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## What Is the Target Language Compiler?

The Target Language Compiler (TLC) is an integral part of the Real-Time Workshop®. It enables you to customize code generated by Real-Time Workshop. Through customization, you can produce platform-specific code, or you can incorporate your own algorithmic changes for performance, code size, or compatibility with existing methods that you prefer to maintain.

The TLC includes

- A complete set of TLC files corresponding to each of the blocks provided with Simulink®
- TLC files for model-wide information that specifies header and parameter information

The TLC files are ASCII files that explicitly control the way code is generated by Real-Time Workshop. By editing a TLC file, you can alter the way code is generated for a particular block.

The Target Language Compiler provides a complete set of ready-to-use TLC files for generating ANSI C or C++ code. You can view the TLC files and make minor — or extensive — changes to them. This open environment gives you tremendous flexibility when it comes to customizing the code generated by Real-Time Workshop.

The overall code generation process for Real-Time Workshop is discussed in detail in “Code Generation and the Build Process” in the Real-Time Workshop documentation. This book describes the Target Language Compiler, its files, and how to use them together. This information is provided for those users who need to customize target files to generate specialized output or to inline S-functions to improve the performance and readability of the generated code.

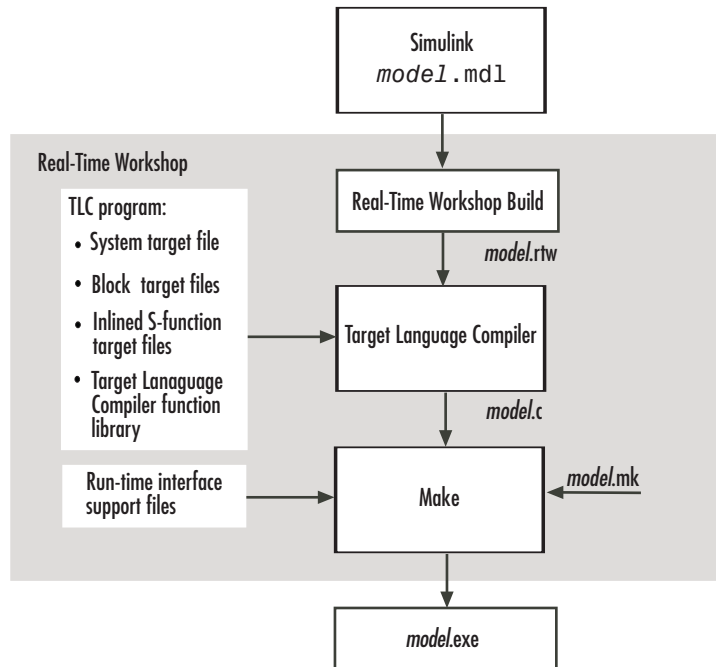
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## Overview of the TLC Process

This top-level diagram shows how the Target Language Compiler fits in with the Real-Time Workshop code generation process.



The Target Language Compiler (TLC) is designed for one purpose — to convert the model description file `model.rtw` (or similar files) into target-specific code or text.

As an integral component of Real-Time Workshop, the Target Language Compiler transforms an intermediate form of a Simulink block diagram, called `model.rtw`, into C or C++ code. The `model.rtw` file contains a “compiled” representation of the model describing the execution semantics of the block diagram in a very high-level language. The format of this file is described in Chapter 4, “Understanding the `model.rtw` File”.

The word *target* in Target Language Compiler refers not only to the high-level language to be output, but also to the nature of the real-time system on which the code will be executed. TLC-generated code is thus able to respect and

exploit the capabilities and limitations of specific processor architectures (the target).

After reading the *model.rtw* file, the Target Language Compiler generates its code based on *target files*, which specify particular code for each block, and *model-wide files*, which specify the overall code style. The TLC works like a text processor, using the target files and the *model.rtw* file to generate ANSI C or C++ code.

To create a target-specific application, Real-Time Workshop also requires a template makefile that specifies the appropriate C or C++ compiler and compiler options for the build process. Real-Time Workshop transforms the template makefile into a target makefile (*model.mk*) by performing token expansion specific to a given model. The target makefile is a modified version of the generic *rt\_main* file (or *grt\_main*), which you must modify to conform to the target's specific requirements, such as interrupt service routines. A complete description of template makefiles and *rt\_main* is included in the Real-Time Workshop documentation.

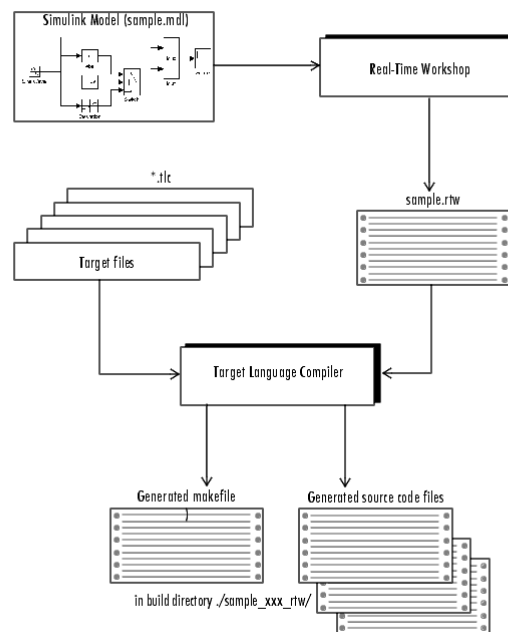
The Target Language Compiler has similarities with HTML, Perl, and MATLAB®. It has markup syntax similar to HTML, the power and flexibility of Perl and other scripting languages, and the data handling power of MATLAB (TLC can invoke MATLAB functions). The code generated by TLC is highly optimized and fully commented, and can be generated from any Simulink model, including linear, nonlinear, continuous, discrete, or hybrid. All Simulink blocks are automatically converted to code, with the exception of MATLAB function blocks and S-function blocks that invoke M-files. The Target Language Compiler uses *block target files* to transform each block in the *model.rtw* file and a *model-wide target file* for global customization of the code.

You can incorporate C-MEX S-functions, along with the generated code, into the program executable. You can also write a target file for your C-MEX S-function to *inline* the S-function (see “Inlining C-MEX S-Functions” on page 7-4), thus improving performance by eliminating function calls to the S-function itself and the memory overhead of the S-function's *SimStruct*. Inlining an S-function incorporates the S-function block's code into the generated code for the model. When no TLC target file is present for the S-function, its C or C++ code file is invoked via a function call. For more

information on inlining S-functions, see Chapter 7, “Inlining S-Functions”. You can also write target files for M-files or Fortran S-functions.

## Overview of the Code Generation Process

The following figure shows how the Target Language Compiler works with its target files and Real-Time Workshop output to produce code.



When generating code from a Simulink model using Real-Time Workshop, the first step in the automated process is to generate a *model.rtw* file. The *model.rtw* file includes all the model-specific information required for generating code from the Simulink model. *model.rtw* is passed to the Target Language Compiler, which uses it in combination with a set of included system target files and block target files to generate the code.

Only the final executable file is written directly to the current directory. For all other files created during code generation, including the *model.rtw* file, a build directory is used. This directory is created by Real-Time Workshop in the current directory and is named *.model\_target\_rtw*, where *target* is the abbreviation for the target environment, e.g., *grt* is the abbreviation for the generic real-time target.

Files placed in the build directory include

- The body for the generated C or C++ source code (*model.c* or *model.cpp*)
- Header files (*model.h*)
- Header file *model\_private.h* defining parameters and data structures private to the generated code
- A makefile, *model.mk*, for building the application
- Additional files, described in “Files and Directories Created by the Build Process” in the Real-Time Workshop documentation

## Target Language Compiler Capabilities

If you simply need to produce ANSI C or C++ code from Simulink models, you do not need to know how to prepare files for the Target Language Compiler. If you need to customize the output of Real-Time Workshop, you will need to run the Target Language Compiler. Use the Target Language Compiler if you need to

- Customize the set of options specified by your system target file
- Inline the code for S-Function blocks
- Generate additional or different types of files

Both the Embedded MATLAB Function block and Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder facilitate code customization in a variety of ways. You might be able to accomplish what you need with them, without the need to write TLC files. However, you do need to prepare TLC files if you intend to inline S-functions.

### Customizing Output

To produce customized output using the Target Language Compiler, it helps if you understand how blocks perform their functions, what data types are being manipulated, the structure of the *model.rtw* file, and how to modify target files to produce the desired output. Chapter 5, “Directives and Built-In Functions” describes the target language directives and their associated constructs. You will use the Target Language Compiler directives and constructs to modify existing target files or create new ones, depending on your needs. See “TLC Files” on page 3-19 for more information about target files.

