop oemof. Read our *Why should I contribute?* section.

Contribution is already possible on a low level by simply fixing typos in oemof’s documentation or rephrasing sections which are unclear. If you want to support us that way please fork the oemof repository to your own github account and make changes as described in the github guidelines: <https://guides.github.com/activities/hello-world/>

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## 1.1 Documentation

Full documentation can be found at [readthedocs](#). Use the [project site](#) of readthedocs to choose the version of the documentation. Go to the [download page](#) to download different versions and formats (pdf, html, epub) of the docu-

mentation.

To get the latest news visit and follow our [website](#).

## 1.2 Installing oemof

If you have a working Python3 environment, use pypi to install the latest oemof version. Python  $\geq 3.5$  is recommended. Lower versions may work but are not tested.

```
pip install oemof
```

For more details have a look at *Installation and setup*. There is also a [YouTube tutorial](#) on how to install oemof under Windows.

The packages **feedinlib**, **demandlib** and **oemof.db** have to be installed separately. See section *Using oemof* for more details about all oemof packages.

If you want to use the latest features, you might want to install the **developer version**. See *Developing oemof* for more information. The developer version is not recommended for productive use.

## 1.3 Structure of the oemof cosmos

Oemof packages are organised in different levels. The basic oemof interfaces are defined by the core libraries (network). The next level contains libraries that depend on the core libraries but do not provide interfaces to other oemof libraries (solph, outputlib). The third level are libraries that do not depend on any oemof interface and therefore can be used as stand-alone application (demandlib, feedinlib). Together with some other recommended projects (pvlib, windpowerlib) the oemof cosmos provides a wealth of tools to model energy systems. If you want to become part of it, feel free to join us.

## 1.4 Examples

The linkage of specific modules of the various packages is called an application (app) and depicts for example a concrete energy system model. You can find a large variety of helpful examples in [oemof's example repository](#) on github to download or clone. The examples show optimisations of different energy systems and are supposed to help new users to understand the framework's structure. There is some elaboration on the examples in the respective repository.

You are welcome to contribute your own examples via a [pull request](#) or by sending us an e-mail (see [here](#) for contact information).

## 1.5 Got further questions on using oemof?

If you have questions regarding the use of oemof you can visit the forum at: <https://forum.openmod-initiative.org/tags/c/qa/oemof> and open a new thread if your questions hasn't been already answered.



## 1.6 Join the developers!

A warm welcome to all who want to join the developers and contribute to oemof. Information on the details and how to approach us can be found [in the documentation](#) .

## 1.7 Keep in touch

You can become a watcher at our [github site](#), but this will bring you quite a few mails and might be more interesting for developers. If you just want to get the latest news you can follow our news-blog at [oemof.org](#).

## 1.8 Citing oemof

We use the zenodo project to get a DOI for each version. [Select the version you want to cite](#).

## 1.9 License

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## CHAPTER 2

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### About oemof

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This overview has been developed to make oemof easy to use and develop. It describes general ideas behind and structures of oemof and its modules.

- *The idea of an open framework*
- *Application Examples*
- *Why are we developing oemof?*
- *Why should I contribute?*
- *Join oemof with your own approach or project*

### 2.1 The idea of an open framework

The Open Energy System Modelling Framework has been developed for the modelling and analysis of energy supply systems considering power and heat as well as prospectively mobility.

Oemof has been implemented in Python and uses several Python packages for scientific applications (e.g. mathematical optimisation, network analysis, data analysis), optionally in combination with a PostgreSQL/PostGIS database. It offers a toolbox of various features needed to build energy system models in high temporal and spatial resolution. For instance, the wind energy feed-in in a model region can be modelled based on weather data, the CO<sub>2</sub>-minimal operation of biomass power plants can be calculated or the future energy supply of Europe can be simulated.

The framework consists of different libraries. For the communication between these libraries different interfaces are provided. The oemof libraries and their modules are used to build what we call an ‘application’ (app) which depicts a concrete energy system model or a subprocess of this model. Generally, applications can be developed highly individually by the use of one or more libraries depending on the scope and purpose. The following image illustrates the typical application building process.

It gets clear that applications can be build flexibly using different libraries. Furthermore, single components of applications can be substituted easily if different functionalities are needed. This allows for individual application development and provides all degrees of freedom to the developer which is particularly relevant in environments such as scientific work groups that often work spatially distributed.

Among other applications, the apps ‘renpassG!S’ and ‘reegis’ are currently developed based on the framework. ‘renpassG!S’ enables the simulation of a future European energy system with a high spatial and temporal resolution. Different expansion pathways of conventional power plants, renewable energies and net infrastructure can be considered. The app ‘reegis’ provides a simulation of a regional heat and power supply system. Another application is ‘HESYSOPT’ which has been desined to simulate combined heat and power systems with MILP on the component level. These three examples show that the modular approach of the framework allows applications with very different objectives.

## 2.2 Application Examples

Some applications are publicly available and continiously developed in these locations:

- [renpassG!S](#)
- [HESYSOPT](#)
- [reegis\\_HP](#)
- [eos](#)

More examples and a screenshot gallery can be found on [oemof’s official homepage](#).

## 2.3 Why are we developing oemof?

Energy system models often do not have publicly accessible source code and freely available data and are poorly documented. The missing transparency slows down the scientific discussion on model quality with regard to certain problems such as grid extension or cross-border interaction between national energy systems. Besides, energy system models are often developed for a certain application and cannot (or only with great effort) be adjusted to other requirements.

The Center for Sustainable Energy Systems (ZNES) Flensburg together with the Reiner Lemoine Institute (RLI) in Berlin and the Otto-von-Guericke-University of Magdeburg (OVGU) are developing the Open Energy System Modelling Framework (oemof) to address these problems by offering a free, open and clearly documented framework for energy system modelling. This transparent approach allows a sound scientific discourse on the underlying models and data. In this way the assessment of quality and significance of undertaken analyses is improved. Moreover, the modular composition of the framework supports the adjustment to a large number of application purposes.

The open source approach allows a collaborative development of the framework that offers several advantages:

- **Synergies** - By developing collaboratively synergies between the participating institutes can be utilized.
- **Debugging** - Through the input of a larger group of users and developers bugs are identified and fixed at an earlier stage.
- **Advancement** - The oemof-based application profits from further development of the framework.

## 2.4 Why should I contribute?

- You do not want to start at the very beginning. - You are not the first one, who wants to set up a energy system model. So why not start with existing code?

- You want your code to be more stable. - If other people use your code, they may find bugs or will have ideas to improve it.
- Tired of ‘write-only-code’. - Developing as part of a framework encourages you to document sufficiently, so that after years you may still understand your own code.
- You want to talk to other people when you are deadlocked. - People are even more willing to help, if they are interested in what you are doing because they can use it afterwards.
- You want your code to be seen and used. We try to make oemof more and more visible to the modelling community. Together it will be easier to increase the awareness of this framework and therefore for your contribution.

We know, sometimes it is difficult to start on an existing concept. It will take some time to understand it and you will need extra time to document your own stuff. But once you understand the libraries you will get lots of interesting features, always with the option to fit them to your own needs.

If you first want to try out the collaborative process of software development you can start with a contribution on a low level. Fixing typos in the documentation or rephrasing sentences which are unclear would help us on the one hand and brings you nearer to the collaboration process on the other hand.

For any kind of contribution, please fork the oemof repository to your own github account and make changes as described in the github guidelines: <https://guides.github.com/activities/hello-world/>

Just contact us if you have any questions!

## 2.5 Join oemof with your own approach or project

Oemof is designed as a framework and there is a lot of space for own ideas or own libraries. No matter if you want a heuristic solver library or different linear solver libraries. You may want to add tools to analyse the results or something we never heard of. You want to add a GUI or your application to be linked to. We think, that working together in one framework will increase the probability that somebody will use and test your code (see *Why should I contribute?*).

Interested? Together we can talk about how to transfer your ideas into oemof or even integrate your code. Maybe we just link to your project and try to adapt the API for a better fit in the future.

Also consider joining our developer meetings which take place every 6 months (usually May and December). Just contact us!



## CHAPTER 3

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### Installation and setup

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- *Linux*
- *Windows*
- *Mac OSX*
- *Run the installation\_test file*

Following you find guidelines for the installation process for different operation systems.

### 3.1 Linux

#### 3.1.1 Having Python 3 installed

As oemof is designed as a Python package it is mandatory to have Python 3 installed. Python  $\geq 3.5$  is recommended. Lower versions may work but are not tested. It is highly recommended to use a virtual environment. See this [tutorial](#) for more help or see the sections below. If you already have a Python 3 environment you can install oemof using pip:

```
pip install oemof
```

To use pip you have to install the pypi package. Normally pypi is part of your virtual environment.

#### 3.1.2 Using Linux repositories to install Python

Most Linux distributions will have Python 3 in their repository. Use the specific software management to install it. If you are using Ubuntu/Debian try executing the following code in your terminal:

```
sudo apt-get install python3
```

You can also download different versions of Python via <https://www.python.org/downloads/>.

### 3.1.3 Using Virtualenv (community driven)

Skip the steps you have already done. Check your architecture first (32/64 bit).

1. Install virtualenv using the package management of your Linux distribution, `pip install` or install it from source (see [virtualenv documentation](#))
2. Open terminal to create and activate a virtual environment by typing:

```
virtualenv -p /usr/bin/python3 your_env_name
source your_env_name/bin/activate
```

3. In terminal type: `pip install oemof`
4. Install a *Solver* if you want to use solph and execute the solph examples (See [Run the installation\\_test file](#) ) to check if the installation of the solver and oemof was successful

Warning: If you have an older version of virtualenv you should update `pip pip install --upgrade pip`.

### 3.1.4 Using Anaconda

Skip the steps you have already done. Check your architecture first (32/64 bit).

1. Download latest [Anaconda \(Linux\)](#) for Python 3.x (64 or 32 bit)
2. Install Anaconda
3. Open terminal to create and activate a virtual environment by typing:

```
conda create -n yourenvname python=3.x
source activate yourenvname
```

4. In terminal type: `pip install oemof`
5. Install a *Solver* if you want to use solph and execute the solph examples (See [Run the installation\\_test file](#) ) to check if the installation of the solver and oemof was successful

### 3.1.5 Solver

In order to use solph you need to install a solver. There are various commercial and open-source solvers that can be used with oemof.

There are two common OpenSource solvers available (CBC, GLPK), while oemof recommends CBC (Coin-or branch and cut). But sometimes its worth comparing the results of different solvers.

To install the solvers have a look at the package repository of your Linux distribution or search for precompiled packages. GLPK and CBC are available at Debian, Fedora, Ubuntu and others.

Check the solver installation by executing the `test_installation` example (see [Run the installation\\_test file](#) ).

To learn how to install (other) solvers (Gurobi, Cplex. . . ) have a look at the [pyomo solver notes](#).

## 3.2 Windows

If you are new to Python check out the [YouTube tutorial](#) on how to install oemof under Windows. It will guide you step by step through the installation process, starting with the installation of Python using WinPython, all the way to executing your first oemof example.



### 3.2.1 Having Python 3 installed

As oemof is designed as a Python-module it is mandatory to have Python 3 installed. Python  $\geq 3.5$  is recommended. Lower versions may work but are not tested. If you already have a working Python 3 environment you can install oemof by using pip. Run the following code in the command window of your python environment:

```
pip install oemof
```

If pip is not part of your python environment, you have to install the pypi package.

