Force Profiles

The Force Profile function allows LOGFAS users to create organisational structures and equipment holdings for specific operations or exercises. The completed Force Profiles are then used throughout the LOGFAS functional areas.

It is possible and highly recommended that you use the following process to create a standard or master profile. This may be your entire national forces, whether at their homebases or deployed, in their current configuration. Similarly, you may wish to reflect
future organisational structures by having standard or master profiles for each year, particularly if you are involved in strategic force planning, such as an ACROSS user.

The standard profile may then be used as the basis and allow the user to copy the forces into new profiles as they are needed for exercises or operations.

The reason for creating a Force Profile for specific operations or exercises is simple; it is a question of data management. If you only used your “standard” profile, any changes you make to your forces, their items and holdings could be reflected throughout the database.

This may not be what you want, and by creating specific Force Profiles, you isolate the data and any changes you make to the forces in that profile. These changes will only affect where that particular Force Profile has been used in the other modules of LOGFAS; your standard profile remains intact. This aspect of data management will be dealt with in a later chapter.

For this chapter of the Tutorial, we will describe the processes that can be applied to creating a Force Profile. For a nation, this could well be the first or standard profile.

**Creating a New Force Profile**

To create a new Force Profile you need to access the correct window for this function.

CLICK on the *Forces* menu and then SELECT the *Force Profiles and Holdings* option, as shown in Figure 3.60.

![Figure 3.60](image)

The Force Profile and Holdings window, similar to that shown in Figure 3.61, will appear on the screen.
Note: The Force List view and Item List view are shown on opening the Force Profile and Holdings if you selected this as your preference.

The Force Profile and Holdings window consists of six views, these are:

- The Force Tree view.
- The Force Holdings view.
- The Nestings view.
- The Force List view of the selected nation.
- The Item List view of the selected nation.
- The View Preview Pane.

The Force List and Item List views and the View Preview Pane can be opened and closed. To do this, CLICK on the Force List and Item List buttons. These are shown in Figure 3.62.

These are Toggle buttons, which activate and deactivate the corresponding list window. For the moment, CLICK on the three buttons to DEACTIVATE the Show Force List and Show Item List views and View Preview Pane; these views will be removed from the screen. We will return to these functions later in this chapter.

To create a new Force Profile, CLICK on the Forces menu, SELECT the Profile option and then SELECT the Create New Profile option. This process is shown in Figure 3.63.
A blank Profile window will now appear on the screen as shown in Figure 3.64.

The Nation Code is inserted into the Profile ID automatically and is based on the user's Login. This part of the Profile ID cannot be changed.

The details required may now be entered onto the window. **INSERT** the Details shown in the following table into the Profile window. Use your Mouse or the Tabulate Key on your keyboard to move the Cursor between the fields.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Field:</th>
<th>INSERT / SELECT:</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Profile ID</td>
<td><strong>INSERT</strong> – LOGFASTG1</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>The prefix code is used to ensure that data</td>
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<td></td>
<td>corruption possibilities are reduced. Normally</td>
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<td></td>
<td>you would use your Nation Code, which is</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>based on your Preferences.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Profile Name</td>
<td><strong>INSERT</strong> - LOGFAS TRAINING 1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Classification</td>
<td><strong>SELECT</strong> the NATO UNCLASSIFIED option</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>from the list.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Remarks</td>
<td><strong>INSERT</strong> - For Tutorial</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

You can also link the profile directly to a Plan for updating the Allied Disposition List; we will cover this later in Chapter 4, so **LEAVE** the selection deactivated.

When you have completed the data input, your screen should look like Figure 3.65.
Now CLICK the OK button, the Profile window will be removed from the screen. The profile you have created will now be added to the Select a Profile list and is available for you to work with.

To select a specific profile, CLICK on the Select a Profile combo box at the top Force Tree view and SELECT the Force Profile you want to work with. In this case, SELECT the Force Profile named 099LOGFASTG1: LOGFAS TRAINING 1 as shown in Figure 3.66.

