



# Raven Cheat Sheet

## Parameter Commands (\*.rvp/\*.rvt)

```
:GlobalParameter [PARAM_NAME] [value]
:VegetationParameterList
  :Parameters, [PARAM_NAME1], [PARAM_NAME2],...
  :Units,          [UNITS1],      [UNITS2],...
  [DEFAULT],      [pvalue_def],  [pvalue_def],...
  VCLASS_a,       [pvalue1a]1,  [pvalue2a],...
  VCLASS_b,       [pvalue1b],  [pvalue2b],...
  ...
:EndVegetationParameterList
Also for:
:SoilParameterList-:EndSoilParameterList
:LandUseParameterList-:EndLandUseParameterList
```

<sup>1</sup>can take value of \_DEFAULT (uses default class value) or \_AUTO  
(parameter estimated by Raven)

```
:VegetationChange [HRU grp] [new class] YYYY-mm-dd
:LandUseChange    [HRU grp] [new class] YYYY-mm-dd
:HRUTypeChange    [HRU grp] [new type]   YYYY-mm-dd
```

```
:TransientParameter [NAME] [class] [classname] *
  *Use TS formats
  (1)(2)(3)
:EndTransientParameter
```

e.g.  
:TransientParameter POROSITY SOIL LOAM  
:TransientParameter MAX\_LAI VEGETATION CORN

classes: SOIL VEGETATION LANDUSE TERRAIN GLOBALS

Note: Raven ignores units and will not do units conversion

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## Soil Profile Commands (\*.rvp)

```
:SoilProfiles
  [name, #Horizons, class11, thick12, class2, thick2]
e.g.,
  HORIZ_A, 2, SILTY_SAND, 0.8, CLAY, 1.2
  HORIZ_B, 3, SILTY_SAND, 0.4, SILT, 0.6, CLAY, 0.5
:EndSoilProfiles
1Class name from :SoilClasses command 2Thicknesses in metres
Special 'soil' profiles with zero soil horizons:
  GLACIER, 0 Rain/melt accumulates as PONDED_WATER
  LAKE, 0 Rain/melt added to LAKE storage
  ROCK, 0 Rain/melt shed as runoff
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## Temperature Simulation Commands (\*.rvi, \*.rvh)

```
:Transport TEMPERATURE
:FixedTemperature TEMPERATURE [SV] [value] {grp}
e.g.,
:FixedTemperature TEMPERATURE ATMOS_PRECIP -9999
:FixedTemperature TEMPERATURE SNOW          0.0
:FixedTemperature TEMPERATURE SOIL[3]  3.0 midHrus
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All non-headwater subbasins require water HRU to represent reach,  
indicated using subbasin parameter HRU\_REACH\_ID

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Key in-reach model parameters:

- subbasin properties CONVECT\_COEFF (~2.0), HYPORHEIC\_FLUX, RIVERBED\_CONDUCTIVITY, and RIVERBED\_THICKNESS;
- for lakes: LAKE\_CONVECT\_COEFF LAKEBED\_CONDUCTIVITY, LAKEBED\_THICKNESS;
- channel cross section and lake/reservoir depth.

*State variables (SV):* SOIL[0] SOIL[n] SNOW SNOW\_LIQ COLD\_CONTENT CANOPY\_SNOW CANOPY DEPRESSION WETLAND LAKE\_STORAGE PONDED\_WATER ATMOS\_PRECIP ATMOSPHERE SNOW\_DEPTH ICE\_THICKNESS THAW\_DEPTH SNOW\_COVER GLACIER GLACIER\_ICE SNOW\_DEFICIT SNOW\_ALBEDO CONVOLUTION

For Reporting: AET, RUNOFF, STREAMFLOW, RESERVOIR\_STAGE

For transport variables: ! [constname] | [store],  
e.g., !NITRATE|SOIL[0] or !TEMPERATURE|CANOPY

## Command line options and mode controls

```
Raven.exe [modelname] -flag [flagoption]
-o ./output/ -specify output folder
-t my_rvt.rvt -specify rvt file to use
-c solution.rvc -specify rvc file to use (e.g., warm start)
-i, -p, -h, -e, -l -specify rvi/rvp/rvh/rve/rvl file to use
-r -specify run name
-m A -specify run mode as mode 'A'
-s -silent mode
-n -noisy mode
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:RunMode

:IfModeEquals A C
 #... any commands

:EndIfModeEquals

-runs the commands within the if statement if the current mode matches any of the modes in the list

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## Output Commands (\*.rvi)