### 3.2.2 Using WinPython (community driven)

Skip the steps you have already done. Check your architecture first (32/64 bit)

1. Download latest [WinPython](#) for Python 3.x (64 or 32 bit)
2. Install WinPython
3. Open the 'WinPython Command Prompt' and type: `pip install oemof`
4. Install a [Windows Solver](#) if you want to use solph and execute the solph examples (See [Run the installation\\_test file](#)) to check if the installation of the solver and oemof was successful

### 3.2.3 Using Anaconda

Skip the steps you have already done. Check your architecture first (32/64 bit)

1. Download latest [Anaconda](#) for Python 3.x (64 or 32 bit)
2. Install Anaconda
3. Open 'Anaconda Prompt' to create and activate a virtual environment by typing:

```
conda create -n yourenvname python=3.x
activate yourenvname
```

4. In 'Anaconda Prompt' type: `pip install oemof`
5. Install a [Windows Solver](#) if you want to use solph and execute the solph examples (See [Run the installation\\_test file](#)) to check if the installation of the solver and oemof was successful

### 3.2.4 Windows Solver

In order to use solph you need to install a solver. There are various commercial and open-source solvers that can be used with oemof.

You do not have to install both solvers. Oemof recommends the CBC (Coin-or branch and cut) solver. But sometimes its worth comparing the results of different solvers (e.g. GLPK).

1. Downloaded CBC from [here](#) (64 or 32 bit)
2. Download GLPK from [here](#) (64/32 bit)
3. Unpacked CBC/GLPK to any folder (e.g. C:/Users/Somebody/my\_programs)
4. Add the path of the executable files of both solvers to the PATH variable using [this tutorial](#)
5. Restart Windows

Check the solver installation by executing the `test_installation` example (see *Run the installation\_test file* ).

For commercial solvers (Gurobi, Cplex...) have a look at the [pyomo solver notes](#).

### 3.3 Mac OSX

Installation guidelines for Mac OS are still incomplete and not tested. As we do not have Mac users we could not test the following approaches, but they should work. If you are a Mac user please help us to improve this installation guide. Have look at the installation guide of Linux or Windows to get an idea what to do.

You can download python here: <https://www.python.org/downloads/mac-osx/>. For information on the installation process and on how to install python packages see here: <https://docs.python.org/3/using/mac.html>.

Virtualenv: <http://sourabhbajaj.com/mac-setup/Python/README.html>

Anaconda: <https://www.continuum.io/downloads#osx>

You have to install a solver if you want to use solph and execute the solph examples (See *Run the installation\_test file* ) to check if the installation of the solver and oemof was successful.

CBC-solver: <https://projects.coin-or.org/Cbc>

GLPK-solver: <http://arnab-deka.com/posts/2010/02/installing-glpk-on-a-mac/>

### 3.4 Run the installation\_test file

Test the installation and the installed solver:

To test the whether the installation was successful simply run

```
oemof_installation_test
```

in your virtual environment. If the installation was successful, you will get:

```
*****
Solver installed with oemof:
glpk: working
cplex: not working
cbc: working
gurobi: working
*****
oemof successfully installed.
```

as an output.

Oemof is a framework and even though it is in an early stage it already provides useful tools to model energy systems. To model an energy system you have to write your own application in which you combine the oemof libraries for you specific task. The [example section](#) shows how an oemof application may look like.

### *Current oemof libraries*

- *oemof-network*
- *oemof-solph*
- *oemof-outputlib*
- *feedinlib*
- *demandlib*

## 4.1 oemof-network

The *oemof-network* library is part of the oemof installation. By now it can be used to define energy systems as a network with components and buses. Every component should be connected to one or more buses. After definition, a component has to explicitly be added to its energy system. Allowed components are sources, sinks and transformer.

The code of the example above:

```
from oemof.network import *
from oemof.energy_system import *

# create the energy system
es = EnergySystem()
```

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```
# create bus 1
bus_1 = Bus(label="bus_1")

# create bus 2
bus_2 = Bus(label="bus_2")

# add bus 1 and bus 2 to energy system
es.add(bus_1, bus_2)

# create and add sink 1 to energy system
es.add(Sink(label='sink_1', inputs={bus_1: []}))

# create and add sink 2 to energy system
es.add(Sink(label='sink_2', inputs={bus_2: []}))

# create and add source to energy system
es.add(Source(label='source', outputs={bus_1: []}))

# create and add transformer to energy system
es.add(Transformer(label='transformer', inputs={bus_1: []}, outputs={bus_2: []}))
```

The network class is aimed to be very generic and might have some network analyse tools in the future. By now the network library is mainly used as the base for the solph library.

## 4.2 oemof-solph

The *oemof-solph* library is part of the oemof installation. Solph is designed to create and solve linear or mixed-integer linear optimization problems. It is based on optimization modelling language pyomo.

To use solph at least one linear solver has to be installed on your system. See the [pyomo installation guide](#) to learn which solvers are supported. Solph is tested with the open source solver *cbc* and the *gurobi* solver (free for academic use). The open *glpk* solver recently showed some odd behaviour.

The formulation of the energy system is based on the oemof-network library but contains additional components such as storages. Furthermore the network class are enhanced with additional parameters such as efficiencies, bounds, cost and more. See the API documentation for more details. Try the [examples](#) to learn how to build a linear energy system.

## 4.3 oemof-outputlib

The *oemof-outputlib* library is part of the oemof installation. It collects the results of an optimisation in a dictionary holding scalar variables and [pandas DataFrame](#) for time dependend output. This makes it easy to process or plot the results using the capabilities of the pandas library.

The following code collects the results in a pandas DataFrame and selects the data for a specific component, in this case 'heat'.

```
results = outputlib.processing.results(om)
heat = outputlib.views.node(results, 'heat')
```

To visualize results, either use [pandas own visualization functionality](#), matplotlib or the plot library of your choice. Some existing plot methods can be found in a separate repository [oemof\\_visio](#) which can be helpful when looking for a quick way to create a plot.

## 4.4 feedinlib

The [feedinlib](#) library is not part of the oemof installation and has to be installed separately using pypi. It serves as an interface between Open Data weather data and libraries to calculate feedin timeseries for fluctuating renewable energy sources.

It is currently under revision (see [here](#) for further information). To begin with it will provide an interface to the [pvlib](#) and [windpowerlib](#) and functions to download MERRA2 weather data and [open\\_FRED](#) weather data. See [documentation of the feedinlib](#) for a full description of the library.

## 4.5 demandlib

The [demandlib](#) library is not part of the oemof installation and has to be installed separately using pypi. At the current state the demandlib can be used to create load profiles for electricity and heat knowing the annual demand. See the [documentation of the demandlib](#) for examples and a full description of the library.



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## Developing oemof

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Oemof is developed collaboratively and therefore driven by its community. While advancing as a user of oemof, you may find situations that demand solutions that are not readily available. In this case, your solution may be of help to other users as well. Contributing to the development of oemof is good for two reasons: Your code may help others and you increase the quality of your code through the review of other developers. Read also these arguments on [why you should contribute](#).

A first step to get involved with development can be contributing a component that is not part of the current version that you defined for your energy system. We have a module `oemof.solph.custom` that is dedicated to collect custom components created by users. Feel free to start a pull request and contribute.

Another way to join the developers and learn how to contribute is to help improve the documentation. If you find that some part could be more clear or if you even find a mistake, please consider fixing it and creating a pull request.

New developments that provide new functionality may enter oemof at different locations. Please feel free to discuss contributions by creating a pull request or an issue.

In the following you find important notes for developing oemof and elements within the framework. On whatever level you may want to start, we highly encourage you to contribute to the further development of oemof. If you want to collaborate see description below or contact us.

- *Install the developer version*
- *Contribute to the documentation*
- *Contribute to new components*
- *Collaboration with pull requests*
- *Tests*
- *Issue-Management*
- *Style guidelines*
- *Naming Conventions*

- *Using git*
- *Documentation*

## 5.1 Install the developer version

To avoid problems make sure you have fully uninstalled previous versions of oemof. It is highly recommended to use a virtual environment. See this [virtualenv tutorial](#) for more help. Afterwards you have to clone the repository. See the [github documentation](#) to learn how to clone a repository. Now you can install the cloned repository using pip:

```
pip install -e /path/to/the/repository
```

**Newly added required packages (via PyPi) can be installed by performing a manual** upgrade of oemof. In that case run:

```
pip install --upgrade -e /path/to/the/repository
```

## 5.2 Contribute to the documentation

If you want to contribute by improving the documentation (typos, grammar, comprehensibility), please use the developer version of the dev branch at [readthedocs.org](https://readthedocs.org). Every fixed typo helps.

## 5.3 Contribute to new components

You can develop a new component according to your needs. Therefore you can use the module `oemof.solph.custom` which collects custom components created by users and lowers the entry barrier for contributing.

Your code should fit to the [Issue-Management](#) and the docstring should be complete and hold the equations used in the constraints. But there are several steps you do not necessarily need to fulfill when contributing to `oemof.solph.custom`: you do not need to meet the [Naming Conventions](#). Also compatibility to the results-API must not be guaranteed. Further you do not need to test your components or adapt the documentation. These steps are all necessary once your custom component becomes a constant part of oemof (`oemof.solph.components`) and are described here: [Generally the following steps are required when changing, adding or removing code](#). But in the first step have a look at existing custom components created by other users in `oemof.solph.custom` and easily create your own if you need.

## 5.4 Collaboration with pull requests

To collaborate use the pull request functionality of github as described here: <https://guides.github.com/activities/hello-world/>

### 5.4.1 How to create a pull request

- Fork the oemof repository to your own github account.
- Change, add or remove code.
- Commit your changes.



- Create a pull request and describe what you will do and why. Please use the pull request template we offer. It will be shown to you when you click on “New pull request”.
- Wait for approval.

### 5.4.2 Generally the following steps are required when changing, adding or removing code

- Read the *Issue-Management* and *Naming Conventions* and follow them
- Add new tests according to what you have done
- Add/change the documentation (new feature, API changes ...)
- Add a whatsnew entry and your name to Contributors
- Check if all *Tests* still work.

## 5.5 Tests

Run the following test before pushing a successful merge.

```
nosetests -w "/path/to/oemof" --with-doctest
```

## 5.6 Issue-Management

A good way for communication with the developer group are issues. If you find a bug, want to contribute an enhancement or have a question on a specific problem in development you want to discuss, please create an issue:

- describing your point accurately
- using the list of category tags
- addressing other developers

If you want to address other developers you can use @name-of-developer, or use e.g. @oemof-solph to address a team. [Here](#) you can find an overview over existing teams on different subjects and their members.

Look at the existing issues to get an idea on the usage of issues.

## 5.7 Style guidelines

We mostly follow standard guidelines instead of developing own rules. So if anything is not defined in this section, search for a [PEP rule](#) and follow it.

### 5.7.1 Docstrings

We decided to use the style of the numpydoc docstrings. See the following link for an [example](#).

## 5.7.2 Code commenting

Code comments are block and inline comments in the source code. They can help to understand the code and should be utilized “as much as necessary, as little as possible”. When writing comments follow the PEP 0008 style guide: <https://www.python.org/dev/peps/pep-0008/#comments>.

## 5.7.3 PEP8 (Python Style Guide)

- We adhere to [PEP8](#) for any code produced in the framework.
- We use pylint to check your code. Pylint is integrated in many IDEs and Editors. [Check here](#) or ask the maintainer of your IDE or Editor
- Some IDEs have pep8 checkers, which are very helpful, especially for python beginners.

## 5.7.4 Quoted strings

As there is no recommendation in the PEP rules we use double quotes for strings read by humans such as logging/error messages and single quotes for internal strings such as keys and column names. However one can deviate from this rules if the string contains a double or single quote to avoid escape characters. According to [PEP 257](#) and numpydoc we use three double quotes for docstrings.