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## Inlining S-Functions

The Target Language Compiler provides a great deal of freedom for altering, optimizing, and enhancing the generated code. One of the most important TLC features is that it lets you inline S-functions that you write to add your own algorithms, device drivers, and custom blocks to a Simulink model.

To create an S-function, you write code following a well-defined application program interface (API). By default, the Target Language Compiler will generate noninlined code for S-functions that invokes them using this same API. This generalized interface incurs a fair amount of overhead due to the presence of a large data structure called the `SimStruct` for each instance of each S-Function block in your model. In addition, extra run-time overhead is involved whenever methods (functions) within your S-function are called. You can eliminate all this overhead by using the Target Language Compiler to inline the S-function, by creating a TLC file named `sfunction_name.tlc` that generates source code for the S-function as if it were a built-in block. Inlining an S-function improves the efficiency of the generated code and reduces memory usage.

## Modifying and Diversifying Code Generation

In principle, you can use the Target Language Compiler to convert the `model.rtw` file into any form of output (for example, OODBMS objects) by replacing the supplied TLC files for each block it uses. Likewise, you can also replace some or all of the shipping systemwide TLC files. The MathWorks supports, but does not recommend, doing this. To maintain such customizations, you might need to update your TLC files with each release of Real-Time Workshop. The MathWorks continues to improve code generation by adding features, improving efficiency, and altering the contents of `model.rtw`. The MathWorks tries to make such changes backwards compatible, but cannot guarantee it. Inlined TLC files that you create, on the other hand, generally are backward compatible, provided that they invoke only documented TLC library and built-in functions.



## Code Generation Process

Real-Time Workshop invokes the Target Language Compiler after a Simulink model is compiled into an intermediate form (*model.rtw*) that is suitable for generating code. To generate code appropriately, the Target Language Compiler uses its library of functions to transform two classes of target files:

- System target files
- Block target files

System target files are used to specify the overall structure of the generated code, tailoring for specific target environments. Block target files are used to implement the functionality of Simulink blocks, including user-defined S-function blocks.

You can create block target files for C-MEX, Fortran, and M-file S-functions to fully inline block functionality into the body of the generated code. C-MEX S-functions can be noninlined, wrapper-inlined, or fully inlined. Fortran S-functions must be wrapper-inlined or fully inlined.

### How TLC Determines S-Function Inlining Status

Whenever the Target Language Compiler encounters an entry for an S-function block in the *model.rtw* file, it must decide whether to generate a call to the S-function or to inline it.

Because they cannot use `SimStructs`, Fortran and M-file S-functions must be inlined. This inlining can either be in the form of a full block target file or a one-line block target file that refers to a substitute C-MEX S-function source file.

The Target Language Compiler selects a C-MEX S-function for inlining if there is an explicit `mdlRTW()` function in the S-function code or if there is a target file for the current target language for the current block in the TLC file search path. If a C-MEX S-function has an explicit `mdlRTW()` function, there must be a corresponding target file or an error condition results.

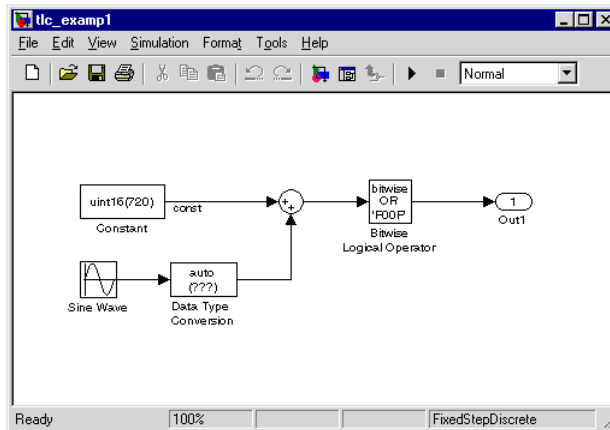
The target file for an S-function must have the same root name as the S-function and must have the extension `.tlc`. For example, the

C-MEX S-function `sfix_bitop` uses these files, which are available in `matlabroot/toolbox/simulink/fixedandfloat/`:

Location and Filename(s)	Purpose
<code>sfix_bitop.c</code>	C source file
<code>sfix_bitop.mex*</code>	Compiled files
<code>tlc_c/sfix_bitop.tlc</code>	TLC target file

## A Look at Inlined and Noninlined S-Function Code

This example focuses on the C-MEX S-function `sfix_bitop` in `matlabroot/toolbox/simulink/fixedandfloat/sfix_bitop.c`. The code generation options are set to allow reuse of signal memory for signal lines that were not set as tunable signals.



The code generated for the bitwise operator block reuses a temporary variable that is set up for the output of the sum block to save memory. This results in one very efficient line of code, as seen here.

```

/* Bitwise Logic Block: <Root>/Bitwise Logical Operator */
/* [input] OR 'FOOF' */
rtb_temp2 |= 0xF00F;

```

There is no initialization or setup code required for this inlined block.

If this block were not inlined, the source code for the S-function itself with all its various options would be added to the generated code base, memory would be allocated in the generated code for the block's `SimStruct` data, and calls to the S-function's methods would be generated to initialize, run, and terminate the S-function code. To execute the `mdlOutputs` function of the S-function, code would be generated like this:

```
/* Level2 S-Function Block: <Root>/Bitwise Logical Operator (sfix_bitop) */
{
    SimStruct *rts = ssGetSFunction(rts, 0);
    sfcnOutputs(rts, tid);
}
```

The entire `mdlOutputs` function is called and runs just as it does during simulation. That's not everything, though. There is also registration, initialization, and termination code for the noninlined S-function. The initialization and termination calls are similar to the fragment above. Then, the registration code for an S-function with just one input and one output is 72 lines of C code generated as part of file `model_reg.h`.

```
/*Level2 S-Function Block: <Root>/Bitwise Logical Operator (sfix_bitop) */
{
    extern void untitled_sf(SimStruct *rts);
    SimStruct *rts = ssGetSFunction(rts, 0);

    /* timing info */
    static time_T sfcnPeriod[1];
    static time_T sfcnOffset[1];
    static int_T sfcnTsMap[1];

    {
        int_T i;

        for(i = 0; i < 1; i++) {
            sfcnPeriod[i] = sfcnOffset[i] = 0.0;
        }
    }
    ssSetSampleTimePtr(rts, &sfcnPeriod[0]);
}
```

```
ssSetOffsetTimePtr(rts, &sfcnOffset[0]);
ssSetSampleTimeTaskIDPtr(rts, sfcnTsMap);
ssSetMdlInfoPtr(rts, ssGetMdlInfoPtr(rts));

/* inputs */
{
    static struct _ssPortInputs inputPortInfo[1];

    _ssSetNumInputPorts(rts, 1);
    ssSetPortInfoForInputs(rts, &inputPortInfo[0]);

    /* port 0 */
    {

        static real_T const *sfcnUPtrs[1];
        sfcnUPtrs[0] = &rtU.In1;
        ssSetInputPortSignalPtrs(rts, 0, (InputPtrsType)&sfcnUPtrs[0]);
        _ssSetInputPortNumDimensions(rts, 0, 1);
        ssSetInputPortWidth(rts, 0, 1);
    }
}
.
.
.
```

This continues until all S-function sizes and methods are declared, allocated, and initialized. The amount of registration code generated is essentially proportional to the number and size of the input ports and output ports.

A noninlined S-function will typically have a significant impact on the size of the generated code, whereas an inlined S-function can give hand-coded size and performance to the generated code.

## The Advantages of Inlining S-Functions

The following sections discuss advantages of inlining S-functions with respect to

- “Goals” on page 1-13
- “Inlining Process” on page 1-14
- “Search Algorithm for Locating TLC Files” on page 1-15
- “Availability for Inlining and Noninlining” on page 1-16

### Goals

The goals of generated code usually include compactness and speed. On the other hand, S-functions are run-time-loadable extension modules for adding block-level functionality to Simulink. As such, the S-function interface is optimized for flexibility in configuring and using blocks in a simulation environment with capability to allow run-time changes to a block’s operation via parameters. These changes typically take the form of algorithm selection and numerical constants for the block algorithms.

While switching algorithms is a desirable feature in the design phase of a system, when the time comes to generate code, this type of flexibility is often dropped in favor of optimal calculation speed and code size. The Target Language Compiler was designed to allow the generation of code that is compact and fast by selectively generating only the code you need for one instance of a block’s parameter set.

### When Inlining Is Not Appropriate

You might decide that inlining is not appropriate for certain C-MEX S-functions. This might be the case if an S-function has

- Few or no numerical parameters
- One algorithm that is already fixed in capability (i.e., it has no optional modes or alternate algorithms)
- Support for only one data type

- A significant or large code size in the `mdlOutputs()` function
- Multiple instances of this block in your models

Whenever you encounter this situation, the effort of inlining the block might not improve execution speed and could actually increase the size of the generated code. The tradeoff is in the size of the block's body code generated for each instance vs. the size of the child `SimStruct` created for each instance of a noninlined S-function in the generated code.

