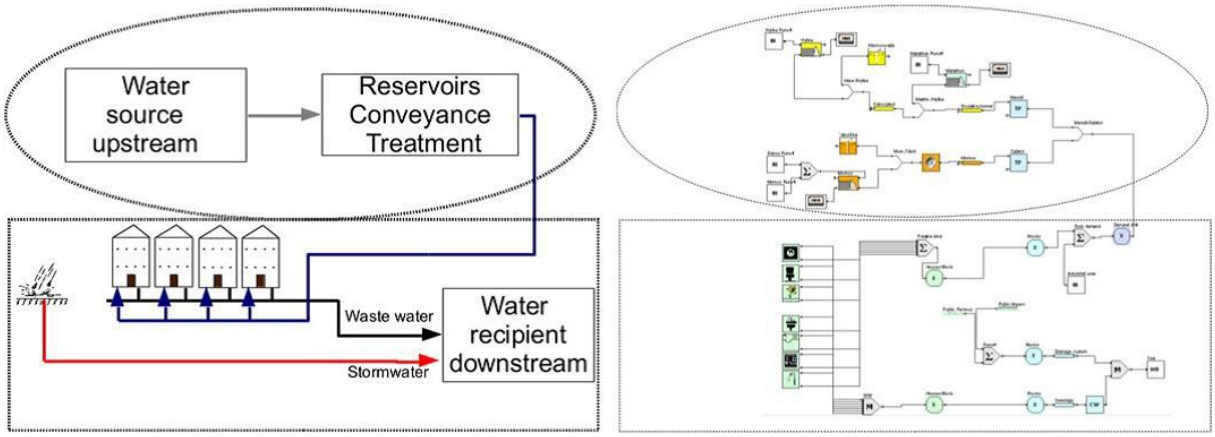
Product factsheet

Urban Water Optioneering Tool

Software solution
Consulting or service offering (e.g. training)



Description

UWOT is a decision-support tool that allows users to compare different water management technologies (including water saving, recycling, treatment and drainage) at different scales. The tool simulates the urban water cycle by modelling individual water uses and technologies, and aggregates their combined effects at development scale. UWOT provides a range of technology combinations, which are ranked according to user-based criteria. This allows the user to determine which combination of technologies will be most appropriate or beneficial for their new development.

Training material: Video with overview of UWOT is available at https://youtu.be/PL_2s_S958Y and a tutorial for setting up a simple topology and running a simulation is available at https://youtu.be/yV-j2osWtNw.

Target audience

UWOT is primarily targeted at water planners, developers and relevant consultants and is designed to be used during: 1) early and conceptual stage of development, for preliminary design and comparison of different options, 2)master planning stages of development, to have a holistic system view for the baseline and future (masterplan) scenarios.

Actors, their roles and interactions

- Water utilities provide data concerning (waste) water supply and quality characteristics of the inflow (e.g., BOD);
- Municipalities provide data related to water demand (for example, for irrigation needs of an examined park) or other information about the area of their responsibility (for example, the area of an examined park).

Unique selling points

- Bottom-up, component based urban water circle model;
- Multiple components, multiple technologies (DW, WW/GW, RW/Runoff);
- Able to simulate flows on a daily/hourly time step, in scenarios that span years to decades;
- Able to assist smartness in water, by modelling a range of decentralized, distributed interventions: RWH, GWR, blue-green areas, smart appliances and estimate water quantity and quality;
- Able to assimilate (time-series, parameter) data from multiple sources;
- Able to construct scenarios based on socio-economic assumptions;
- Supports spatial scales from appliance level and up, house/neighbourhood/city;
- Provides links with water and energy, water and nutrients.

Technical requirements

Available as stand-alone software (.exe) in MS Windows environments.

Hardware Requirements:

- x86-64 CPU, preferably >= 8GB RAM and 256GB HD

Software Requirements:

- OS: Windows 11, Windows 10, Windows 8.1, Windows 7 SP1, and Windows Server (64-bit editions only).

Software data

- Version: v4
- Initial release: 2008
- Operating environments:
  - Windows
- License: Software is available for research purposes free of charge upon request on a time limited license. For commercial purposes there are commercial agreement options.

Publications

- Rozos, E., C. Makropoulos, and C. Maksimovic (2013). Rethinking urban areas: an example of an integrated blue-green approach, Water Science and Technology: Water Supply, 13 (6), 1534-1542, doi:10.2166/ws.2013.140.
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https://www.watershare.eu/tool/urban-water-optioneering-tool/

Technologies applied by the product

- **Groundwater systems**
- **Rainwater harvesting systems**
- **Resource for Circular Economy**
- **Surface water and infiltration systems**
- **Urban Waterbuffer**
- **Wastewater treatment technologies for water reuse**
- **Water recovery technologies for water reuse**

Costs

Software is available for research purposes free of charge upon request on a time limited license. For commercial purposes there are commercial agreement options.
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Case Studies applying the product

East Frisia, Germany



https://mp.watereurope.eu/d/CaseStudy/19

Kalundborg, Denmark (RECREATE: since 2024)



https://mp.watereurope.eu/d/CaseStudy/56

Syros, Greece



https://mp.watereurope.eu/d/CaseStudy/57

Costa Brava, Catalonia-Spain



https://mp.watereurope.eu/d/CaseStudy/58

Flanders, Belgium



https://mp.watereurope.eu/d/CaseStudy/32

Filton Airfield, United Kingdom



https://mp.watereurope.eu/d/CaseStudy/31

Westland, Netherlands



https://mp.watereurope.eu/d/CaseStudy/12

Related tags

sustainability | Water storage and recovery | circularity | climate change | efficiency | energy | innovations | performance | re-use | recycling | sewer mining | water management | wastewater | Water reuse | wastewater treatment technologies | Circular Economy | rainwater harvesting

Downloads

The following files can be downloaded from the online page of the product: https://mp.watereurope.eu/d/product/25

- UWOT overview presentation
  An overview presentation of UWOT tool, introducing the users to its content and role, explaining the way it works and providing results of its application to case studies and insights from past projects.
- UWOT short guide and FAQ
  A short guide on installation and usage along with the most typical issues and their solutions.
- Demo timeseries of UWOT model
  Demo timeseries of fluctuation, occupancy, rainfall and runoff.
- UWOT hands-on training
  A step-by-step guide to create a topology and run a simulation.
- Video - UWOT hands-on training
  Hands-on presentation serving as a step-by-step guide to create a topology and run a simulation using UWOT model.