```
logging.info("We use double quotes for messages")

my_dictionary.get('key_string')

logging.warning('Use three " to quote docstrings!' # exception to avoid escape_
↪characters
```

## 5.8 Naming Conventions

- We use plural in the code for modules if there is possibly more than one child class (e.g. import transformers AND NOT transformer). If there are arrays in the code that contain multiple elements they have to be named in plural (e.g. *transformers* = [*T1*, *T2*,...]).
- Please, follow the naming conventions of [pylint](#)
- Use talking names
  - Variables/Objects: Name it after the data they describe (power\_line, wind\_speed)
  - Functions/Method: Name it after what they do: **use verbs** (get\_wind\_speed, set\_parameter)

## 5.9 Using git

### 5.9.1 Branching model

So far we adhere mostly to the git branching model by [Vincent Driessen](#).

Differences are:

- instead of the name `origin/develop` we call the branch `origin/dev`.

- feature branches are named like `features/*`
- release branches are named like `releases/*`

### 5.9.2 Commit message

Use this nice little [commit tutorial](#) to learn how to write a nice commit message.

## 5.10 Documentation

The general implementation-independent documentation such as installation guide, flow charts, and mathematical models is done via ReStructuredText (rst). The files can be found in the folder `/oemof/doc`. For further information on restructured text see: <http://docutils.sourceforge.net/rst.html>.



## CHAPTER 6

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### What's New

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These are new features and improvements of note in each release

#### ***Releases***

- *v0.2.2 (July 1, 2018)*
- *v0.2.1 (March 19, 2018)*
- *v0.2.0 (January 12, 2018)*
- *v0.1.4 (March 28, 2017)*
- *v0.1.2 (March 27, 2017)*
- *v0.1.1 (November 2, 2016)*
- *v0.1.0 (November 1, 2016)*
- *v0.0.7 (May 4, 2016)*
- *v0.0.6 (April 29, 2016)*
- *v0.0.5 (April 1, 2016)*
- *v0.0.4 (March 03, 2016)*
- *v0.0.3 (January 29, 2016)*
- *v0.0.2 (December 22, 2015)*
- *v0.0.1 (November 25, 2015)*

## 6.1 v0.2.2 (July 1, 2018)

### 6.1.1 API changes

- The storage API has been revised, even though it is still possible to use the old API. In that case a warning is raised ([Issue #491](#)).
- The newly introduced `parm_results` are not results and therefore renamed to `parameter_as_dict`. The old name is still valid but raises a warning.

### 6.1.2 New features

- We added a new attribute *existing* to the *solph.options.Investment* class. It will now be possible to run investment optimization based on already installed capacity of a component. Take a look on *Using the investment mode* for usage of this option. ([Issue #489](#)).
- Investment variables for the capacity and the flows are now decoupled to enable more flexibility. It is possible to couple the flows to the capacity, the flows to itself or to not couple anything. The newly added attributes *invest\_relation\_input\_output*, *invest\_relation\_input\_capacity* and *invest\_relation\_output\_capacity* replace the existing attributes *nominal\_input\_capacity\_ratio* and *nominal\_output\_capacity\_ratio* for the investment mode. In case of the dispatch mode one should use the *nominal\_value* of the Flow classes. The attributes *nominal\_input\_capacity\_ratio* and *nominal\_output\_capacity\_ratio* will be removed in v0.3.0. Please adapt your application to avoid problems in the future ([Issue #480](#)).
- We now have experimental support for deserializing an energy system from a tabular *data package*. Since we have to extend the datapackage format a bit, the specification is not yet finalized and documentation as well as tests range from sparse to nonexistent. But anyone who wishes to help with the code is welcome to check it out in the *datapackage* module.

### 6.1.3 New components

#### 6.1.4 Documentation

- The documentation of the storage *storage component* has been improved.
- The documentation of the *Extraction Turbine* has been improved.

#### 6.1.5 Known issues

- It is not possible to model one time step with *oemof.solph*. You have to model at least two timesteps ([Issue #306](#)). Please leave a comment if this bug affects you.

#### 6.1.6 Bug fixes

- Fix file extension check to dump a graph correctly as *.graphml*-file
- The full constraint set of the *ExtractionTurbineCHP* class was only build for one object. If more than one object was present the input/output constraint was missing. This lead to wrong results.
- In the *solph* constraints module the emission constraint did not include the *timeincrement* from the model which has now be fixed.
- The *parameter\_as\_dict* (former: *param\_results*) do work with the views functions now ([Issue #494](#)).

### 6.1.7 Testing

- The test coverage has been increased (>80%). oemof has experimental areas to test new functions. These functions are marked as experimental and will not be tested. Therefore the real coverage is even higher.

### 6.1.8 Other changes

- Subclasses of *Node* are no longer optimized using `__slots__`. The abstract parent class still defines `__slots__` so that custom subclasses still have the option of using it.

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## 6.2 v0.2.1 (March 19, 2018)

### 6.2.1 API changes

- The function `create_nx_graph` only takes an energysystem as argument, not a solph model. As it is not a major release you can still pass a Model but you should adapt your application as soon as possible. ([Issue #439](#))

### 6.2.2 New features

- It is now possible determine minimum up and downtimes for nonconvex flows. Check the [oemof\\_examples](#) repository for an exemplary usage.
- Startup and shutdown costs can now be defined time-dependent.
- The graph module has been revised. ([Issue #439](#))
  - You can now store a graph to disc as `.graphml` file to open it in yEd with labels.
  - You can add weight to edges.
  - Labels are attached to the nodes.
- Two functions `get_node_by_name` and `filter_nodes` have been added that allow to get specified nodes or nodes of one kind from the results dictionary. ([Issue #426](#))
- A new function `param_results()` collects all parameters of nodes and flows in a dictionary similar to the *results* dictionary. ([Issue #445](#))
- In `outputlib.views.node()`, an option for multiindex dataframe has been added.

### 6.2.3 Documentation

- Some small fixes and corrected typos.

### 6.2.4 Known issues

- It is not possible to model one time step with `oemof.solph`. You have to model at least two timesteps ([Issue #306](#)). Please leave a comment if this bug affects you.

### 6.2.5 Bug fixes

- Shutdown costs for nonconvex flows are now accounted within the objective which was not the case before due to a naming error.
- Console script `oemof_test_installation` has been fixed. ([Issue #452](#))
- Adapt `solph` to API change in the `Pyomo` package.
- Deserializing a `Node` leads to an object which was no longer serializable. This is fixed now. `Node` instances should be able to be dumped and restored an arbitrary amount of times.
- Adding timesteps to index of constraint for component `el-line` fixes an issue with `pyomo`.

### 6.2.6 Testing

- New console script `test_oemof` has been added (experimental). ([Issue #453](#))

### 6.2.7 Other changes

- Internal change: Unnecessary list extensions while creating a model are avoided, which leads to a decrease in runtime. ([Issue #438](#))
- The negative/positive gradient attributes are dictionaries. In the constructor they moved from sequences to a new `dictionaries` argument. ([Issue #437](#))
- License agreement was adapted according to the reuse project ([Issue #442](#))
- Code of conduct was added. ([Issue #440](#))
- Version of required packages is now limited to the most actual version ([Issue #464](#))

### 6.2.8 Contributors

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## 6.3 v0.2.0 (January 12, 2018)

### 6.3.1 API changes

- The *NodesFromCSV* has been removed from the code base. An alternative excel (spreadsheet) reader is provided in the newly created [excel example in the oemof\\_examples repository](#).
- LinearTransformer and LinearN1Transformer classes are now combined within one Transformer class. The new class has n inputs and n outputs. Please note that the definition of the conversion factors (for N1) has changed. See the new docstring of Transformer class to avoid errors ([Issue #351](#)).
- The `oemof.solph.network.Storage` class has been renamed and moved to `oemof.solph.components.GenericStorage`.
- As the example section has been moved to a new repository the *oemof\_example* command was removed. Use *oemof\_installation\_test* to check your installation and the installed solvers.
- OperationalModel has been renamed to Model. The *es* parameter was renamed to *energysystem* parameter.
- *Nodes* are no longer automatically added to the most recently created *energy system*. You can still restore the old automatic registration by manually assigning an *energy system* to *Node.registry*. On the other hand you can still explicitly *add nodes* to an *energy system*. This option has been made a bit more feature rich by the way, but see below for more on this. Also check the [oemof\\_examples repository](#) for more information on the usage.
- The *fixed\_costs* attribute of the *nodes* has been removed. See ([Issue #407](#)) for more information.
- The classes *DataFramePlot* and *ResultsDataFrame* have been removed due to the redesign of the *outputlib* module.

### 6.3.2 New features

- A new [oemof\\_examples repository](#) with some new examples was created.
- A new *outputlib* module has been created to provide a convenient data structure for optimization results and enable quick analyses. All decision variables of a Node are now collected automatically which enables an easier development of custom components. See the revised [oemof-outputlib](#) documentation for more details or have a look at the [oemof\\_examples repository](#) for information on the usage. Keep your eyes open, some new functions will come soon that make the processing of the results easier. See the actual pull request or issues for detailed information.
- The transformer class can now be used with n inputs and n outputs (`Transformer`)
- A new module with useful additional constraints were created with these constraints global emission or investment limits can be set. Furthermore it is possible to connect investment variables. Please add your own additional constraints or let us know what is needed in the future.
- A module to create a networkx graph from your energy system or your optimisation model was added. You can use networkx to plot and analyse graphs. See [Graph](#) in the documentation for more information.
- It's now possible to modify a *node's inputs* and *outputs* by inserting and removing *nodes* to and from the corresponding dictionaries. *Outputs* were already working previously, but due to an implementation quirk, *inputs* did not behave as expected. This is now fixed.
- One can now explicitly *add nodes* to an *energy system* in bulk using *\** and *\*\** syntax. For the latter case, the *values* of the dictionary passed in will be added.

- New components can now be added to the `custom.py` module. Components in this module are indicated as in a testing state. Use them with care. This lowers the entry barriers to test new components within the solph structure and find other testers.

### 6.3.3 New components

- The nodes `ElectricalLine` and `ElectricalBus` can be used for Linear Optimal Powerflow calculation based on angle formulations. These components have been added to the `solph.custom` module. Though it should work correctly, it is in a preliminary stage. Please check your results. Feedback is welcome!
- The custom component `Link` can now be used to model a bidirectional connection within one component. Check out the example in the [oemof\\_examples](#) repository.
- The component `GenericCHP` can be used to model different CHP types such as extraction or back-pressure turbines and motoric plants. The component uses a mixed-integer linear formulation and can be adapted to different technical layouts with a high level of detail. Check out the example in the [oemof\\_examples](#) repository.
- The component `GenericCAES` can be used to model different concepts of compressed air energy storage. Technical concepts such as diabatic or adiabatic layouts can be modelled at a high level of detail. The component uses a mixed-integer linear formulation.
- The custom component `GenericOffsetTransformer` can be used to model components with load ranges such as heat pumps and also uses a mixed-integer linear formulation.

### 6.3.4 Documentation

- Large parts of the documentation have been proofread and improved since the last developer meeting in Flensburg.
- The solph documentation has got an extra section with all existing components (*Solph components*).
- The developer documentation has been developed to lower the barriers for new developers. Furthermore, a template for pull request was created.

### 6.3.5 Known issues

- It is not possible to model one time step with `oemof.solph`. You have to model at least two timesteps ([Issue #306](#)). Please leave a comment if this bug affects you.

### 6.3.6 Bug fixes

- LP-file tests are now invariant against sign changes in equations, because the equations are now normalized to always have non-negative right hand sides.

### 6.3.7 Testing

- All known and newly created components are now tested within an independent testing environment which can be found in `/tests/`.
- Other testing routines have been streamlined and reviewed and example tests have been integrated in the nosetest environment.

### 6.3.8 Other changes

- The plot functionalities have been removed completely from the outputlib as they are less a necessary part but more an optional tool . Basic plotting examples that show how to quickly create plots from optimization results can now be found in the [oemof\\_examples](#) repository. You can still find the “old” standard plots within the [oemof\\_visio](#) repository as they are now maintained separately.
- A [user forum](#) has been created to answer use questions.

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## 6.4 v0.1.4 (March 28, 2017)

### 6.4.1 Bug fixes

- fix examples ([issue #298](#))

### 6.4.2 Documentation

- Adapt installation guide.

### 6.4.3 Contributors

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## 6.5 v0.1.2 (March 27, 2017)

### 6.5.1 New features

- Revise examples - clearer naming, cleaner code, all examples work with cbc solver ([issue #238](#), [issue #247](#)).
- Add option to choose solver when executing the examples ([issue #247](#)).
- Add new transformer class: VariableFractionTransformer (child class of LinearTransformer). This class represents transformers with a variable fraction between its output flows. In contrast to the LinearTransformer by now it is restricted to two output flows.([issue #248](#))
- Add new transformer class: N1Transformer (counterpart of LinearTransformer). This class allows to have multiple inputflows that are converted into one output flow e.g. heat pumps or mixing-components.

- Allow to set additional flow attributes inside NodesFromCSV in solph inputlib
- Add economics module to calculate investment annuities (more to come in future versions)
- Add module to store input data in multiple csv files and merge by preprocessing
- Allow to slice all information around busses via a new method of the ResultsDataFrame
- Add the option to save formatted balances around busses as single csv files via a new method of the ResultsDataFrame

## 6.5.2 Documentation

- Improve the installation guide.

## 6.5.3 Bug fixes

- Allow conversion factors as a sequence in the CSV reader

## 6.5.4 Other changes

- Speed up constraint-building process by removing unnecessary method call
- Clean up the code according to pep8 and pylint

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## 6.6 v0.1.1 (November 2, 2016)

Hot fix release to make examples executable.

### 6.6.1 Bug fixes

- Fix copy of default logging.ini ([issue #235](#))
- Add matplotlib to requirements to make examples executable after installation ([issue #236](#))

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## 6.7 v0.1.0 (November 1, 2016)

The framework provides the basis for a great range of different energy system model types, ranging from LP bottom-up (power and heat) economic dispatch models with optional investment to MILP operational unit commitment models.

With v0.1.0 we refactored oemof (not backward compatible!) to bring the implementation in line with the general concept. Hence, the API of components has changed significantly and we introduced the new ‘Flow’ component. Besides an extensive grouping functionality for automatic creation of constraints based on component input data the documentation has been revised.

We provide examples to show the broad range of possible applications and the frameworks flexibility.

### 6.7.1 API changes

- The demandlib is no longer part of the oemof package. It has its own package now: ([demandlib](#))

### 6.7.2 New features

- Solph’s `EnergySystem` now automatically uses solph’s `GROUPINGS` in addition to any user supplied ones. See the API documentation for more information.
- The `groupings` introduced in version 0.0.5 now have more features, more documentation and should generally be pretty usable:
  - They moved to their own module: `oemof.groupings` and deprecated constructs ensuring compatibility with prior versions have been removed.
  - It’s possible to assign a node to multiple groups from one `Grouping` by returning a list of group keys from `key`.
  - If you use a non callable object as the `key` parameter to `Groupings`, the constructor will not make an attempt to call them, but use the object directly as a key.
  - There’s now a `filter` parameter, enabling a more concise way of filtering group contents than using `value`.

### 6.7.3 Documentation

- Complete revision of the documentation. We hope it is now more intuitive and easier to understand.

### 6.7.4 Testing

- Create a structure to use examples as system tests ([issue #160](#))

### 6.7.5 Bug fixes

- Fix relative path of logger ([issue #201](#))
- More path fixes regarding installation via pip

### 6.7.6 Other changes

- Travis CI will now check PR's automatically
- Examples executable from command-line ([issue #227](#))

### 6.7.7 Contributors

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## 6.8 v0.0.7 (May 4, 2016)

### 6.8.1 Bug fixes

- Exclude non working pyomo version

## 6.9 v0.0.6 (April 29, 2016)

### 6.9.1 New features

- It is now possible to choose whether or not the heat load profile generated with the BDEW heat load profile method should only include space heating or space heating and warm water combined. ([Issue #130](#))
- Add possibility to change the order of the columns of a DataFrame subset. This is useful to change the order of stacked plots. ([Issue #148](#))

### 6.9.2 Documentation

### 6.9.3 Testing

- Fix constraint tests ([Issue #137](#))

### 6.9.4 Bug fixes

- Use of wrong columns in generation of SF vector in BDEW heat load profile generation ([Issue #129](#))
- Use of wrong temperature vector in generation of h vector in BDEW heat load profile generation.

## 6.9.5 Other changes

## 6.9.6 Contributors

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## 6.10 v0.0.5 (April 1, 2016)

### 6.10.1 New features

- There's now a `flexible transformer` with two inputs and one output. ([Issue #116](#))
- You now have the option create special groups of entities in your energy system. The feature is not yet fully implemented, but simple use cases are usable already. ([Issue #60](#))

### 6.10.2 Documentation

- The documentation of the `electrical demand` class has been cleaned up.
- The API documentation now has its own section so it doesn't clutter up the main navigation sidebar so much anymore.

### 6.10.3 Testing

- There's now a dedicated module/suite testing solph constraints.
- This suite now has proper fixtures (i.e. `setup()`/`teardown()` methods) making them (hopefully) independent of the order in which they are run (which, previously, they where not).

### 6.10.4 Bug fixes

- Searching for oemof's configuration directory is now done in a platform independent manner. ([Issue #122](#))
- Weeks no longer have more than seven days. ([Issue #126](#))

### 6.10.5 Other changes

- Oemof has a new dependency: `dill`. It enables serialization of less common types and acts as a drop in replacement for `pickle`.
- Demandlib's API has been simplified.

## 6.10.6 Contributors

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## 6.11 v0.0.4 (March 03, 2016)

### 6.11.1 New features

- Revise the outputlib according to ([issue #54](#))
- Add postheating device to transport energy between two buses with different temperature levels ([issue #97](#))
- Better integration with pandas

### 6.11.2 Documentation

- Update developer notes

### 6.11.3 Testing

- Described testing procedures in developer notes
- New constraint tests for heating buses

### 6.11.4 Bug fixes

- Use of pyomo fast build
- Broken result-DataFrame in outputlib
- Dumping of EnergySystem

### 6.11.5 Other changes

- PEP8

### 6.11.6 Contributors

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## 6.12 v0.0.3 (January 29, 2016)

### 6.12.1 New features

- Added a class to convert the results dictionary to a multiindex DataFrame ([issue #36](#))
- Added a basic plot library ([issue #36](#))
- Add logging functionalities ([issue #28](#))
- Add *entities\_from\_csv* functionality for creating of entities from csv-files
- Add a time-depended upper bound for the output of a component ([issue #65](#))
- Add *fast\_build* functionality for pyomo models in solph module ([issue #68](#))
- The package is no longer named *oemof\_base* but is now just called *oemof*.
- The *results* dictionary stored in the energy system now contains an attribute for the objective function and for objects which have special result attributes, those are now accessible under the object keys, too. ([issue #58](#))

### 6.12.2 Documentation

- Added the Readme.rst as “Getting started” to the documentation.
- Fixed installation description ([issue #38](#))
- Improved the developer notes.

### 6.12.3 Testing

- With this release we start implementing nosetests ([issue #47](#))
- Tests added to test constraints and the registration process ([issue #73](#)).

### 6.12.4 Bug fixes

- Fix constraints in solph
- Fix pep8

### 6.12.5 Other changes

### 6.12.6 Contributors

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## 6.13 v0.0.2 (December 22, 2015)

### 6.13.1 New features

- Adding a definition of a default oemof logger ([issue #28](#))
- Revise the EnergySystem class according to the oemof developing meeting ([issue #25](#))
- Add a dump and restore method to the EnergySystem class to dump/restore its attributes ([issue #31](#))
- Functionality for minimum up- and downtime constraints (oemof.solph.linear\_mixed\_integer\_constraints module)
- Add *relax* option to simulation class for calculation of linear relaxed mixed integer problems
- Instances of EnergySystem now keep track of Entities via the `entities` attribute. ([issue #20](#))
- There's now a standard way of working with the results obtained via a call to `OptimizationModel#results`. See its documentation, the documentation of `EnergySystem#optimize` and finally the discussion at [issue #33](#) for more information.
- New class `VariableEfficiencyCHP` to model combined heat and power units with variable electrical efficiency.
- New methods for `VariableEfficiencyCHP` inside the solph-module:
  - `MILP-constraint`
  - `Linear-constraint`

### 6.13.2 Documentation

- missing docstrings of the core subpackage added ([issue #9](#))
- missing figures of the meta-documentation added
- missing content in developer notes ([issue #34](#))

### 6.13.3 Testing

### 6.13.4 Bug fixes

- now the api-docs can be read on [readthedocs.org](http://readthedocs.org)
- a storage automatically calculates its maximum output/input if the capacity and the c-rate is given ([issue #27](#))
- Fix error in accessing dual variables in oemof.solph.postprocessing

### 6.13.5 Other changes

### 6.13.6 Contributors

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## **6.14 v0.0.1 (November 25, 2015)**

First release by the oemof developing group.



The modeling of energy supply systems and its variety of components has a clearly structured approach within the oemof framework. Thus, energy supply systems with different levels of complexity can be based on equal basic module blocks. Those form an universal basic structure.

A *node* is either a *bus* or a *component*. A bus is always connected with one or several components. Likewise components are always connected with one or several buses. Based on their characteristics components are divided into several sub types.

*Transformers* have any number of inputs and outputs, e.g. a CHP takes from a bus of type ‘gas’ and feeds into a bus of type ‘electricity’ and a bus of type ‘heat’. With additional information like parameters and transfer functions input and output can be specified. Using the example of a gas turbine, the resource consumption (input) is related to the provided end energy (output) by means of an conversion factor. Components of type *transformer* can also be used to model transmission lines.

A *sink* has only an input but no output. With *sink* consumers like households can be modeled. But also for modelling excess energy you would use a *sink*.

A *source* has exactly one output but no input. Thus for example, wind energy and photovoltaic plants can be modeled.

Components and buses can be combined to an energy system. Components and buses are nodes, connected among each other through edges which are the inputs and outputs of the components. Such a model can be interpreted mathematically as bipartite graph as buses are solely connected to components and vice versa. Thereby the in- and outputs of the components are the directed edges of the graph. The components and buses themselves are the nodes of the graph.

**oemof-network is part of oemofs core and contains the base classes that are used in oemof-solph. You do not need to define your energy system on the network level as all components can be found in oemof-solph, too. You may want to inherit from oemof-network components if you want to create new components.**

## 7.1 Graph

In the graph module you will find a function to create a networkx graph from an energy system or solph model. The networkx package provides many features to analyse, draw and export graphs. See the [networkx documentation](#) for

more details. See the API-doc of *graph* for all details and an example. The graph module can be used with energy systems of solph as well.

Solph is an oemof-package, designed to create and solve linear or mixed-integer linear optimization problems. The package is based on pyomo. To create an energy system model the *oemof-network* is used and extended by components such as storages. To get started with solph, checkout the examples in the *Solph Examples* section.

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## 8.1 How can I use solph?

To use solph you have to install oemof and at least one solver, which can be used together with pyomo. See [pyomo installation guide](#). You can test it by executing one of the existing examples. Be aware that the examples require the CBC solver but you can change the solver name in the example files to your solver.

Once the example work you are close to your first energy model.

### 8.1.1 Set up an energy system

In most cases an EnergySystem object is defined when we start to build up an energy system model. The EnergySystem object will be the main container for the model.

To define an EnergySystem we need a Datetime index to define the time range and increment of our model. An easy way to this is to use the pandas time\_range function. The following code example defines the year 2011 in hourly steps. See [pandas date\\_range guide](#) for more information.

