

Working with a SIF file

When you first open DotShop Composer, the screen instance file (SIF) `DotShop.sif` is automatically created in the `%ARAXIHOME%\CreoAraxi\bin` folder. It is populated with screen systems and calibration curves that are licensed for your system. When next opened, DotShop Composer looks in its folder for the saved SIF file and displays its contents.

Note: The SIF file is always called `DotShop.sif` so that DotShop can recognize it.

You can edit, create, or open SIF files in another location by performing the following:.

1. Edit the SIF file:
 - a. From the DotShop Composer **File** menu, click **Save**.
 - b. Add, edit, and delete screen instances in the file.
2. Create a new SIF file:
 - a. From the DotShop Composer **File** menu, click **New**.
 - b. Add and edit screen instances.
3. Open another SIF file in another location:
 - a. From the DotShop Composer **File** menu, select **Open**.
 - b. In the Specify Location of DotShop Screen Instance File dialog box, locate the `DotShopt.sif` that file you want to use.
 - c. Click **Open** to open the SIF file.
 - d. In the DotShop Composer dialog box, make any changes that you want to the screen instances.
 - e. From the DotShop Composer **File** menu, click **Save**.

See Also

[Manipulating screen instances](#)