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Presentation of Guidelines Hosted by MathWorks

This presentation of the MathWorks® Automotive Advisory Board (MAAB) guidelines, Version 3.0, is based on the document, of the same title, authored by the MAAB working group. In addition to the information included in the original document, this presentation includes references to corresponding Model Advisor MAAB checks that you can apply if you are licensed to use Simulink® and Simulink Verification and Validation™ software.
Motivation

The MathWorks Automotive Advisory Board (MAAB) guidelines are important for project success and teamwork—both in-house and when cooperating with partners or subcontractors. Observing the guidelines is one key prerequisite to achieving:

• System integration without problems
• Well-defined interfaces
• Uniform appearance of models, code, and documentation
• Reusable models
• Readable models
• Problem-free exchange of models
• A simple, effective process
• Professional documentation
• Understandable presentations
• Fast software changes
• Cooperation with subcontractors
• Successful transitions of research or predevelopment projects to product development
Notes on Version 3.0

The current version of this document, 3.0, supports MATLAB® releases R2007b through R2011b. Version 3.0 references rules from the NASA Orion style guidelines (NASA - Orion GN&C: MATLAB and Simulink Standards). Rules that are referenced from the NASA Orion guideline are noted with a “See also” filed that provides the original rule number.
Guideline Template

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Guideline descriptions are documented, using the following template. Companies that want to create additional guidelines are encouraged to use the same template.

**ID: Title**  
*XX_nnnn:* Title of the guideline (unique, short)

**Priority**  
Mandatory, Strongly recommended, or Recommended

**Scope**  
MAAB, NA-MAAB, J-MAAB, Specific Company (for optional local company usage)

**MATLAB Versions**  
One of the following:
All
RX, RY, RZ
RX and earlier
RX and later
RX through RY

**Prerequisites**  
Links to guidelines, which are prerequisites to this guideline (ID: Title)

**Description**  
Description of the guideline (text, images)

**Rationale**  
Motivation for the guideline

**Last Change**  
Version number of last change
Model Advisor Check

Title of and link to the corresponding Model Advisor check, if a check exists

**Note:** The elements of this template are the minimum required items for understanding and exchanging guidelines. You can add project or vendor fields to this template as long as their meaning does not overlap with existing fields. Such additions are encouraged if they help to integrate other guideline templates and lead to a wider acceptance of the core template.

**Guideline ID**

- The guideline ID is built out of two lowercase letters (representing the origin of the rule) and a four-digit number, separated by an underscore.
- Once a new guideline has an ID, the ID does not change.
- The ID is used for references to guidelines.
- The two letter prefixes na, jp, jc and eu are reserved for future MAAB committee rules.
- Legacy prefixes, db, jm, hd, and ar, are reserved. The MAAB committee will not use these prefixes for new rules.
- No new rules are to be written with these legacy prefixes.

**Guideline Title**

- The title should be a short, but unique description of the guidelines area of application (for example, length of names).
- The title is used for the Prerequisites field and for custom checker tools.
- The title text should appear with a hyperlink that links to the guideline.

**Note:** The title should not be a redundant short description of the guidelines content, because while the latter may change over time, the title should remain stable.

**Priority**

Each guideline must be rated with one of the following priorities:
• Mandatory
• Strongly recommended
• Recommended

The priority describes the importance of the guideline and determines the consequences of violations.

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<tr>
<th>Mandatory</th>
<th>Strongly Recommended</th>
<th>Recommended</th>
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<tr>
<td>Definition</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Guidelines that all companies agree to that are absolutely essential</td>
<td>Guidelines that are agreed upon to be a good practice, but legacy models preclude a company from conforming to the guideline 100%</td>
<td>Guidelines that are recommended to improve the appearance of the model diagram, but are not critical to running the model</td>
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<tr>
<td>Guidelines that all companies conform to 100%</td>
<td>Models should conform to these guidelines to the greatest extent possible; however, 100% compliance is not required</td>
<td>Guidelines where conformance is preferred, but not required</td>
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**Consequences:** If the guideline is violated,

<table>
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<th>Essential items are missing</th>
<th>The quality and appearance deteriorates</th>
<th>The appearance does not conform with other projects</th>
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<tr>
<td>The model might not work properly</td>
<td>There may be an adverse effect on maintainability, portability, and reusability</td>
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**Waiver Policy:** If the guideline is intentionally ignored,

| The reasons must be documented |                      |             |

**Scope**

The scope of a guideline may be set to one of the following:

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<td>MAAB (MathWorks Automotive Advisory Board)</td>
<td>A group of automotive manufacturers and suppliers that work closely together with</td>
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<td>J-MAAB (Japan MAAB)</td>
<td>A subgroup of MAAB that includes automotive manufacturers and suppliers in Japan and works closely with MathWorks. Rules with J-MAAB scope are local to Japan.</td>
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<tr>
<td>NA-MAAB (North American MAAB)</td>
<td>A subgroup of MAAB that includes automotive manufacturers and suppliers in the United States and Europe and works closely with MathWorks. Rules with NA-MAAB scope are local to the United States and Europe.</td>
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MATLAB Versions

The guidelines support all versions of the MATLAB and Simulink products. If the rule applies to specific versions, the versions are identified in the MATLAB versions field. The version information is in one of the following formats.

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<td>All</td>
<td>All versions of MATLAB</td>
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<td>RX, RY, or RZ</td>
<td>A specific version of MATLAB</td>
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<td>RX through RY</td>
<td>Versions of MATLAB between RX and RY</td>
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Prerequisites

- The Prerequisite field is for links to other guidelines that are prerequisites for this guideline (logical conjunction).
- Use the guideline ID (for consistency) and the title (for readability) for the links.
- The Prerequisites field should not contain any other text.
## Description

- This field contains a detailed description of the guideline.
- If needed, add images and tables.

### Note:
If formal notation (math, regular expression, syntax diagrams, and exact numbers/limits) is available, use it to unambiguously describe a guideline and specify an automated check. However, a human, understandable, informal description must always be provided for daily reference.

## Rationale

This field lists the reasons that apply for a given guideline. You can recommend guidelines for one or more of the following reasons:

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<td>Readability</td>
<td>Easily understood algorithms&lt;br&gt;• Readable models&lt;br&gt;• Uniform appearance of models, code, and documentation&lt;br&gt;• Clean interfaces&lt;br&gt;• Professional documentation</td>
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<tr>
<td>Workflow</td>
<td>Effective development process and workflow&lt;br&gt;• Ease of maintenance&lt;br&gt;• Rapid model changes&lt;br&gt;• Reusable components&lt;br&gt;• Problem-free exchange of models&lt;br&gt;• Model portability</td>
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<tr>
<td>Simulation</td>
<td>Efficient simulation and analysis&lt;br&gt;• Simulation speed&lt;br&gt;• Simulation memory&lt;br&gt;• Model instrumentation</td>
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<td>Verification and validation</td>
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<td>• Requirements traceability</td>
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<td>• Testing</td>
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<td></td>
<td>• Problem-free system integration</td>
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<td>• Clean interfaces</td>
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<td>Code generation</td>
<td>Generation of code that is efficient and effective for embedded systems</td>
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<td></td>
<td>• Fast software changes</td>
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<td>• Robustness of generated code</td>
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### Last Change

The Last change field contains the document version number.

### Model Advisor Check

The Simulink Verification and Validation product includes Simulink Model Advisor MAAB checks, which correspond to a subset of MAAB guidelines, that you can select and run with the Simulink Model Advisor. In this presentation of the MAAB guidelines, MathWorks includes a Model Advisor check field in guideline descriptions, which contains the title of and a link to the corresponding Model Advisor check, if a check exists. Although this information is included, note that the MAAB working group takes a neutral stance on recommendations for style guide checkers.

For a list of available Model Advisor checks for the MAAB guidelines, see “Model Advisor Checks for MAAB Guidelines” on page 1-12. For information on using the Model Advisor, see “Run Model Checks” in the Simulink documentation.
Document Usage

- *Name Conventions* and *Model Architecture* provide basic guidelines that apply to all types of models.

- *Simulink* and *Stateflow®* provide specific rules for those environments.

- Some guidelines are dependent on other guidelines and are explicitly listed throughout the document.

- If users do not view the content of masked subsystems with a model, the guidelines for readability are not applicable.

For information on automated checking of the guidelines, see Appendix A.
Model Advisor Checks for MAAB Guidelines

Simulink Verification and Validation provides Model Advisor MAAB checks which correspond to a subset of MAAB guidelines. You can run the checks using the Model Advisor.

The MAAB guidelines and corresponding Model Advisor checks are summarized in the following table. Not all guidelines have Model Advisor checks. For some of the guidelines without Model Advisor checks, it is not possible to automate checking of the guideline. Guidelines without a corresponding check are noted as not applicable. For information on using the Model Advisor, see “Run Model Checks” in the Simulink documentation.

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Software Environment
General Guidelines

- na_0026: Consistent software environment
- na_0027: Use of only standard library blocks
na_0026: Consistent software environment

ID: Title

na_0026: Consistent software environment

Priority

Recommended

Scope

NA-MAAB

MATLAB Versions

See description

Prerequisites

None

Description

During software development, it is recommended that a consistent software environment is used across the project. Software includes, but is not limited, to:

- MATLAB
- Simulink
- C Compiler (for simulation)
• C Compiler (for target hardware)

Consistent software environment implies that the same version of the software is used across the full project. The version number applies to any patches or extensions to the software used by a group.

**Rationale**

• Readability
• Code Generation

**See Also**

• jh_0042: Required software

**Last Changed**

V3.0
na_0027: Use of only standard library blocks

ID: Title

na_0027: Use of only standard library blocks

Priority

Recommended

Scope

NA-MAAB

MATLAB Versions

All

Prerequisites

None

Description

Companies should specify a subset of Simulink blocks for use when developing models. The block list can include custom block libraries developed by the company or third parties. Models should be built only from these blocks.

Non-compliant blocks can be used during development. If non-compliant blocks are used, they should be marked either with a color, icon and / or annotation. These blocks must be removed prior to use in production code generation.
Rationale

- Readability
- Verification and Validation
- Code Generation
- Simulation

See Also

- hyl_0201: Use of standard library blocks only

Last Changed

V3.0
Naming Conventions

- “General Guidelines” on page 3-2
- “Model Content” on page 3-10
General Guidelines

- ar_0001: Filenames
- ar_0002: Directory names
- na_0035: Adoption of naming conventions
ar_0001: Filenames

ID: Title
ar_0001: Filenames

Priority
Mandatory

Scope
MAAB

MATLAB Versions
All

Prerequisites
None

Description
A file name conforms to the following constraints:

Form
filename = name.extension

- name: no leading digits, no blanks
• *extension*: no blanks

**Uniqueness**

All file names within the parent project directory

**Allowed Characters**

*name:*

a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z
A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 _

*extension:*

a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z
A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

**Underscores**

*name:*

• Can use underscores to separate parts
• Cannot have more than one consecutive underscore
• Cannot start with an underscore
• Cannot end with an underscore

*extension:*

Should not use underscores

**Rationale**

• Readability
• Workflow
• Code Generation
• Simulation
Last Changed

V3.0

Model Advisor Check

By Task > Modeling Standards for MAAB > Naming Conventions > Check file names

For check details, see “Check file names”.
ar_0002: Directory names

Priority
Mandatory

Scope
MAAB

MATLAB Versions
All

Prerequisites
None

Description
A directory name conforms to the following constraints:

Form

directory name = name

name: no leading digits, no blanks

Uniqueness
All directory names within the parent project directory
Allowed characters

name:
abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz
ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
0123456789_

Underscores

name:
• Can use underscores to separate parts
• Cannot have more than one consecutive underscore
• Cannot start with an underscore
• Cannot end with an underscore

Rationale

• Readability
• Workflow
• Code Generation
• Simulation

Last Changed

V1.0

Model Advisor Check

By Task > Modeling Standards for MAAB > Naming Conventions > Check for invalid model folder names

For check details, see “Check folder names”.
**na_0035: Adoption of naming conventions**

**ID: Title**
na_0035: Adoption of naming conventions

**Priority**
Recommended

**Scope**
NA-MAAB

**MATLAB Versions**
All

**Prerequisites**
None

**Description**
Adoption of a naming convention is recommended. A naming convention provides guidance for naming blocks, signals, parameters and data types. Naming conventions frequently cover issues such as:

- Compliance with the programming language and downstream tools
- Length
• Use of symbols
• Readability
  • Use of underscores
  • Use of capitalization
• Encoding information
  • Use of “meaningful” names
  • Standard abbreviations and acronyms
• Data type
• Engineering units
• Data ownership
• Memory type

Rationale
• Readability
• Workflow
• Code Generation
• Simulation

Last Changed
V3.0
Model Content

- jc_0201: Usable characters for Subsystem names
- jc_0211: Usable characters for Inport blocks and Outport blocks
- jc_0221: Usable characters for signal line names
- na_0030: Usable characters for Simulink Bus names
- jc_0231: Usable characters for block names
- na_0014: Use of local language in Simulink and Stateflow
The names of all Subsystem blocks should conform to the following constraints:

**Form**

*name:*

- Should not start with a number
• Should not include blank spaces
• Should not include carriage returns

**Allowed Characters**

`name:`

```
abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz
ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 _
```

**Undertones**

`name:`

• Can use underscores to separate parts
• Cannot have more than one consecutive underscore
• Cannot start with an underscore
• Cannot end with an underscore

**Rationale**

• Readability

**Last Changed**

V2.2

**Model Advisor Check**

By Task > Modeling Standards for MAAB > Naming Conventions > Check whether subsystem block names include invalid characters

For check details, see “Check subsystem names”.

jc_0211: Usable characters for Inport blocks and Outport blocks

ID: Title
jc_0211: Usable characters for Inport blocks and Outport blocks

Priority
Strongly recommended

Scope
MAAB

MATLAB Versions
All

Prerequisites
None

Description
The names of all Inport blocks and Output blocks should conform to the following constraints:

Form
name:
• Should not start with a number
• Should not include blank spaces
• Should not include carriage returns

**Allowed Characters**

name:
abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz
ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
0123456789_

**Underscores**

name:
• Can use underscores to separate parts
• Cannot have more than one consecutive underscore
• Cannot start with an underscore
• Cannot end with an underscore

**Rationale**

• Readability

**Last Changed**

V2.2

**Model Advisor Check**

By Task > Modeling Standards for MAAB > Naming Conventions > Check whether Inport and Outport block names include invalid characters

For check details, see “Check port block names”.
jc_0221: Usable characters for signal line names

ID: Title
jc_0221: Usable characters for signal line names

Priority
Strongly recommended

Scope
MAAB

MATLAB Versions
All

Prerequisites
None

Description
Identifies named signals constraints

Form

name:

• Should not start with a number
• Should not include blank spaces
• Should not include any control characters
• Should not include carriage returns

**Allowed Characters**

```plaintext
name:
abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz
ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
0123456789_
```

**Underscores**

```plaintext
name:
```
• Can use underscores to separate parts
• Cannot have more than one consecutive underscore
• Cannot start with an underscore
• Cannot end with an underscore

**Rationale**

• Readability

**Last Changed**

V2.2

**Model Advisor Check**

By Task > Modeling Standards for MAAB > Naming Conventions > Check character usage in signal labels

For check details, see “Check character usage in signal labels”.
na_0030: Usable characters for Simulink Bus names

ID: Title

na_0030: Usable characters for Simulink Bus names

Priority

Strongly recommended

Scope

NA-MAAB

MATLAB Versions

All

Prerequisites

None

Description

All Simulink Bus names should conform to the following constraints:

Form

name:
  • Should not start with a number
• Should not have blank spaces
• Carriage returns are not allowed

**Allowed Characters**

*name:*

```
abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz
ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
0123456789_
```

**Underscores**

*name:*

• Can use underscores to separate parts
• Cannot have more than one consecutive underscore
• Cannot start with an underscore
• Cannot end with an underscore

**Rationale**

• Readability

**See Also**

• Jh_0040: Usable characters for Simulink Bus Names

**Last Changed**

V3.0
jc_0231: Usable characters for block names

ID: Title
jc_0231: Usable characters for block names

Priority
Strongly recommended

Scope
MAAB

MATLAB Versions
All

Prerequisites
jc_0201: Usable characters for Subsystem names

Description
The names of all blocks should conform to the following constraints:

Form

name:
  • Should not start with a number
• Should not include spaces at the beginning of a block name
• Should not use double byte characters
• Carriage returns are allowed

**Allowed Characters**

```plaintext
name:
abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz
ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
0123456789_
```

**Note:** This rule does not apply to Subsystem blocks.

**Rationale**

• Readability

**Last Changed**

V2.0

**Model Advisor Check**

By Task > Modeling Standards for MAAB > Naming Conventions > Check character usage in block names

For check details, see “Check character usage in block names”.
na_0014: Use of local language in Simulink and Stateflow

**ID: Title**

na_0014: Use of local language in Simulink and Stateflow

**Priority**

Strongly recommended

**Scope**

J-MAAB

**MATLAB Versions**

All

**Prerequisites**

None

**Description**

The local language should be used in descriptive fields only. Descriptive fields are text entry points that do not affect code generation or simulation. Examples of descriptive fields include the `Description` field in the Block Properties dialog box.
Simulink Examples

- The Description field in the Block Properties dialog box

- Text annotation entered directly in the model

Stateflow Examples

- The Description field of chart and state Properties
• Annotation description added using **Add Note**
**Note:** It is possible that Simulink cannot open a model that includes local language on different character encoding systems. Therefore, pay attention when using local characters for exchanging models between countries.

