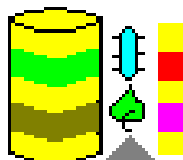


**RESys**  
**Reservoir Evaluation System**

**RECores**  
**Well Core and Outcrop Description**

**Users Manual**



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RESys is an integrated software system for performing oil and gas reservoir evaluations. Based on an integrated database and using object oriented software design techniques, RESys is a modular and extensible software system consisting of various specialized modules for the analysis and evaluation of well logs, core data, production data and more. The modular integrated design allows the system to be extensible, so that additional modules can be added without requiring a rewrite or redesign of the rest of the system. In addition, due to the modularity and integrated database, individual modules can be optimized.

RESys is designed as a standalone, yet integrated system. Each module can be used by itself; however the full power of integrated software is unleashed when the various modules are combined.

RECores comprises the module allowing the sedimentological description of well cores and outcrops. As a standalone program, it allows the description and organization of sedimentological descriptions and interpretations, but RECores is fully integrated with the petrophysics related modules in RESys, so the sedimentological interpretations are available for use in an integrated petrophysical description of a reservoir or field.

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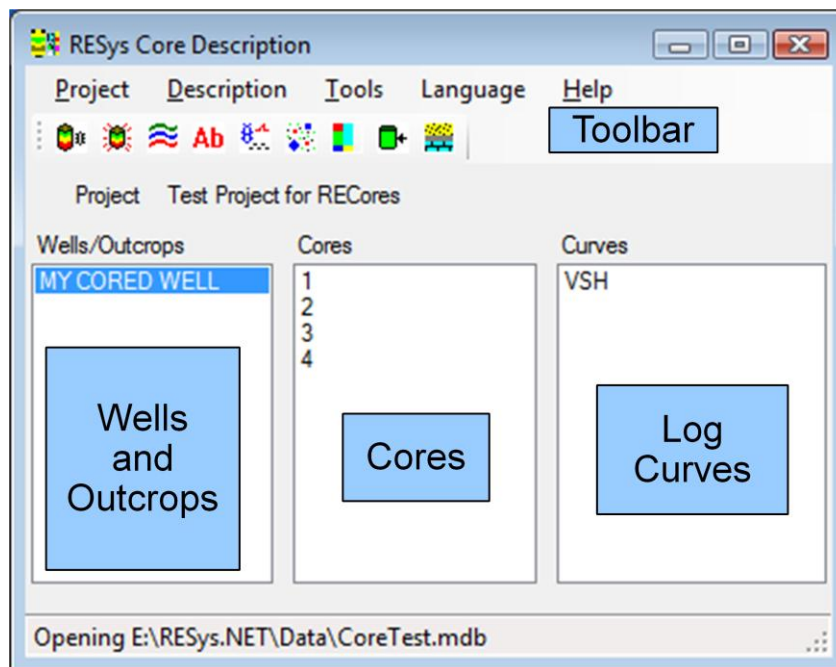
## Overview

RECores is a system for entering, saving and displaying sedimentological data and interpretations of well cores and outcrops. The system consists of a database along with tools to aid in the entry of data and interpretations. RESys is based on so-called “projects” which represent data that are somehow related. You can create as many projects as you want and organize them in whatever way makes sense for your purpose. For example, for oil field cores, perhaps a project would consist of all of the cores in a given oil field. On the other hand, for a student, a project might be all of the descriptions done during a class or in conjunction with a project. It really is up to you as to how you want to organize your projects and data.

It is important to understand that the project database contains all of the information needed to make or view a core or outcrop description, including standard symbols. If you need to make a backup of the project, simply copy the project database. You do not need to load standard symbols for each well or description. Instead all of the symbols that you use in a description are saved in the database.

When creating a project, the project initially has no standard symbols defined. As a user you have 2 options: 1) create the symbols you need individually, or 2) load a set of saved symbols from an external file. Either way, all of the symbols either loaded or created will be saved in the project file and will be available for use in any descriptions for any wells or outcrops included in the project.


Once a project is created or opened, the leftmost side of the RECores main window shows the list of wells and outcrops included in the project. To the right of the wells and outcrops a list of cores and a list of log curves is shown. At the top of the window there are various menus and tool bar buttons as shown in the screen shot below.



Selecting any well in the list will update the core and curve lists to show the cores and log curves available for that well. For outcrop descriptions, there may be nothing shown.

The menu at the top of the window allows access to the functions available in RECores and includes functions to create and open projects, display sedimentological descriptions, etc.

The Toolbar contains buttons for rapid access to sedimentological description functions, such as viewing the descriptions, and adding lithology, facies, sedimentary structures, fossils, etc.

A sedimentological description can be displayed by selecting a well/outcrop and clicking the display button . The description display is controlled by templates which can be configured as desired. Although a simple default template is built in, in most cases, due to differences in names and user preferences, it will be preferable to redefine the templates to display the descriptions as desired. The ability to edit, save and load templates is provided interactively from the display window.