![Figure 3.66](image)

You can remove the Select a Profile combo box so that it is not on the screen. To do this, CLICK on the View Filter Pane button, this is shown in Figure 3.67.

![Figure 3.67](image)

If you use the View Filter Pane button, your screen’s appearance will change. This is illustrated in Figure 3.68. We have a blank box because our selected profile does not contain any forces.

![Figure 3.68](image)

When there are forces in the profile the screen would look like Figure 3.69.
For the Tutorial, we’ll leave the View Filter Pane activated.

You are now ready to add the forces you need to the selected profile. CLICK on the Show Force List button, this was shown in Figure 3.62.

The Force List view will open on the right-hand side of the window. The nation displayed is determined by the Preference setting; however, there is a combo box provided if you want to change to another nation.

For the Tutorial, SELECT the Nation of 099: ZZ Atlantis – Brownland (Ex) if this is not displayed.

Your screen should look similar to Figure 3.70.

Building a Force Organisation

All national forces are normally set within a hierarchy and the LDM allows you to place the forces you select into a representative organisation within the Force Profile. Forces (Units) may be made subordinate to others and placed within formations as required.

Using the Force List for the nation named 099: ZZ Atlantis – Brownland (Ex), we will now create an organisational structure; this function can be carried out in two ways and we will use both.

Using the Drag and Drop Method

SELECT the Force Profile named 099LOGFASTG1: LOGFAS TRAINING 1 and ACTIVATE the Forces List view for the preferred nation. We can now scroll through the Force List to find the force(s) needed for the organisation we are representing.
From the *Force List* view CLICK on and SELECT the *Force* named Brownland Regiment; this will highlight the force.

**HOLD DOWN** your *Left Mouse* button and **DRAG** the selected *Force* to the *Force Tree View*. This is the destination. When you have reached it, **DROP** the *Force* into the *Force Profile* folder by **RELEASING** the *Mouse* button as illustrated in Figure 3.71.

![Figure 3.71](image)

This will place the selected force into the Profile 099LOGFASTG1 *Force Tree view*.

When you drop the force, your screen will change; this is shown in Figure 3.72. This shows the force is now within the *Force Tree view*.

![Figure 3.72](image)

You should note that an individual *Force* or a selection of *Forces* can be added to the *Force Profile Tree view* using the Drag and Drop method.

**Using the Add to Profile Method.**

When using the *Add to Profile* method follow this sequence:

- First, CLICK and SELECT the *Place* in the *Force Tree View* where you want the force(s) to be added.
- Second, in the *Force List* view CLICK the *Force(s)* you want to ADD to the *Force Profile*; you can select individual or multiple forces.
- Third, CLICK on the *Forces* menu and SELECT the *Add to Profile* option, as shown in Figure 3.73.

![Figure 3.73](image)

The selected forces will now be added to the *Force Profile*. 
For the Tutorial, in the Force Tree View, first CLICK and SELECT the Brownland Regiment, then in the Force List view, SELECT the following Forces:

1 Mechanised Infantry Battalion
3 Transport Battalion
1 Recce Battalion

Now CLICK on the Forces menu and then SELECT the Add to Profile option. The selected forces will now be added to the Force Tree View. Your screen should look like Figure 3.74.

![Figure 3.74](image)

CLICK on the + or DOUBLE CLICK on then Force 099A0001L Brownland Regiment

You will see, the forces we selected have been added to the Force Profile and they have been made subordinate to the Brownland Regiment as shown in Figure 3.75.

![Figure 3.75](image)

By careful use of the options, we were able to select the forces to be added and place them into a hierarchy at the same time.

You can use either the Drag and Drop or the Add to Profile method to add forces to your profiles.

For the Tutorial, use whichever method you want, and ADD the following Force to this profile:

Recovery and Repair Company, this force should be made subordinate to 3 Transport Battalion.

When you have done this, your Force Tree View should look the same as Figure 3.76.