**Rationale**

- Readability

**Last Changed**

V2.0

**Model Advisor Check**

Not applicable
Model Architecture

- “Simulink and Stateflow Partitioning” on page 4-2
- “Subsystem Hierarchies” on page 4-14
- “J-MAAB Model Architecture Decomposition” on page 4-30

This document uses the term *basic blocks* to refer to blocks built into the Simulink block libraries. “Basic Blocks” on page D-2 in Appendix D lists some examples of basic blocks.
Simulink and Stateflow Partitioning

- na_0006: Guidelines for mixed use of Simulink and Stateflow
- na_0007: Guidelines for use of Flow Charts, Truth Tables and State Machines
na_0006: Guidelines for mixed use of Simulink and Stateflow

ID: Title
na_0006: Guidelines for mixed use of Simulink and Stateflow

Priority
Strongly recommended

Scope
MAAB

MATLAB Versions
All

Prerequisites
None

Description
The choice of whether to use Simulink or Stateflow to model a given portion of the control algorithm functionality should be driven by the nature of the behavior being modeled.

• If the function primarily involves complicated logical operations, use Stateflow diagrams.
Use Stateflow diagrams to implement modal logic, where the control function to be performed at the current time depends on a combination of past and present logical conditions.

- If the function primarily involves numerical operations, use Simulink features.

**Specifics**

- If the primary nature of the function is logical, but some simple numerical calculations are done to support the logic, implement the simple numerical functions using the Stateflow action language.

- If the primary nature of the function is numeric, but some simple logical operations are done to support the arithmetic, implement the simple logical functions with Simulink blocks.
- If the primary nature of the function is logical, and some complicated numerical calculations must be done to support the logic, use a Simulink subsystem to implement the numerical calculations. The Stateflow software should invoke the execution of the subsystem, using a function call.
Model Architecture

4-6
• Use the Stateflow product to implement modal logic, where the control function to be performed at the current time depends on a combination of past and present logical conditions. (If there is a need to store the result of a logical condition test in a Simulink model, for example, by storing a flag, this is an indicator of the presence of modal logic, which should be modeled with Stateflow software.)
Incorrect
Correct

- Use Simulink to implement numerical expressions containing continuously-valued states, such as: difference equations, integrals, derivatives, and filters.
Incorrect

Correct
Rationale

• Readability
• Workflow
• Simulation
• Verification and Validation
• Code Generation

See Also

• “Driving Function Call Subsystems and Charts from Stateflow® Using Function Call Outputs”

Last Changed

V2.0

Model Advisor Check

Not applicable
na_0007: Guidelines for use of Flow Charts, Truth Tables and State Machines

ID: Title

na_0007: Guidelines for use of Flow Charts, Truth Tables and State Machines

Priority

Strongly recommended

Scope

MAAB

MATLAB Versions

All

Prerequisites

na_0006: Guidelines for mixed use of Simulink and Stateflow

Description

Within Stateflow, the choice of whether to use a flow chart or a state chart to model a given portion of the control algorithm functionality should be driven by the nature of the behavior being modeled.

• If the primary nature of the function segment is to calculate modes of operation or discrete-valued states, use state charts. Some examples are:
- Diagnostic models with pass, fail, abort, and conflict states
- Model that calculates different modes of operation for a control algorithm
- If the primary nature of the function segment involves if-then-else statements, use flow charts or truth tables.

**Specifics**

If the primary nature of a function segment is to calculate modes or states, but if-then-else statements are required, add a flow chart to a state within the state chart. (See “Flow Chart Patterns” on page 7-71.)

**Rationale**

- Readability
- Workflow
- Simulation
- Verification and Validation
- Code Generation

**Last Changed**

V2.0

**Model Advisor Check**

Not applicable
Subsystem Hierarchies

- db_0143: Similar block types on the model levels
- db_0144: Use of Subsystems
- db_0040: Model hierarchy
- na_0037: Use of single variable variant conditionals
- na_0020: Number of inputs to variant subsystems
- na_0036: Default variant
## db_0143: Similar block types on the model levels

### ID: Title

db_0143: Similar block types on the model levels

### Priority

Strongly recommended

### Scope

NA-MAAB

### MATLAB Versions

All

### Prerequisites

None

### Description

To allow partitioning of the model into discrete units, every level of a model must be designed with building blocks of the same type (i.e. only Subsystems or only “Basic Blocks”). The blocks listed in this guideline are used for signal routing. You can place them at any level of the model.

#### Blocks that You Can Place at any Model Level
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\(^1\)Action ports are not allowed at the root level of a model.

\(^2\)Starting in R2011b, the Enable block is allowed at the root level of the model.

\(^3\)Starting in R2009a, the Trigger block is allowed at the root level of the model.

**Note:** If the Trigger or Enable blocks are placed at the root level of the model, then the model will not simulate in a standalone mode. The model must be referenced using the Model block.

### Rationale

- Readability
- Workflow
- Verification and Validation

### Last Changed

V2.2

### Model Advisor Check

By Task > Modeling Standards for MAAB > Simulink > Check for systems that mix primitive blocks and subsystems

For check details, see “Check for mixing basic blocks and subsystems”.
db_0144: Use of Subsystems

ID: Title

db_0144: Use of Subsystems

Priority

Strongly recommended

Scope

MAAB

MATLAB Versions

All

Prerequisites

None

Description

Blocks in a Simulink diagram should be grouped together into subsystems based on functional decomposition of the algorithm, or portion thereof, represented in the diagram.

Grouping blocks into subsystems primarily for the purpose of saving space in the diagram should be avoided. Each subsystem in the diagram should represent a unit of functionality required to accomplish the purpose of the model or submodel. Blocks can also be grouped together based on behavioral variants or timing.
If creation of a subsystem is required for readability issues, then a virtual subsystem should be used.

**Rationale**

- Readability
- Workflow
- Verification and Validation
- Code Generation

**Last Changed**

V2.2

**Model Advisor Check**

Not applicable
db_0040: Model hierarchy

ID: Title
db_0040: Model hierarchy

Priority
Strongly recommended

Scope
MAAB

MATLAB Versions
All

Prerequisites
None

Description
The model hierarchy should correspond to the functional structure of the control system.

Rationale
• Readability
• Workflow
• Verification and Validation
• Code Generation

**Last Changed**

V2.0

**Model Advisor Check**

Not applicable
na_0037: Use of single variable variant conditionals

ID: Title

na_0037: Use of single variable variant conditionals

Priority

Recommended

Scope

NA-MAAB

MATLAB Versions

All

Prerequisites

None

Description

Variant conditional expressions should be composed using either a single variable with compound conditions or multiple variables with a single condition. The default variant is an exception to the second rule.

Correct: Multiple variables (INLINE / FUNCTION with single condition per line)
**Variant choices (list of child subsystems)**

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**Correct**: Single variable compound conditions

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**Incorrect**: Multiple variables, compound conditions

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**Note**

Use of enumerated variables is preferred in the Condition expressions. To improve the readability of the screenshots used in the examples, numerical values were used.

**Rationale**

- Readability
- Code Generation
- Simulation

**See Also**

- na_0036: Default variant
Last Changed

V3.0
na_0020: Number of inputs to variant subsystems

ID: Title
na_0020: Number of inputs to variant subsystems

Priority
Recommended

Scope
NA-MAAB

MATLAB Versions
All

Prerequisites
None

Description
Simulink requires variant subsystems to have the same number of inputs. However, the variant subsystem might not use all of the inputs. In these instances, terminate the unused inputs with the Terminator block.

Rationale
• Readability
• Code Generation
• Simulation

**Last Changed**

V3.0
**na_0036: Default variant**

**ID: Title**

na_0036: Default variant

**Priority**

Recommended

**Scope**

NA-MAAB

**MATLAB Versions**

All

**Prerequisites**

na_0037: Use of single variable variant conditionals

**Description**

All Variant subsystems and models should be configured so that one subsystem is always selected. This can be achieved by doing one of the following:

- Using a default variant.
- Defining conditions that exhaustively cover all possible values of the conditional variables. For example, defining conditions for true and false values of a Boolean.
Correct

Variant choices (list of child subsystems)

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Correct: Assumes FUNC and INLINE are Boolean

Variant choices (list of child subsystems)

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Incorrect: No active subsystem if FUNC not equal to 1 or 2.

Variant choices (list of child subsystems)

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Rationale

- Readability
- Code Generation
- Simulation

Last Changed

V3.0
J-MAAB Model Architecture Decomposition

- jc_0301: Controller model
- jc_0311: Top layer/root level
- jc_0321: Trigger layer
- jc_0331: Structure layer
- jc_0341: Data flow layer
Control models are organized using the following hierarchical structure. Details on each layer are provided in corresponding rules.

- Top layer (root level), jc_0311: Top layer/root level
- Trigger layer, jc_0321: Trigger layer
- Structure layer, jc_0331: Structure layer
• Data flow layer, jc_0341: Data flow layer

Use of the Trigger level is optional. In the following figure, Type A shows the use of a trigger level while Type B shows a model without a trigger level.

Controller Model

Rationale

Workflow

Last Changed

V2.0

Model Advisor Check

Not applicable
ID: Title

jc_0311: Top layer/root level

Priority

Mandatory

Scope

J-MAAB

MATLAB Versions

All

Prerequisites

None

Description

Items to describe in a top layer are as follows:

- Overview: Explanation of model feature overview
- Input: Input variables
- Output: Output variables
Top Layer Example

Rationale

Workflow

Last Changed

V2.0

Model Advisor Check

Not applicable
A trigger layer indicates the processing timing by using Triggered Subsystem or Function-Call Subsystem blocks.

- The blocks should set Priority, if needed.
- The priority value must be displayed as a block annotation. You should be able to understand the priority-based order without having to open the block.
Trigger Layer Example

**Rationale**

- Readability
- Workflow
- Code Generation

**Last Changed**

V2.0

**Model Advisor Check**

Not applicable
jc_0331: Structure layer

ID: Title
jc_0331: Structure layer

Priority
Mandatory

Scope
J-MAAB

MATLAB Versions
All

Prerequisites
None

Description
• Describe a structure layer like the following structure layer example.
  • In the case of Type B, specify sample time at an Inport block or a Subsystem block to define task time of the subsystem.
  • In the case of Type B, use a block annotation at an Inport block or a Subsystem block and display sample time to clarify task time of the subsystem.
  • A subsystem of a structure layer should be an atomic subsystem.
Structure Layer Example (Type A: No Description of Processing Timing)

Structure Layer Example (Type B: Description of Processing Timing)

Rationale

• Readability
• Workflow
• Code Generation

**Last Changed**

V2.0

**Model Advisor Check**

Not applicable
jc_0341: Data flow layer

ID: Title
jc_0341: Data flow layer

Priority
Mandatory

Scope
J-MAAB

MATLAB Versions
All

Prerequisites
None

Description
Describe a data flow layer as in the following example. In the case of Type A, use a block annotation at an Inport block and display its sample time to clarify execution timing of the signal.
Data Flow Layer Example

Rationale

Workflow

Last Changed

V2.0

Model Advisor Check

Not applicable
Model Configuration Options
Model Configuration Options

- jc_0011: Optimization parameters for Boolean data types
- jc_0021: Model diagnostic settings
ID: Title

jc_0011: Optimization parameters for Boolean data types

Priority

Strongly recommended

Scope

MAAB

MATLAB Versions

All

Prerequisites

na_0002: Appropriate implementation of fundamental logical and numerical operations

Description

The optimization option for Boolean data types must be enabled (on).

In the Configuration Parameters dialog box, on the Optimization pane, under Simulation and code generation, select Implement logic signals as Boolean data (vs. double).
Rationale

- Workflow
- Code Generation

Last Changed

V2.2

Model Advisor Check

By Task > Modeling Standards for MAAB > Model Configuration Options > Check Implement logic signals as Boolean data (vs. double)

For check details, see “Check Implement logic signals as Boolean data (vs. double)”. 
jc_0021: Model diagnostic settings

**ID: Title**

jc_0021: Model diagnostic settings

**Priority**

Strongly recommended

**Scope**

MAAB

**MATLAB Versions**

All

**Prerequisites**

None

**Description**

The following diagnostics must be enabled. An enabled diagnostic is set to warning or error. Setting the diagnostic option to none is not permitted. Diagnostics that are not listed may be set to any value (none, warning, or error).

**Solver Diagnostics**

- Algebraic loop
Model Configuration Options

- Minimize algebraic loop

**Sample Time Diagnostics**
- Multitask rate transition

**Data Validity Diagnostics**
- Inf or NaN block output
- Duplicate data store names

**Connectivity**
- Unconnected block input ports
- Unconnected block output ports
- Unconnected line
- Unspecified bus object at root Outport block
- Mux blocks used to create bus signals
- Invalid function-call connection
- Element name mismatch

**Rationale**
- Workflow
- Code Generation

**Last Changed**
V2.0

**Model Advisor Check**
By Task > Modeling Standards for MAAB > Model Configuration Options > Check model diagnostic settings
For check details, see “Check model diagnostic parameters”.
Simulink

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- “Signals” on page 6-40
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- “Block Parameters” on page 6-77
- “Simulink Patterns” on page 6-85


Diagram Appearance

- na_0004: Simulink model appearance
- db_0043: Simulink font and font size
- db_0042: Port block in Simulink models
- na_0005: Port block name visibility in Simulink models
- jc_0081: Icon display for Port block
- jm_0002: Block resizing
- db_0142: Position of block names
- jc_0061: Display of block names
- db_0146: Triggered, enabled, conditional Subsystems
- db_0140: Display of basic block parameters
- db_0032: Simulink signal appearance
- db_0141: Signal flow in Simulink models
- jc_0171: Maintaining signal flow when using Goto and From blocks
- na_0032: Use of merge blocks
- jm_0010: Port block names in Simulink models
- jc_0281: Naming of Trigger Port block and Enable Port block
na_0004: Simulink model appearance

ID: Title
na_0004: Simulink model appearance

Priority
Recommended

Scope
MAAB

MATLAB Versions
All

Prerequisites
None

Description
The model appearance settings should conform to the following guidelines when the model is released. You can change the settings during the development process.