```
import pandas as pd
my_index = pd.date_range('1/1/2011', periods=8760, freq='H')
```

This index can be used to define the EnergySystem:

```
import oemof.solph as solph
my_energysystem = solph.EnergySystem(timeindex=my_index)
```

Now you can start to add the components of the network.

### 8.1.2 Add components to the energy system

After defining an instance of the EnergySystem class you have to add all nodes you define in the following to your EnergySystem.

Basically, there are two types of *nodes* - *components* and *buses*. Every Component has to be connected with one or more *buses*. The connection between a *component* and a *bus* is the *flow*.

All solph *components* can be used to set up an energy system model but you should read the documentation of each *component* to learn about usage and restrictions. For example it is not possible to combine every *component* with every *flow*. Furthermore, you can add your own *components* in your application (see below) but we would be pleased to integrate them into solph if they are of general interest. To do so please use the module oemof.solph.custom as described here: [http://oemof.readthedocs.io/en/latest/developing\\_oemof.html#contribute-to-new-components](http://oemof.readthedocs.io/en/latest/developing_oemof.html#contribute-to-new-components)

An example of a simple energy system shows the usage of the nodes for real world representations:

The figure shows a simple energy system using the four basic network classes and the Bus class. If you remove the transmission line (transport 1 and transport 2) you get two systems but they are still one energy system in terms of solph and will be optimised at once.



There are different ways to add components to an *energy system*. The following line adds a *bus* object to the *energy system* defined above.