Note that there is no limit to number of templates that can be defined, nor is there a software limit to the number of descriptions that may be simultaneously displayed, the size of the display or the number of curves and tracks displayed. Instead, the limitations will mainly be determined by the screen size.

The **Project** menu contains functions to create, open and close projects, and edit project information. It also allows sedimentological symbols and patterns to be defined, loaded from an external file and saved to an external file.

The **Description** menu contains functions to create wells and outcrops, display the description graphically and add, delete or modify the description. Most of the items in the **Description** menu are also available from the Toolbar buttons.

The **Tools** menu provides the option to automatically load the last project when RECores is started.

The **Language** menu allows the use of either English or Spanish text on all of the windows in RECores. To change the language, simply select the desired language from the menu.

The **Help** menu allows information concerning the version of RECores to be displayed. To see the version information, select **Help | About**.

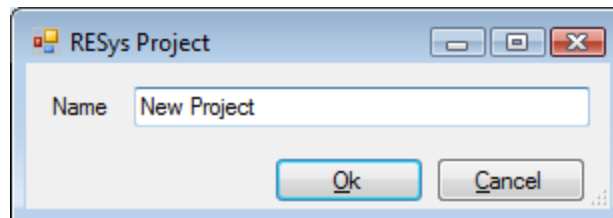
## Getting Started

To start using RECores, it is necessary to open or define a project. Defining a project creates a database which will contain all of the data needed to view and evaluate well logs as well as cores or outcrops. It should be noted that RESys uses a Microsoft Jet database by default. That means that there's nothing special to install or configure, since Jet drivers are normally included in Microsoft Windows. It's the same database format used by Microsoft Access. Once any RESys module, including RECores, is installed, it is ready to use without any further hassles, unless you decide to use a different database format. The remainder of this manual assumes that the default Jet database is used.

### ***Creating a Project***

To create a new project, select **Project | New** from the menu. You will need to select a directory and a filename from the file selection dialog, and then will be asked if you want to create the project. Selecting **Yes** will automatically create the database, selecting **No** will abort with no database created. If the selected file already exists, you will be asked whether to replace the database. Selecting **Yes** will overwrite the existing file, erasing all of its contents. Selecting **No** will abort without doing anything.

Once the project database is created, you will be presented with a dialog to enter the project name as shown. Simply add your own project title. Click **Ok** to save the project data or **Cancel** to accept the default. Normally you will want to provide your own name for the project. If you need to change the project name later, simply select **Project | Edit** from the menu.



Once the project has been created, it will be opened for use.

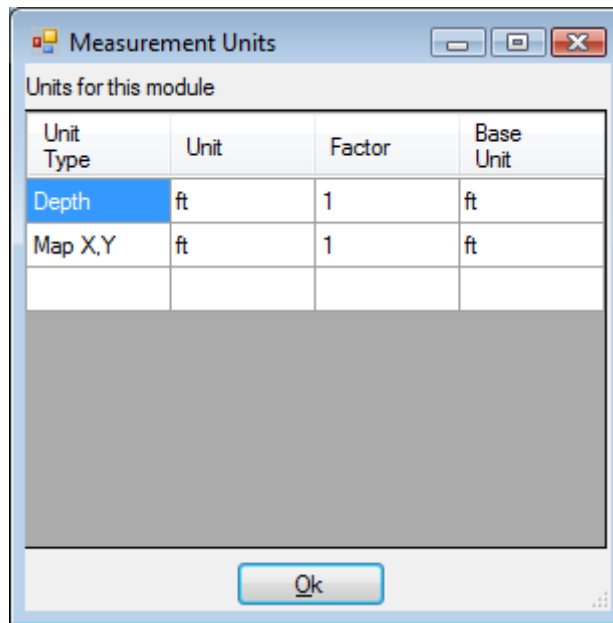
### ***Opening an Existing Project***

If you have an existing RESys project, you can open it for use by any module, including PT. Simply select **Project | Open** from the menu and then choose the project database file from the file selection dialog.

### ***When a Project is Opened the First Time***

The first time a module is used with a particular project, the RESys system will check to make sure that all needed parameters and units are defined and you will be presented with a dialog allowing the units to be defined. (Note that RECores does not need any special parameters.) Depending on what modules may have been used before, you may see some or all of the following unit definitions. To accept the defaults, simply press **Ok**. To change the default units, select or type the desired unit name in the **Unit** column and a conversion factor in the **Factor** column. For example, to specify depth in meters, use **m** as the unit name and **3.28084** (the number of feet in a meter) as the factor.

