Soil, Rock and Structural Mechanics in dry or partially saturated media
GETTING STARTED
ZSoil®.PC 2020 manual

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Getting started

This little tutorial is here in order to get you acquainted with the ZSoil® environment.

- Move to File/Open (which means choose the Open option in the File menu)
- In the "inp/DataPrep" directory, choose the "cutdev.inp" file and open it. This example includes stability analysis of a vertical cut
- Move to File/Save As ... and give a new name (for instance "myfile") so that you’ll be able to modify freely the parameters of this analysis without destroying the initial data set
- Move to Assembly/Preprocessing. You will see the finite element mesh in ZSoil® graphical preprocessor
- To quit the preprocessor move to File/Exit without saving
- Then, back in the ZSoil® environment, move to Analysis/Run Analysis. This will start the safety analysis for the vertical cut. The analysis will fail for a safety factor of 1.4
- Move to Results/Postprocessing option. You will enter ZSoil® graphical postprocessor. Move to Results/Deformed Mesh to see the failure mechanism. Choose Exit to get back to the ZSoil® application
You may now move to Assembly/Materials and try to change the soil parameters. Then, move again to Analysis/Run Analysis to see the influence of your changes on the safety factor and to Results/Postprocessing to visualize failure pattern.