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**Rationale**

- Readability

**Last Changed**

V2.0
Model Advisor Check

By Task > Modeling Standards for MAAB > Simulink > Check for Simulink diagrams that have nonstandard appearance attributes

For check details, see “Check for Simulink diagrams using nonstandard display attributes”.
db_0043: Simulink font and font size

ID: Title

db_0043: Simulink font and font size

Priority

Strongly recommended

Scope

MAAB

MATLAB Versions

All

Prerequisites

None

Description

All text elements (block names, block annotations, and signal labels) except free text annotations within a model, must have the same font style and font size. Select font style and font size for legibility.

Note: The selected font should be portable (for example, the Simulink and Stateflow default font) or convertible between platforms (for example, Arial or Helvetica 12pt).
Rationale

- Readability

Last Changed

V2.0

Model Advisor Check

By Task > Modeling Standards for MAAB > Simulink > Check for difference in font and font sizes

For check details, see “Check font formatting”.
db_0042: Port block in Simulink models

ID: Title

db_0042: Port block in Simulink models

Priority

Strongly recommended

Scope

MAAB

MATLAB Versions

All

Prerequisites

None

Description

In a Simulink model, ports must comply with the following rules:

- Place Inport blocks on the left side of the diagram; you may move them to prevent signal crossings.
- Place Outport blocks on the right side of the diagram; you may move them to prevent signal crossings.
• You may use duplicate Inport blocks at the subsystem level, if required, but avoid doing so, if possible.

• Do not use duplicate Inport blocks at the root level.

Correct

Incorrect

Notes on the incorrect model

• Inport 2 should be moved in so it does not cross the feedback loop lines.
• Outport 1 should be moved to the right side of the diagram.
Rationale
Readability

Last Changed
V2.0

Model Advisor Check
By Task > Modeling Standards for MAAB > Simulink > Check for invalid port positioning and configuration
For check details, see “Check positioning and configuration of ports”.
na_0005: Port block name visibility in Simulink models

ID: Title
na_0005: Port block name visibility in Simulink models

Priority
Strongly recommended

Scope
MAAB

MATLAB Versions
All

Prerequisites
None

Description
For some items it is not possible to define a single approach that is applicable to all organizations’ internal processes. However, it is important that within a given organization, a single consistent approach is followed. An organization applying the guidelines must enforce one of the following alternatives.

Apply one of the following practices:
• The name of an Inport or Outport block is not hidden. (Format > Hide Name is not allowed.)

• The name of an Inport or Outport block must be hidden. (Format > Hide Name is used.)

Exception: The names cannot be hidden inside library subsystem blocks.

Correct: Use of signal label

Rationale
Readability

Last Changed
V2.0
Model Advisor Check

By Task > Modeling Standards for MAAB > Simulink > Check visibility of port block names

For check details, see “Check visibility of block port names”.

jc_0081: Icon display for Port block

ID: Title
jc_0081: Icon display for Port block

Priority
Recommended

Scope
MAAB

MATLAB Versions
R14 and later

Prerequisites
None

Description
The Icon display setting should be set to Port number for Inport and Outport blocks.

Correct
Incorrect

Incorrect

Rationale

Readability

Last Changed

V2.2

Model Advisor Check

By Task > Modeling Standards for MAAB > Simulink > Check display for port blocks

For check details, see “Check display for port blocks”.
jm_0002: Block resizing

ID: Title

jm_0002: Block resizing

Priority

Mandatory

Scope

MAAB

MATLAB Versions

All

Prerequisites

None

Description

All blocks in a model must be sized such that the icon is completely visible and recognizable. In particular, any displayed text (for example, tunable parameters, file names, or equations) in the icon must be readable.

This guideline requires that you resize blocks with variable icons or blocks with a variable number of inputs and outputs. In some cases, it may not be practical or desirable to resize the icon of a subsystem block so that all of the input and output names within
it are readable. In such cases, you may hide the names in the icon by using a mask or by hiding the names in the subsystem associated with the icon. If you do this, the signal lines coming into and out of the subsystem block should be clearly labeled in close proximity to the block.

Correct

Incorrect

Rationale

Readability

Last Changed

V2.0

Model Advisor Check

Not applicable
db_0142: Position of block names

**ID: Title**

db_0142: Position of block names

**Priority**

Strongly recommended

**Scope**

MAAB

**MATLAB Versions**

All

**Prerequisites**

None

**Description**

If shown, place the name of a block below the block.
Incorrect

Rationale

• Readability

Last Changed

V2.0

Model Advisor Check

By Task > Modeling Standards for MAAB > Simulink > Check whether block names do not appear below blocks

For check details, see “Check whether block names appear below blocks”.
jc_0061: Display of block names

**ID: Title**

jc_0061: Display of block names

**Priority**

Recommended

**Scope**

MAAB

**MATLAB Versions**

All

**Prerequisites**

None

**Description**

- Display a block name when it provides descriptive information.
- Do not display a block name if the block function is known and understood from the block appearance.

**Rationale**

Readability
Last Changed
V2.0

Model Advisor Check

By Task > Modeling Standards for MAAB > Simulink > Check the display attributes of block names

For check details, see “Check the display attributes of block names”.
**db_0146: Triggered, enabled, conditional Subsystems**

**ID: Title**

db_0146: Triggered, enabled, conditional Subsystems

**Priority**

Strongly recommended

**Scope**

MAAB

**MATLAB Versions**

All

**Prerequisites**

None

**Description**

The blocks that define subsystems as either conditional or iterative should be located at a consistent location at the top of the subsystem diagram. These blocks are:

- Action Port
- Enable
- For Iterator
• Switch Case Action
• Trigger
• While Iterator

**Note:** The Action Port is associated with the If and Case blocks. The Trigger port is also the function-call block.

**Correct**

```
1 <EngTq> + TotalTq 1
2 <TransTq> +
```

**Incorrect**

```
1 <EngTq> + TotalTq 1
2 <TransTq> +
```

**Rationale**

• Readability

**Last Changed**

V2.2
Model Advisor Check

By Task > Modeling Standards for MAAB > Simulink > Check position of Trigger and Enable blocks

For check details, see “Check position of Trigger and Enable blocks”.
db_0140: Display of basic block parameters

ID: Title

db_0140: Display of basic block parameters

Priority

Recommended

Scope

MAAB

MATLAB Versions

All

Prerequisites

None

Description

Important block parameters modified from the default values should be displayed.

Note: The attribute string is one method to support the display of block parameters. The block annotation tab allows you to add the desired attribute information. As of R2011b, masking basic blocks is a supported method for displaying the information. This method is allowed if the base icon is distinguishable.
Correct

Correct: Masked block

Rationale

• Readability

Last Changed

V2.2

Model Advisor Check

By Task > Modeling Standards for MAAB > Simulink > Check for display of nondefault block attributes

For check details, see “Check for nondefault block attributes”.
db_0032: Simulink signal appearance

ID: Title

db_0032: Simulink signal appearance

Priority

Strongly recommended

Scope

MAAB

MATLAB Versions

All

Prerequisites

None

Description

Signal lines

• Should not cross each other, if possible
• Are drawn with right angles
• Are not drawn one upon the other
• Do not cross any blocks
• Should not split into more than two sublines at a single branching point

Correct

Incorrect

Rationale
• Readability

Last Changed
V2.0

Model Advisor Check
Not applicable
db_0141: Signal flow in Simulink models

ID: Title

db_0141: Signal flow in Simulink models

Priority

Strongly recommended

Scope

MAAB

Versions

All

Prerequisites

None

Description

The signal flow in a model is from left to right.

Exception: Feedback loops

Sequential blocks or subsystems are arranged from left to right.

Exception: Feedback loops
Parallel blocks or subsystems are arranged from top to bottom.

**Rationale**

- Readability

**Last Changed**

V2.0

**Model Advisor Check**

Not applicable
jc_0171: Maintaining signal flow when using Goto and From blocks

ID: Title

cjc_0171: Maintaining signal flow when using Goto and From blocks

Priority

Strongly recommended

Scope

MAAB

MATLAB Versions

All

Prerequisites

None

Description

• You must maintain visual depiction of signal flow between subsystems.
• You can use Goto and From blocks if:
• You use at least one signal line between connected subsystems.
• Subsystems connected in a feed-forward and feedback loop have at least one signal line for each direction.
• Using Goto and From blocks to create buses or connect inputs to merge blocks are exceptions to this rule.
Incorrect

Rationale

- Readability

Last Changed

V2.2

Model Advisor Check

Not applicable
na_0032: Use of merge blocks

ID: Title
na_0032: Use of merge blocks

Priority
Strongly recommended

Scope
NA-MAAB

MATLAB Versions
All

Prerequisites
None

Description
When using Merge blocks:
• Signals entering a merge block must not branch off to other blocks
• With buses:
  • Buses must be identical This includes:
    • Number of elements
• Element names
• Element order
• Element data type
• Element size
• Buses must be either all virtual or all nonvirtual
• Bus lines entering a merge block must not branch off to other blocks.

Rationale

• Workflow
• Code Generation

Last Changed

V3.0

Model Advisor Check

Not applicable
jm_0010: Port block names in Simulink models

**ID: Title**

jm_0010: Port block names in Simulink models

**Priority**

Strongly recommended

**Scope**

MAAB

**MATLAB Versions**

All

**Prerequisites**

- db_0042: Port block in Simulink models
- na_0005: Port block name visibility in Simulink models

**Description**

For some items, though you may not be able to define a single approach for internal processes of all organizations, within a given organization, try to follow a single, consistent approach. An organization applying the guidelines must enforce one of the following options:

- Names of Inport and Outport blocks must match corresponding signal or bus names.
Exceptions:

- When any combination of an Inport block, an Outport block, and any other block have the same block name, use a suffix or prefix on the Inport and Outport blocks.
- One common suffix / prefix is _in for Inport blocks and _out for Outport blocks.
- You may use any suffix or prefix on the ports, however, the prefix that you select must be consistent.
- Library blocks and reusable subsystems that encapsulate generic functionality.
- **When names of Inport and Outport blocks are hidden, apply a consistent naming practice for the blocks.** Suggested practices include leaving the default names (for example, Out1), giving them the same name as the associated signal, or giving them a shortened or mangled version of the name of the associated signal.

Rationale

- Readability
- Workflow
- Code Generation
- Simulation

Last Changed

V2.0

Model Advisor Check

By Task > Modeling Standards for MAAB > Simulink > Check for mismatches between names of ports and corresponding signals

For check details, see “Check for matching port and signal names”.
jc_0281: Naming of Trigger Port block and Enable Port block

ID: Title
jc_0281: Naming of Trigger Port block and Enable Port block

Priority
Strongly recommended

Scope
J-MAAB

MATLAB Versions
All

Prerequisites
None

Description
For Trigger and Enable port blocks, match the block name of the signal triggering the subsystem.
Rationale

- Readability
- Code Generation

Last Changed

V2.0

Model Advisor Check

By Task > Modeling Standards for MAAB > Simulink > Check Trigger and Enable block port names

For check details, see “Check Trigger and Enable block names”.
Signals

- na_0008: Display of labels on signals
- na_0009: Entry versus propagation of signal labels
- db_0097: Position of labels for signals and busses
- db_0081: Unconnected signals, block inputs and block outputs

The preceding guidelines apply to signals and signal labels. For background information, see “Signals and Signal Labels” on page D-3.

Some of the preceding guidelines refer to basic blocks. For an explanation of the meaning and some examples, see “Basic Blocks” on page D-2.
na_0008: Display of labels on signals

**ID: Title**

na_0008: Display of labels on signals

**Priority**

Recommended

**Scope**

MAAB

**MATLAB Versions**

All

**Prerequisites**

None

**Description**

- A label must be displayed on a signal originating from the following blocks:
  - Inport block
  - From block (block icon exception applies – see the following Note)
  - Subsystem block or Stateflow chart block (block icon exception applies)
  - Bus Selector block (the tool forces this to happen)
- Demux block
- Selector block
- Data Store Read block (block icon exception applies)
- Constant block (block icon exception applies)

- A label must be displayed on any signal connected to the following destination blocks (directly or by way of a basic block that performs a nontransformative operation):
  - Outport block
  - Goto block
  - Data Store Write block
  - Bus Creator block
  - Mux block
  - Subsystem block
  - Chart block

**Note:** Block icon exception (applicable only where called out): If the signal label is visible in the originating block icon display, the connected signal does not need to have the label displayed, unless the signal label is needed elsewhere due to a destination-based rule.

![Correct Diagram]

- ![Incorrect Diagram]
Rationale

• Readability
• Verification and Validation
• Workflow
• Verification and Validation
• Code Generation

Last Changed

V2.2

Model Advisor Check

By Task > Modeling Standards for MAAB > Simulink > Check signal line labels

For check details, see “Check signal line labels”.
na_0009: Entry versus propagation of signal labels

ID: Title
na_0009: Entry versus propagation of signal labels

Priority
Strongly recommended

Scope
MAAB

MATLAB Versions
All

Prerequisites
na_0008: Display of labels on signals

Description
If a label is present on a signal, the following rules define whether that label is created there (entered directly on the signal) or propagated from its true source (inherited from elsewhere in the model by using the less than (<) character).

- Any displayed signal label must be entered for signals that:
  - Originate from an Inport at the Root (top) Level of a model
• Originate from a basic block that performs a transformative operation (For the purpose of interpreting this rule only, the Bus Creator block, Mux block, and Selector block are considered to be included among the blocks that perform transformative operations.)

• Any displayed signal label must be propagated for signals that:
  • Originate from an Inport block in a nested subsystem
  
  Exception: If the nested subsystem is a library subsystem, a label may be entered on the signal coming from the Inport to accommodate reuse of the library block.

• Originate from a basic block that performs a nontransformative operation

• Originate from a Subsystem or Stateflow chart block

  Exception: If the connection originates from the output of a library subsystem block instance, a new label may be entered on the signal to accommodate reuse of the library block.

**Rationale**

• Readability

• Verification and Validation
• Workflow
• Verification and Validation
• Code Generation

Last Changed

V2.0

Model Advisor Check

By Task > Modeling Standards for MAAB > Simulink > Check for propagated labels on signal lines

For check details, see “Check for propagated signal labels”.
db_0097: Position of labels for signals and busses

ID: Title

db_0097: Position of labels for signals and busses

Priority

Strongly recommended

Scope

MAAB

MATLAB Versions

All

Prerequisites

None

Description

The labels must be visually associated with the corresponding signal and not overlap other labels, signals, or blocks.

Labels should be located consistently below horizontal lines and close to the corresponding source or destination block.
Rationale

- Readability

Last Changed

V2.0

Model Advisor Check

Not applicable
### db_0081: Unconnected signals, block inputs and block outputs

**ID: Title**

db_0081: Unconnected signals, block inputs and block outputs

**Priority**

Mandatory

**Scope**

MAAB

**MATLAB Versions**

All

**Prerequisites**

None

**Description**

A system must not have any:

- Unconnected subsystem or basic block inputs
- Unconnected subsystem or basic block outputs
- Unconnected signal lines
In addition:

- An otherwise unconnected input should be connected to a ground block
- An otherwise unconnected output should be connected to a terminator block

**Rationale**

- Readability
- Workflow
- Verification and Validation

**Last Changed**

V2.0

**Model Advisor Check**

By Task > Modeling Standards for MAAB > Simulink > Check whether model has unconnected block input ports, output ports, or signal lines

For check details, see “Check for unconnected ports and signal lines”.
Block Usage

- na_0003: Simple logical expressions in If Condition block
- na_0002: Appropriate implementation of fundamental logical and numerical operations
- jm_0001: Prohibited Simulink standard blocks inside controllers
- hd_0001: Prohibited Simulink sinks
- na_0011: Scope of Goto and From blocks
- jc_0141: Use of the Switch block
- jc_0121: Use of the Sum block
- jc_0131: Use of Relational Operator block
- jc_0161: Use of Data Store Read/Write/Memory blocks

Some of the preceding guidelines refer to basic blocks. For an explanation of the meaning and some examples, see “Basic Blocks” on page D-2.
na_0003: Simple logical expressions in If Condition block

ID: Title

na_0003: Simple logical expressions in If Condition block

Priority

Mandatory

Scope

MAAB

MATLAB Versions

All

Prerequisites

None

Description

A logical expression may be implemented within an If Condition block instead of building it up with logical operation blocks, if the expression contains two or fewer primary expressions. A primary expression is defined as one of the following:

- An input
• A constant
• A constant parameter
• A parenthesized expression containing no operators except zero or one instance of the following operators: <, <=, >, >=, ~=, ==, ~. (See the following examples.)