Alternatively, you can use a hybrid inlining method known as a C-MEX wrapped S-function, where the block target file simply generates a call to a custom code function that the S-function itself also calls. This approach might be the optimal solution for code generation in the case of a large piece of existing code. An adaptation of this hybrid technique is used for calling the `rt_*.c` library functions located in directory `rtw/c/libsrc/`. See Chapter 7, "Inlining S-Functions" for the procedure and an example of a wrapped S-function.

## Inlining Process

The strategy for achieving compact, high-performance code from Simulink blocks in Real-Time Workshop centers on determining what part of a block's operations are active and necessary in the generated code and what parts can be predetermined or left out.

In practice, this means the TLC code in the block target file will select an algorithm that is a subset of the algorithms contained in the S-function itself and then selectively hard-code numerical parameters that are not to be changed at run time. This reduces code memory size and results in code that is often much faster than its S-function counterpart when mode selection is a significant part of S-function processing. Additionally, all function-call overhead is eliminated for inlined S-functions, as the code is generated directly in the body of the code unless there is an explicit call to a library function in the generated code.

The algorithm selections and parameters for each block are output in the initial phase of the code generation process from the S-function's registered parameter set or the `mdlRTW()` function (if present), which results in entries in the model's `.rtw` file for that block at code generation time. A file written

in the target language for the block is then called to read the entries in the `model.rtw` file and compute the generated code for this instance of the block. This TLC code is contained in the block target file.

One special case for inlined S-functions is for the case of I/O blocks and drivers such as A/D converters or communications ports. For simulation, the I/O driver is typically coded in the S-function as a pure source, a pass-through, or a pure sink. In the generated code, however, an actual interface to the I/O device must be made, typically through direct coding with the common `_in()`, `_out()` functions, inlined assembly code, or a specific set of I/O library calls unique to the device and target environment.

## Search Algorithm for Locating TLC Files

The Target Language Compiler uses the following search order to locate TLC files:

- 1 The current directory.
- 2 The location(s) specified by any `%addincludepath` directive(s). The compiler evaluates multiple `%addincludepath` directives from the *bottom up*.
- 3 The location(s) specified by any `-I` option(s). The compiler evaluates multiple `-I` options from *right to left*.

For inlined S-functions, the RTW build process provides two `-I` options that add the following two directories to the search path:

- 4 The directory where the S-function executable (MEX or `.m`) file is located.
- 5 S-function directory's subdirectory `./t1c_c` (for C or C++ language targets).

The first target file encountered with the required name that implements the proper language will be used in processing the S-function's `model.rtw` file entry.

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**Note** The compiler does *not* search the MATLAB path, and will not find any file that is available only on that path. The compiler searches only the locations described above.

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## Availability for Inlining and Noninlining

S-functions can be written in M, Fortran, C, and C++. TLC inlining of S-functions is available as indicated in this table.

### Inline TLC Support by S-Function Type

<b>S-Function Type</b>	<b>Noninlining Supported</b>	<b>Inlining Supported</b>
M-file	No	Yes
Fortran MEX	No	Yes
C	Yes	Yes
C++	Yes	Yes



## Where to Go from Here

The remainder of this book contains both explanatory and reference material for the Target Language Compiler:

- Chapter 2, “Getting Started” describes the process that the Target Language Compiler uses to generate code, and general inlining S-function concepts.
- Chapter 3, “Code Generation Architecture” describes the TLC files and the build process. It also provides a tutorial on how to write target language files.
- Chapter 4, “Understanding the *model.rtw* File” describes the *model.rtw* file.
- Chapter 5, “Directives and Built-In Functions” contains the language syntax for the Target Language Compiler.
- Chapter 6, “Debugging TLC Files” explains how to use the TLC debugger.
- Chapter 7, “Inlining S-Functions” describes how to use the Target Language Compiler and how to inline S-functions.
- Chapter 8, “TLC Function Library Reference” contains abstracts for the TLC functions.
- Appendix A, “TLC Error Handling” lists the error messages that the Target Language Compiler can generate, as well as how to best use the errors.
- Appendix B, “Using TLC with Emacs” describes using Emacs to edit TLC files.

## Related Manuals

The items listed below are sections of other manuals that relate to the creation of TLC files:

- The Real-Time Workshop documentation describes the use and internal architecture of Real-Time Workshop. The “Code Generation and the Build Process” chapter presents information on how Target Language Compiler fits into the overall code generation process. The “Data Exchange APIs” chapter offers further useful examples and customization guidelines.
- The Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder documentation presents details on generating code for embedded targets. Among other topics, it covers data structures and program execution, code generation, custom storage classes, module packaging, and specifies system requirements and restrictions on target files.
- The Simulink “Writing S-Functions” documentation presents detailed information on all aspects of writing Fortran, M-file, and C-MEX S-functions. The most pertinent chapter from the point of view of the Target Language Compiler is “Writing S-Functions in C” which explains how to write wrapped and fully inlined S-functions, with a special emphasis on the `mdlRTW()` function.

# Getting Started

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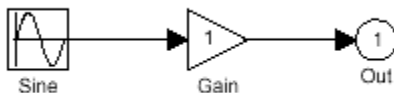
How the Target Language Compiler interprets *model.rtw* files

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## Code Architecture

Before investigating the specific code generation pieces of the Target Language Compiler (TLC), consider how Target Language Compiler generates code for a simple model. From the next figure, you see that blocks place code into Md1 routines. This shows Md1Outputs.



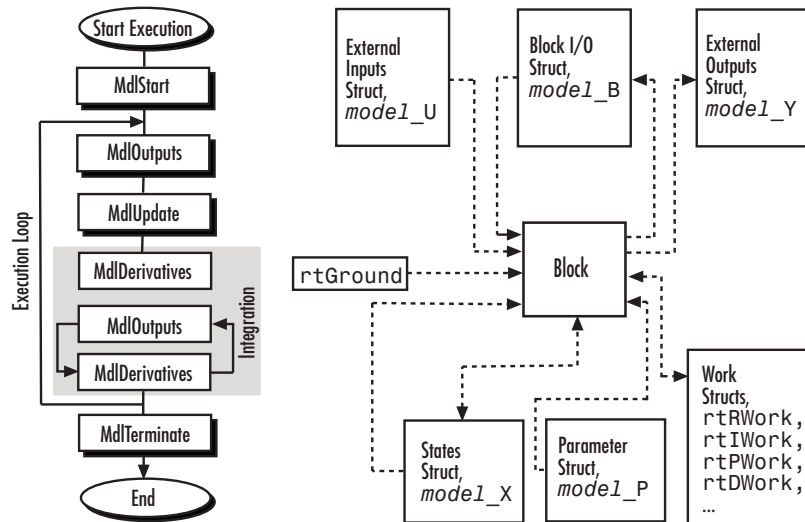
```
static void simple_output(int_T tid)
{
    /* Sin Block: '<Root>/Sine Wave' */

    simple_B.SineWave_d = simple_P.SineWave_Amp *
        sin(simple_P.SineWave_Freq * simple_M->Timing.t[0] +
            simple_P.SineWave_Phase) + simple_P.SineWave_Bias;

    /* Gain: '<Root>/Gain' */
    simple_B.Gain_d = simple_B.SineWave_d * simple_P.Gain_Gain;

    /* Output: '<Root>/Out1' */
    simple_Y.Out1 = simple_B.Gain_d;
}
```

Blocks have inputs, outputs, parameters, states, plus other general properties. For example, block inputs and outputs are generally written to a block I/O structure (generated with identifiers of the type *model\_B*), where *model* is the model name). Block inputs can also come from the external input structure (*model\_U*) or the state structure when connected to a state port of an integrator (*model\_X*), or ground (*rtGround*) if unconnected or grounded. Block outputs can also go to the external output structure, (*model\_Y*). The following diagram shows the general block data mappings.



This discussion should give you a general sense of what the block object looks like. Now, you can look at specific pieces of the code generation process that are specific to the Target Language Compiler.

## Target Language Compiler Overview

### The Target Language Compiler Process

To write TLC code for your S-function, you need to understand the Target Language Compiler process for code generation. As previously described, Simulink generates a *model.rtw* file that contains a high-level representation of the execution semantics of the block diagram. The *model.rtw* file is an ASCII file that contains a data structure in the form of a nested set of TLC records. The records comprise property name/property value pairs. The Target Language Compiler reads the *model.rtw* file and converts it into an internal representation.