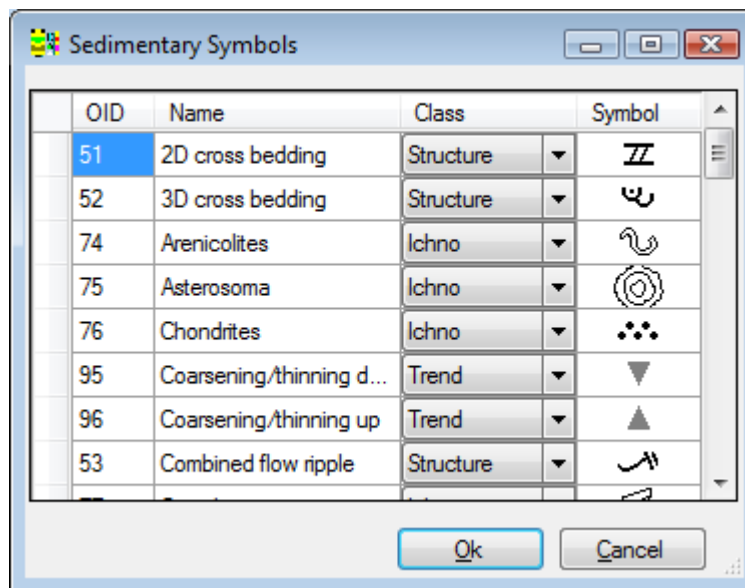
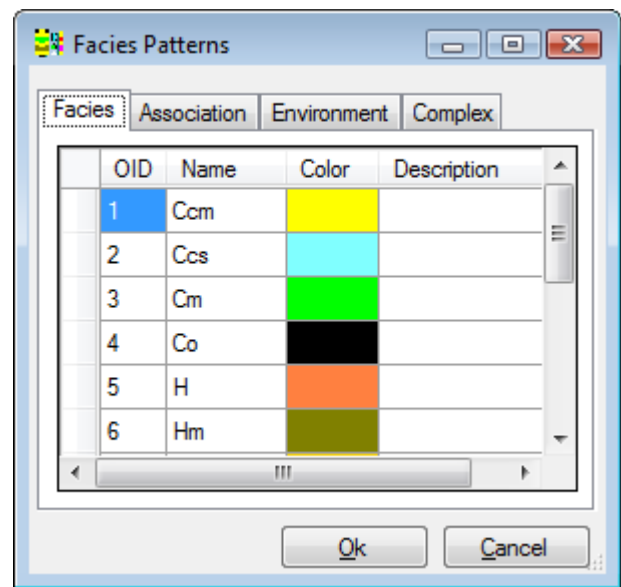
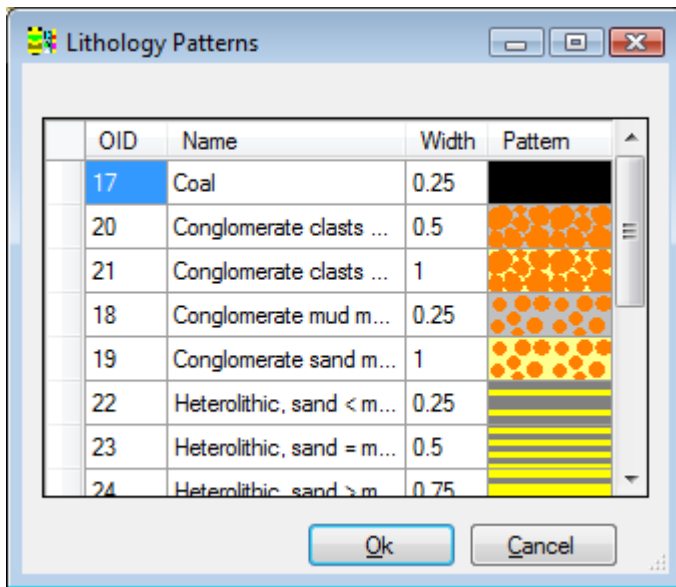
Note that once set, these values and units definitions cannot be changed, since doing so would corrupt the database.



Other modules of RESys may also require Parameters to be defined, but no special parameters are required for RECores.

### ***Standard Symbols***

RECores supports complete flexibility in symbols and patterns for sedimentary structures, fossils, lithologies and facies. When starting a new project, you probably don't want to create all the symbols and graphics patterns required during the description, so you can load a set of default symbols from a file. RECores comes with standard symbols for sandstone and carbonate descriptions. You can change the name and graphics for any symbol or pattern or add additional symbols and patterns to the project from the **Project | Create/Edit Symbols** menu.



