Quick Start Guide :

Create a Location in Operations Pro

The new user should use this step-by-step guide to create the locations needed by the program to move cars back and forth. In the simplest terms, a "Location" is a place on the user's layout.   Initially, the location can exist with or without tracks. The user should think about drawing out a "map" or diagram of where the trains might be expected to visit and where they will work. Then, begin by just creating the points on the map (they might be stations, sidings, or towns, and either on-layout or off-layout). ***Note***

The basics of a Location include a name, direction for servicing, and the car-types serviced at the location. (The direction of trains is defined on the Settings page, goto **Operations--->Settings**)

Step-by-step "How-To":
1. Open **PanelPro** (if not already open).
2. From the menu-bar, select **Operations--->Locations**.
3. Click on "Add" at the bottom of the window.
    a. Fill in the name for the location (this can be a town with spurs, or just a station that a train might pass through).
    b. Click on "Add Location" at the bottom of the window.
    c. Decide on and select the rolling stock that can be worked by a train here.
    d. Decide which direction trains traveling can work at this location.
   (The default setup is all car-types and all directions, but the user can choose otherwise.)

4. Click on "Save Location" and close the window.
5. Return to Step 3 to create another location… **OR**...
6. Close the **Locations** window.
7. Exit **PanelPro**, or continue to develop other OpsPro sections.

Upon completion of this task, the user will have added some locations to the basic setup of **Operations.** Eventually however, tracks need to be entered to give the cars someplace to go.   The kind and number of tracks is up to the user to decide. See HowTo #005b for adding track to the newly minted locations.

*Note: The user need not be constrained by the physical layout when it comes to locations. These might be named points that are, in actuality, simply shelves or drawers where rolling stock is kept.

All these quick-start guides are intended for use with OperationsPro, a stand-alone application accessed from within PanelPro. The use of any other PanelPro functions (such as creating a panel) is NOT required.