Next, the Target Language Compiler runs (interprets) the TLC files, starting first with the system target file, for example, *grt.tlc*. This is the entry point to all the system TLC and block files, that is, other TLC files included in or generated from the TLC file passed to Target Language Compiler on its command line (*grt.tlc*). As the TLC code in the system and block target files is run, it uses, appends to, and modifies the existing property name/property value pairs and records initially loaded from the *model.rtw* file.

### *model.rtw* Structure

The structure of the *model.rtw* file mirrors the block diagram's structure:

- For each nonvirtual system in the model, there is a corresponding system record in the *model.rtw* file.
- For each nonvirtual block within a nonvirtual system, there is a block record in the *model.rtw* file in the corresponding system.

The basic structure of *model.rtw* is

```
CompiledModel {
  System {
    Block {
      DataInputPort {
        ...
      }
      DataOutputPort{
        ...
      }
    }
  }
}
```

```
    }  
    ParamSettings {  
        ...  
    }  
    Parameter {  
        ...  
    }  
} }  
}
```

## Operating Sequence

For each occurrence of a given block in the model, a corresponding block record exists in the *model.rtw* file. The system target file TLC code loops through all block records and calls the functions in the corresponding block target file for that block type. For inlined S-functions, it calls the inlining TLC file.

There is a method for getting block-specific information (internal block information, as opposed to inputs/outputs/parameters/etc.) into the block record in the *model.rtw* file for a block by using the `mdlRTW` function in the C-MEX function of the block.

Among other things, the `mdlRTW` function allows you to write out parameter settings (`ParamSettings`), that is, unique information pertaining to this block. For parameter settings in the block TLC file, direct accesses to these fields are made from the block TLC code and can be used to affect the generated code as desired.

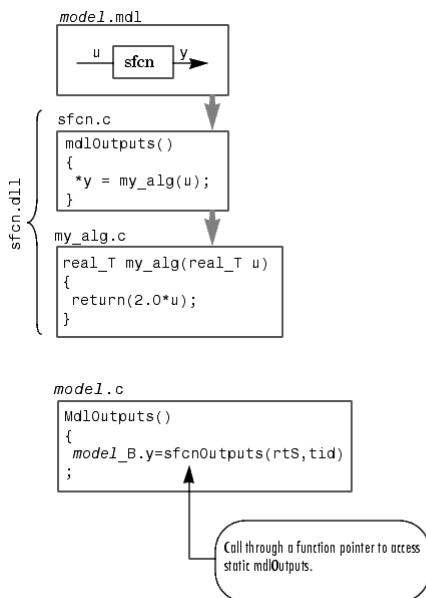
## Inlining S-Functions

To inline an S-function means to provide a TLC file for an S-Function block that will replace the C, C++, Fortran or M-code version of the block that was used during simulation.

### Noninlined S-Function

If an inlining TLC file is not provided, most Real-Time Workshop targets will still support the block by recompiling the C-MEX S-function for the block. As discussed earlier, there is overhead in memory usage and speed when using a C/C++ coded S-function and a limited subset of `mx*` API calls supported within the Real-Time Workshop context. If you want the most efficient generated code, you must inline S-functions by writing a TLC file for them.

When Simulink needs to execute one of the functions for an S-function block during a simulation, it calls the MEX-file for that function. When Real-Time Workshop executes a noninlined S-function, it does so in a similar manner, as this diagram illustrates.





## Types of Inlining

It is helpful to define two categories of inlining:

- Fully inlined S-functions
- Wrapper inlined S-functions

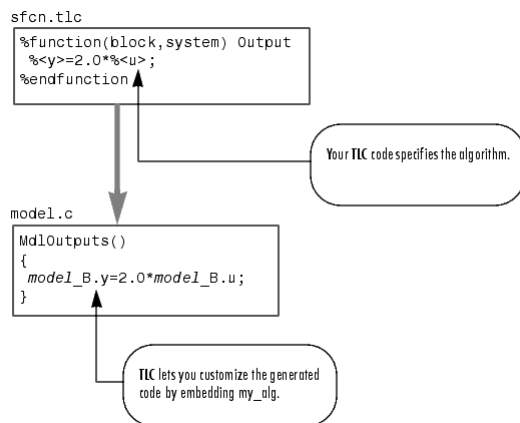
While both effectively inline the S-function and remove the overhead of a noninlined S-function, the two approaches are different. The first example below, using `timestwo.tlc`, is considered a fully inlined TLC file, where the full implementation of the block is contained in the TLC file for the block.

The second example uses a wrapper TLC file. Instead of generating all the algorithmic code in place, this example calls a C function that contains the body of code. There are several potential benefits for using the wrapper TLC file:

- It provides a way for the C-MEX S-function and the generated code to share the C code. There is no need to write the code twice.
- The called C function is an optimized routine.
- Several of the blocks might exist in the model, and it is more efficient in terms of code size to have them call a function, as opposed to each creating identical algorithmic code.
- It provides a way to incorporate legacy C code seamlessly into the Real-Time Workshop generated code.

## Fully Inlined S-Function Example

Inlining an S-function provides a mechanism to directly embed code for an S-function block into the generated code for a model. Instead of calling into a separate source file via function pointers and maintaining a separate data structure (`SimStruct`) for it, the code appears “inlined” as the next figure shows.



The S-function `timestwo.c` provides a simple example of a fully inlined S-function. This block multiplies its input by 2 and outputs it. The C-MEX version of the block is in `matlabroot/simulink/src/timestwo.c`, and the inlining TLC file for the block is in `matlabroot/toolbox/simulink/blocks/tlc_c/timestwo.tlc`.

### timestwo.tlc

```

%implements "timestwo" "C"

%% Function: Outputs =====
%%
%function Outputs(block, system) Output
  /* %<Type> Block: %<Name> */
  %%
  /* Multiply input by two */
  %assign rollVars = ["U", "Y"]
  %roll idx = RollRegions, lcv = RollThreshold, block, "Roller", rollVars
  %<LibBlockOutputSignal(0, "", lcv, idx)> = \
  %<LibBlockInputSignal(0, "", lcv, idx)> * 2.0;
  %endroll
%endfunction
  
```

## TLC Block Analysis

The `%implements` directive is required by all TLC block files and is used by the Target Language Compiler to verify correct block type and correct language support by the block. The `%function` directive starts a function declaration and shows the name of the function, Outputs, and the arguments passed to it, block and system. These are the relevant records from the `model.rtw` file for this instance of the block.

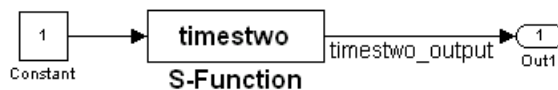
The last piece of the prototype is Output. This means that any line that is not a TLC directive is output by the function to the current file that is selected in TLC. So, any nondirective lines in the Outputs function become generated code for the block.

The most complicated piece of this TLC block example is the `%roll` directive. TLC uses this directive to provide automatic generation of for loops, depending on input/output widths and whether the inputs are contiguous in memory. This example uses the typical form of accessing outputs and inputs from within the body of the roll, using `LibBlockOutputSignal` and `LibBlockInputSignal` to access the outputs and inputs and perform the multiplication and assignment. Note that this TLC file supports any signal width.

The only function needed to implement this block is Outputs. For more complicated blocks, other functions are declared as well. You can find examples of more complicated inlining TLC files in `matlabroot/toolbox/simulink/blocks` and `matlabroot/toolbox/simulink/blocks/tlc_c`, and by looking at the code for built-in blocks in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/blocks`.

## The timestwo Model

This simple model uses the `timestwo` S-function and shows the `Md1Outputs` function from the generated `model.c` file, which contains the inlined S-function code.



## Model Outputs Code

```

/* Model output function */
static void timestwo_ex_output(int_T tid)
{

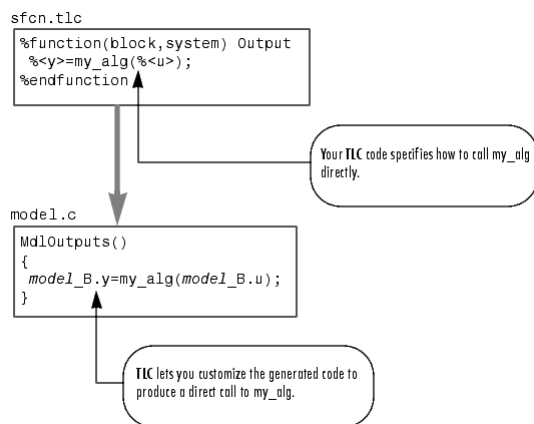
    /* S-Function Block: <Root>/S-Function */
    /* Multiply input by two */
    timestwo_ex_B.timestwo_output = timestwo_ex_P.Constant_Value
    * 2.0;

    /* Output: '<Root>/Out1' */
    timestwo_ex_Y.Out1 = timestwo_ex_B.timestwo_output;
}

```

## Wrapper Inlined S-Function Example

The following diagram illustrates inlining an S-function as a wrapper. The algorithm is directly called from the generated model code, removing the S-function overhead but maintaining the user function.