```
my_energysystem.add(solph.Bus())
```

It is also possible to assign the bus to a variable and add it afterwards. In that case it is easy to add as many objects as you like.

```
my_bus1 = solph.Bus()
my_bus2 = solph.Bus()
my_energysystem.add(bgas, bel)
```

Therefore it is also possible to add lists or dictionaries with components but you have to dissolve them.

```
# add a list
my_energysystem.add(*my_list)

# add a dictionary
my_energysystem.add(*my_dictionary.values())
```

## Bus

All flows into and out of a *bus* are balanced. Therefore an instance of the *Bus* class represents a grid or network without losses. To define an instance of a *Bus* only a unique label is necessary. If you do not set a label a random label is used but this makes it difficult to get the results later on.

To make it easier to connect the bus to a component you can optionally assign a variable for later use.

```
solph.Bus(label='natural_gas')
electricity_bus = solph.Bus(label='electricity')
```

---

**Note:** See the *Bus* class for all parameters and the mathematical background.

---

## Flow

The flow class has to be used to connect. An instance of the *Flow* class is normally used in combination with the definition of a component. A *Flow* can be limited by upper and lower bounds (constant or time-dependent) or by summarised limits. For all parameters see the API documentation of the *Flow* class or the examples of the nodes below. A basic flow can be defined without any parameter.

```
solph.Flow()
```

Oemof has different types of *flows* but you should be aware that you cannot connect every *flow* type with every *component*.

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**Note:** See the *Flow* class for all parameters and the mathematical background.

---

## Components

Components are divided in three categories. Basic components (*solph.network*), additional components (*solph.components*) and custom components (*solph.custom*). The custom section was created to lower the entry barrier

for new components. Be aware that these components are in an experimental state. Let us know if you have used and tested these components. This is the first step to move them to the components section.

See *Solph components* for a list of all components.

### 8.1.3 Optimise your energy system

The typical optimisation of an energy system in solph is the dispatch optimisation, which means that the use of the sources is optimised to satisfy the demand at least costs. Therefore, variable cost can be defined for all components. The cost for gas should be defined in the gas source while the variable costs of the gas power plant are caused by operating material. You can deviate from this scheme but you should keep it consistent to make it understandable for others.

Costs do not have to be monetary costs but could be emissions or other variable units.

Furthermore, it is possible to optimise the capacity of different components (see *Using the investment mode*).

```
# set up a simple least cost optimisation
om = solph.Model(my_energysystem)

# solve the energy model using the CBC solver
om.solve(solver='cbc', solve_kwargs={'tee': True})
```

If you want to analyse the lp-file to see all equations and bounds you can write the file to you disc. In that case you should reduce the timesteps to 3. This will increase the readability of the file.

```
# set up a simple least cost optimisation
om = solph.Model(my_energysystem)

# write the lp file for debugging or other reasons
om.write('path/my_model.lp', io_options={'symbolic_solver_labels': True})
```

### 8.1.4 Analysing your results

If you want to analyse your results, you should first dump your EnergySystem instance, otherwise you have to run the simulation again.

```
my_energysystem.results = processing.results(om)
my_energysystem.dump('my_path', 'my_dump.oemof')
```

If you need the meta results of the solver you can do the following:

```
my_energysystem.results['main'] = processing.results(om)
my_energysystem.results['meta'] = processing.meta_results(om)
my_energysystem.dump('my_path', 'my_dump.oemof')
```

To restore the dump you can simply create an EnergySystem instance and restore your dump into it.

```
import oemof.solph as solph
my_energysystem = solph.EnergySystem()
my_energysystem.restore('my_path', 'my_dump.oemof')
results = my_energysystem.results

# If you use meta results do the following instead of the previous line.
results = my_energysystem.results['main']
meta = my_energysystem.results['meta']
```

If you call dump/restore without any parameters, the dump will be stored as `'es_dump.oemof'` into the `'oemof/dumps/'` folder created in your HOME directory.

See [oemof-outputlib](#) to learn how to process, plot and analyse the results.

## 8.2 Solph components

- *Sink (basic)*
- *Source (basic)*
- *Transformer (basic)*
- *ExtractionTurbineCHP (component)*
- *GenericCAES (component)*
- *GenericCHP (component)*
- *GenericStorage (component)*
- *ElectricalLine (custom)*
- *Link (custom)*

### 8.2.1 Sink (basic)

A sink is normally used to define the demand within an energy model but it can also be used to detect excesses.

The example shows the electricity demand of the electricity\_bus defined above. The `'my_demand_series'` should be sequence of normalised values while the `'nominal_value'` is the maximum demand the normalised sequence is multiplied with. The parameter `'fixed=True'` means that the actual\_value can not be changed by the solver.

```
solph.Sink(label='electricity_demand', inputs={electricity_bus: solph.Flow(
    actual_value=my_demand_series, fixed=True, nominal_value=nominal_demand)})
```

In contrast to the demand sink the excess sink has normally less restrictions but is open to take the whole excess.

```
solph.Sink(label='electricity_excess', inputs={electricity_bus: solph.Flow()})
```

---

**Note:** The Sink class is only a plug and provides no additional constraints or variables.

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### 8.2.2 Source (basic)

A source can represent a pv-system, a wind power plant, an import of natural gas or a slack variable to avoid creating an in-feasible model.

While a wind power plant will have an hourly feed-in depending on the weather conditions the natural\_gas import might be restricted by maximum value (*nominal\_value*) and an annual limit (*summed\_max*). As we do have to pay for imported gas we should set variable costs. Comparable to the demand series an *actual\_value* in combination with `'fixed=True'` is used to define the normalised output of a wind power plan. The *nominal\_value* sets the installed capacity.

```
solph.Source(  
    label='import_natural_gas',  
    outputs={my_energysystem.groups['natural_gas']: solph.Flow(  
        nominal_value=1000, summed_max=1000000, variable_costs=50)})  
  
solph.Source(label='wind', outputs={electricity_bus: solph.Flow(  
    actual_value=wind_power_feedin_series, nominal_value=1000000, fixed=True)})
```

---

**Note:** The Source class is only a plug and provides no additional constraints or variables.

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## 8.2.3 Transformer (basic)

An instance of the Transformer class can represent a node with multiple input and output flows such as a power plant, a transport line or any kind of a transforming process as electrolysis, a cooling device or a heat pump. The efficiency has to be constant within one time step to get a linear transformation. You can define a different efficiency for every time step (e.g. the thermal powerplant efficiency according to the ambient temperature) but this series has to be predefined and cannot be changed within the optimisation.

A condensing power plant can be defined by a transformer with one input (fuel) and one output (electricity).

```
b_gas = solph.Bus(label='natural_gas')  
b_el = solph.Bus(label='electricity')  
  
solph.Transformer(  
    label="pp_gas",  
    inputs={b_gas: solph.Flow()},  
    outputs={b_el: solph.Flow(nominal_value=10e10)},  
    conversion_factors={electricity_bus: 0.58})
```

A CHP power plant would be defined in the same manner but with two outputs:

```
b_gas = solph.Bus(label='natural_gas')  
b_el = solph.Bus(label='electricity')  
b_th = solph.Bus(label='heat')  
  
solph.Transformer(  
    label='pp_chp',  
    inputs={b_gas: Flow()},  
    outputs={b_el: Flow(nominal_value=30),  
             b_th: Flow(nominal_value=40)},  
    conversion_factors={b_el: 0.3, b_th: 0.4})
```

A CHP power plant with 70% coal and 30% natural gas can be defined with two inputs and two outputs:

```
b_gas = solph.Bus(label='natural_gas')  
b_coal = solph.Bus(label='hard_coal')  
b_el = solph.Bus(label='electricity')  
b_th = solph.Bus(label='heat')  
  
solph.Transformer(  
    label='pp_chp',  
    inputs={b_gas: Flow(), b_coal: Flow()},  
    outputs={b_el: Flow(nominal_value=30),  
             b_th: Flow(nominal_value=40)},
```

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```
conversion_factors={b_el: 0.3, b_th: 0.4,
                    b_coal: 0.7, b_gas: 0.3})
```

A heat pump would be defined in the same manner. New buses are defined to make the code cleaner:

```
b_el = solph.Bus(label='electricity')
b_th_low = solph.Bus(label='low_temp_heat')
b_th_high = solph.Bus(label='high_temp_heat')

# The cop (coefficient of performance) of the heat pump can be defined as
# a scalar or a sequence.
cop = 3

solph.Transformer(
    label='heat_pump',
    inputs={b_el: Flow(), b_th_low: Flow()},
    outputs={b_th_high: Flow()},
    conversion_factors={b_el: 1/cop,
                       b_th_low: (cop-1)/cop})
```

If the low-temperature reservoir is nearly infinite (ambient air heat pump) the low temperature bus is not needed and, therefore, a Transformer with one input is sufficient.

**Note:** See the Transformer class for all parameters and the mathematical background.

## 8.2.4 ExtractionTurbineCHP (component)

The ExtractionTurbineCHP inherits from the *Transformer (basic)* class. Like the name indicates, the application example for the component is a flexible combined heat and power (chp) plant. Of course, an instance of this class can represent also another component with one input and two output flows and a flexible ratio between these flows, leading to the following constraints:

$$\dot{H}_{Fuel} = \frac{P_{el} + \dot{Q}_{th} \cdot \beta}{\eta_{el,woExtr}}$$

$$P_{el} \leq \dot{Q}_{th} \cdot \frac{\eta_{el,maxExtr}}{\eta_{th,maxExtr}}$$

where  $\beta$  is defined as:

$$\beta = \frac{\eta_{el,woExtr} - \eta_{el,maxExtr}}{\eta_{th,maxExtr}}$$

where the first equation is the result of the relation between the input flow and the two output flows, the second equation stems from how the two output flows relate to each other, and the symbols used are defined as follows:

sym- bol	explanation	attribute
$\dot{H}_{Fuel}$	fuel input flow	<code>flow(inflow, n, t)</code> is the <i>flow</i> from inflow node to the node <i>n</i> at timestep <i>t</i>
$P_{el}$	electric power	<code>flow(n, main_output, t)</code> is the <i>flow</i> from the node <i>n</i> to the <code>main_output</code> node at timestep <i>t</i>
$\dot{Q}_{th}$	thermal output	<code>flow(n, tapped_output, t)</code> is the <i>flow</i> from the node <i>n</i> to the <code>tapped_output</code> node at timestep <i>t</i>
$\beta$	power loss index	<code>main_flow_loss_index</code> at node <i>n</i> at timestep <i>t</i> as defined above
$\eta_{el,woExt}$	electric efficiency without heat extraction	<code>conversion_factor_full_condensation</code> at node <i>n</i> at timestep <i>t</i>
$\eta_{el,maxExt}$	electric efficiency with max heat extraction	<code>conversion_factors</code> for the <code>main_output</code> at node <i>n</i> at timestep <i>t</i>
$\eta_{th,maxExt}$	thermal efficiency with maximal heat extraction	<code>conversion_factors</code> for the <code>tapped_output</code> at node <i>n</i> at timestep <i>t</i>

These constraints are applied in addition those of a standard `Transformer`. The constraints limit the range of the possible operation points, like the following picture shows. For a certain flow of fuel, there is a line of operation points, whose slope is defined by  $\beta$ . The second constrain limits the decrease of electrical power.