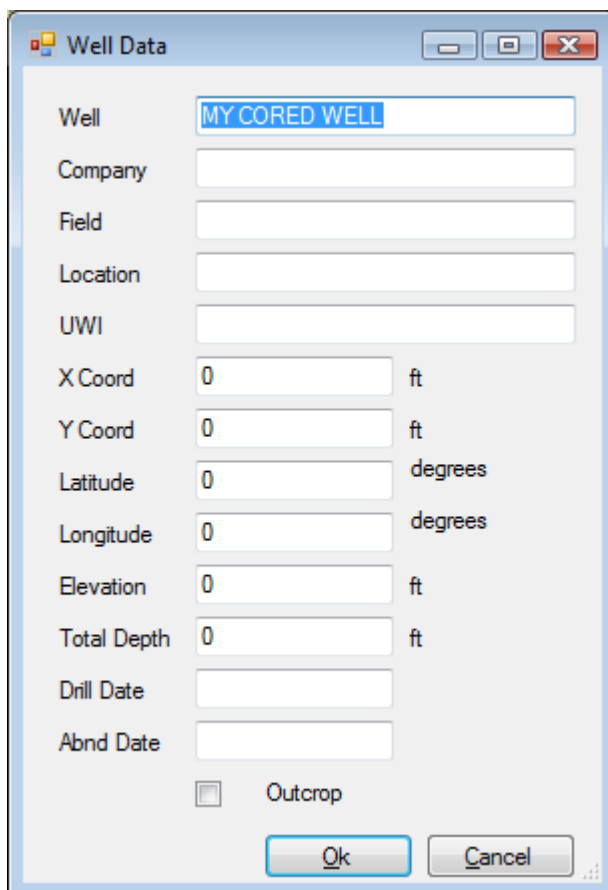
To import a set of standard sedimentary symbols, choose **Project | Import Symbols** from the menu. You will see a file open dialog allowing you to choose a symbol file (\*.xml). Select the desired file and select **OK** to load the predefined symbols and patterns into your new project. ***Please note that loading symbols twice will create a duplicate set. In general, you should only load symbols once for any project.***

If you find that you need to use different symbols than provided by default with RECoRes, you can easily create and define your own symbol sets and patterns. To save the currently defined symbols and patterns to a file, choose **Project | Export Symbols** from the menu and then select the file to save the symbols into. When you create a new project in the future, you can load that file as your default symbol and pattern set.



## Creating a Well or Outcrop

Of course a project isn't of much use without data, so normally the next step will be to create a well or outcrop to be described. Simply select **Description | Wells/Outcrops | New** from the menu and give your well or outcrop a name. If you need to change the information later, simply select **Description | Wells/Outcrops | Edit** from the menu.



The image shows a 'Well Data' dialog box with the following fields and values:

Field	Value	Unit
Well	MY CORED WELL	
Company		
Field		
Location		
UWI		
X Coord	0	ft
Y Coord	0	ft
Latitude	0	degrees
Longitude	0	degrees
Elevation	0	ft
Total Depth	0	ft
Drill Date		
Abnd Date		

At the bottom, there is an unchecked checkbox labeled 'Outcrop' and two buttons: 'Ok' and 'Cancel'.

Note that the well must be given a unique name. The other data is optional, but if entered here, they will be available in other RESys modules.