This is the inlining TLC file for a wrapper version of the `timestwo` block.

```

%implements "timestwo" "C"

%% Function: BlockTypeSetup =====

```

```

%%
%function BlockTypeSetup(block, system) void
    %% Add function prototype to model's header file
    %<LibCacheFunctionPrototype...
    ("extern void mytimestwo(real_T* in,real_T* out,int_T els);")>
    %% Add file that contains "myfile" to list of files to be compiled
    %<LibAddToModelSources("myfile")>
%endfunction

%% Function: Outputs =====
%%
%function Outputs(block, system) Output
    /* %<Type> Block: %<Name> */
    %assign outPtr = LibBlockOutputSignalAddr(0, "", "", 0)
    %assign inPtr = LibBlockInputSignalAddr(0, "", "",0)
    %assign numEls = LibBlockOutputSignalWidth(0)
    /* Multiply input by two */
    mytimestwo(%<inPtr>,%<outPtr>,%<numEls>);

%endfunction

```

## Analysis

The function `BlockTypeSetup` is called once for each type of block in a model; it doesn't produce output directly like the `Outputs` function. Use `BlockTypeSetup` to include a function prototype in the `model.h` file and to tell the build process to compile an additional file, `myfile.c`.

Instead of performing the multiplication directly, the `Outputs` function now calls the function `mytimestwo`. So, all instances of this block in the model will call the same function to perform the multiplication. The resulting model function, `MdlOutputs`, then becomes

```

static void timestwo_ex_output(int_T tid)
{
    /* S-Function Block: <Root>/S-Function */
    /* Multiply input by two */
    mytimestwo(&model_B.Constant_Value,&model_B.S_Function,1);
}

```

```
/* Output Block: <Root>/Out1 */  
model_Y.Out1 = model_B.S_Function;  
}
```

# Code Generation Architecture

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## Build Process

As part of the code generation process, Real-Time Workshop generates a file called *model.rtw* from the Simulink model. This file contains text that completely describes the model. Real-Time Workshop later uses this description to generate code by invoking a utility called the Target Language Compiler. The compiler translates *model.rtw* into the desired language, such as C or C++.

This section presents an overview of the build process, focusing on the Target Language Compiler's role in this process.

The Target Language Compiler is a binary program that is included as a MEX-file. The compiler compiles files written in the target language. The target language is an interpreted language and the compiler operates on source files every time it executes. You can make changes to a target file and watch the effects of your change the next time you build a model. You do not need to recompile the Target Language Compiler binary or any other large binary to see the effects of your change.

Because the target language is an interpreted language, some statements might never be compiled or executed (and hence not checked by the compiler for correctness). For example:

```
%if 1
    Hello
%else
    %<Invalid_function_call()>
%endif
```

In this example, the `Invalid_function_call` statement will never be executed. This example emphasizes that you should test all Target Language Compiler code with test cases that execute every line.

### A Basic Example

This example creates a target language file that generates specific text from a Real-Time Workshop model. It shows the sequence of steps that you should follow in creating and using your own target language files.



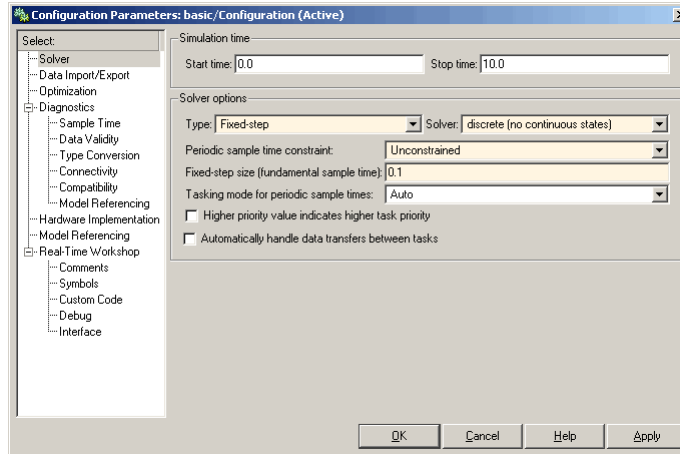
## Process

To begin, create the Simulink model shown in the next figure.



- 1** Save the new model in a working directory as `basic.mdl`.
- 2** Select **Configuration Parameters** from the model's **Simulation** menu to display the Configuration Parameters dialog box.
- 3** Click **Solver** in the **Select** column to open the **Solver Options** pane.
- 4** In the **Solver Options** pane:
  - a** Select `Fixed-step` in the **Type** field.
  - b** Select `discrete (no continuous states)` in the **Solver** field.
  - c** Specify `0.1` in the **Fixed-step size** field. (Otherwise, Real-Time Workshop will post a warning and supply a value when you generate code.)

The dialog box should now look like this:



#### Configuration Parameters Dialog Box

- 5 Click **Apply**.
- 6 Click **Debug** under **Real-Time Workshop** in the **Select** column to activate the **Debug** pane.
- 7 Select **Retain .rtw file**, then click **Apply**. This step lets you inspect the contents of the *model.rtw* file after the build finishes.
- 8 Click **Real-Time Workshop** in the **Select** column to activate the top-level **Real-Time Workshop** pane.
- 9 Check **Generate code only**, then click **Apply**.
- 10 Click **Generate code**.

Real-Time Workshop generates code into the `basic_grt_rtw` directory. You can see the progress in the MATLAB Command Window. When code generation is complete, Real-Time Workshop displays:

```
### Successful completion of Real-Time Workshop build procedure for model: basic
```

## Viewing the basic.rtw file

A *model.rtw* file contains a hierarchy of labeled records and fields. Each record is delimited by brackets, and contains subordinate records and/or fields. The labels state the purpose of each record and field. The records and fields in the *model.rtw* file created for a model describe every detail of the model and the Configuration Parameter settings that specify its context.

Open the file `./basic_grt_rtw/basic.rtw`, in the MATLAB Command Window or any text editor. The following example is a short extract of the file. The extract is intended only to show the general appearance of a *model.rtw* file. Your file, *basic.rtw*, will contain many more records and fields, sometimes with different field values than appear in the extract.

```
CompiledModel {
  Name      "basic"
  Version   "6.4 (R2006a) 13-Jan-2006"
  ModelVersion "1.1"
  GeneratedOn "Thu Jan 26 14:15:59 2006"
  ExprFolding 1
  TargetStyle "StandAloneTarget"
  ModelReferenceTargetType "NONE"
  ConfigSet {
    BlockReduction 1
    BooleanDataType 1
    BufferReusableBoundary 1
    BufferReuse 1
    CodeGenDirectory ""
  }
  Solver FixedStepDiscrete
  SolverType FixedStep
  StartTime 0.0
  StopTime 10.0
  FixedStepOpts {
    SolverMode SingleTasking
    FixedStep 0.10000000000000001
  }
  RTWGenSettings {
    BuildDirSuffix "_grt_rtw"
    RelativeBuildDir "basic_grt_rtw"
    MaxStackSize "Inf"
  }
}
```

```
        MaxStackVariableSize    "4096"
        DivideStackByRate      "0"
    }
    DataLoggingOpts {
        SaveFormat              0
        MaxRows                  1000
        Decimation                1
        TimeSaveName             "tout"
        OutputSaveName           "yout"
    }
    NumModelInputs              0
    NumModelOutputs             1
    AllSampleTimesInherited     yes
    BlockParamChecksum          Vector(4)
    ["2593893983U", "3970349032U", "3137491486U", "2062188880U"]
    ModelChecksum               Vector(4)
    ["1391043740U", "2332924416U", "1961618775U", "2425461063U"]
    }
```

## Creating the Target File

Next, create a basic.tlc file to act as a target file for this model. However, instead of generating code, simply display some information about the model using this file. The concept is the same as used in code generation.

Create a file called basic.tlc in the directory containing basic.mdl. This file should contain the following lines:

```
%with CompiledModel

My model is called %<Name>.
It was generated on %<GeneratedOn>.
It has %<NumModelOutputs> output(s) and %<NumContStates> continuous state(s).

%endwith
```

For the build process, you need to include some further information in the TLC file for the build process to proceed successfully. Instead, in this example, you generate the .rtw file directly and then run the Target Language Compiler on this file to generate the desired output.

To do this, enter at the MATLAB prompt:

```
slbuild('basic','ModelReferenceRTWTargetOnly')
tlc -r basic_grt_rtw/basic.rtw basic.tlc -v
```

The first line generates the `.rtw` file in the build directory `'basic_grt_rtw'`. This step is actually unnecessary because the file has already been generated in the previous step; however, it will be useful if the model is changed and the operation has to be repeated.