For now `ExtractionTurbineCHP` instances are restricted to one input and two output flows. The class allows the definition of a different efficiency for every time step but the corresponding series has to be predefined as a parameter for the optimisation. In contrast to the `Transformer`, a main flow and a tapped flow is defined. For the main flow you can define a conversion factor if the second flow is zero (`conversion_factor_single_flow`).

```
solph.ExtractionTurbineCHP (
    label='variable_chp_gas',
    inputs={b_gas: solph.Flow(nominal_value=10e10)},
    outputs={b_el: solph.Flow(), b_th: solph.Flow()},
    conversion_factors={b_el: 0.3, b_th: 0.5},
    conversion_factor_single_flow={b_el: 0.5})
```

The key of the parameter '`conversion_factor_single_flow`' will indicate the main flow. In the example above, the flow to the Bus '`b_el`' is the main flow and the flow to the Bus '`b_th`' is the tapped flow. The following plot shows how the variable chp (right) schedules it's electrical and thermal power production in contrast to a fixed chp (left). The plot is the output of an example in the [oemof example repository](#).

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**Note:** See the `ExtractionTurbineCHP` class for all parameters and the mathematical background.

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## 8.2.5 GenericCAES (component)

Compressed Air Energy Storage (CAES).

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**Note:** See the `GenericCAES` class for all parameters and the mathematical background.

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## 8.2.6 GenericCHP (component)

With the GenericCHP class combined heat and power plants can be modelled with more details.

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**Note:** See the GenericCHP class for all parameters and the mathematical background.

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## 8.2.7 GenericStorage (component)

In contrast to the three classes above the storage class is a pure solph class and is not inherited from the oemof-network module. The *nominal\_capacity* of the storage signifies the storage capacity. You can either set it to the net capacity or to the gross capacity and limit it using the min/max attribute. To limit the input and output flows, you can define the *nominal\_value* in the Flow objects. Furthermore, an efficiency for loading, unloading and a capacity loss per time increment can be defined. For more information see the definition of the GenericStorage class.

```
solph.GenericStorage(
    label='storage',
    inputs={b_el: solph.Flow(nominal_value=9, variable_costs=10)},
    outputs={b_el: solph.Flow(nominal_value=25, variable_costs=10)},
    capacity_loss=0.001, nominal_capacity=50,
    inflow_conversion_factor=0.98, outflow_conversion_factor=0.8)
```

### Using an investment object with the GenericStorage component

Based on the *GenericStorage* object the *GenericInvestmentStorageBlock* adds two main investment possibilities.

- Invest into the flow parameters e.g. a turbine or a pump
- Invest into capacity of the storage e.g. a basin or a battery cell

Investment in this context refers to the value of the variable for the ‘nominal\_value’ (installed capacity) in the investment mode.

As an addition to other flow-investments, the storage class implements the possibility to couple or decouple the flows with the capacity of the storage. Three parameters are responsible for connecting the flows and the capacity of the storage:

- ‘*invest\_relation\_input\_capacity*’ fixes the input flow investment to the capacity investment. A ratio of ‘1’ means that the storage can be filled within one time-period.
- ‘*invest\_relation\_output\_capacity*’ fixes the output flow investment to the capacity investment. A ratio of ‘1’ means that the storage can be emptied within one period.
- ‘*invest\_relation\_input\_output*’ fixes the input flow investment to the output flow investment. For values <1, the input will be smaller and for values >1 the input flow will be larger.

You should not set all 3 parameters at the same time, since it will lead to overdetermination.

The following example pictures a Pumped Hydroelectric Energy Storage (PHES). Both flows and the storage itself (representing: pump, turbine, basin) are free in their investment. You can set the parameters to *None* or delete them as *None* is the default value.

```
solph.GenericStorage(
    label='PHES',
    inputs={b_el: solph.Flow(investment= solph.Investment(ep_costs=500))},
    outputs={b_el: solph.Flow(investment= solph.Investment(ep_costs=500))},
```

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```
capacity_loss=0.001,  
inflow_conversion_factor=0.98, outflow_conversion_factor=0.8),  
investment = solph.Investment(ep_costs=40))
```

The following example describes a battery with flows coupled to the capacity of the storage.

```
solph.GenericStorage(  
    label='battery',  
    inputs={b_el: solph.Flow()},  
    outputs={b_el: solph.Flow()},  
    capacity_loss=0.001,  
    nominal_capacity=50,  
    inflow_conversion_factor=0.98,  
    outflow_conversion_factor=0.8,  
    invest_relation_input_capacity = 1/6,  
    invest_relation_output_capacity = 1/6,  
    investment = solph.Investment(ep_costs=400))
```

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**Note:** See the `GenericStorage` class for all parameters and the mathematical background.

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## 8.2.8 ElectricalLine (custom)

Electrical line.

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**Note:** See the `ElectricalLine` class for all parameters and the mathematical background.

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## 8.2.9 Link (custom)

Link.

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**Note:** See the `Link` class for all parameters and the mathematical background.

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## 8.3 Using the investment mode

As described in *Optimise your energy system* the typical way to optimise an energy system is the dispatch optimisation based on marginal costs. Solph also provides a combined dispatch and investment optimisation. Based on investment costs you can compare the usage of existing components against building up new capacity. The annual savings by building up new capacity must therefore compensate the annuity of the investment costs (the time period does not have to be one year but depends on your `Datetime` index).

See the API of the `Investment` class to see all possible parameters.

Basically an instance of the investment class can be added to a `Flow` or a `Storage`. All parameters that usually refer to the *nominal\_value/capacity* will now refer to the investment variables and existing capacity. It is also possible to set a maximum limit for the capacity that can be build. If existing capacity is considered for a component with investment mode enabled, the *ep\_costs* still apply only to the newly built capacity.



The investment object can be used in Flows and some components. See the *Solph components* section for detailed information of each component.

For example if you want to find out what would be the optimal capacity of a wind power plant to decrease the costs of an existing energy system, you can define this model and add an investment source. The *wind\_power\_time\_series* has to be a normalised feed-in time series of your wind power plant. The maximum value might be caused by limited space for wind turbines.

```
solph.Source(label='new_wind_pp', outputs={electricity: solph.Flow(
    actual_value=wind_power_time_series, fixed=True,
    investment=solph.Investment(ep_costs=epc, maximum=50000))})
```

Let's slightly alter the case and consider for already existing wind power capacity of 20,000 kW. We're still expecting the total wind power capacity, thus we allow for 30,000 kW of new installations and formulate as follows.

```
solph.Source(label='new_wind_pp', outputs={electricity: solph.Flow(
    actual_value=wind_power_time_series, fixed=True,
    investment=solph.Investment(ep_costs=epc,
                                maximum=30000,
                                existing=20000))})
```

The periodical costs (*ep\_costs*) are typically calculated as follows:

```
capex = 1000 # investment cost
lifetime = 20 # life expectancy
wacc = 0.05 # weighted average of capital cost
epc = capex * (wacc * (1 + wacc) ** lifetime) / ((1 + wacc) ** lifetime - 1)
```

This also implemented in *annuity()*. The code above would look like this:

```
from oemof.tools import economics
epc = economics.annuity(1000, 20, 0.05)
```

**Note:** At the moment the investment class is not compatible with the MIP classes *NonConvex*.

## 8.4 Mixed Integer (Linear) Problems

Solph also allows you to model components with respect to more technical details such as a minimal power production. Therefore, the class *NonConvex* exists in the *options* module. Note that the usage of this class is currently not compatible with the *Investment* class.

If you want to use the functionality of the *options*-module, the only thing you have to do is to invoke a class instance inside your *Flow()* - declaration:

```
b_gas = solph.Bus(label='natural_gas')
b_el = solph.Bus(label='electricity')
b_th = solph.Bus(label='heat')

solph.Transformer(
    label='pp_chp',
    inputs={b_gas: Flow()},
    outputs={b_el: Flow(nominal_value=30,
                        nonconvex=NonConvex())},
```

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```
b_th: Flow(nominal_value=40)},
conversion_factors={b_el: 0.3, b_th: 0.4})
```

The `NonConvex()` object of the electrical output of the created `LinearTransformer` will create a ‘status’ variable for the flow. This will be used to model for example minimal/maximal power production constraints if the attributes *min/max* of the flow are set. It will also be used to include start up constraints and costs if corresponding attributes of the class are provided. For more information see the API of the `NonConvex` class and its corresponding block class `NonConvex`.

**Note:** The usage of this class can sometimes be tricky as there are many interdependencies. So check out the examples and do not hesitate to ask the developers if your model does not work as expected.

## 8.5 Adding additional constraints

You can add additional constraints to your `Model`. See [flexible\\_modelling in the example repository](#) to learn how to do it.

Some predefined additional constraints can be found in the `constraints` module.

- Emission limit for the model -> `emission_limit()`
- Coupling of two variables e.g. investment variables) with a factor -> `equate_variables()`
- Overall investment limit -> `investment_limit()`

## 8.6 The Grouping module (Sets)

To construct constraints, variables and objective expressions inside the `blocks` and the `models` modules, so called groups are used. Consequently, certain constraints are created for all elements of a specific group. Thus, mathematically the groups depict sets of elements inside the model.

The grouping is handled by the solph grouping module `groupings` which is based on the oemof core [groupings](#) functionality. You do not need to understand how the underlying functionality works. Instead, checkout how the solph grouping module is used to create groups.

The simplest form is a function that looks at every node of the energy system and returns a key for the group depending e.g. on node attributes:

```
def constraint_grouping(node):
    if isinstance(node, Bus) and node.balanced:
        return blocks.Bus
    if isinstance(node, Transformer):
        return blocks.Transformer
GROUPINGS = [constraint_grouping]
```

This function can be passed in a list to `groupings` of `oemof.solph.network.EnergySystem`. So that we end up with two groups, one with all Transformers and one with all Buses that are balanced. These groups are simply stored in a dictionary. There are some advanced functionalities to group two connected nodes with their connecting flow and others (see for example: [FlowsWithNodes](#)).

## 8.7 Using the Excel (csv) reader

Alternatively to a manual creation of energy system component objects as describe above, can also be created from a excel sheet (libreoffice, gnumeric. . . ).

The idea is to create different sheets within one spreadsheet file for different components. Afterwards you can loop over the rows with the attributes in the columns. The name of the columns may differ from the name of the attribute. You may even create two sheets for the GenericStorage class with attributes such as C-rate for batteries or capacity of turbine for a PHES.

Once you have create your specific excel reader you can lower the entry barrier for other users. It is some sort of a GUI in form of platform independent spreadsheet software and to make data and models exchangeable in one archive.

See the [example repository](#) for an excel reader example.

## 8.8 Solph Examples

See the [example repository](#) for various examples. The repository has sections for each major release.



For version 0.2.0, the outputlib has been refactored. Tools for plotting optimization results that were part of the outputlib in earlier versions are no longer part of this module as the requirements to plotting functions greatly depend on individual requirements.

Basic functions for plotting of optimisation results are now found in a separate repository [oemof\\_visio](#).

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- *Collecting results*

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The main purpose of the outputlib is to collect and organise results. It gives back the results as a python dictionary holding pandas Series for scalar values and pandas DataFrames for all nodes and flows between them. This way we can make use of the full power of the pandas package available to process the results.

See the [pandas documentation](#) to learn how to [visualise](#), [read or write](#) or how to [access parts of the DataFrame](#) to process them.