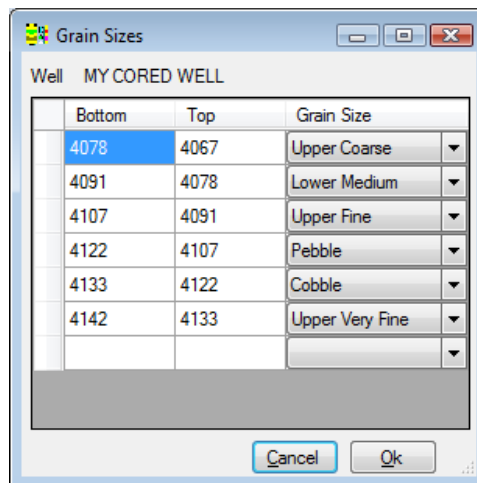
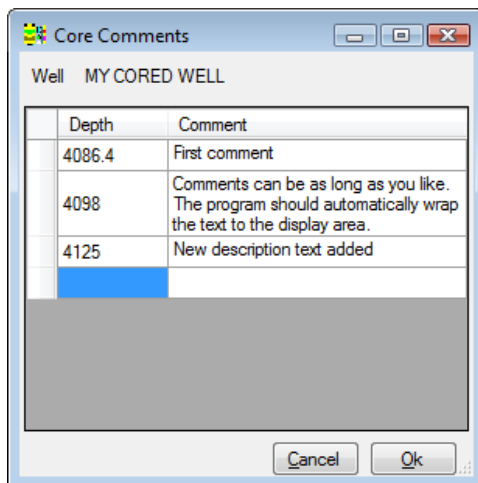
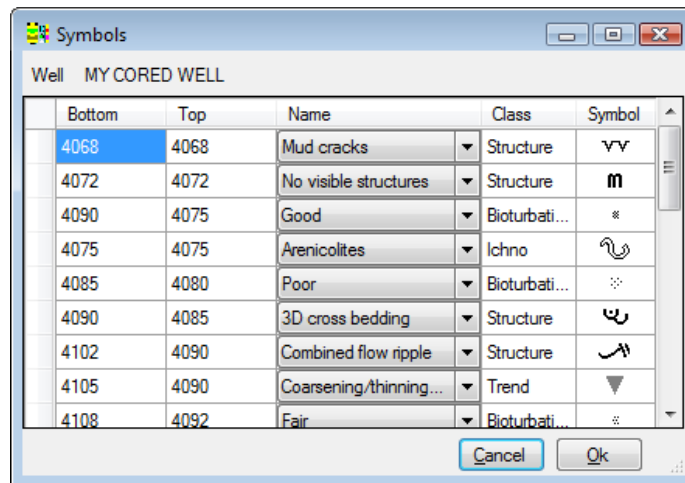
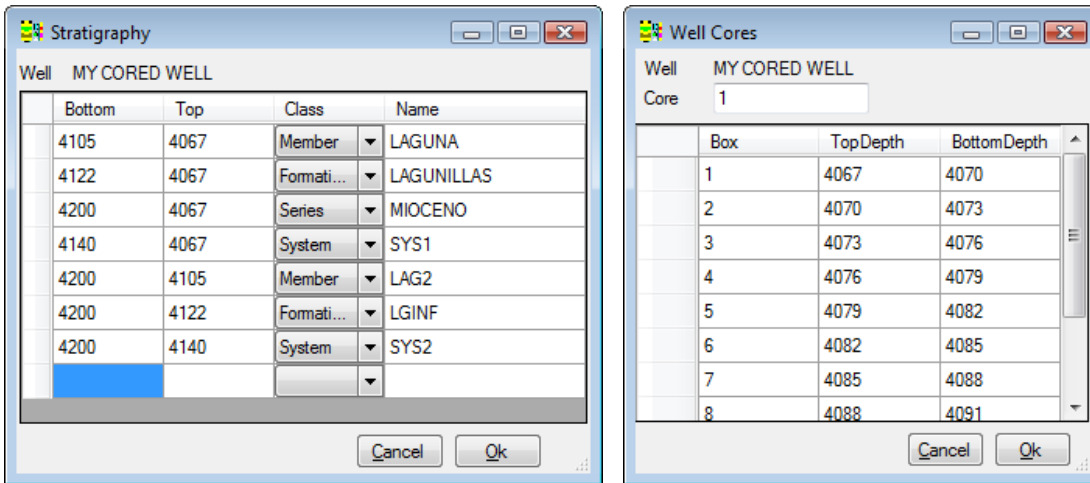
Note also that RECores can be used for outcrop descriptions as well as cores. If the description is for an outcrop, check the **Outcrop** box so that depths will be interpreted as heights in the description.

## Adding Descriptions

To add sedimentological descriptions to your well core or outcrop, select the desired button from the Toolbar or from the **Description** menu on the main window or the respective button on the display window. Adding descriptions can be done interactively by opening a category (Cores, Stratigraphy, Text, Structures, Facies, etc.) The windows used to enter or edit the various types of data are shown below.

As you add or edit the information, you can press **Apply** to commit the changes and then press **Refresh** on the display window to see the changes. It should be noted that when you

press **Apply**, the changes are not saved to the database. To commit the changes to the database, press the **Ok** button, which will save the information and close the window. Pressing the **Cancel** button will throw away all the changes and revert to the information already saved in the database.



**Facies**

Well MY CORED WELL

Facies Association Environment Complex

Bottom	Top	Name	Color	Fa
4075	4071	Ccs		2
4082	4075	Cm		3
4088	4082	Ccm		1
4095	4088	Hm		6
4123	4095	H		5
4128	4123	Hs		7
4133	4128	M		8
4137	4133	Ms		9