**Exception**

A logical expression may contain more than two primary expressions if both of the following are true:

• The primary expressions are all inputs
• Only one type of logical operator is present

**Examples of Acceptable Exceptions**

• u1 || u2 || u3 || u4 || u5
• u1 && u2 && u3 && u4

**Examples of Primary Expressions**

• u1
• 5
• K
• (u1 > 0)
• (u1 <= G)
• (u1 > U2)
• (~u1)
• (EngineState.ENGINE_RUNNING)

**Examples of Acceptable Logical Expressions**

• u1 || u2
• (u1 > 0) && (u1 < 20)
• \((u_1 > 0) \land (u_2 < u_3)\)
• \((u_1 > 0) \land \neg u_2\)
• \((\text{EngineState.ENGINE_RUNNING} > 0) \land (\text{PRNDLState.PRNDL_PARK})\)

**Note:** In this example, \text{EngineState.ENGINE_RUNNING} and \text{PRNDLState.PRNDL_PARK} are enumeration literals.

### Examples of Unacceptable Logical Expressions

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Expression</th>
<th>Reason</th>
</tr>
</thead>
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<tr>
<td>(u_1 \land u_2 \lor u_3)</td>
<td>(too many primary expressions)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(u_1 \land (u_2 \lor u_3))</td>
<td>(unacceptable operator within primary expression)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>((u_1 &gt; 0) \land (u_1 &lt; 20) \land (u_2 &gt; 5))</td>
<td>(too many primary expressions that are not inputs)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>((u_1 &gt; 0) \land ((2*u_2) &gt; 6))</td>
<td>(unacceptable operator within primary expression)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Rationale

- Readability
- Workflow
- Code Generation

### Last Changed

V2.2

### Model Advisor Check

Not applicable
na_0002: Appropriate implementation of fundamental logical and numerical operations

ID: Title
na_0002: Appropriate implementation of fundamental logical and numerical operations

Priority
Mandatory

Scope
MAAB

MATLAB Versions
All

Prerequisites
None

Description
• Blocks that are intended to perform numerical operations must not be used to perform logical operations.
Incorrect

- A logical output should never be connected directly to the input of blocks that operate on numerical inputs.
- The result of a logical expression fragment should never be operated on by a numerical operator.

Incorrect

- Blocks that are intended to perform logical operations must not be used to perform numerical operations.
- A numerical output should never be connected to the input of blocks that operate on logical inputs.
Incorrect

Rationale

- Readability
- Verification and Validation
- Workflow
- Code Generation

Last Changed

V3.0

Model Advisor Check

Not applicable
jm_0001: Prohibited Simulink standard blocks inside controllers

**ID: Title**

jm_0001: Prohibited Simulink standard blocks inside controllers

**Priority**

Mandatory

**Scope**

MAAB

**MATLAB Versions**

All

**Prerequisites**

None

**Description**

- Controller models must be designed from discrete blocks.
- MathWorks “Simulink Block Data Type Support” table provides a list of blocks that support production code generation. See “Simulink Block Data Type Support”.
• Use blocks listed as “Code Generation Support.”
• Do not use blocks listed as “Not recommended for production code.” See footnote 4 in the table.
• In addition to the blocks defined by the above rule, do not use the following blocks:

The following sources are not allowed:

- Band-Limited White Noise
- Random Number
- Pulse Generator
- Uniform Random Number
- Sine Wave

The following additional blocks are not allowed. The MAAB Style guide group recommends not using the following blocks. The list may be extended by individual companies:

- Slider Gain
- Real-Imag to Complex
- Manual Switch
- Polynomial
- Complex to Magnitude-Angle
- Interpreted MATLAB Function
- Magnitude-Angle to Complex
- Goto Tag Visibility
- Complex to Real-Imag
- Probe
Rationale

• Readability
• Verification and Validation
• Workflow
• Code Generation
• Simulation

Last Changed

V2.2

Model Advisor Checks

• By Task > Modeling Standards for MAAB > Simulink > Check for blocks not recommended for C/C++ production code deployment

  For check details, see “Check for blocks not recommended for C/C++ production code deployment”.

• By Task > Modeling Standards for MAAB > Simulink > Check for blocks that are not discrete

  For check details, see “Check for prohibited blocks in discrete controllers”.
hd_0001: Prohibited Simulink sinks

ID: Title
hd_0001: Prohibited Simulink sinks

Priority
Strongly recommended

Scope
MAAB

MATLAB Versions
All

Prerequisites
None

Description
Controller models must be designed from discrete blocks.
The following sink blocks are not allowed:

To File
untitled.mat

Stop
Simulation
STOP
To Workspace

Note: Simulink Scope and Display blocks are allowed in the model diagram. Consider using Simulink Signal logging and Signal and Scope Manager for data logging and viewing requirements.

Rationale

- Verification and Validation
- Code Generation
- Simulation

Last Changed

V2.2

Model Advisor Check

By Task > Modeling Standards for MAAB > Simulink > Check for prohibited sink blocks

For check details, see “Check for prohibited sink blocks”.
na_0011: Scope of Goto and From blocks

ID: Title
na_0011: Scope of Goto and From blocks

Priority
Strongly recommended

Scope
MAAB

MATLAB Versions
All

Prerequisites
None

Description
For signal flows, the following rules apply:

• From and Goto blocks must use local scope.

Note: Control flow signals may use global scope.

Control flow signals are output from:
• Function-call generators
• If and Case blocks
• Function call outputs from MATLAB and Stateflow blocks

Control flow signals are identified as dashed lines in the model after updating a Simulink model.

**Rationale**

• Readability
• Verification and Validation
• Workflow
• Code Generation
• Simulation

**Last Changed**

V2.2
Model Advisor Check

By Task > Modeling Standards for MAAB > Simulink > Check for proper scope of From and Goto blocks

For check details, see “Check scope of From and Goto blocks”.
jc_0141: Use of the Switch block

ID: Title
jc_0141: Use of the Switch block

Priority
Strongly recommended

Scope
MAAB

MATLAB Versions
All

Prerequisites
None

Description
- The switch condition, input 2, must be a Boolean value.
- The block parameter, **Criteria for passing first input**, should be set to \( u2 \approx 0 \).
Correct

Incorrect

Rationale

- Readability
- Verification and Validation
- Workflow
• Code Generation

Last Changed

V2.2

Model Advisor Check

By Task > Modeling Standards for MAAB > Simulink > Check for proper use of Switch blocks

For check details, see “Check usage of Switch blocks”.
jc_0121: Use of the Sum block

ID: Title
jc_0121: Use of the Sum block

Priority
Recommended

Scope
MAAB

MATLAB Versions
All

Prerequisites
None

Description
Sum blocks should:
• Use the “rectangular” shape.
• Be sized so that the input signals do not overlap.
Correct

Incorrect

You may use the round shape in feedback loops.

- There should be no more than three inputs.
- Position the inputs at 90, 180, 270 degrees.
- Position the output at 0 degrees.
Correct

Incorrect
Correct

Incorrect

Rationale

Readability

Last Changed

V2.0

Model Advisor Check

Not applicable
jc_0131: Use of Relational Operator block

ID: Title
jc_0131: Use of Relational Operator block

Priority
Recommended

Scope
J-MAAB

MATLAB Versions
All

Prerequisites
None

Description
When the relational operator is used to compare a signal to a constant value, the constant input should be the second (lower) input signal.
Correct

Incorrect

**Rationale**

- Readability

**Last Changed**

V2.0

**Model Advisor Check**

*By Task > Modeling Standards for MAAB > Simulink > Check for proper position of constants used in Relational Operator blocks*

For check details, see “Check usage of Relational Operator blocks”.
jc_0161: Use of Data Store Read/Write/Memory blocks

ID: Title
jc_0161: Use of Data Store Read/Write/Memory blocks

Priority
Strongly recommended

Scope
J-MAAB

MATLAB Versions
All

Prerequisites
jc_0341: Data flow layer

Description
Data Store Memory, Data Store Read, and Data Store Write blocks are
• Prohibited in a data flow layer
• Allowed between subsystems running at different rates
Rationale

- Readability
- Workflow

Last Changed

V2.0

Model Advisor Check

Not applicable
Block Parameters

- db_0112: Indexing
- na_0010: Grouping data flows into signals
- db_0110: Tunable parameters in basic blocks

Some of the preceding guidelines refer to basic blocks. For an explanation of the meaning and some examples, see “Basic Blocks” on page D-2.
db_0112: Indexing

ID: Title

db_0112: Indexing

Priority

Strongly recommended

Scope

MAAB

MATLAB Versions

All

Prerequisites

None

Description

Use a consistent vector indexing method for all blocks.

When possible, use zero-based indexing to improve code efficiency. However, since MATLAB blocks do not support zero-based indexing, one-based indexing can be used for models containing MATLAB blocks.
See Also

• “cgsl_0101: Zero-based indexing”
• “hisl_0021: Consistent vector indexing method”

Rationale

• Readability
• Verification and Validation
• Code Generation

Last Changed

V2.2

Model Advisor Check

By Task > Modeling Standards for MAAB > Simulink > Check for blocks not using one-based indexing

For check details, see “Check for indexing in blocks”.
na_0010: Grouping data flows into signals

ID: Title

na_0010: Grouping data flows into signals

Priority

Strongly recommended

Scope

MAAB

MATLAB Versions

All

Prerequisites

None

Description

Vectors

The individual scalar signals composing a vector must have common functionality, data types, dimensions, and units. The most common example of a vector signal is sensor or actuator data that is grouped into an array indexed by location. The output of a Mux block must always be a vector. The inputs to a Mux block must always be scalars.
Busses

Signals that do not meet criteria for use as a vector, as previously described, must only be grouped into bus signals. Use Bus Selector blocks only with a bus signal input; do not use them to extract scalar signals from vector signals.

Examples

Some examples of vector signals include:

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Vector type</th>
<th>Size</th>
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<tr>
<td>Row vector</td>
<td>[1 n]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Column vector</td>
<td>[n 1]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wheel speed vector</td>
<td>[1 Number of wheels]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cylinder vector</td>
<td>[1 Number of cylinders]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Position vector based on 2D</td>
<td>[1 2]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>coordinates</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Position vector based on 3D</td>
<td>[1 3]</td>
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Some examples of bus signals include:

<table>
<thead>
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<th>Bus type</th>
<th>Elements</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Sensor Bus</td>
<td>Force Vector [Fx, Fy, Fz]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Position</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Wheel Speed Vector [Θlf, Θrf, Θlr, Θrr]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Acceleration</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Pressure</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Controller Bus</td>
<td>Sensor Bus</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Actuator Bus</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Serial Data Bus</td>
<td>Coolant Temperature</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Engine Speed, Passenger Door Open</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Rationale

- Readability
- Code Generation

Last Changed

V2.0

Model Advisor Check

By Task > Modeling Standards for MAAB > Simulink > Check for proper use of signal buses and Mux block usage

For check details, see “Check usage of buses and Mux blocks”.

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db_0110: Tunable parameters in basic blocks

ID: Title
db_0110: Tunable parameters in basic blocks

Priority
Strongly recommended

Scope
MAAB

MATLAB Versions
All

Prerequisites
None

Description
To ensure that a parameter is tunable, enter it in a block dialog field:

- Without any expression.
- Without a data type conversion.
- Without selection of rows or columns.
Correct

Incorrect

Rationale

• Readability
• Verification and Validation
• Workflow
• Code Generation
• Simulation

Last Changed

V2.2

Model Advisor Check

By Task > Modeling Standards for MAAB > Simulink > Check whether tunable parameters specify expressions, data type conversions, or indexing operations

For check details, see “Check usage of tunable parameters in blocks”.

Simulink Patterns

- na_0012: Use of Switch vs. If-Then-Else Action Subsystem
- db_0114: Simulink patterns for If-then-else-if constructs
- db_0115: Simulink patterns for case constructs
- na_0028: Use of If-Then-Else Action Subsystem to Replace Multiple Switches
- db_0116: Simulink patterns for logical constructs with logical blocks
- db_0117: Simulink patterns for vector signals
- jc_0351: Methods of initialization
- jc_0111: Direction of Subsystem

The preceding guidelines illustrate sample patterns used in Simulink diagrams. As such, the patterns normally would be part of a much larger Simulink diagram.

Some of the preceding guidelines refer to basic blocks. For an explanation of the meaning and some examples, see “Basic Blocks” on page D-2.
na_0012: Use of Switch vs. If-Then-Else Action Subsystem

ID: Title

na_0012: Use of Switch vs. If-Then-Else Action Subsystem

Priority

Strongly recommended

Scope

MAAB

MATLAB Versions

All

Prerequisites

None

Description

The Switch block should be used for modeling simple if-then-else structures, if the associated then and else actions involve only the assignment of constant values.
The **if-then-else** action subsystem construct:

- Should be used for modeling *if-then-else* structures, if the associated *then* and/or *else* actions require complicated computations. This maximizes simulation efficiency and the efficiency of generated code. (Note that even a basic block, for example a table lookup, may require fairly complicated computations.)

- Must be used for modeling *if-then-else* structures, if the purpose of the construct is to avoid an undesirable numerical computation, such as division by zero.

- Should be used for modeling *if-then-else* structures, if the explicit or implied *then* or the *else* action is just to hold the associated output values.

In other cases, the degree of complexity of the *then* and/or *else* action computations and the intelligence of the Simulink simulation and code generation engines determine the appropriate construct.