## 9.1 Collecting results

Collecting results can be done with the help of the processing module:

```
results = outputlib.processing.results(om)
```

The scalars and sequences describe nodes (with keys like (node, None)) and flows between nodes (with keys like (node\_1, node\_2)). You can directly extract the data in the dictionary by using these keys, where “node” is the name of the object you want to address. If you want to address objects by their label, you can convert the results dictionary such that the keys are changed to strings given by the labels:

```
views.convert_keys_to_strings(results)
print(results[('wind', 'bus_electricity')]['sequences'])
```

Another option is to access data belonging to a grouping by the name of the grouping (note also this section on [groupings](#)). Given the label of an object, e.g. 'wind' you can access the grouping by its label and use this to extract data from the results dictionary.

```
node_wind = energysystem.groups['wind']
print(results[(node_wind, bus_electricity)])
```

However, in many situations it might be convenient to use the views module to collect information on a specific node. You can request all data related to a specific node by using either the node's variable name or its label:

```
data_wind = outputlib.views.node(results, 'wind')
```

A function for collecting and printing meta results, i.e. information on the objective function, the problem and the solver, is provided as well:

```
meta_results = outputlib.processing.meta_results(om)
pp.pprint(meta_results)
```

# CHAPTER 10

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## oemof-tools

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The oemof tools package contains little helpers to create your own application. You can use a configuration file in the ini-format to define computer specific parameters such as paths, addresses etc.. Furthermore a logging module helps you creating log files for your application.

### List of oemof tools

- *Economics*
- *Helpers*
- *Logger*

## 10.1 Economics

Calculate the annuity. See the API-doc of [\*annuity\(\)\*](#) for all details.

## 10.2 Helpers

Excess oemof's default path. See the API-doc of [\*helpers\*](#) for all details.

## 10.3 Logger

The main purpose of this function is to provide a logger with well set default values but with the opportunity to change the most important parameters if you know what you want after a while. This is what most new users (or users who do not want to care about loggers) need. If you are an advanced user with your own ideas it might be easier to copy the whole function to your application and adapt it to your own wishes.

```
define_logging(logpath=None, logfile='oemof.log', file_format=None,
               screen_format=None, file_datefmt=None, screen_datefmt=None,
               screen_level=logging.INFO, file_level=logging.DEBUG,
               log_version=True, log_path=True, timed_rotating=None):
```

By default down to INFO all messages are written on the screen and down to DEBUG all messages are written in the file. The file is placed in \$HOME/.oemof/log\_files as oemof.log. But you can easily pass your own path and your own filename. You can also change the logging level (screen/file) by changing the screen\_level or the file\_level to logging.DEBUG, logging.INFO, logging.WARNING. . . . You can stop the logger from logging the oemof version or commit with *log\_version=False* and the path of the file with *log\_path=False*. Furthermore, you can change the format on the screen and in the file according to the python logging documentation. You can also change the used time format according to this documentation.

```
file_format = "%(asctime)s - %(levelname)s - %(module)s - %(message)s"
file_datefmt = "%x - %X"
screen_format = "%(asctime)s - %(levelname)s - %(message)s"
screen_datefmt = "%H:%M:%S"
```

You can also change the behaviour of the file handling (TimedRotatingFileHandler) by passing a dictionary with your own options (timed\_rotating).

See the API-doc of *define\_logging()* for all details.



## 11.1 oemof

### 11.1.1 oemof package

#### Subpackages

`oemof.outputlib` package

#### Submodules

`oemof.outputlib.processing` module

`oemof.outputlib.views` module

#### Module contents

`oemof.solph` package

#### Submodules

`oemof.solph.blocks` module

`oemof.solph.components` module

`oemof.solph.constraints` module

**oemof.solph.custom module**

**oemof.solph.groupings module**

**oemof.solph.models module**

**oemof.solph.network module**

**oemof.solph.options module**

**oemof.solph.plumbing module**

Plumbing stuff.

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`oemof.solph.plumbing.sequence` (*sequence\_or\_scalar*)

Tests if an object is sequence (except string) or scalar and returns a the original sequence if object is a sequence and a 'emulated' sequence object of class `_Sequence` if object is a scalar or string.

**Parameters** `sequence_or_scalar` (*array-like, None, int, float*)–

### Examples

```
>>> sequence([1,2])
[1, 2]
```

```
>>> x = sequence(10)
>>> x[0]
10
```

```
>>> x[10]
10
>>> print(x)
[10, 10, 10, 10, 10, 10, 10, 10, 10, 10]
```

### Module contents

**oemof.tools package**

#### Submodules

**oemof.tools.console\_scripts module**

**oemof.tools.datapackage module**

## oemof.tools.economics module

Module to collect useful functions for economic calculation.

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`oemof.tools.economics.annuity(capex, n, wacc)`

Calculate the annuity.

$$\text{annuity} = \text{capex} * (\text{wacc} * (1 + \text{wacc}) ** n) / ((1 + \text{wacc}) ** n - 1)$$

### Parameters

- **capex** (*float*) – Capital expenditure (NPV of investment)
- **n** (*int*) – Number of years that the investment is used (economic lifetime)
- **wacc** (*float*) – Weighted average cost of capital

### Returns float

**Return type** annuity

## oemof.tools.helpers module

This is a collection of helper functions which work on their own and can be used by various classes. If there are too many helper-functions, they will be sorted in different modules.

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`oemof.tools.helpers.extend_basic_path(subfolder)`

Returns a path based on the basic oemof path and creates it if necessary. The subfolder is the name of the path extension.

`oemof.tools.helpers.flatten(d, parent_key=", sep='_')`

Flatten dictionary by compressing keys.

**See:** [https://stackoverflow.com/questions/6027558/ flatten-nested-python-dictionaries-compressing-keys](https://stackoverflow.com/questions/6027558/flatten-nested-python-dictionaries-compressing-keys)

*d* : dictionary *sep* : separator for flattening keys

### Returns

**Return type** dict

`oemof.tools.helpers.get_basic_path()`

Returns the basic oemof path and creates it if necessary. The basic path is the 'oemof' folder in the \$HOME directory.

## oemof.tools.logger module

Helpers to log your modeling process with oemof.

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`oemof.tools.logger.check_git_branch()`  
Passes the used branch and commit to the logger

```
>>> from oemof.tools import logger
>>> try:
...     v = logger.check_git_branch()
... except FileNotFoundError:
...     v = ('abcdefgh', 'branch')
>>> type(v)
<class 'tuple'>
>>> type(v[0])
<class 'str'>
>>> len(v[0])
8
```

`oemof.tools.logger.check_version()`  
Returns the actual version number of the used oemof version.

```
>>> from oemof.tools import logger
>>> v = logger.check_version()
>>> int(v.split('.')[0])
0
```

`oemof.tools.logger.define_logging(logpath=None, logfile='oemof.log', file_format=None, screen_format=None, file_datefmt=None, screen_datefmt=None, screen_level=20, file_level=10, log_version=True, log_path=True, timed_rotating=None)`

Initialise customisable logger.

#### Parameters

- **logfile** (*str*) – Name of the log file, default: `oemof.log`
- **logpath** (*str*) – The path for log files. By default a “oemof” folder is created in your home directory with subfolder called ‘log\_files’.
- **file\_format** (*str*) – Format of the file output. Default: “%(asctime)s - %(levelname)s - %(module)s - %(message)s”
- **screen\_format** (*str*) – Format of the screen output. Default: “%(asctime)s - %(levelname)s - %(message)s”
- **file\_datefmt** (*str*) – Format of the datetime in the file output. Default: `None`
- **screen\_datefmt** (*str*) – Format of the datetime in the screen output. Default: “%H:%M:%S”
- **screen\_level** (*int*) – Level of logging to stdout. Default: 20 (`logging.INFO`)
- **file\_level** (*int*) – Level of logging to file. Default: 10 (`logging.DEBUG`)
- **log\_version** (*boolean*) – If `True` the actual version or commit is logged while initialising the logger.
- **log\_path** (*boolean*) – If `True` the used file path is logged while initialising the logger.
- **timed\_rotating** (*dict*) – Option to pass parameters to the `TimedRotatingFileHandler`.

#### Returns *str*

**Return type** Place where the log file is stored.

## Notes

By default the INFO level is printed on the screen and the DEBUG level in a file, but you can easily configure the logger. Every module that wants to create logging messages has to import the logging module. The oemof logger module has to be imported once to initialise it.

## Examples

To define the default logger you have to import the python logging library and this function. The first logging message should be the path where the log file is saved to.

```
>>> import logging
>>> from oemof.tools import logger
>>> mypath = logger.define_logging(
...     log_path=True, log_version=True, timed_rotating={'backupCount': 4},
...     screen_level=logging.ERROR, screen_datefmt = "no_date")
>>> mypath[-9:]
'oemof.log'
>>> logging.debug("Hallo")
```

```
oemof.tools.logger.get_version()
```

Returns a string part of the used version. If the commit and the branch is available the commit and the branch will be returned otherwise the version number.

```
>>> from oemof.tools import logger
>>> v = logger.get_version()
>>> type(v)
<class 'str'>
```

## Module contents

### Submodules

#### oemof.energy\_system module

Basic EnergySystem class

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```
class oemof.energy_system.EnergySystem(**kwargs)
```

Bases: object

Defining an energy supply system to use oemof's solver libraries.

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**Note:** The list of regions is not necessary to use the energy system with solph.

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#### Parameters

- **entities** (list of Entity, optional) – A list containing the already existing Entities that should be part of the energy system. Stored in the `entities` attribute. Defaults to `[]` if not supplied.

- **timeindex** (*pandas.datetimeindex*) – Define the time range and increment for the energy system.
- **groupings** (*list*) – The elements of this list are used to construct *Groupings* or they are used directly if they are instances of *Grouping*. These groupings are then used to aggregate the entities added to this energy system into *groups*. By default, there'll always be one group for each *uid* containing exactly the entity with the given *uid*. See the *examples* for more information.

**entities**

A list containing the *Entities* that comprise the energy system. If this *EnergySystem* is set as the *registry* attribute, which is done automatically on *EnergySystem* construction, newly created *Entities* are automatically added to this list on construction.

**Type** list of *Entity*

**groups**

**Type** dict

**results**

A dictionary holding the results produced by the energy system. Is *None* while no results are produced. Currently only set after a call to *optimize()* after which it holds the return value of *om.results()*. See the documentation of that method for a detailed description of the structure of the results dictionary.

**Type** dictionary

**timeindex**

Define the time range and increment for the energy system. This is an optional attribute but might be import for other functions/methods that use the *EnergySystem* class as an input parameter.

**Type** *pandas.index*, optional

## Examples

Regardless of additional groupings, *entities* will always be grouped by their *uid*:

```
>>> from oemof.network import Entity
>>> from oemof.network import Bus, Sink
>>> es = EnergySystem()
>>> bus = Bus(label='electricity')
>>> es.add(bus)
>>> bus is es.groups['electricity']
True
```

For simple user defined groupings, you can just supply a function that computes a key from an *entity* and the resulting groups will be sets of *entities* stored under the returned keys, like in this example, where *entities* are grouped by their *type*:

```
>>> es = EnergySystem(groupings=[type])
>>> buses = set(Bus(label="Bus {}".format(i)) for i in range(9))
>>> es.add(*buses)
>>> components = set(Sink(label="Component {}".format(i))
...                  for i in range(9))
>>> es.add(*components)
>>> buses == es.groups[Bus]
True
>>> components == es.groups[Sink]
True
```

```

add (*nodes)
    Add nodes to this energy system.

dump (dpath=None, filename=None)
    Dump an EnergySystem instance.

flows ()

classmethod from_datapackage (*args, **kwargs)

groups

nodes

restore (dpath=None, filename=None)
    Restore an EnergySystem instance.

```

## oemof.graph module

Modules for creating and analysing energy system graphs.

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```

oemof.graph.create_nx_graph (energy_system=None,                optimization_model=None,
                             remove_nodes=None,                filename=None,          re-
                             move_nodes_with_substrings=None, remove_edges=None)

```

Create a *networkx.DiGraph* for the passed energy system and plot it. See <http://networkx.readthedocs.io/en/latest/> for more information.