Cancel Ok

**Samples**

Well MY CORED WELL

Depth	Sample Type
4072	TS
4081	CP
4085	PH
4088	TS
4092	CP

Cancel Ok


**Core Lithologies**

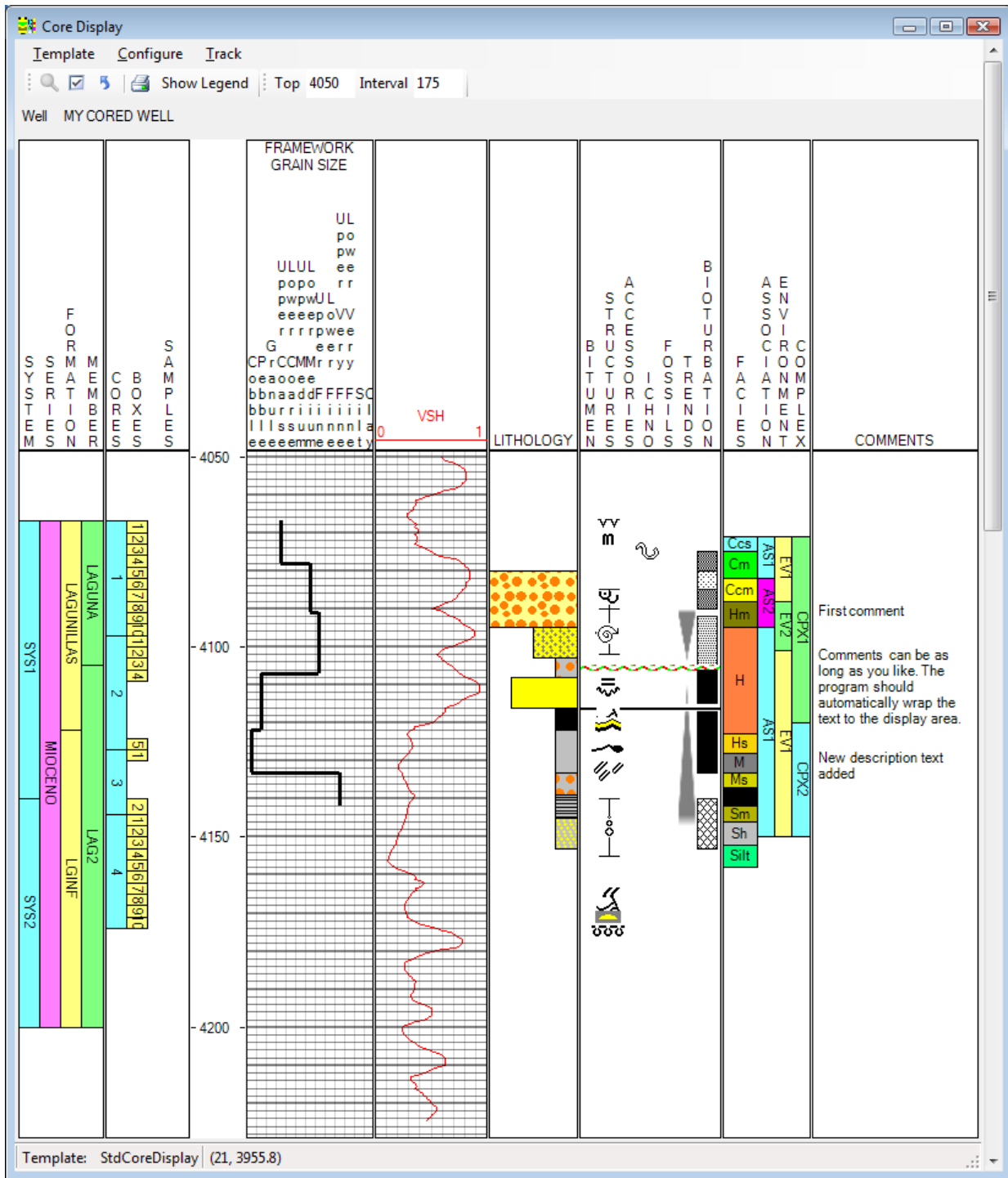
Well MY CORED WELL

Bottom	Top	Lithology	Pattern
4080	4070		
4095	4080	Conglomerate san...	
4103	4095	Muddy sand	
4108	4103	Conglomerate mud...	
4116	4108	Sand	
4122	4116	Coal	
4133	4122	Mud	
4139	4133	Conglomerate mud...	
4145	4139	Shale	

Cancel Ok



## Displaying a Description

To view a description, simply select the well or outcrop in the list and click the description display button . The graphical description for the selected well or outcrop will be displayed using the current template, which can be modified and redefined as desired.