These statements also apply to more complicated nested and cascaded *if-then-else* structures and *case* structure implementations.
Rationale

- Readability
- Verification and Validation
- Workflow

Last Changed

V2.0

Model Advisor Check

Not applicable
db_0114: Simulink patterns for If-then-else-if constructs

ID: Title

db_0114: Simulink patterns for If-then-else-if constructs

Priority

Strongly recommended

Scope

MAAB

MATLAB Versions

All

Prerequisites

None

Description

Use the following patterns for If-then-else-if constructs within a Simulink model:
### Equivalent Functionality

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Simulink Pattern</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>if then else if with blocks</td>
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<tr>
<td>if (If_Condition) {</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>output_signal = If_Value;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>}</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>else if (Else_If_Condition) {</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>output_signal =</td>
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<td>output_signal =</td>
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### Equivalent Functionality

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<td>if(Fault_1_Active &amp;</td>
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<td>ErrMsg = SaftyCrit;</td>
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<td>}</td>
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<td>else if (Fault_1_Active</td>
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<td>{</td>
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<td>ErrMsg = DriveWarn;</td>
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<td>}</td>
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<td>else</td>
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<td>ErrMsg = NoFaults;</td>
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### Rationale

- Readability

### Last Changed

V2.0
**Model Advisor Check**

Not applicable
db_0115: Simulink patterns for case constructs

**ID: Title**

db_0115: Simulink patterns for case constructs

**Priority**

Strongly recommended

**Scope**

MAAB

**MATLAB Versions**

All

**Prerequisites**

None

**Description**

Use the following patterns for case constructs within a Simulink model:
### Equivalent Functionality

```c
switch (PRNDL_Enum)
{
    case 1
        TqEstimate = ParkV;
        break;
    case 2
        TqEstimate = RevV;
        break;
    default
        TqEstimate = NeutralV;
        break;
}
```

### Rationale
- Readability

### Last Changed
V2.2

### Model Advisor Check
Not applicable
**na_0028: Use of If-Then-Else Action Subsystem to Replace Multiple Switches**

**ID: Title**

na_0028: Use of If-Then-Else Action Subsystem to Replace Multiple Switches

**Priority**

Recommended

**Scope**

NA-MAAB

**MATLAB Versions**

All

**Prerequisites**

- na_0012: Use of Switch vs. If-Then-Else Action Subsystem
- db_0144: Use of Subsystems

**Description**

The use of switch constructs should be limited, typically to 3 levels. Replace switch constructs that have more than 3 levels with an If-Then-Else action subsystem construct.
Incorrect
Rationale

• Readability

Last Changed

V3.0

Model Advisor Check

Not applicable
db_0116: Simulink patterns for logical constructs with logical blocks

ID: Title

db_0116: Simulink patterns for logical constructs with logical blocks

Priority

Strongly recommended

Scope

MAAB

MATLAB Versions

All

Prerequisites

None

Description

Use the following patterns for logical combinations within Simulink:
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**Rationale**

- Readability
Last Changed

V1.0

Model Advisor Check

Not applicable
db_0117: Simulink patterns for vector signals

ID: Title

db_0117: Simulink patterns for vector signals

Priority

Strongly recommended

Scope

MAAB

MATLAB Versions

All

Prerequisites

None

Description

Simulink is a vectorizable modeling language allowing for the direct processing of vector data. Use the following patterns for vector signals within a Simulink model:

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<td><code>{ output_vector(i) = input_vector(i) * tunable_parameter_value; }</code></td>
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<td>output_signal = 1; for (i=0; i&lt;input_vector_size; i++) { output_signal = output_signal *  input_vector(i); }</td>
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<td>output_signal = 1; for (i=0; i&lt;input_vector_size; i++) { output_signal = output_signal / input_vector(i); }</td>
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</table>
### Equivalent Functionality

**Vector loop**

```c
for (i=0; i<input_vector_size; i++)
{
    output_vector(i) =
    input_vector(i) +
    tunable_parameter_value;
}
```

**Vector loop**

```c
for (i=0; i<input_vector_size; i++)
{
    output_vector(i) =
    input_vector(i) +
    tunable_parameter_vector(i);
}
```

**Vector loop:**

```c
output_signal = 0;
for (i=0; i<input_vector_size; i++)
{
    output_signal =
    output_signal +
    input_vector(i);
}
```

**Vector loop:**

```c
output_signal = 0;
for (i=0; i<input_vector_size; i++)
{
    output_signal =
    output_signal -
    input_vector(i);
}
```

### Simulink Pattern

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**Rationale**

- Readability
- Verification and Validation
- Code Generation

**Last Changed**

V2.2
Model Advisor Check

Not applicable
jc_0351: Methods of initialization

ID: Title
jc_0351: Methods of initialization

Priority
Recommended

Scope
MAAB

MATLAB Versions
All

Prerequisites
db_0140: Display of basic block parameters

Description

Simple Initialization

- Blocks such as Unit Delay, which have an initial value field, can be used to set simple initial values.
• To determine if the initial value needs to be displayed, see MAAB Guideline db_0140: Display of basic block parameters.

Example

Initialization that Requires Computation

The following rules apply for complex initialization:

• The initialization should be performed in a separate subsystem.
• The initialization subsystem should have a name that indicates that initialization is performed by the subsystem.

Complex initialization may be done at a local level (Example A), at a global level (Example B), or a combination of local and global.

Example A
Example B

Or

Rationale

- Readability
- Code Generation

Last Changed

V2.2
Model Advisor Check

Not applicable
jc_0111: Direction of Subsystem

ID: Title
jc_0111: Direction of Subsystem

Priority
Strongly recommended

Scope
J-MAAB

MATLAB Versions
All

Prerequisites
None

Description
Subsystem must not be reversed.
**Rationale**

Readability

**Last Changed**

V2.0

**Model Advisor Check**

By Task > Modeling Standards for MAAB > Simulink > Check for direction of subsystem blocks
For check details, see “Check orientation of Subsystem blocks”.
• “Chart Appearance” on page 7-2
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Chart Appearance

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- jc_0531: Placement of the default transition
- jc_0521: Use of the return value from graphical functions
db_0123: Stateflow port names

ID: Title

db_0123: Stateflow port names

Priority

Strongly recommended

Scope

MAAB

MATLAB Versions

All

Prerequisites

None

Description

The name of a Stateflow input or output should be the same as the corresponding signal.

Exception: Reusable Stateflow blocks may have different port names.

Rationale

• Readability
• Code Generation

Last Changed

V1.0

Model Advisor Check

By Task > Modeling Standards for MAAB > Stateflow > Check for mismatches between Stateflow ports and associated signal names

For check details, see “Check for mismatches between names of Stateflow ports and associated signals”.
db_0129: Stateflow transition appearance

ID: Title
db_0129: Stateflow transition appearance

Priority
Strongly recommended

Scope
MAAB

MATLAB Versions
All

Prerequisites
None

Description
Transitions in Stateflow:
• Do not cross each other, if possible.
• Are not drawn one upon the other.
• Do not cross any states, junctions, or text fields.
• Allowed if transition is to an internal state.

Transition labels may be visually associated to the corresponding transition.

Correct: Transition crosses state boundary to connect to substate
Incorrect: Transitions cross each other and transition crosses through state

Rationale

- Readability

Last Changed

V2.2

Model Advisor Check

Not applicable
**db_0137: States in state machines**

**ID: Title**

db_0137: States in state machines

**Priority**

Mandatory

**Scope**

MAAB

**MATLAB Versions**

All

**Prerequisites**

db_0149: Flow chart patterns for condition actions

**Description**

For all levels in a state machine, including the root level, for states with exclusive decomposition the following rules apply:

- At least two exclusive states must exist.
- A state cannot have only one substate.
- The initial state of every hierarchical level with exclusive states is clearly defined by a default transition. In the case of multiple default transitions, there must always be an unconditional default transition.
Rationale

• Readability
• Workflow
• Code Generation
• Verification and Validation

Last Changed

V3.0

Model Advisor Check

By Task > Modeling Standards for MAAB > Stateflow > Check usage of exclusive and default states in state machines

For check details, see “Check usage of exclusive and default states in state machines”.
db_0133: Use of patterns for flow charts

**ID: Title**
db_0133: Use of patterns for flow charts

**Priority**
Strongly recommended

**Scope**
MAAB

**MATLAB Versions**
All

**Prerequisites**
None

**Description**
A flow chart is built with the help of flow chart patterns (for example, if-then-else, for loop, and so on):

- The data flow is oriented from the top to the bottom.
- Patterns are connected with empty transitions.
Rationale

• Readability

Last Changed

V2.2

Model Advisor Check

Not applicable
db_0132: Transitions in flow charts

**ID: Title**
db_0132: Transitions in flow charts

**Priority**
Strongly recommended

**Scope**
MAAB

**MATLAB Versions**
All

**Prerequisites**
None

**Description**
The following rules apply to transitions in flow charts:

- Conditions are drawn on the horizontal.
- Actions are drawn on the vertical.
• Loop constructs are intentional exceptions to this rule.
• Transitions have a condition, a condition action, or an empty transition.

**Transition with Condition**

![Diagram of Transition with Condition]

**Transition with Condition Action**

![Diagram of Transition with Condition Action]

**Empty Transition**

Transition actions are not used in flow charts. Transition actions are only valid when used in transitions between states in a state machine, otherwise they are not activated because of the inherent dependency on a valid state to state transition to activate them.

![Diagram of Empty Transition]

**Transition Action**
At every junction, except for the last junction of a flow diagram, exactly one unconditional transition begins. Every decision point (junction) must have a default path.

Transitions with Comments

Rationale

• Readability

Last Changed

V2.0
Model Advisor Check

By Task > Modeling Standards for MAAB > Stateflow > Check transition orientations in flow charts

For check details, see “Check Transition orientations in flow charts”.
jc_0501: Format of entries in a State block

**ID: Title**

jc_0501: Format of entries in a State block

**Priority**

Recommended

**Scope**

MAAB

**MATLAB Versions**

All

**Prerequisites**

None

**Description**

A new line should:

- Start after the entry (en), during (du), and exit (ex) statements.
- Start after the completion of an assignment statement “;”.
Correct

Incorrect

Failed to start a new line after en, du, and ex.
Incorrect

Failed to start a new line after the completion of an assignment statement “;”.

Rationale

Readability

Last Changed

V2.0

Model Advisor Check

By Task > Modeling Standards for MAAB > Stateflow > Check for entry format in state blocks

For check details, see “Check entry formatting in State blocks in Stateflow charts”.
jc_0511: Setting the return value from a graphical function

**ID: Title**

jc_0511: Setting the return value from a graphical function

**Priority**

Mandatory

**Scope**

J-MAAB

**MATLAB Versions**

All

**Prerequisites**

None

**Description**

The return value from a graphical function must be set in only one place.
Correct

Return value A is set in one place.

Incorrect

Return value A is set in multiple places.

Rationale

- Readability
- Verification and Validation
- Code Generation
Last Changed

V2.0

Model Advisor Check

By Task > Modeling Standards for MAAB > Stateflow > Check setting Stateflow graphical function return value

For check details, see “Check return value assignments of graphical functions in Stateflow charts”.

jc_0531: Placement of the default transition

ID: Title
jc_0531: Placement of the default transition

Priority
Recommended

Scope
J-MAAB

MATLAB Versions
All

Prerequisites
None

Description
- Default transition is connected at the top of the state.
- The destination state of the default transition is put above the other states in the same hierarchy.
Correct

- The default transition is connected at the top of the state.
- The destination state of the default transition is put above the other states in the same hierarchy.

Incorrect

- Default transition is connected at the side of the state (State 1).
- The destination state of the default transition is lower than the other states in the same hierarchy (SubSt_off).
**Rationale**

Readability

**Last Changed**

V2.0

**Model Advisor Check**

By Task > Modeling Standards for MAAB > Stateflow > Check default transition placement in Stateflow charts

For check details, see “Check default transition placement in Stateflow charts”.
jc_0521: Use of the return value from graphical functions

**ID: Title**

jc_0521: Use of the return value from graphical functions

**Priority**

Recommended

**Scope**

J-MAAB

**MATLAB Versions**

All

**Prerequisites**

None

**Description**

The return value from a graphical function should not be used directly in a comparison operation.
Correct

An intermediate variable is used in the conditional expression after the assignment of the return value from the function `temp_test` to the intermediate variable `a`.

Incorrect

Return value of the function `temp_test` is used in the conditional expression.

Rationale

- Readability
- Verification and Validation
- Code Generation

Last Changed

V2.0
**Model Advisor Check**

By Task > Modeling Standards for MAAB > Stateflow > Check usage of return values from a graphical function in Stateflow charts

For check details, see “Check usage of return values from a graphical function in Stateflow charts”.
Stateflow Data and Operations

- na_0001: Bitwise Stateflow operators
- jc_0451: Use of unary minus on unsigned integers in Stateflow
- na_0013: Comparison operation in Stateflow
- db_0122: Stateflow and Simulink interface signals and parameters
- db_0125: Scope of internal signals and local auxiliary variables
- jc_0481: Use of hard equality comparisons for floating point numbers in Stateflow
- jc_0491: Reuse of variables within a single Stateflow scope
- jc_0541: Use of tunable parameters in Stateflow
- db_0127: MATLAB commands in Stateflow
- jm_0011: Pointers in Stateflow
na_0001: Bitwise Stateflow operators

ID: Title
na_0001: Bitwise Stateflow operators

Priority
Strongly recommended

Scope
MAAB

MATLAB Versions
All

Prerequisites
None

Description
The bitwise Stateflow operators (&, |, and ^) should not be used in Stateflow charts unless you want bitwise operations:

To enable bitwise operations,
1. Select File > Chart Properties.
2. Select Enable C-bit operations.
Correct

Use `&&` and `||` for Boolean operation.

Use `&` and `|` for bit operation.
Incorrect
Use & and | for Boolean operation.

Rationale
- Readability
- Verification and Validation
- Code Generation

Last Changed
V2.2

Model Advisor Check
By Task > Modeling Standards for MAAB > Stateflow > Check for bitwise operations in Stateflow charts
For check details, see “Check for bitwise operations in Stateflow charts”.

jc_0451: Use of unary minus on unsigned integers in Stateflow

**ID: Title**

jc_0451: Use of unary minus on unsigned integers in Stateflow

**Priority**

Recommended

**Scope**

MAAB

**MATLAB Versions**

All

**Prerequisites**

None

**Description**

Do not perform unary minus on unsigned integers.

```
si16_var1 = -si16_var2;
```

Correct
Incorrect

Rationale

• Verification and Validation
• Code Generation

Last Changed

V2.0

Model Advisor Check

By Task > Modeling Standards for MAAB > Stateflow > Check for unary minus operations on unsigned integers in Stateflow charts

For check details, see “Check for unary minus operations on unsigned integers in Stateflow charts”.
na_0013: Comparison operation in Stateflow

ID: Title
na_0013: Comparison operation in Stateflow

Priority
Recommended

Scope
MAAB

MATLAB Versions
All

Prerequisites
None

Description
- Comparisons should be made only between variables of the same data type.
- If comparisons are made between variables of different data types, the variables need to be explicitly type cast to matching data types.
Correct

Same data type in “i” and “n”

Incorrect

Different data type in “i” and “d”

Correct

Do not make comparisons between unsigned integers and negative numbers.

Incorrect
Rationale

- Verification and Validation
- Code Generation
- Simulation

Last Changed

V2.1

Model Advisor Check

By Task > Modeling Standards for MAAB > Stateflow > Check for comparison operations in Stateflow charts

For check details, see “Check for comparison operations in Stateflow charts”.
db_0122: Stateflow and Simulink interface signals and parameters

ID: Title

db_0122: Stateflow and Simulink interface signals and parameters

Priority

Strongly recommended

Scope

MAAB

MATLAB Versions

All

Prerequisites

None

Description

A Chart uses strong data typing with Simulink and requires that you select the Use Strong Data Typing with Simulink I/O parameter.
Rationale

- Verification and Validation
- Code Generation
- Simulation

Last Changed

V2.0

Model Advisor Check

By Task > Modeling Standards for MAAB > Stateflow > Check interface signals and parameters

For check details, see “Check for Strong Data Typing with Simulink I/O”.
db_0125: Scope of internal signals and local auxiliary variables

ID: Title

db_0125: Scope of internal signals and local auxiliary variables

Priority

Strongly recommended

Scope

MAAB

MATLAB Versions

All

Prerequisites

None

Description

Internal signals and local auxiliary variables are "Local data" in Stateflow:

- All local data of a Stateflow block must be defined on the chart level or below the Object Hierarchy.
- No local variables may exist on the machine level (that is, no interaction should occur between local data in different charts).
- Parameters and constants are allowed at the machine level.

**Correct**

![Correct Image]

**Incorrect**

![Incorrect Image]

**Rationale**

- Readability
- Code Generation

**Last Changed**

V2.0

**Model Advisor Check**

By Task > Modeling Standards for MAAB > Stateflow > Check Stateflow data objects with local scope
For check details, see “Check Stateflow data objects with local scope”.

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jc_0481: Use of hard equality comparisons for floating point numbers in Stateflow

ID: Title
jc_0481: Use of hard equality comparisons for floating point numbers in Stateflow

Priority
Recommended

Scope
MAAB

MATLAB Versions
All

Prerequisites
None

Description
• Do not use hard equality comparisons (Var1 == Var2) with two floating-point numbers.
• If a hard comparison is required, a margin of error should be defined and used in the comparison (LIMIT, in the example).
• Hard equality comparisons may be done between two integer data types.
Correct

Incorrect

Rationale

- Verification and Validation
• Code Generation

**Last Changed**

V2.0

**Model Advisor Check**

By Task > Modeling Standards for MAAB > Stateflow > Check for equality operations between floating-point expressions in Stateflow charts

For check details, see “Check for equality operations between floating-point expressions in Stateflow charts”.
jc_0491: Reuse of variables within a single Stateflow scope

ID: Title
jc_0491: Reuse of variables within a single Stateflow scope

Priority
Recommended

Scope
MAAB

MATLAB Versions
All

Prerequisites
None

Description
The same variable should not have multiple meanings (usages) within a single Stateflow state.
Correct

Variable of loop counter must not be used other than loop counter.