The second line runs the Target Language Compiler on the file `basic.tlc`. The `-r` option tells the Target Language Compiler that it should use the file `basic.rtw` as the `.rtw` file. Note that a space must separate `-r` and the input filename. The `-v` option tells TLC to be verbose in reporting its activity.

The output of this pair of commands is (date will differ):

```
My model is called basic.
It was generated on Wed Jun 22 20:51:11 2005.
It has 1 output(s) and 0 continuous state(s).
```

You can also try changing the model (for instance, by using `rand(2,2)` as the value for the constant block) and then repeating the process to see how the output of TLC changes.

As you continue through this chapter, you will learn more about creating target files.

## Invoking Code Generation

Typically, you invoke `slbuild` and `tlc` directly from the Real-Time Workshop build procedure by clicking the **Build** (or **Generate code**) button on the **Real-Time Workshop** pane of the Configuration Parameters dialog box. However, some circumstances may require you to execute `slbuild` or `tlc` directly from the MATLAB prompt.

### The `slbuild` Command

To generate a `model.rtw` file from the MATLAB prompt, type:

```
slbuild('model', 'ModelReferenceRTWTargetOnly')
```

You can specify other options to `slbuild` that build or rebuild model reference simulation targets or a stand-alone executable. For more information, type:

```
help slbuild
```

at the MATLAB prompt.

### The `tlc` Command

Once the `.rtw` file generates, to run the Target Language Compiler on this file, type:

```
tlc -r build_directory/model.rtw file.tlc
```

This generates output as directed by `file.tlc`.

Options to TLC include:

- `-Ipath`, which specifies a path to look for files included by the `%include` directive (do not insert a space after `-I`)
- `-r model.rtw`, the compiled model file from which to generate code (note required space character before the argument)
- `-aident=expression`, which assigns a value to the TLC identifier `ident`. Note that there is *no* space after `-a`. Usage of `-a` is discussed in “Configuring TLC” on page 3-10.

For more information, type:

```
help tlc
```

at the MATLAB prompt.

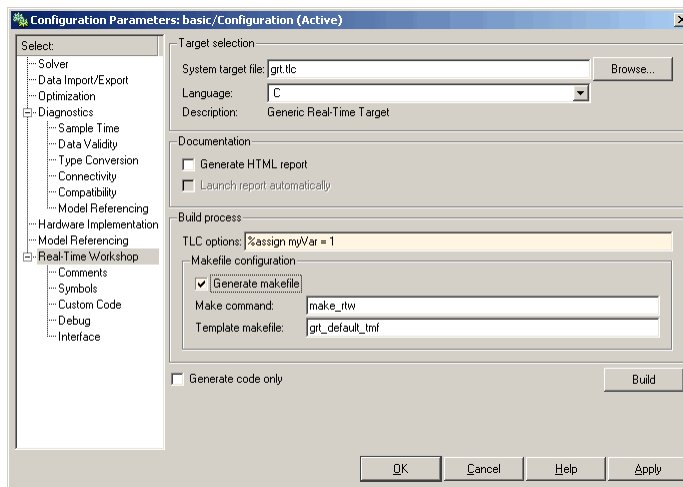
## Configuring TLC

You can control and configure TLC in various ways, as the following sections explain.

### Setting Command-Line Arguments

You can enter TLC command-line arguments from the MATLAB command line or from the **TLC Options** text field on the **Real-Time Workshop** pane of the Configuration Parameters dialog box. This dialog is also accessible via **Tools > Real-Time Workshop > Options** on the Simulink menu bar.

You can enter commands in the TLC options field, as shown in the next figure.



The **TLC options** field turns yellow after you enter arguments. Click **Apply** to use the arguments you enter when the Target Language Compiler processes the model.



Another way of configuring the TLC code generation process is by using the `-a` flag on the TLC command line. That is, you must give the TLC command interactively. Using `-amyVar=1` on the command line is equivalent to saying

```
%assign myVar = 1
```

in your target file, or entering it in the **TLC options** field, as shown above.

You can repeat the `-a` parameter, which also can be specified in the **System Target File** field in the **Real-Time Workshop** pane of the Configuration Parameters dialog box.

For an example of how this process works, consider the following TLC code fragment:

```
%if !EXISTS(myConfigVariable)
    %assign myConfigVariable = 0
%endif

%if (myConfigVariable == 1)

    code fragment 1

%else

    code fragment 2

%endif
```

If you specify `-amyConfigVariable=1` in the command line, code fragment 1 is generated; otherwise code fragment 2 is generated. The if block starting with

```
%if !EXISTS(myConfigVariable)
```

serves to set the default value of `myConfigVariable` to 0, so that TLC does not generate an error if you forget to add `-amyConfigVariable` to the command line.

If you use the `-a` flag to input a string variable, the variable must be enclosed in double quotation marks:

```
-amyStringVariable="hello"
```

However, if the string contains any white space, enclose the double quotation marks within apostrophes:

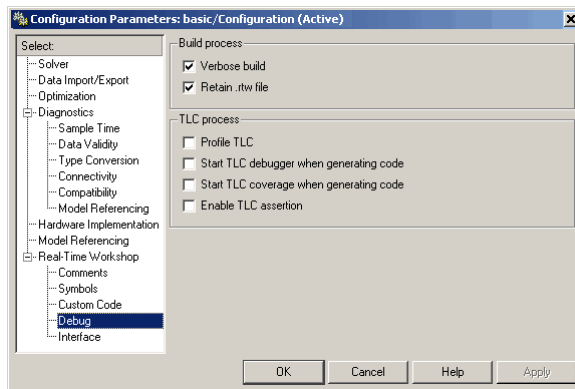
```
-amyStringVariable=' "hello world" '
```

You must also do this if there are apostrophes within the string, whether or not white space is included, and the apostrophes must be escaped (doubled):

```
-amyStringVariable=' "can' 't" '
```

## Configuring for TLC Debugging

To configure TLC for debugging via the Configuration Parameters dialog, select **Debug** under **Real-Time Workshop**. This provides the following TLC process options for configuring the build process:



The **Start TLC debugger when generating code** check box lets you activate the TLC debugger and an option to retain the RTW file. This is covered in more detail in Chapter 6, “Debugging TLC Files”.

## Code Generation Concepts

The Target Language Compiler uses a target language that is a general programming language, and you can use it as such. It is important, however, to remember that the Target Language Compiler was designed for one purpose: to convert a *model.rtw* file to generated code. Thus, the target language provides many features that are particularly useful for this task but does not provide some of the features that other languages like C and C++ provide.

Before you start modifying or creating target files for use within Real-Time Workshop, you might find some of the following general programming examples useful to familiarize yourself with the basic constructs used within the Target Language Compiler.

### Output Streams

The typical “Hello World” example is rather simple in the target language. Type the following in a file named *hello.tlc*:

```
%selectfile STDOUT
Hello, World
```

To run this Target Language Compiler program, type

```
tlc hello.tlc
```

at the MATLAB prompt.

This simple script demonstrates some important concepts underlying the purpose (and hence the design) of the Target Language Compiler. Since the primary purpose of the Target Language Compiler is to generate code, it is output (or stream) oriented. It makes it easy to handle buffers of text and output them easily. In the above script, the `%selectfile` directive tells the Target Language Compiler to send any following text that it generates or does not recognize to the standard output device. All syntax that the Target Language Compiler recognizes begins with the `%` character. Because `Hello, World` is not recognized, it is sent directly to the output. You could just as easily change the output destination to be a file. The `STDOUT` stream does not have to be opened, but must be selected to write to the Command Window.

```
%openfile foo = "foo.txt"
%openfile bar = "bar.txt"
%selectfile foo
This line is in foo.
%selectfile STDOUT
Line has been output to foo.
%selectfile bar
This line is in bar.
%selectfile NULL_FILE
This line will not show up anywhere.
%selectfile STDOUT
About to close bar.
%closefile bar
%closefile foo
```

Note that you can switch between buffers to display status messages. The semantics of the three directives `%openfile`, `%selectfile`, and `%closefile` are given in “Target Language Compiler Directives” on page 5-2.

## Variable Types

The absence of explicit type declarations for variables is another feature of the Target Language Compiler. See Chapter 5, “Directives and Built-In Functions” for more information on the implicit data types of variables.

## Records

One of the constructs most relevant to generating code from the `model.rtw` file is a record. A *record* is very similar to a structure in C or a record in Pascal. The syntax of a record declaration is

```
%createrecord recVar { ...
    field1 value1 ...
    field2 value2 ...
    ...
    fieldN valueN ...
}
```

where `recVar` is the name of the record being declared, `fieldi` is a string, and `valuei` is the corresponding Target Language Compiler value.