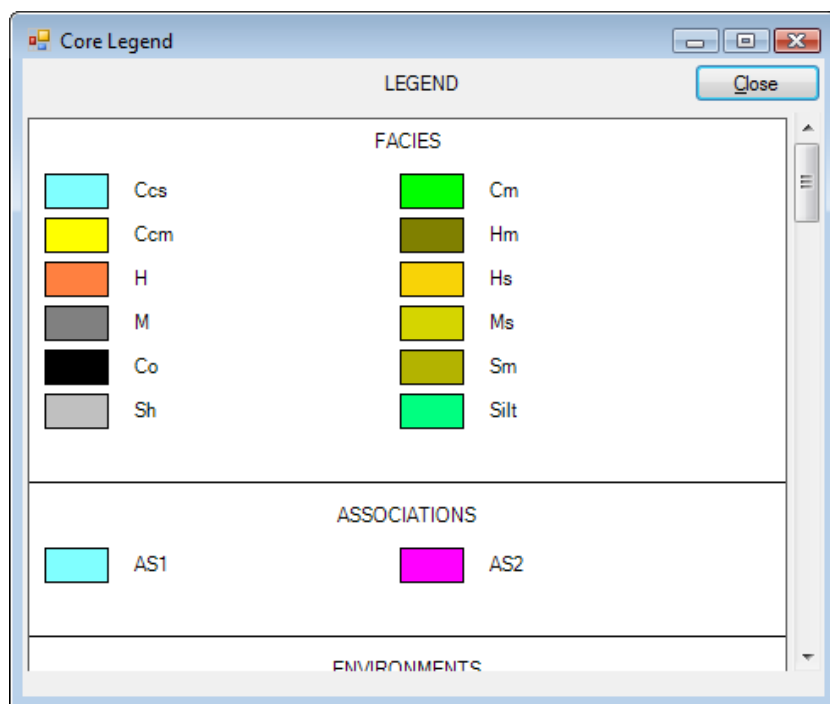


The first time you display a description, a standard template will be used that displays normal data in black and white in a standard layout. Normally much better displays are possible by modifying the template and saving it in a new file. You may edit the display configuration interactively and then save the template to a file and load a template from the **Template** menu in the Display window. A typical customized display is shown above.

On the display, the number and order of tracks can be defined, along with the scale, colors and display options for each type of track. As detailed later in this manual, RECores supports 9 types of tracks for display purposes.

On the display, a depth interval can be selected with the mouse for zooming when the mouse cursor displays as cross-hairs, which is the default mouse mode. To select “Zoom” mode, press the **Mouse Zooms** button . The **Zoom Reset** button  will reset the display to the default depth interval. It is also possible to type the top depth and depth interval into the fields at the top of the display to show a portion of the log. The displayed depth section can also be selected by moving the slider on the right side of the window. Major and minor depth grid marks can be displayed or hidden by selecting the respective options on the Configure menu item.

The symbols legend can also be displayed by pressing the “Show Legend” button.




## Display Templates

The sedimentological displays in RECores are controlled by templates, which the user configures interactively. Please note that the user never really needs to see the templates, since the results are always visible on the display. On the Display screen, each Track is separated by a gray line which can be moved by the user with the mouse. When the mouse cursor is over a track separator, the cursor will change to 2 parallel lines with arrows. To

change the width of a Track, simply place the mouse on the gray space between tracks and move the track width to the right or left as desired while pressing the left mouse button.

The font used on the display can also be changed by selecting **Configure | Font** from the menu, then selecting any available font type and size. Be aware that RECores uses standard Windows fonts, so if you choose a specialized font, the font information might not be available on other computers. If you have not installed any specialized fonts in Windows, there will not be any trouble transferring templates from one computer to another.

Each display template consists of a number of “Tracks” or columns of information ordered by depth. A display template can contain any number of Tracks of any type. To modify the display configuration, it is necessary to select a track with the mouse. To put the mouse into track selection mode, press the **Mouse Selects** button . To select a track, simply press the left mouse button with the mouse cursor over the desired track. When selected, the background color of the track will change.

To add additional tracks to the display, select **Track | New | Insert** to insert a track before the currently selected track or **Track | New | At End** to add a track at the right side of the display. To delete a Track, select **Template | Delete Track** and then select the track number to delete from the list presented.

When you first run RECores or any other time a user defined template is not available or not specified, RECores automatically uses a default template. The means to load and save display templates are found in the **Template** menu on the Display screen. To load a previously saved template, select **Template | Load** from the menu and select the desired core template file (\*.ctf) from the file dialog. To update the template currently in use, select **Template | Save** from the menu. If you are using the standard template, you will be required to enter a filename. To save the current configuration to a new template file, select **Template | Save As** and enter a filename on the file dialog. You can create as many templates as needed or desired.

### ***Display Track Types***

RECores has 9 different types of tracks that can be displayed in any order. Once a track has been added, you can change the type of track and the options by selecting the track and choosing the desired track type from the **Track | Type** menu. Each track type has additional configuration options accessible from the menu.

**Cores.** This track displays the location of the cores, core boxes and samples. Select the respective items on the submenu to display cores, core boxes and sample points. You may also choose the color for the cores and core boxes display.

**Depth.** This track shows the depth scale.

**Stratigraphy.** This displays the stratigraphic information. Select the submenu items to display Systems, Series, Stages, Formations, Members and Others as desired. The color

used to fill the respective areas can also be defined.

**Symbols.** This track displays the symbols used to indicate sedimentary structures and accessories, fossils, trends, bitumen and bioturbation.

**Grain Size.** This track displays the framework grain sizes. Select the submenu item to show or hide the grain size scale if desired.

**Lithology.** This track displays the lithology patterns.

**Facies.** This track will display the defined Facies, Associations, Environment and Systems tracts. Select from the submenu to determine which categories should be displayed.

**Curves.** The Curves track displays curves, usually imported from well logs in LAS format. The submenu allows a new curve to be added, whether the scale divisions should be shown and existing curves can be edited.

To add a curve to a Curve track, select **Track | Type | Curves | New**. To change the appearance of an existing curve, select **Track | Type | Curves | Edit <curve>**, where <curve> is an existing curve name. On the resulting dialog, you can change the curve to be displayed, set the color for the curve, determine whether to show the curve or the points or both and also define the curve scale to be used.