### Parameters

- **energy\_system** (*oemof.solph.network.EnergySystem*) –
- **filename** (*str*) – Absolute filename (with path) to write your graph in the graphml format. If no filename is given no file will be written.
- **remove\_nodes** (*list of strings*) – Nodes to be removed e.g. ['node1', 'node2']
- **remove\_nodes\_with\_substrings** (*list of strings*) – Nodes that contain substrings to be removed e.g. ['elec', 'heat']
- **remove\_edges** (*list of string tuples*) – Edges to be removed e.g. [('resource\_gas', 'gas\_balance')]

## Examples

```

>>> import os
>>> import pandas as pd
>>> from oemof.solph import (Bus, Sink, Transformer, Flow, EnergySystem)
>>> import oemof.graph as grph
>>> datetimeindex = pd.date_range('1/1/2017', periods=3, freq='H')
>>> es = EnergySystem(timeindex=datetimeindex)
>>> b_gas = Bus(label='b_gas', balanced=False)
>>> bel1 = Bus(label='bel1')
>>> bel2 = Bus(label='bel2')
>>> demand_el = Sink(label='demand_el',
...                  inputs = {bel1: Flow(nominal_value=85,

```

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```

...         actual_value=[0.5, 0.25, 0.75],
...         fixed=True))
>>> pp_gas = Transformer(label='pp_gas',
...                       inputs={b_gas: Flow()},
...                       outputs={bell: Flow(nominal_value=41,
...                                           variable_costs=40)},
...                       conversion_factors={bell: 0.5})
>>> line_to2 = Transformer(label='line_to2',
...                        inputs={bell: Flow()}, outputs={bel2: Flow()})
>>> line_from2 = Transformer(label='line_from2',
...                          inputs={bel2: Flow()}, outputs={bell: Flow()})
>>> es.add(b_gas, bell, demand_el, pp_gas, bel2, line_to2, line_from2)
>>> my_graph = grph.create_nx_graph(es)
>>> # export graph as .graphml for programs like Yed where it can be
>>> # sorted and customized. this is especially helpful for large graphs
>>> # grph.create_nx_graph(es, filename="my_graph.graphml")
>>> [my_graph.has_node(n)
...  for n in ['b_gas', 'bell', 'pp_gas', 'demand_el', 'tester']]
[True, True, True, True, False]
>>> list(nx.attracting_components(my_graph))
[{'demand_el'}]
>>> sorted(list(nx.strongly_connected_components(my_graph))[1])
['bell', 'bel2', 'line_from2', 'line_to2']
>>> new_graph = grph.create_nx_graph(energy_system=es,
...                                 remove_nodes_with_substrings=['b_'],
...                                 remove_nodes=['pp_gas'],
...                                 remove_edges=[('bel2', 'line_from2')],
...                                 filename='test_graph')
>>> [new_graph.has_node(n)
...  for n in ['b_gas', 'bell', 'pp_gas', 'demand_el', 'tester']]
[False, True, False, True, False]
>>> my_graph.has_edge('pp_gas', 'bell')
True
>>> new_graph.has_edge('bel2', 'line_from2')
False
>>> os.remove('test_graph.graphml')

```

## Notes

Needs graphviz and networkx ( $\geq$  v.1.11) to work properly. Tested on Ubuntu 16.04 x64 and solydxk (debian 9).

## oemof.groupings module

All you need to create groups of stuff in your energy system.

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`oemof.groupings.DEFAULT = <oemof.groupings.Grouping object>`

The default *Grouping*.

This one is always present in an `energy system`. It stores every entity under its uid and raises an error if another entity with the same uid get's added to the `energy system`.



```
class oemof.groupings.Flows (key=None, constant_key=None, filter=None, **kwargs)
```

Bases: `oemof.groupings.Nodes`

Specialises `Grouping` to group the flows connected to `nodes` into sets. Note that this specifically means that the `key`, and `value` functions act on a set of flows.

**value** (*flows*)

Returns a set containing only flows, so groups are sets of flows.

```
class oemof.groupings.FlowsWithNodes (key=None,      constant_key=None,      filter=None,
                                     **kwargs)
```

Bases: `oemof.groupings.Nodes`

Specialises `Grouping` to act on the flows connected to `nodes` and create sets of (source, target, flow) tuples. Note that this specifically means that the `key`, and `value` functions act on sets like these.

**value** (*tuples*)

Returns a set containing only tuples, so groups are sets of tuples.

```
class oemof.groupings.Grouping (key=None, constant_key=None, filter=None, **kwargs)
```

Bases: `object`

Used to aggregate entities in an energy system into groups.

The way `Groupings` work is that each `Grouping` `g` of an energy system is called whenever an entity is added to the energy system (and for each entity already present, if the energy system is created with existing entities). The call `g(e, groups)`, where `e` is an entity and `groups` is a dictionary mapping group keys to groups, then uses the three functions `key`, `value` and `merge` in the following way:

- `key(e)` is called to obtain a key `k` under which the group should be stored,
- `value(e)` is called to obtain a value `v` (the actual group) to store under `k`,
- if you supplied a `filter()` argument, `v` is filtered using that function,
- otherwise, if there is not yet anything stored under `groups[k]`, `groups[k]` is set to `v`. Otherwise `merge` is used to figure out how to merge `v` into the old value of `groups[k]`, i.e. `groups[k]` is set to `merge(v, groups[k])`.

Instead of trying to use this class directly, have a look at its subclasses, like `Nodes`, which should cater for most use cases.

## Notes

When overriding methods using any of the constructor parameters, you don't have access to `self` in the corresponding function. If you need access to `self`, subclass `Grouping` and override the methods in the subclass.

A `Grouping` may be called more than once on the same object `e`, so one should make sure that user defined `Grouping` `g` is idempotent, i.e. `g(e, g(e, d)) == g(e, d)`.

### Parameters

- **key** (*callable or hashable*) – Specifies (if not callable) or extracts (if callable) a `key` for each entity of the energy system.
- **constant\_key** (*hashable (optional)*) – Specifies a constant `key`. Keys specified using this parameter are not called but taken as is.
- **value** (*callable, optional*) – Overrides the default behaviour of `value`.
- **filter** (*callable, optional*) – If supplied, whatever is returned by `value()` is filtered through this. Mostly useful in conjunction with static (i.e. non-callable) `keys`. See `filter()` for more details.

- **merge**(*callable*, *optional*) – Overrides the default behaviour of *merge*.

**filter**(*group*)

Filter the group returned by *value()* before storing it.

Should return a boolean value. If the group returned by *value()* is iterable, this function is used (via Python's builtin *filter*) to select the values which should be retained in group. If group is not iterable, it is simply called on group itself and the return value decides whether group is stored (True) or not (False).

**key**(*e*)

Obtain a key under which to store the group.

You have to supply this method yourself using the *key* parameter when creating *Grouping* instances.

Called for every entity *e* of the energy system. Expected to return the key (i.e. a valid hashable) under which the group *value(e)* will be stored. If it should be added to more than one group, return a list (or any other non-hashable, iterable) containing the group keys.

Return None if you don't want to store *e* in a group.

**merge**(*new*, *old*)

Merge a known old group with a new one.

This method is called if there is already a value stored under *group[key(e)]*. In that case, *merge(value(e), group[key(e)])* is called and should return the new group to store under *key(e)*.

The default behaviour is to raise an error if *new* and *old* are not identical.

**value**(*e*)

Generate the group obtained from *e*.

This method returns the actual group obtained from *e*. Like *key*, it is called for every *e* in the energy system. If there is no group stored under *key(e)*, *groups[key(e)]* is set to *value(e)*. Otherwise *merge(value(e), groups[key(e)])* is called.

The default returns the entity itself.

**class** oemof.groupings.**Nodes**(*key=None*, *constant\_key=None*, *filter=None*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Bases: *oemof.groupings.Grouping*

Specialises *Grouping* to group *nodes* into sets.

**merge**(*new*, *old*)

Updates old to be the union of old and new.

**value**(*e*)

Returns a set containing only *e*, so groups are sets of *node*.

## oemof.network module

This package (along with its subpackages) contains the classes used to model energy systems. An energy system is modelled as a graph/network of entities with very specific constraints on which types of entities are allowed to be connected.

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**class** oemof.network.**Bus**(*\*args*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Bases: *oemof.network.Node*

```
class oemof.network.Component (*args, **kwargs)
```

Bases: `oemof.network.Node`

```
class oemof.network.Entity (**kwargs)
```

Bases: `object`

The most abstract type of vertex in an energy system graph. Since each entity in an energy system has to be uniquely identifiable and connected (either via input or via output) to at least one other entity, these properties are collected here so that they are shared with descendant classes.

#### Parameters

- **uid** (*string or tuple*) – Unique component identifier of the entity.
- **inputs** (*list*) – List of Entities acting as input to this Entity.
- **outputs** (*list*) – List of Entities acting as output from this Entity.
- **geo\_data** (*shapely.geometry object*) – Geo-spatial data with informations for location/region-shape. The geometry can be a polygon/multi-polygon for regions, a line for transport objects or a point for objects such as transformer sources.

#### registry

The central registry keeping track of all `Node`'s created. If this is `None`, `Node` instances are not kept track of. Assign an `EnergySystem` to this attribute to have it become the a `node` registry, i.e. all `nodes` created are added to its `nodes` property on construction.

**Type** `EnergySystem`

```
add_regions (regions)
```

Add regions to self.regions

```
optimization_options = {}
```

```
registry = None
```

```
class oemof.network.Inputs (flows, target)
```

Bases: `collections.abc.MutableMapping`

A special helper to map `n1.inputs[n2]` to `n2.outputs[n1]`.

```
class oemof.network.Node (*args, **kwargs)
```

Bases: `object`

Represents a Node in an energy system graph.

Abstract superclass of the two general types of nodes of an energy system graph, collecting attributes and operations common to all types of nodes. Users should neither instantiate nor subclass this, but use `Component`, `Bus` or one of their subclasses instead.

#### Parameters

- **label** (*hashable, optional*) – Used as the string representation of this node. If this parameter is not an instance of `str` it will be converted to a string and the result will be used as this node's `label`, which should be unique with respect to the other nodes in the energy system graph this node belongs to. If this parameter is not supplied, the string representation of this node will instead be generated based on this nodes `class` and `id`.
- **inputs** (*list or dict, optional*) – Either a list of this nodes' input nodes or a dictionary mapping input nodes to corresponding inflows (i.e. input values).
- **outputs** (*list or dict, optional*) – Either a list of this nodes' output nodes or a dictionary mapping output nodes to corresponding outflows (i.e. output values).

- **flow**(*function*, *optional*) – A function taking this node and a target node as a parameter (i.e. something of the form `def f(self, target)`), returning the flow originating from this node into `target`.

**\_\_slots\_\_**

See the Python documentation on [\\_\\_slots\\_\\_](#) for more information.

**Type** str or iterable of str

**inputs**

Dictionary mapping input [Nodes](#) `n` to flows from `n` into `self`.

**Type** dict

**label**

If this node was given a *label* on construction, this attribute holds the actual object passed as a parameter. Otherwise `node.label` is a synonym for `str(node)`.

**Type** object

**outputs**

Dictionary mapping output [Nodes](#) `n` to flows from `self` into `n`.

**Type** dict

**registry** = None

**class** oemof.network.**Outputs**(*flows*, *source*)

Bases: `collections.abc.MutableMapping`

Helper that intercepts modifications to update *Inputs* symmetrically.

**class** oemof.network.**Sink**(\*args, \*\*kwargs)

Bases: [oemof.network.Component](#)

**class** oemof.network.**Source**(\*args, \*\*kwargs)

Bases: [oemof.network.Component](#)

**class** oemof.network.**Transformer**(\*args, \*\*kwargs)

Bases: [oemof.network.Component](#)

`oemof.network.registry_changed_to`(*r*)

Override registry during execution of a block and restore it afterwards.

`oemof.network.temporarily_modifies_registry`(*function*)

Backup registry before and restore it after execution of *function*.

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