Records can have nested records, or subrecords, within them. The *model.rtw* file is essentially one large record, named `CompiledModel`, containing levels of subrecords. Thus, a simple script that loops through a model and outputs the name of all blocks in the model would have the following form.

```
%addincludepath "matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib"
%addincludepath "matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/mw"
%addincludepath "matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/blocks"
%assign Accelerator = 0    %%Needed to avoid error in utillib
%include "utillib.tlc"
%selectfile STDOUT
%with CompiledModel
    %foreach sysIdx = NumSystems
        %assign ss = System[sysIdx]
        %with ss
            %foreach blkIdx = NumBlocks
                %assign block = Block[blkIdx]
                %<LibGetFormattedBlockPath(block)>
            %endforeach
        %endwith
    %endforeach
%endwith
```

Unlike MATLAB, the Target Language Compiler requires that you explicitly load any function definitions not located in the same target file. In MATLAB, the line `A = myfunc(B)` causes MATLAB to automatically search for and load an M-file or MEX-file named `myfunc`. The Target Language Compiler, on the other hand, requires that you specifically include the file that defines the function. In this case, `utillib.tlc` contains the definition of `LibGetFormattedBlockPath`.

Target Language Compiler provides a `%with` directive that facilitates using records. See Chapter 5, “Directives and Built-In Functions” for a detailed description of the directive and its associated scope rules.

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**Note** The format and structure of the *model.rtw* file are subject to change from one release of Real-Time Workshop to another.

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A record read in from a file is not immutable. It is like any other record that you might declare in a program. In fact, the global `CompiledModel` Real-Time Workshop record is modified many times during code generation. `CompiledModel` is the global record in the `model.rtw` file. It contains all the variables necessary for code generation, such as `NumNonvirtSubsystems`, `NumBlocks`, etc. It is also appended during code generation with many new variables, flags, and subrecords, as needed.

Functions such as `LibGetFormattedBlockPath` are provided in the Target Language Compiler libraries located in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/*.tlc`. For a complete list of available functions, refer to Chapter 8, “TLC Function Library Reference”.

### Assigning Values to Fields of Records

To assign a value to a field of a record, you must use a *qualified variable expression*. A qualified variable expression references a variable in one of the following forms:

- An identifier
- A qualified variable followed by “.” followed by an identifier, such as

```
var[2].b
```

- A qualified variable followed by a bracketed expression such as

```
var[expr]
```

### Record Aliases

In TLC it is possible to create what is called an *alias* to a record. Aliases are similar to pointers to structures in C. You can create multiple aliases to a single record. Modifications to the aliased record are visible to every place that holds an alias.

The following code fragment illustrates the use of aliases:

```
%createrecord foo { field 1 }  
%createrecord a { }  
%createrecord b { }  
%createrecord c { }
```

```

%addtorecord a foo foo
%addtorecord b foo foo
%addtorecord c foo { field 1 }

%% notice we are not changing field through a or b.
%assign foo.field = 2

ISALIAS(a.foo) = %<ISALIAS(a.foo)>
ISALIAS(b.foo) = %<ISALIAS(b.foo)>
ISALIAS(c.foo) = %<ISALIAS(c.foo)>

a.foo.field = 2, %<a.foo.field>
b.foo.field = 2, %<b.foo.field>
c.foo.field = 1, %<c.foo.field>
%% note that c.foo.field is unchanged

```

It is possible to create aliases to records that are not attached to any other records, as in the following example:

```

%function func(value) Output
    %createrecord foo { field value }
    %createrecord a { foo foo }
ISALIAS(a.foo) = %<ISALIAS(a.foo)>
    %%return a.foo
    %return a.foo
%endfunction

%assign x = func(2)
ISALIAS(x) = %<ISALIAS(x)>
x = %<x>
x.field = %<x.field>

```

Saving this script as `alias_func.tlc` and invoking it with

```
tlc -v alias_func.tlc
```

produces the Command Window output

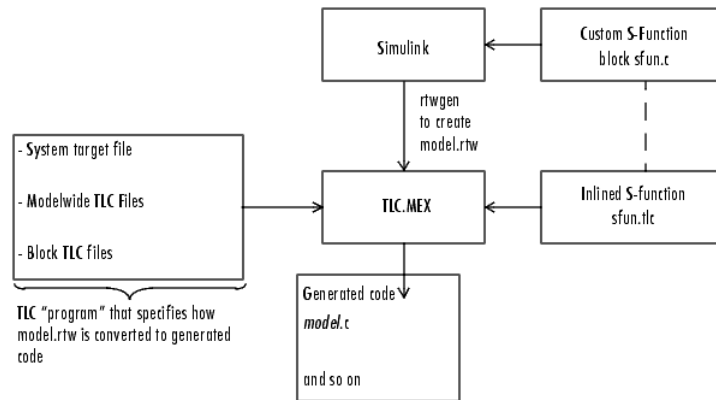
```
ISALIAS(a.foo) = 1  
ISALIAS(x) = 1  
x = { field 2 }  
x.field = 2
```

As long as there is some reference to a record through an alias, that record is not deleted. This allows records to be used as return values from functions.



## TLC Files

The Target Language Compiler works with Simulink to generate code as shown in the following figure.



Just as a C program is a collection of ASCII files connected with `#include` statements and object files linked into one binary, a *TLC program* is a collection of ASCII files, also called *scripts*. Because the Target Language Compiler is an interpreted language, however, there are no object files. The single target file that calls (with the `%include` directive) all other target files needed for the program is called the *entry point*.

### Available Target Files

Target files are the set of files that are interpreted by the Target Language Compiler to transform the intermediate Real-Time Workshop code (`model.rtw`) produced by Simulink into target-specific code.

Target files provide you with the flexibility to customize the code generated by the compiler to suit your specific needs. By modifying the target files included with the compiler, you can dictate what the compiler produces. For example, if you use the available system target files, you produce generic C or C++ code from your Simulink model. This executable code is not platform specific.

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**Note** You should not customize TLC files in the directory `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc` even though the capability exists to do so. Such TLC customizations might not be applied during the code generation process and can lead to unpredictable results.

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All the parameters used in the target files are read from the `model.rtw` file and looked up using block scoping rules. You can define additional parameters within the target files, using the `%assign` statement. The block scope rules and the `%assign` statement are discussed in Chapter 5, “Directives and Built-In Functions”.

Target files are written using target language directives. Chapter 5, “Directives and Built-In Functions” provides complete descriptions of the target language directives.

Chapter 4, “Understanding the `model.rtw` File” contains a thorough description of the `model.rtw` file, which is useful for creating and/or modifying target files.

### **Model-Wide Target Files and System Target Files**

Model-wide target files are used on a model-wide basis and provide basic information to the Target Language Compiler, which transforms the `model.rtw` file into target-specific code.

The system target file is the entry point for the Target Language Compiler. It is analogous to the `main()` routine of a C program. System target files oversee the entire code generation process. For example, the system target file `grt.tlc` sets up some variables for `codegenentry.tlc`, which is the entry point into the Real-Time Workshop target files. For a complete list of available system target files for Real-Time Workshop, see “Available Targets” in the Real-Time Workshop documentation.

There are four sets of model-wide target files, one for each of the basic code formats that Real-Time Workshop supports. The following table lists the model-wide target files associated with each of the basic code formats: static real-time, malloc (dynamic) real-time, embedded-C, and Real-Time Workshop (RTW) S-Function.

### Model-Wide Target Files for Applications

Model-Wide Target File	Code Format	Purpose
ertautobuild.tlc	Embedded-C	Includes <i>model_export.h</i> in the generated code
srtbody.tlc mrtbody.tlc ertbody.tlc sfcnbody.tlc	Static real-time malloc real-time Embedded-C RTW S-function	Creates the source file, <i>model.c</i> , which contains the procedures that implement the model
srtexport.tlc mrlexport.tlc ertexport.tlc sfcnbody.tlc	Static real-time malloc real-time Embedded-C RTW S-function	Creates the header file <i>model_export.h</i> , which defines access to external parameters and signals (all formats)
srthdr.tlc mrthdr.tlc erthdr.tlc sfcnhdr.tlc	Static real-time malloc real-time Embedded-C RTW S-function	Creates the header file <i>model.h</i> , which defines the data structures used by <i>model.c</i> . The data structure defines include Block Outputs, Parameters, External Inputs and Outputs, and the various work structures. The instances of these structures are declared in <i>model.c</i> (all formats).
srtlib.tlc mrtlib.tlc ertlib.tlc sfclib.tlc	Static real-time malloc real-time Embedded-C RTW S-function	Contains utility functions used by the other model-wide target files (all formats)

**Model-Wide Target Files for Applications (Continued)**

<b>Model-Wide Target File</b>	<b>Code Format</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
srtmap.tlc mrtmap.tlc ertmap.tlc sfcnmap.tlc	Static real-time malloc real-time Embedded-C RTW S-function	Creates the header file <i>model.dt</i> , which contains the mapping information for monitoring block outputs and modifying block parameters
sfcnmid.tlc	RTW S-function	Creates <i>model.c</i> , which contains data for an RTW S-function
srtparam.tlc mrtparam.tlc ertparam.tlc sfcnparam.tlc	Static real-time malloc real-time Embedded-C RTW S-function	Creates the source file <i>model.prm</i> , which is included by the <i>model.c</i> file to declare instances of the various data structures defined in <i>model.h</i> (all formats)
srtreg.tlc mrtreg.tlc ertreg.tlc sfcnreg.tlc	Static real-time malloc real-time Embedded-C RTW S-function	Creates the source file <i>model.h</i> that is included by the <i>model.c</i> file to satisfy the API (all formats)
sfcnsid.tlc	RTW S-function	Creates <i>model.c</i> , which contains data for an RTW S-function
srtwide.tlc mrtwide.tlc ertwide.tlc sfcnwide.tlc	Static real-time malloc real-time Embedded-C RTW S-function	The entry point for code format. This file produces <i>model.c</i> , <i>model.h</i> , and, optionally, <i>model.dt</i> .