Incorrect
The meaning of the variable \( i \) changes from the index of the loop counter to the sum of \( a + b \).

**Correct**

\texttt{tempVar} is defined as local scope in both \texttt{SubState\_A} and \texttt{SubState\_B}.

**Rationale**

- Readability
- Verification
- Code Generation
Last Changed

V2.2

Model Advisor Check

Not applicable
Create tunable parameters in Stateflow charts in one of the following ways:

- Define the parameters in the Stateflow chart and corresponding parameters in the base workspace.
- Include the tunable parameters an input into the Stateflow chart. The parameters must be defined in the base workspace.
Base Workspace Definitions

Stateflow Chart Definitions

Stateflow Chart

Rationale

- Verification
- Code Generation

Last Changed

V2.2

Model Advisor Check

Not applicable
db_0127: MATLAB commands in Stateflow

ID: Title

db_0127: MATLAB commands in Stateflow

Priority

Mandatory

Scope

MAAB

MATLAB Versions

All

Prerequisites

None

Description

In Stateflow charts, do not use the .ml syntax.

Individual companies should decide on the use of MATLAB functions. If they are permitted, then MATLAB functions should only be accessed through the MATLAB function block.
Correct

Incorrect

Rationale

- Verification and Validation
- Code Generation
- Simulation

Note: Code generation supports a limited subset of the MATLAB functions. For a complete list of the supported function, see the MathWorks documentation.

Last Changed

V2.2
Model Advisor Check

By Task > Modeling Standards for MAAB > Stateflow > Check for MATLAB expressions in Stateflow charts

For check details, see “Check for MATLAB expressions in Stateflow charts”. 
jm_0011: Pointers in Stateflow

**ID: Title**

jm_0011: Pointers in Stateflow

**Priority**

Strongly recommended

**Scope**

MAAB

**MATLAB Versions**

All

**Prerequisites**

None

**Description**

In a Stateflow diagram, pointers to custom code variables are not allowed.

**Rationale**

• Readability
• Verification and Validation
• Code Generation

Last Changed

V1.0

Model Advisor Check

By Task > Modeling Standards for MAAB > Stateflow > Check for pointers in Stateflow charts

For check details, see “Check for pointers in Stateflow charts”.
Events

- db_0126: Scope of events
- jm_0012: Event broadcasts
# db_0126: Scope of events

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## Priority

Mandatory

## Scope

MAAB

## MATLAB Versions

Pre R2009b

## Prerequisites

None

## Description

The following rules apply to events in Stateflow:

- All events of a Chart must be defined on the chart level or lower.
- There is no event on the machine level (i.e. there is no interaction with local events between different charts).

## Specifics
Rationale

• Readability
• Verification and Validation
• Workflow
• Code Generation
• Verification and Validation

Last Changed

V2.2

Model Advisor Check

Not applicable
The following rules apply to event broadcasts in Stateflow:

- Directed event broadcasts are the only type of event broadcasts allowed.
- The send syntax or qualified event names are used to direct the event to a particular state.
- Multiple send statements should be used to direct an event to more than one state.
Correct: Example Using Send Syntax

Correct: Example Using Qualified Event Names
Incorrect: Use of a non-directed event

Rationale

- Readability
- Workflow
- Verification and Validation
- Code Generation
- Simulation

Last Changed

V2.2

Model Advisor Check

By Task > Modeling Standards for MAAB > Stateflow > Check for event broadcasts in Stateflow charts
For check details, see “Check for event broadcasts in Stateflow charts”.
State Chart Patterns

- db_0150: State machine patterns for conditions
- db_0151: State machine patterns for transition actions
db_0150: State machine patterns for conditions

**ID: Title**

db_0150: State machine patterns for conditions

**Priority**

Strongly recommended

**Scope**

MAAB

**MATLAB Versions**

All

**Prerequisites**

None

**Description**

The following patterns are used for conditions within Stateflow state machines:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Equivalent Functionality</th>
<th>State Machine Pattern</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>One condition:</td>
<td>![Diagram]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(condition)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Equivalent Functionality</td>
<td>State Machine Pattern</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>--------------------------</td>
<td>-----------------------</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Up to three conditions, short form:</td>
<td><img src="image1.png" alt="Diagram" /></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(The use of different logical operators in this form is not allowed. Use subconditions instead.)</td>
<td><img src="image2.png" alt="Diagram" /></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(condition1 &amp;&amp; condition2)</td>
<td>(condition1 &amp;&amp; condition2)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(condition1 | condition2)</td>
<td>(condition1 | condition2)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

| Two or more conditions, multiline form: | ![Diagram](image3.png) |
| A subcondition is a set of logical operations, all of the same type, enclosed in parentheses. | ![Diagram](image4.png) |
| (The use of different operators in this form is not allowed. Use subconditions instead.) | (The use of different operators in this form is not allowed. Use subconditions instead.) |
| (condition1 ... \&\& condition2 ...) \&\& condition3) | (condition1 ... \| condition2 ...) \| condition3) |

**Rationale**

- Readability

**Last Changed**

V2.2
Model Advisor Check

Not applicable
db_0151: State machine patterns for transition actions

ID: Title
db_0151: State machine patterns for transition actions

Priority
Strongly recommended

Scope
MAAB

MATLAB Versions
All

Prerequisites
None

Description
The following patterns are used for transition actions within Stateflow state machines:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Equivalent Functionality</th>
<th>State Machine Pattern</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>One transition action:</td>
<td><img src="image" alt="Diagram" /></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

/action;
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Equivalent Functionality</th>
<th>State Machine Pattern</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Two or more transition actions, multiline form:</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(Two or more transition actions in one line are not allowed.)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>action1; action2; action3;</td>
<td><img src="image" alt="State Machine Diagram" /></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

```
/action1;
action2;
action3;
```
Rationale

• Readability
• Workflow
• Verification and Validation
• Code Generation
• Simulation

Last Changed

V2.2

Model Advisor Check

By Task > Modeling Standards for MAAB > Stateflow > Check transition actions in Stateflow charts

For check details, see “Check transition actions in Stateflow charts”.
Flow Chart Patterns

• db_0148: Flow chart patterns for conditions
• db_0149: Flow chart patterns for condition actions
• db_0134: Flow chart patterns for If constructs
• db_0159: Flow chart patterns for case constructs
• db_0135: Flow chart patterns for loop constructs

The preceding guidelines illustrate sample patterns used in flow charts. As such, they would normally be part of a much larger Stateflow diagram.
db_0148: Flow chart patterns for conditions

**ID: Title**

db_0148: Flow chart patterns for conditions

**Priority**

Strongly recommended

**Scope**

MAAB

**MATLAB Versions**

All

**Prerequisites**

None

**Description**

Use the following patterns for conditions within Stateflow flow charts:
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Equivalent Functionality</th>
<th>Flow Chart Pattern</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>One condition:</strong></td>
<td>![Flow chart pattern for one condition]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[condition]</td>
<td>/* comment */</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>[condition]</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Up to three conditions, short form:**

(The use of different logical operators in this form is not allowed. Use subconditions instead.)

[condition1 && condition2 && condition3]
[condition1 || condition2 || condition3]

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Equivalent Functionality</th>
<th>Flow Chart Pattern</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Two or more conditions, multiline form:</strong></td>
<td>![Flow chart pattern for two or more conditions]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(The use of different logical operators in this form is not allowed. Use subconditions instead.)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[condition1 ... &amp;&amp; condition2 ... &amp;&amp; condition3]</td>
<td>[condition1 ...</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Equivalent Functionality

Conditions with subconditions:
(The use of different logical operators to connect subconditions is not allowed. The use of brackets is mandatory.)

\[
\begin{align*}
[(\text{condition1a} \lor \text{condition1b}) ... \land (\text{condition2a} \lor \text{condition2b}) ... \land (\text{condition3})]
\end{align*}
\]

Flow Chart Pattern

Equivalent Functionality

Conditions that are visually separated:
(This form may be combined with the preceding patterns.)

\[
\begin{align*}
[\text{condition1} \land \text{condition2}] \\
[\text{condition1} \lor \text{condition2}]
\end{align*}
\]

Rationale

- Readability
Last Changed

V2.2

Model Advisor Check

Not applicable
db_0149: Flow chart patterns for condition actions

ID: Title

db_0149: Flow chart patterns for condition actions

Priority

Strongly recommended

Scope

MAAB

MATLAB Versions

All

Prerequisites

None

Description

You should use the following patterns for condition actions within Stateflow flow charts:
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Equivalent Functionality</th>
<th>Flow Chart Pattern</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>One condition action:</td>
<td><img src="image1.png" alt="Diagram" /></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>action;</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Two or more condition actions, multiline form:</td>
<td><img src="image2.png" alt="Diagram" /></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(Two or more condition actions in one line are not allowed.)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>action1; ...</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>action2; ...</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>action3; ...</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Condition actions, that are visually separated:</td>
<td><img src="image3.png" alt="Diagram" /></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(This form may be combined with the preceding patterns.)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>action1a;</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>action1b;</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>action2;</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>action3;</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Rationale

- Readability

Last Changed

V2.2

Model Advisor Check

Not applicable
db_0134: Flow chart patterns for If constructs

ID: Title

db_0134: Flow chart patterns for If constructs

Priority

Strongly recommended

Scope

MAAB

MATLAB Versions

All

Prerequisites

db_0148: Flow chart patterns for conditions
db_0149: Flow chart patterns for condition actions

Description

Use the following patterns for If constructs within Stateflow flow charts:
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Equivalent Functionality</th>
<th>Flow Chart Pattern</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>if then</td>
<td><img src="image1.png" alt="Flow Chart Diagram" /></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>if (condition){  action;  }</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Equivalent Functionality</th>
<th>Flow Chart Pattern</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>if then else</td>
<td><img src="image2.png" alt="Flow Chart Diagram" /></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>if (condition){  action1;  }</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>else {</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>action2;</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>}</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
### Equivalent Functionality

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Equivalent Functionality</th>
<th>Flow Chart Pattern</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>if then else if</td>
<td><img src="image1" alt="Flow Chart Pattern" /></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>if (condition1){</td>
<td><img src="image1" alt="Flow Chart Pattern" /></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>action1;</td>
<td><img src="image1" alt="Flow Chart Pattern" /></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>}</td>
<td><img src="image1" alt="Flow Chart Pattern" /></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>else if (condition2) {</td>
<td><img src="image1" alt="Flow Chart Pattern" /></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>action2;</td>
<td><img src="image1" alt="Flow Chart Pattern" /></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>}</td>
<td><img src="image1" alt="Flow Chart Pattern" /></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>else if (condition3){</td>
<td><img src="image1" alt="Flow Chart Pattern" /></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>__action3;</td>
<td><img src="image1" alt="Flow Chart Pattern" /></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>}</td>
<td><img src="image1" alt="Flow Chart Pattern" /></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>else {</td>
<td><img src="image1" alt="Flow Chart Pattern" /></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>action4;</td>
<td><img src="image1" alt="Flow Chart Pattern" /></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>}</td>
<td><img src="image1" alt="Flow Chart Pattern" /></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Equivalent Functionality

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Equivalent Functionality</th>
<th>Flow Chart Pattern</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Cascade of if then</td>
<td><img src="image2" alt="Flow Chart Pattern" /></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>if (condition1){</td>
<td><img src="image2" alt="Flow Chart Pattern" /></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>action1;</td>
<td><img src="image2" alt="Flow Chart Pattern" /></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>if (condition2){</td>
<td><img src="image2" alt="Flow Chart Pattern" /></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>action2;</td>
<td><img src="image2" alt="Flow Chart Pattern" /></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>if (condition3){</td>
<td><img src="image2" alt="Flow Chart Pattern" /></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>action3;</td>
<td><img src="image2" alt="Flow Chart Pattern" /></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>}</td>
<td><img src="image2" alt="Flow Chart Pattern" /></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>}</td>
<td><img src="image2" alt="Flow Chart Pattern" /></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Rationale

- Readability
- Verification and Validation
- Workflow
- Code Generation
- Simulation

Last Changed

V1.0

Model Advisor Check

Not applicable
db_0159: Flow chart patterns for case constructs

ID: Title

db_0159: Flow chart patterns for case constructs

Priority

Strongly recommended

Scope

MAAB

MATLAB Versions

All

Prerequisites

db_0148: Flow chart patterns for conditions
db_0149: Flow chart patterns for condition actions
Description

Use the following patterns must be used for case constructs within Stateflow flow charts:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Equivalent Functionality</th>
<th>Flow Chart Pattern</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>case with exclusive selection</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>selection = ...;</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>switch (selection)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>{</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>case 1:</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>action1;</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>break;</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>case 2:</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>action2;</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>break;</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>case 3:</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>action3;</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>break;</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>default:</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>action4;</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>}</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Equivalent Functionality</td>
<td>Flow Chart Pattern</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>--------------------------</td>
<td>---------------------</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>case with exclusive conditions</td>
<td><img src="image" alt="Flow Chart Pattern" /></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

c1 = condition1;
c2 = condition2;
c3 = condition3;
if (c1 && !c2 && !c3)
{
    action1;
}
elseif (!c1 && c2 && !c3)
{
    action2;
}
elseif (!c1 && !c2 && c3)
{
    action3;
}
else
{
    action4;
}

**Rationale**
- Readability

**Last Changed**
V1.0

**Model Advisor Check**
Not applicable
db_0135: Flow chart patterns for loop constructs

ID: Title

db_0135: Flow chart patterns for loop constructs

Priority

Recommended

Scope

MAAB

MATLAB Versions

All

Prerequisites

db_0148: Flow chart patterns for conditions
db_0149: Flow chart patterns for condition actions

Description

Use the following patterns to create Loops within Stateflow flow charts:
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Equivalent Functionality</th>
<th>Flow Chart Pattern</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>for loop</strong></td>
<td>![Flow Chart Pattern for for loop]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>for (index=0; index&lt;number_of_loops; index++)</td>
<td>{ action; }</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>{ index = 0; }</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>{ action; }</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>{ index++; }</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>while loop</strong></td>
<td>![Flow Chart Pattern for while loop]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>while (condition)</td>
<td>{ action; }</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>{ action; }</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>do while loop</strong></td>
<td>![Flow Chart Pattern for do while loop]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>do</td>
<td>{ action; }</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>while (condition);</td>
<td>{ action; }</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Rationale

• Readability

Last Changed

V1.0

Model Advisor Check

Not applicable
State Chart Architecture

- na_0038: Levels in Stateflow charts
- na_0039: Use of Simulink in Stateflow charts
- na_0040: Number of states per container
- na_0041: Selection of function type
- na_0042: Location of Simulink functions
na_0038: Levels in Stateflow charts

ID: Title
na_0038: Levels in Stateflow charts

Priority
Recommended

Scope
NA-MAAB

MATLAB Versions
All

Description
The number of nested States should be limited, typically 3 per level. If additional levels are required, use sub-charts.

Incorrect: Level_4_a and Level_4_b are nested more than 3 deep
Correct: The 4 levels are encapsulated inside a subchart
Rationale

- Readability

Last Changed

V3.0

Model Advisor Check

Not applicable
na_0039: Use of Simulink in Stateflow charts

**ID: Title**

na_0039: Use of Simulink in Stateflow charts

**Priority**

Recommended

**Scope**

NA-MAAB

**MATLAB Versions**

R2010b and later

**Description**

Do not nest Stateflow charts inside Simulink functions that are included in Stateflow charts.