![Figure 3.76](image)

This process may be repeated for other forces from your list.
To complete the process for the Tutorial, SELECT the Forces named 2 Medium Transport Helicopter Squadron, 2 Medium Transport Helicopter Support Squadron and Supply Regiment from the Force List and ADD them to the Force Tree view.

These forces should NOT be subordinate to the Brownland Regiment. The 2 Medium Transport Helicopter Support Squadron should be made subordinate to 2 Medium Transport Helicopter Squadron.

As you have seen, the program also allows you to place forces into formations or to make one force subordinate to another.

It is possible to use the Drag and Drop principle within the Force Tree View to move the selected forces in to and out of hierarchies.

To make one unit subordinate to another, DRAG the Force until the desired Destination Force becomes HIGHLIGHTED and then DROP it. The dragged force will be made subordinate to the highlighted force.

To remove a force from a hierarchy, use the same principle, but this time, DRAG it out of the current formation and then DROP it where you want within the profile.

For the Tutorial FIND and SELECT the Force named Recovery and Repair Company, CLICK on the Force to HIGHLIGHT it and then while holding down your Left Mouse button, DRAG and DROP it on the Force named Brownland Regiment.

This action will remove the Recovery and Repair Company from being under Command of 3 Transport Battalion and place it under direct Command of the Brownland Regiment.

If you have completed the process correctly, your Force Tree View will look similar to the one shown in Figure 3.77.

![Figure 3.77](image)

**Removing a Force from a Force Profile**

To remove a force from a Force Profile Tree, CLICK on the Force to be removed and HIGHLIGHT it. Now CLICK on the Forces menu and SELECT the Remove from Profile option. You will be asked to confirm the deletion, CLICK the Yes button when prompted.

Alternatively, you can DRAG and DROP the Force from the Force Tree view to the Force List view or SELECT the Force in the Force Tree view then RIGHT CLICK and SELECT the Remove From Profile option in the sub menu.

The force and holdings will be removed from the Force Tree View, but not from the Force List.

Note: The force is only removed from the Force Profile; it is still in the Force List and available for selection. Remember the cascade effect discussed earlier.
Allocating Command Relationship and Force Category

It also possible to define the command relationship and Force Category of the force in a specific profile; and if required you can also set an Effective Date.

If the Force List view is not already on the screen, CLICK the Show Force List button to ACTIVATE the Force List view.

Similarly, you will have to activate the View Preview Pane if it is not already on the screen; to do so, CLICK on the View Preview Pane button that is shown in Figure 3.78.

When you have completed this, your screen should be similar to Figure 3.79. A third Tab Assignment is displayed if you have installed ACROSS, but this is only used for ACROSS.

Now, if not all ready displayed, you must select the Force Profile and the force with which you want to work.

For the Tutorial SELECT the Force Profile 099LOGFASTG1: LOGFAS TRAINING 1 and then SELECT the Force named Brownland Regiment in the Force Tree view.

When you have selected the force to work with, CLICK the Command Relationship combo box in the View Preview Pane available as shown in Figure 3.80; this will reveal the options.
As we do not know or require the command relationship for the force, CLICK away from the box leaving the selection empty.

With the Brownland Regiment still HIGHLIGHTED, CLICK the Force Category combo box to reveal the options available. As all of the forces are deployable forces, CLICK on NATO Deployable and then CLICK on the Save (diskette) button, as shown in Figure 3.81.
It is also possible to assign an effective date for the assignment by CLICKING on the Effective Date combo box, which calls up a calendar as shown in Figure 3.82.

![Calendar](image)

Figure 3.82

You can now accept the default date (today) or use the calendar navigation functions to select the required date.

The selected date will be entered into the field. CLICKING the Tick Box can deactivate the date; if the tick is not active, no effective date is set.

After completing the fields for each of the forces, your can deactivate the View Preview Pane from the screen. To do so, CLICK on the View Preview Pane button, that is shown in Figure 3.78.

If you have made any changes to the details in the Preview Pane, you will now see a Do you want to save the changes in the Force Profile and Holdings? window. CLICK on the Yes button.