```
:RunName [name] - adds prefix to output filenames
:OutputDirectory [dir] - sends output to here
:CreateRVPTemplate - generates .rvp template file
:WriteMassBalanceFile - writes all internal fluxes to file
:WriteForcingFunctions - writes all forcings to file
:WriteEnsimFormat - output written to .tbo
:WriteNetCDFFormat - output written to .nc
:SilentMode - no console output :NoisyMode - lots of output
:CustomOutput [time] [stat] [var] [space]
time: DAILY MONTHLY YEARLY WATER_YEARLY CONTINUOUS
stat: AVERAGE MAXIMUM MINIMUM RANGE MEDIAN
QUARTILES
var: SOIL[0] SOIL[1] SNOW PET From:SNOW To:SNOW
Between:SOIL[0].And.ATMOSPHERE ...
(all state variables or forcings)
space: BY_BASIN BY_HRU BY_HRU_GROUP BY_WATERSHED
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## Calibration/Model Evaluation (\*.rvi/.rvt)

```
:EvaluationMetrics [diag1] [diag2] ...
:EvaluationPeriod [name] yyyy-mm-dd yyyy-mm-dd
diag: NASH_SUTCLIFFE PCT_BIAS LOG_NASH KLING_GUPTA RMSE ABSERR
ABSMAX RCOEF R2 NSC RSR PDIFF TMVOL MBF PERSINDEX DAILY_KGE
ObservationData [datatype] [ID] {units} *
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e.g., :ObservationData HYDROGRAPH [basinID] m3/s
e.g., :ObservationData SNOW [HRU_ID] mm *Use TS formats
:ObservationWeights [datatype] [ID] * ①②③
IrregularObservations [data type] [ID] [N]
[yyyy-mm-dd] [hh:mm:ss.0] value1
...
[yyyy-mm-dd] [hh:mm:ss.0] valueN
EndIrregularObservations
:IrregularWeights [data type] [ID] [N] **
:OverrideReservoirFlow [basinID] *
:OverrideStreamflow [basinID] * **Use TS format ④
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## HRU Groups (\*.rvi/\*.rvh)

HRU groups – used for conditional processes, custom output, HRU disabling, transport boundary conditions, etc. [define in .rvi file].  
Groups are named (and used) in the .rvi, but populated in the .rvh.  
:DefineHRUGroups [grp1] {grp2} ... {grpN} rvi  
:**HRUGroup** [name] rvh  
18,20, 32-49  
:**EndHRUGroup** – populates HRU groups by HRU ID, ID range  
:PopulateHRUGroup [grp] With [condition] rvh  
e.g., CropHRUs With LANDUSE EQUALS CROPLAND  
NonCropHRUs With LANDUSE NOTEQUALS CROPLAND  
BroadHRUs With VEGETATION EQUALS BROADLEAF  
NotRock With HRUS NOTWITHIN RockHRUGroup  
LowBand With ELEVATION BETWEEN 0 500

## Time Series Commands (\*.rvt)

```
:Gauge {name}
Latitude [lat]
Longitude [long]
Elevation [elev]
RedirectToFile [gaugedata.rvt]
:EndGauge
>Data [forcing] {unit}
[yyyy-mm-dd] [hh:mm:ss.0] [interval (d)] [N]
value1 *These time series specification formats also
...
valueN work for time series commands below
:EndData
Blank data=-1.2345
>Data [forcing] {unit}
:ReadFromNetCDF
:FileNameNC [.nc file]
:VarNameNC [variable in .nc file]
:DimNamesNC [station] [time_name]
:StationIdx [ID]
:EndReadFromNetCDF
:EndData
>Data [forcing] {unit}
:AnnualCycle J F M A M J J A S O N D
:EndData
forcings: PRECIP TEMP_MIN TEMP_MAX TEMP_AVE SNOWFALL
RAINFALL PET OW_PET WIND_VEL AIR_DENS AIR_PRES
REL_HUMIDITY SW_RADIA SW_RADIA_NET LW_INCOMING
LW_RADIA NET POTENTIAL MELT RECHARGE
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## Reservoir Commands (\*.rvh/\*.rvt)

Reservoirs – used to represent lakes or reservoirs at *outlet* of subbasin.

```
:Reservoir {name}
:SubBasinID [SBID]
:HRUID [HRUID] Type 1: (managed reservoirs) uses
:StageRelations stage-discharge-volume curves
[N]
[stage, flow, volume, area, {underflow}]x[N]
:EndStageRelations
:EndReservoir
:Reservoir {name}
:SubBasinID [SBID]
:HRUID [HRUID] Type 2: (natural lakes) uses
:WeirCoefficient [C] overflow weir relation;
:CrestWidth [width [m]] calibrate crest width
:MaxDepth [depth [m]]
:LakeArea [area [m2]]
:{AbsoluteCrestHeight [elevation [masl]]}
:EndReservoir
:ReservoirExtraction [basinID] *
:VariableWeirHeight [basinID] * *Use TS formats
:ReservoirMaxStage [basinID] * ①②③
:ReservoirMinStage [basinID] *
:ReservoirMinStageFlow [basinID] *
:BasinInflowHydrograph [basinID] *
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