**Incorrect**

- NA_0039
  - Simulink_Inside_Stateflow
    - Chart_Inside_Simulink_Which_Is_Inside_Stateflow

**Rationale**

- Readability
• Verification and Validation
• Code Generation

Last Changed

V3.0

Model Advisor Check

Not applicable
**na_0040: Number of states per container**

**ID: Title**

na_0040: Number of states per container

**Priority**

Recommended

**Scope**

NA-MAAB

**MATLAB Versions**

All

**Description**

The number of viewable States per container should be limited, typically to 6 to 10 states per container. The number is based on the visible states in the diagram.

Correct
Note

A container is either a State, Box or root level chart.

Rationale

- Readability
- Verification and Validation
- Code Generation

Last Changed

V3.0
Model Advisor Check

Not applicable
na_0041: Selection of function type

ID: Title

na_0041: Selection of function type

Priority

Recommended

Scope

NA-MAAB

MATLAB Versions

All

Description

Stateflow supports three types of functions: Graphical, MATLAB and Simulink. The appropriate function depends on the type of operations required:

- Simulink
  - Transfer functions
  - Integrators
  - Table look-ups
- MATLAB
  - Complex equations
  - If / then / else logic
• Graphical functions
  • If / then / else logic

**Rationale**
• Workflow
• Code Generation

**Last Changed**
V3.0

**Model Advisor Check**
Not applicable
na_0042: Location of Simulink functions

ID: Title
na_0042: Location of Simulink functions

Priority
Recommended

Scope
NA-MAAB

MATLAB Versions
All

Prerequisites
na_0039: Use of Simulink in Stateflow charts

Description
When deciding whether to embed Simulink functions inside a Stateflow chart, the following conditions make embedding the preferred option. If the Simulink functions

- Use only local Chart data.
  OR

- Use a mixture of local Chart data and inputs from Simulink. OR
OR
• Are called from multiple locations within the chart.

OR
• Are not called every time step.

Rationale
• Readability
• Workflow

Last Changed
V3.0

Model Advisor Check
Not applicable
Enumerated Data
General Guidelines

• na_0033: Enumerated Types Usage
• na_0031: Definition of default enumerated value
na_0033: Enumerated Types Usage

ID: Title
na_0033: Enumerated Types Usage

Priority
Recommended

Scope
NA-MAAB

MATLAB Versions
R2010b and later

Prerequisites
None

Description
An enumerated data type should be used when a signal or parameter can take on a finite set of integer values, and those values are associated with a set of named items. The names, called literals, have meaning in the context of the algorithm or the domain in which it operates. Typically, these literals represent an operating mode, signal status, build variation, or some other discrete property that the quantity represented by the variable can take on. A typical automotive example of this is the modes of a transmission: Park, Reverse Neutral, Drive, Low.
Rationale

• Readability
• Verification and Validation
• Workflow
• Code Generation
• Simulation

See Also

• dm_0002: Enumerated type usage

Last Changed

V3.0
na_0031: Definition of default enumerated value

ID: Title
na_0031: Definition of default enumerated value

Priority
Recommended

Scope
NA-MAAB

MATLAB Versions
R2010b and later

Prerequisites
None

Description
The default value of the enumeration should always be explicitly defined for the enumerated type.

Rationale
- Readability
• Verification and Validation
• Code Generation

**Last Changed**

V3.0
MATLAB Functions

- “MATLAB Function Appearance” on page 9-2
- “MATLAB Function Data and Operations” on page 9-9
- “MATLAB Function Patterns” on page 9-15
- “MATLAB Function Usage” on page 9-18
MATLAB Function Appearance

- `na_0018`: Number of nested if/else and case statement
- `na_0019`: Restricted Variable Names
- `na_0025`: MATLAB Function Header
na_0018: Number of nested if/else and case statement

**ID: Title**

na_0018: Number of nested if/else and case statement

**Priority**

Strongly recommended

**Scope**

NA-MAAB

**MATLAB Versions**

All

**Prerequisites**

None

**Description**

The number of levels of nested if / else and case statements should be limited, typically to 3 levels.

**Rationale**

- Readability
• Code Generation

See Also

• jr_0002: Number of nested if/else and case statement blocks

Last Changed

V3.0

Model Advisor Check

By Task > Modeling Standards for MAAB > MATLAB Functions > Check MATLAB Function block metrics

For check details, see “Check MATLAB Function metrics”.
**na_0019: Restricted Variable Names**

**ID: Title**

na_0019: Restricted Variable Names

**Priority**

Mandatory

**Scope**

NA-MAAB

**MATLAB Versions**

All

**Prerequisites**

None

**Description**

To improve the readability of the MATLAB code, avoid using reserved C variable names. For example, avoid using const, const, TRUE, FALSE, infinity, nil, double, single, or enum.

Avoid using variable names that conflict with MATLAB Functions, for example conv.
**Note**

Reserved keywords are defined in the Simulink Coder™ documentation.

**Rationale**

- Readability
- Verification and Validation

**See Also**

- Derived from jh_0042: Required software

**Last Changed**

V3.0
na_0025: MATLAB Function Header

ID: Title
na_0025: MATLAB Function Header

Priority
Strongly recommended

Scope
NA-MAAB

MATLAB Versions
All

Prerequisites
None

Description
MATLAB Functions must have a descriptive header. Header content may include, but is not limited to, the following types of information:

• Function name
• Description of function
• Assumptions and limitations
• Description of changes from previous versions
• Lists of inputs and outputs

Example:

%% Function Name: NA_0025_Example_Header
%
% Assumptions: None
%
% Inputs:
%   List of input arguments
%
% Outputs:
%   List of output arguments
%
% $Date: August 27, 2012
%

Rationale
• Readability
• Verification and Validation
• Workflow
• Code Generation

See Also
• jh_0073: eML Header version

Last Changed
V3.0
MATLAB Function Data and Operations

- na_0034: MATLAB Function block input/output settings
- na_0024: Global Variables
na_0034: MATLAB Function block input/output settings

ID: Title

na_0034: MATLAB Function block input/output settings

Priority

Strongly recommended

Scope

NA-MAAB

MATLAB Versions

All

Prerequisites

None

Description

All inputs and outputs to MATLAB function blocks should have the data type explicitly defined, either in the Model Explorer or at the start of the function. This provides a more rigorous data type check for MATLAB Function blocks and prevents the need for using `assert` statements.
Rationale

• Readability
• Verification and Validation
• Workflow
• Code Generation

Last Changed

V3.0

Model Advisor Check

By Task > Modeling Standards for MAAB > MATLAB Functions > Check for fully defined interface at MATLAB Function block boundary

For check details, see “Check input and output settings of MATLAB Functions”.

**na_0024: Global Variables**

**ID: Title**

na_0024: Global Variables

**Priority**

Strongly recommended

**Scope**

NA-MAAB

**MATLAB Versions**

All

**Prerequisites**

None

**Description**

The preferred method for accessing common data is by signal lines. However, if required, Data Store Memory can be used to emulate global memory.

**Example:**

In this example, the same Data Store Memory (ErrorFlag_DataStore) is written to two separate MATLAB Functions.
function EngineFaultEvaluation(EngineData)
%# codegen
    global ErrorFlag_DataStore
    if (EngineData.RPM_HIGH)
        ErrorFlag_DataStore = bitor(ErrorFlag_DataStore, HIGHRPMFAULT);
    end
    if (EngineData.RPM_LOW)
        ErrorFlag_DataStore = bitor(ErrorFlag_DataStore, LOWRPMFAULT);
    end
end

function WheelFaultEvaluation(WheelData)
%# codegen
    global ErrorFlag_DataStore
    if (WheelData.SlipHigh)
        ErrorFlag_DataStore = bitor(ErrorFlag_DataStore, WHEELSLIP);
    end
    if (WheelData.SlipHigh)
        ErrorFlag_DataStore = bitor(ErrorFlag_DataStore, LOWRPMFAULT);
    end
end

Rationale

• Readability
• Verification and Validation
• Code Generation
• Simulation

See Also

• ek_0003: Global Variables

Last Changed

V3.0
Model Advisor Check

By Task > Modeling Standards for MAAB > MATLAB Functions > Check MATLAB code for global variables

For check details, see “Check MATLAB code for global variables”.

MATLAB Function Patterns

- na_0022: Recommended patterns for Switch/Case statements
na_0022: Recommended patterns for Switch/Case statements

ID: Title
na_0022: Recommended patterns for Switch/Case statements

Priority
Mandatory

Scope
NA-MAAB

MATLAB Versions
All

Prerequisites
None

Description
Switch / Case statements must use constant values for the Case arguments. Input variables cannot be used in the Case arguments.

Correct:

```
function outVar = NA_0022_Pass(SwitchVar)
%# codegen
switch SwitchVar
```
case Case_1_Parameter % Parameter
  outVar = 0;
case NA_0022.Case % Enumerated Data type
  outVar = 1;
case 3 % Hard Code Value
  outVar = 2;
otherwise
  outVar = 10;
end
end

Incorrect:

function outVar = NA_0022_Fail(Case_1, Case_2, Case_3, SwitchVar)
  %# codegen
  switch SwitchVar
    case Case_1
      outVar = 1;
    case Case_2
      outVar = 2;
    case Case_3
      outVar = 3;
    otherwise
      outVar = 10;
    end
  end

Rationale

- Verification and Validation
- Code Generation
- Simulation

See Also

- jh_0026: Switch / Case statement

Last Changed

V3.0
MATLAB Function Usage

- na_0016: Source lines of MATLAB Functions
- na_0017: Number of called function levels
- na_0021: Strings
The length of MATLAB functions should be limited, with a recommended limit of 60 lines of code. This restriction applies to MATLAB Functions that reside in the Simulink block diagram and external MATLAB files with a `.m` extension.

If sub-functions are used, they may use additional lines of code. Also limit the length of sub-functions to 60 lines of code.
Rationale

- Readability
- Verification and Validation
- Workflow
- Code Generation

See Also

- IM_0008: Source lines of eML

Last Changed

V3.0

Model Advisor Check

By Task > Modeling Standards for MAAB > MATLAB Functions > Check MATLAB Function block metrics

For check details, see “Check MATLAB Function metrics”.

na_0017: Number of called function levels

ID: Title
na_0017: Number of called function levels

Priority
Mandatory

Scope
NA-MAAB

MATLAB Versions
All

Prerequisites
None

Description
The number of levels of sub-functions should be limited, typically to 3 levels. MATLAB Function blocks that reside at the Simulink block diagram level count as the first level, unless it is simply a wrapper for an external MATLAB file with a .m extension.

This includes functions that are defined within the MATLAB block and those in the separate .m files.
Note

Standard utility functions, such as built-in functions like `sqrt` or `log`, are not included in the number of levels. Likewise, commonly used custom utility functions can be excluded from the number of levels.

Rationale

- Readability
- Verification and Validation

Last Changed

V3.0
na_0021: Strings

ID: Title
na_0021: Strings

Priority
Strongly recommended

Scope
NA-MAAB

MATLAB Versions
All

Prerequisites
None

Description
The use of strings is not recommended. MATLAB Functions store strings as character arrays. The arrays cannot be re-sized to accommodate a string value of different length, due to lack of dynamic memory allocation. Strings are not a supported data type in Simulink, so MATLAB Function blocks cannot pass the string data outside the block.

For example, the following code will produce an error:

name='rate_error'; %this creates a 1 x 10 character array
name = 'x_rate_error'; %this causes an error because the array size is now 1 x 12, not 1 x 10.

**Note**

If the string is being used for switch / case behavior, consider using enumerated data types

**Rationale**

- Verification and Validation
- Workflow
- Code Generation

**See Also**

- jh_0024: Strings

**Last Changed**

V3.0
Recommendations for Automation Tools

These recommendations are for companies who develop tools that automate checking of the style guidelines. The MathWorks Automotive Advisory Board (MAAB) developed these recommendations for tool vendors who create tools developed with MathWorks tools that check models against these guidelines. To provide maximum information to potential users of the tools, the MAAB strongly recommends that tool vendors provide a compliance matrix that is easily accessible while the tool is running. This information should be available without a need to purchase the tool.

The compliance matrix should include the following information:

- Version of the guidelines that are checked – shall include the complete title, as found on the title page of this document.

  Include the MAAB Style Guidelines Title and Version document number.

- Table consisting of the following information for each guideline:
  - Guideline ID
  - Guideline title
  - Level of compliance
  - Detail

The guideline ID and title shall be exactly as included in this document. The level of compliance shall be one of the following:

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Correction</th>
<th>The tool checks and automatically or semiautomatically corrects the noncompliance.</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Check</td>
<td>The tool checks and flags noncompliance. It is the developer's responsibility to make the correction.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Partial</td>
<td>The tool checks part of the guideline. The detail section should clearly identify what is and what is not checked.</td>
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<tr>
<td>None</td>
<td>The tool does not check the guideline. The MAAB recommends that the vendor provide a recommendation of how to manually check guidelines that the tool does not check.</td>
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</table>
Guideline Writing

Guidelines with the following characteristics are easier to understand and use. At a minimum, when writing a new guideline, it should be

| Understandable and unambiguous | A guideline's description should be precise, clearly worded, concise, and should define a characteristic of a model (or part of a model) that a checking tool can evaluate. Use the words "must," "shall," "should," and "may" carefully; they have distinct meanings that are important for model developers and model checkers (human and automated). It is helpful to the reader if the guideline author describes how the conforming state can be reached (for example, by selecting particular options or clicking a certain button). Examples, counterexamples, pictures, diagrams, and screen shots are also helpful and are encouraged. Minimize the allowable exceptions to a guideline; exceptions blur a guideline and make it harder to apply. If a guideline has many allowable exceptions, you may be trying to cover too many characteristics with one guideline. (See Minimal, following, for some solutions.) |
| Easy to find | |
| Minimal | A guideline should address only one model characteristic at a time. Guidelines should be atomic. For example, instead of writing a big guideline that addresses error prevention and readability at the same time, make two guidelines, one that addresses error prevention and one that addresses readability. If appropriate, make one guideline a prerequisite of the other. Also, big guidelines are more likely than small guidelines to require compromises for wide acceptance. Big guidelines may end up being weaker, less specific, and less beneficial. |
| Small, focused guidelines are less likely to change due to compromise and easier adoption. |
Flow Chart Reference

Use the patterns that appear in this appendix for if-then-else-if constructs within Stateflow flow charts.
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<tr>
<td>if then</td>
<td>if then else</td>
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**Straight Line Flow Chart Pattern**

- If condition is true, execute action.
- If condition is false, follow the path.

**Curved Line Flow Chart Pattern**

- If condition is true, execute action.
- If condition is false, follow the path.