### **Importing Well Logs**

For comparison between petrophysical and sedimentological data, well logs in standard LAS format can be imported by selecting **Description | Curves | Import LAS** from the menu. You will need to select the LAS files to import from the file selection dialog, then press **Open**. Note that you can choose multiple files to rapidly import a number of well logs at once.

During the LAS file import, any new wells found will be automatically added to the project and show up in both the well list and on the map. The curve list will also be updated, so that all of the curves will be immediately available for viewing and analysis.

### **User Defined Symbols and Patterns**

Nearly all of the symbols and patterns used in RECoRes can be changed and replaced with other symbols if required.

The lithology patterns and names are defined by selecting the **Project | Edit Symbols | Lithology** from the main menu. The displayed list of currently defined patterns will be shown. To change the lithology description, simply edit the text. The width column shows the relative size of the pattern as a fraction of the Lithology Track width, i.e. 0.5 will fill half of the track, 1.0 will fill the entire track, etc. To change the pattern, select the corresponding cell in the

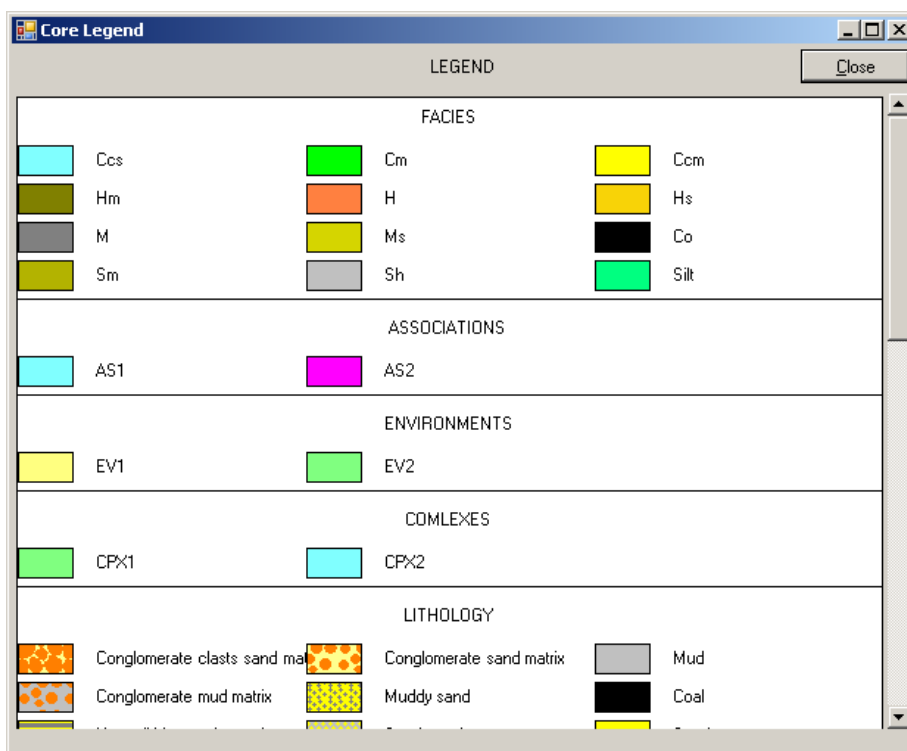
Pattern column and then choose a bitmap file containing the pattern to be used. Many patterns are available with RECores in the Images directory. To create your own patterns, simply use a graphics editor to define the pattern (i.e. MS Paint) and save the graphics file as a bitmap image (\*.bmp).

Facies and related colors are defined by selecting **Project | Edit Symbols| Facies** from the main menu. The display will show separate tabs for Facies, Association, Systems and Tracts. On each tab, you can change the description of any entry by editing the text. To change the color, simply select the corresponding cell in the Color column and select the color to be used.

Sedimentological symbols, which include structures, accessories, fossils, bitumen, bioturbation trends and surfaces are defined by choosing **Project | Edit Symbols | Sedimentary** from the main menu. The description text can be edited, and the class of the symbol can be defined to determine which column it will ultimately be displayed in. To change the symbol graphic, select the corresponding cell in the Symbol Column and then select the bitmap file containing the symbol. Many symbols are available with RECores in the Images directory. To create your own symbols, simply use a graphics editor to define the symbol (i. e. MS Paint) and save the graphics file as a bitmap image.


### Symbol and Pattern Legend

The symbol and pattern Legend can be displayed from the Display window by selecting **Tools | Show Legend** from the menu. Only those symbols and patterns actually used in the Display will be shown.





## Printing

RECores supports printing to standard Windows printers. To print a core description, press the **Print** button . A print preview screen will appear, showing how the description will look when printed.

On the Print Preview screen, you can change the vertical scale and select whether to print the symbols legend. Press the **Page Setup** button to adjust the printer and page settings, **Cancel** to quit and **Print** to send the description display to the selected printer or plotter.