![Straight Line Flow Chart Pattern](image1)

![Curved Line Flow Chart Pattern](image2)
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<tr>
<td>if then else if</td>
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**Cascade of if then**

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C-3
The following patterns are used for case constructs within Stateflow flow charts:

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<tr>
<th>Straight Line Flow Chart Pattern</th>
<th>Curved Line Flow Chart Pattern</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>case with exclusive selection</td>
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</table>

![Diagram of straight line flow chart pattern](image1)

![Diagram of curved line flow chart pattern](image2)

case with exclusive conditions
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<td><img src="image2" alt="Curved Line Chart" /></td>
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```plaintext
{ c1 = condition1; 
  c2 = condition2; 
  c3 = condition3; 
}
[c1 && lc2 && lc3]

[lc1 && c2 && lc3]
[lc1 && lc2 && c3]

{ action4; }
{ action3; }
{ action2; }
{ action1; }

{ c1 = condition1; 
  c2 = condition2; 
  c3 = condition3; 
}
{ c1 && lc2 && lc3}
{ lc1 && c2 && c3}
{ action4; }
{ action3; }
{ action2; }
{ action1; }
```
The following patterns are used for `for` loops within Stateflow flow charts:

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<td><strong>for loop</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>while loop</strong></td>
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<td>Curved Line Flow Chart Pattern</td>
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<td>----------------------------------</td>
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<tr>
<td><code>do</code> <code>while</code> <code>loop</code></td>
<td></td>
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![Straight Line Flow Chart Pattern](image1)

![Curved Line Flow Chart Pattern](image2)
The following patterns are alternately used for If-then-else-if constructs within Stateflow flow charts:

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<td><code>if then else if</code></td>
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![Diagram](image1.png)

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<tr>
<td><code>Cascade of if  then</code></td>
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![Diagram](image2.png)
Straight Line Flow Chart Pattern

Alternate Straight Line Flow Chart Pattern
Background Information on Basic Blocks and Signals
Basic Blocks

This document uses the term *basic blocks* to refer to blocks built into the “Block Libraries”. The following table lists some examples of basic blocks.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Block</th>
<th>Example</th>
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<td>Inport</td>
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<td>Constant</td>
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<tr>
<td>Gain</td>
<td><img src="image3" alt="Gain" /></td>
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<td>Sum</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>Switch</td>
<td><img src="image5" alt="Switch" /></td>
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<td>Saturation</td>
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<tr>
<td>Abs</td>
<td><img src="image7" alt="Abs" /></td>
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</table>
Signals and Signal Labels

Signals may be scalars, vectors, or busses. They may carry data or control flows.

You use signal labels to make model functionality more understandable from the Simulink diagram. You can also use them to control the variable names used in simulation and code generation. Enter signal names only once (at the point of signal origination). Often, you may want to also display the signal name elsewhere in the model. In these cases, the signal name should be inherited until the signal is functionally transformed. (Passing a signal through an integrator is functionally transforming. Passing a signal through an Inport into a nested subsystem is not.) Once a named signal is functionally transformed, associate a new name with it.

Unless explicitly stated otherwise, the guidelines in “Signals” on page 6-40 apply to all types of signals.

For more information about the representation of signals in Simulink models, see “Signal Basics” in the Simulink documentation.
Actions

Actions are part of Stateflow diagram execution. The action can be executed as part of a transition from one state to another, or depending on the activity status of a state. Transitions can have condition actions and transition actions. For example,

![Diagram of Stateflow transition with condition and transition actions.] (Note: Diagram not provided in text version)

States can have entry, during, exit, and, on event_name actions. For example,

```
Power_on/ entry:action10;
during:action20;
exit:action30;
on switch_off:action40;
```

If you enter the name and backslash followed directly by an action or actions (without the entry keyword), the actions are interpreted as entry actions. This shorthand is useful if you are specifying only entry actions.

The action language defines the categories of actions you can specify and their associated notations. An action can...
be a function call, an event to be broadcast, a variable to be assigned a value, and so on.

**Action Language**

Sometimes you want actions to take place as part of Stateflow diagram execution. The action can be executed as part of a transition from one state to another, or it can depend on the activity status of a state. Transitions can have condition actions and transition actions. States can have entry, during, exit, and, on event_*name* actions. An action can be a function call, an event to be broadcast, a variable to be assigned a value, etc.

The action language defines the categories of actions you can specify and their associated notations. Violations of the action language notation are flagged as errors by the parser. This section describes the action language notation rules.

**Chart Instance**

A chart instance is a link from a Stateflow model to a chart stored in a Simulink library. A chart in a library can have many chart instances. Updating the chart in the library automatically updates all the instances of that chart.

**Condition**

A condition is a Boolean expression to specify that a transition occur, given that the specified expression is true. For example,

The action language defines the notation to define conditions associated with transitions.

**Connective Junction**

Connective junctions are decision points in the system. A connective junction is a graphical object that simplifies
Stateflow diagram representations and facilitates generation of efficient code. Connective junctions provide alternative ways to represent the system behavior you want. This example shows how connective junctions (displayed as small circles) are used to represent the flow of an if code structure.

Or the equivalent squared style
### Connective junction

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<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>Connective junction</td>
<td><img src="image" alt="Button Icon" /></td>
<td>One use of a Connective junction is to handle situations where transitions out of one state into two or more states are taken based on the same event but guarded by different conditions.</td>
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### Data

Data objects store numerical values for reference in the Stateflow diagram.

### Defining Data

A state machine can store and retrieve data that resides internally in its own workspace. It can also access data that resides externally in the Simulink model or application that embeds the state machine. When creating a Stateflow model, you must define any internal or external data referenced by the state machine's actions.

### Data Dictionary

The data dictionary is a database where Stateflow diagram information is stored. When you create Stateflow diagram objects, the information about those objects is stored in the data dictionary, once you save the Stateflow diagram.

### Decomposition

A state has decomposition when it consists of one or more substates. A Stateflow diagram that contains at least one state also has decomposition. Representing hierarchy necessitates some rules around how states can be grouped in the hierarchy. A superstate has either parallel (AND) or exclusive (OR) decomposition. All substates at a particular level in the hierarchy must be of the same decomposition.

**Parallel (AND) State Decomposition.** Parallel (AND) state decomposition is indicated when states have dashed borders. This representation is appropriate if all states at that same level in the hierarchy are active at the same time. The activity within parallel states is essentially independent.
**Exclusive (OR) State Decomposition.** Exclusive (OR) state decomposition is represented by states with solid borders. Exclusive (OR) decomposition is used to describe system modes that are mutually exclusive. Only one state, at the same level in the hierarchy, can be active at a time.

Default transitions are primarily used to specify which exclusive (OR) state is to be entered when there is ambiguity among two or more neighboring exclusive (OR) states. For example, default transitions specify which substate of a superstate with exclusive (OR) decomposition the system enters by default in the absence of any other information. Default transitions are also used to specify that a junction should be entered by default. A default transition is represented by selecting the default transition object from the toolbar and then dropping it to attach to a destination object. The default transition object is a transition with a destination but no source object.

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<tr>
<td>Default transition</td>
<td>![Default Transition Icon]</td>
<td>Use a Default transition to indicate, when entering this level in the hierarchy, which state becomes active by default.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Events**

Events drive the Stateflow diagram execution. Define all events that affect the Stateflow diagram. The occurrence of an event causes the status of the states in the Stateflow diagram to be evaluated. The broadcast of an event can trigger a transition to occur and/or can trigger an action to be executed. Events are broadcast in a top-down manner starting from the event's parent in the hierarchy.

**Finite State Machine**

A finite state machine (FSM) is a representation of an event-driven system. FSMs are also used to describe reactive systems. In an event-driven or reactive system, the system transitions from one mode or state, to another.
prescribed mode or state, provided that the condition defining the change is true.

**Flow Graph**
A flow graph is the set of flow charts that start from a transition segment that, in turn, starts from a state or a default transition segment.

**Flow Chart (also known as Flow Path)**
A flow chart is an ordered sequence of transition segments and junctions where each succeeding segment starts on the junction that terminated the previous segment.

**Flow Subgraph**
A flow subgraph is the set of flow charts that start on the same transition segment.

**Hierarchy**
Using hierarchy you can organize complex systems by placing states within other higher-level states. A hierarchical design usually reduces the number of transitions and produces neat, more manageable diagrams.

**History Junction**
A History Junction specifies the destination substate of a transition based on historical information. If a superstate has a History Junction, the transition to the destination substate is defined to be the substate that was most recently visited. The History Junction applies to the level of the hierarchy in which it appears.

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<tr>
<td>History Junction</td>
<td><img src="image" alt="History Junction Icon" /></td>
<td>Use a History Junction to indicate, when entering this level in the hierarchy, that the last state that was active becomes the next state to be active.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Inner Transitions**
An inner transition is a transition that does not exit the source state. Inner transitions are most powerful when defined for superstates with XOR decomposition. Use of inner transitions can greatly simplify a Stateflow diagram.
Library Link

A library link is a link to a chart that is stored in a library model in a Simulink block library.

Library Model

A Stateflow library model is a Stateflow model that is stored in a Simulink library. You can include charts from a library in your model by copying them. When you copy a chart from a library into your model, Stateflow does not physically include the chart in your model. Instead, it creates a link to the library chart. You can create multiple links to a single chart. Each link is called a chart instance. When you include a chart from a library in your model, you also include its state machine. A Stateflow model that includes links to library charts has multiple state machines. When Stateflow simulates a model that includes charts from a library model, it includes all charts from the library model even if there are links to only some of its models. However, when Stateflow generates a stand-alone or Simulink Coder target, it includes only those charts for which there are links. A model that includes links to a library model can be simulated only if all charts in the library model are free of parse and compile errors.

Machine

A machine is the collection of all Stateflow blocks defined by a Simulink model exclusive of chart instances (library links). If a model includes any library links, it also includes the state machines defined by the models from which the links originate.

Nonvirtual Block

Blocks that perform a calculation, such as a Gain block.

Notation

A notation defines a set of objects and the rules that govern the relationships between those objects. Stateflow notation provides a common language to communicate the design information conveyed by a Stateflow diagram. Stateflow notation consists of:

- A set of graphical objects
- A set of nongraphical text-based objects
- Defined relationships between those objects
<table>
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<tr>
<th><strong>Parallelism</strong></th>
<th>A system with parallelism can have two or more states that can be active at the same time. The activity of parallel states is independent. Parallelism is represented with a parallel (AND) state decomposition.</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Real-Time System</strong></td>
<td>A system that uses actual hardware to implement algorithms, for example, digital signal processing or control applications.</td>
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<td><strong>Simulink Coder</strong></td>
<td>Simulink Coder software includes an automatic C language code generator for Simulink. It produces C code directly from Simulink block diagram models and automatically builds programs that can be run in real-time in a variety of environments.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Simulink Coder Target</strong></td>
<td>An executable built from code generated by the Simulink Coder product.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>S-function</strong></td>
<td>A customized Simulink block written in C or MATLAB-code. S-functions written in C can be inlined in the Simulink Coder software. When using Simulink together with Stateflow for simulation, Stateflow generates an S-function (MEX-file) for each Stateflow machine to support model simulation. This generated code is a simulation target and is called the S-Fun target within Stateflow.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Signal propagation</strong></td>
<td>Process used by Simulink to determine attributes of signals and blocks, such as data types, labels, sample time, dimensionality, and so on, that are determined by connectivity.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Signal source</strong></td>
<td>The signal source is the block of origin for a signal. The signal source may or may not be the true source.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Simulink</strong></td>
<td>Simulink is a software package for modeling, simulating, and analyzing dynamic systems. It supports linear and nonlinear systems, modeled in continuous time, sampled time, or a hybrid of the two. Systems can also be multirate, that is, have different parts that are sampled or updated at different rates.</td>
</tr>
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</table>
Simulink allows you to represent systems as block diagrams that you build using your mouse to connect blocks and your keyboard to edit block parameters. Stateflow is part of this environment. The Stateflow block is a masked Simulink model. Stateflow builds an S-function that corresponds to each Stateflow machine. This S-function is the agent Simulink interacts with for simulation and analysis.

The control behavior that Stateflow models complements the algorithmic behavior modeled in Simulink block diagrams. By incorporating Stateflow diagrams into Simulink models, you can add event-driven behavior to Simulink simulations. You create models that represent both data and control flow by combining Stateflow blocks with the standard Simulink blockset. These combined models are simulated using Simulink.

**State**

A state describes a mode of a reactive system. A reactive system has many possible states. States in a Stateflow diagram represent these modes. The activity or inactivity of the states dynamically changes based on events and conditions.

Every state has hierarchy. In a Stateflow diagram consisting of a single state, that state’s parent is the Stateflow diagram itself. A state also has history that applies to its level of hierarchy in the Stateflow diagram. States can have actions that are executed in a sequence based upon action type. The action types are: `entry`, `during`, `exit`, or `on event_name` actions.

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<tr>
<td>State</td>
<td><img src="image" alt="State Icon" /></td>
<td>Use a state to depict a mode of the system.</td>
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**Stateflow Block**

The Stateflow block is a masked Simulink model and is equivalent to an empty, untitled Stateflow diagram. Use
the Stateflow block to include a Stateflow diagram in a
Simulink model.

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the algorithmic behavior modeled in Simulink block
diagrams. By incorporating Stateflow blocks into
Simulink models, you can add complex event-driven
behavior to Simulink simulations. You create models
that represent both data and control flow by combining
Stateflow blocks with the standard Simulink and toolbox
block libraries. These combined models are simulated
using Simulink.

**Stateflow Debugger**

Use the Stateflow Debugger to debug and animate your
Stateflow diagrams. Each state in the Stateflow diagram
simulation is evaluated for overall code coverage. This
coverage analysis is done automatically when the target is
compiled and built with the debug options. The Debugger
can also be used to perform dynamic checking. The
Debugger operates on the Stateflow machine.

**Stateflow Diagram**

Using Stateflow, you create Stateflow diagrams. A
Stateflow diagram is also a graphical representation of a
finite state machine where states and transitions form the
basic building blocks of the system.

**Stateflow Explorer**

Use the Stateflow Explorer to add, remove, and modify
data, event, and target objects.

**Stateflow Finder**

Use the Finder to display a list of objects based on search
criteria that you specify. You can directly access the
properties dialog box of any object in the search output
display by clicking on that object.

**Substate**

A state is a substate if it is contained by a superstate.
**Superstate**
A state is a superstate if it contains other states, called substates.

**Target**
An executable program built from code generated by Stateflow or Simulink Coder software.

**Top-down Processing**
Top-down processing refers to the way in which Stateflow processes states. In particular, Stateflow processes superstates before states. Stateflow processes a state only if its superstate is activated first.

**Transition**
A transition describes the circumstances under which the system moves from one state to another. Either end of a transition can be attached to a source and a destination object. The source is where the transition begins and the destination is where the transition ends. It is often the occurrence of some event that causes a transition to take place.

**Transition Path**
A transition path is a flow chart that starts and ends on a state.
Transition Segment

A transition segment is a single directed edge on a Stateflow diagram. Transition segments are sometimes loosely referred to as transitions.

Tunable parameters

A tunable parameter is a parameter that can be adjusted in the model and in generated code.

True Source

The true source is the block which creates a signal. The true source is different from the signal source because the signal source may be a simple routing block such as a Demux block.

Virtual Block

When creating models, be aware that Simulink blocks fall into two basic categories: nonvirtual and virtual blocks. Nonvirtual blocks play an active role in the simulation of a system. If you add or remove a nonvirtual block, you change the model's behavior. Virtual blocks, by contrast, play no active role in the simulation. They help to organize a model graphically. Some Simulink blocks can be virtual in some circumstances and nonvirtual in others. Such blocks are called conditionally virtual blocks. The following table lists Simulinks virtual and conditionally virtual blocks.

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<th>Block Name</th>
<th>Condition Under Which Block Is Virtual</th>
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<tr>
<td>Bus Selector</td>
<td>Virtual if input bus is virtual</td>
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<td>Demux</td>
<td>Always virtual</td>
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<td>Enable</td>
<td>Virtual unless connected directly to an Outport block</td>
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<td>From</td>
<td>Always virtual</td>
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<td>Goto</td>
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<td>Goto Tag Visibility</td>
<td>Always virtual</td>
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<tr>
<td>Ground</td>
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<tr>
<td>Inport</td>
<td>Virtual when the block resides within any subsystem block (conditional or not),</td>
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<td>Mux</td>
<td>Always virtual</td>
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<td>Outport</td>
<td>Virtual when the block resides within any subsystem block (conditional or not), and does not reside in the root (top-level) Simulink window.</td>
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<td>Selector</td>
<td>Virtual except in matrix mode</td>
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<td>Signal Specification</td>
<td>Always virtual</td>
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<td>Subsystem</td>
<td>Virtual unless the block is conditionally executed and/or the block's Treat as Atomic Unit option is selected.</td>
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<td>Terminator</td>
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<td>Trigger</td>
<td>Virtual if the Outport port is not present.</td>
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**Virtual Scrollbar**

Using a virtual scrollbar, you can set a value by scrolling through a list of choices. When you move the mouse over a menu item with a virtual scrollbar, the cursor changes to a line with a double arrowhead. Virtual scrollbars are either vertical or horizontal. The direction is indicated by the positioning of the arrowheads. Drag the mouse either horizontally or vertically to change the value.