## Summary of Target File Usage

In the context of Real-Time Workshop, there are two types of target files, system target files and block target files:

- System target files

System target files determine the overall framework of code generation. They determine when blocks are executed, how data is logged, and so on.

- Block target files

Block target files determine how each individual block uses its input signals and/or parameters to generate its output or to update its state.

You must write or modify a target file if you need to do one of the following:

- Customize the code generated for a block

The code generated for each block is defined by a *block target file*. Some of the things defined in the block target file include what the block outputs at each major time step and what information the block updates.

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**Note** You should not customize TLC files in the directory `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc` even though the capability exists to do so. Such TLC customizations might not be applied during the code generation process and can lead to unpredictable results.

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- Inline an S-function

Inlining an S-function means writing a target file that tells the Target Language Compiler how to generate code for that S-Function block. The compiler can automatically generate code for noninlined C-MEX S-functions. However, if you inline a C-MEX S-function, the compiler can generate more efficient code. Noninlined C-MEX S-functions execute using the S-function application program interface (API) and can be inefficient. You can inline an M-file or Fortran S-function; the Target Language Compiler can generate code for the S-function in both these cases.

- Customize the code generated for all models

You might want to instrument the generated code for profiling, or make other changes to overall code generation for all models. To accomplish such changes, you must modify some of the system target files.

- Implement support for a new language

The Target Language Compiler provides the basic framework to configure the entire Real-Time Workshop for code generation in another language.

## System Target Files

The entire code generation process starts with the single system target file that you specify in the **Real-Time Workshop** pane of the Configuration Parameters dialog box. Normally, you click the **Browse** button to activate the system target file browser for this purpose. A close examination of a system target file reveals how code generation occurs. This is a listing of the noncomment lines in `grt.tlc`, the target file to generate code for a generic real-time executable:

```
%selectfile NULL_FILE
%assign MatFileLogging = 1
%assign TargetType = "RT"
%assign Language = "C"
%include "codegenentry.tlc"
```

The three variables, `MatFileLogging`, `TargetType`, and `Language`, are global TLC variables used by other functions. Code generation is then initiated with the call to `codegenentry.tlc`, the main entry point for Real-Time Workshop.

If you want to make changes to modify overall code generation, you must change the system target file. After the initial setup, instead of calling `codegenentry.tlc`, you must call your own TLC files. The following code shows an example system target file called `mygrt.tlc`.

```
%% Set up variables, etc.
%% Load my library functions
%% Note that mylib.tlc should %include funclib.tlc at the
%% beginning.
%include "mylib.tlc"
%include "commonsetup.tlc"
```

```
%% Next, you can include any of the TLC files that you need for
%% preprocessing information about the model and to fill in
%% Real-Time Workshop hooks. The following is an example of
%% including a single TLC file that contains custom hooks.
#include "myhooks.tlc"

%% Finally, call the code generator.
#include "commonentry.tlc"
```

Generated code is placed in a model or subsystem function. The relevant generated function names and their execution order are described in “Code Generation and the Build Process” in the Real-Time Workshop documentation. During code generation, functions from each of the block target files are executed and the generated code is placed in the appropriate model or subsystem functions.

## Block Target Files

Each block has a target file that determines what code should be generated for the block. The code can vary depending on the exact parameters of the block or the types of connections to it (e.g., wide or scalar input).

Within each block target file, *block functions* specify the code to be output for the block in the model’s or subsystem’s start function, output function, update function, and so on.

## Data Handling with TLC: an Example

### Matrix Parameters in Real-Time Workshop

MATLAB, Simulink, and Real-Time Workshop all use column-major ordering for all array storage (1-D, 2-D, ...), so that the next element of an array in memory is always accessed by incrementing the first index of the array. For example, all these element pairs are stored sequentially in memory:  $A(i)$  and  $A(i+1)$ ,  $B(i, j)$  and  $B(i+1, j)$ ,  $C(i, j, k)$  and  $C(i+1, j, k)$ . For more information on the internal representation of MATLAB data, see "MATLAB Data" in the MATLAB external interfaces and API documentation.

Simulink and Real-Time Workshop differ from MATLAB internal data storage format only in the storage of complex number arrays. In MATLAB, the real and imaginary parts are stored in separate arrays, while in Simulink and Real-Time Workshop they are stored in an "interleaved" format, where the numbers in memory alternate real, imaginary, real, imaginary, and so forth. This convention allows efficient implementations of small signals on Simulink lines and for Mux blocks and other "virtual" signal manipulation blocks (i.e., they don't actively copy their inputs, merely the references to them).

The compiled model file, *model.rtw*, represents matrices as strings in MATLAB syntax, with no implied storage format. This is so you can copy the string out of an *.rtw* file and paste it into an *.m* file and have it recognized by MATLAB.

The Target Language Compiler declares all Simulink block matrix parameters as scalar or 1-D array variables

```
real_T scalar;  
real_T mat[ nRows * nCols ];
```

where *real\_T* can actually be any of the data types supported by Simulink, and will match the variable type given in the *.mdl* file.

For example, the 3-by-3 matrix in the Look-Up Table (2-D) block

```
1  2  3  
4  5  6  
7  8  9
```



is stored in *model.rtw* as

```
Parameter {
  Name      "OutputValues"
  Value     Matrix(3,3)
  [[1.0, 2.0, 3.0]; [4.0, 5.0, 6.0]; [7.0, 8.0, 9.0];]
  String    "t"
  StringType "Variable"
  ASTNode {
    IsNonTerminal      0
    Op                  SL_NOT_INLINED
    ModelParameterIdx  3
  }
}
```

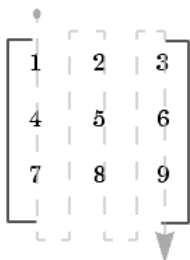
and results in this definition in *model.h*

```
typedef struct Parameters_tag {
  real_T s1_Look_Up_Table_2_D_Table[9];
  /* Variable:s1_Look_Up_Table_2_D_Table
   * External Mode Tunable:yes
   * Referenced by block:
   * <S1>/Look-Up Table (2-D
   */

  [ ... other parameter definitions ... ]

} Parameters;
```

The *model.h* file declares the actual storage for the matrix parameter and you can see that the format is column-major. That is, read down the columns, then across the rows.



```
Parameters model_P = {
    /* 3 x 3 matrix s1_Look_Up_Table_2_D_Table */
    { 1.0, 4.0, 7.0, 2.0, 5.0, 8.0, 3.0, 6.0, 9.0 },
    [ ... other parameter declarations ... ]
};
```

The Target Language Compiler accesses matrix parameters via `LibBlockMatrixParameter` and `LibBlockMatrixParameterAddr`, where

`LibBlockMatrixParameter(OutputValues, "", "", 0, "", "", 1)` returns "`model_P.s1_Look_Up_Table_2_D_Table[nRows]`" (automatically optimized from "`[0+nRows*1]`") and

`LibBlockMatrixParameterAddr(OutputValues, "", "", 0, "", "", 1)` returns "`&model_P.s1_Look_Up_Table_2_D_Table[nRows]`" for both inlined and noninlined block TLC code.

Matrix parameters are like any other TLC parameters in that only those parameters explicitly accessed by a TLC library function during code generation are placed in the parameters structure. So, following the example, `s1_Look_Up_Table_2_D_Table` is not declared unless it is explicitly accessed by `LibBlockParameter` or `LibBlockParameterAddr`.

# Understanding the *model.rtw* File

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Data References in the <i>model.rtw</i> File (p. 4-11)	How Simulink uses data references to optimize data access during code generation
Using Library Functions to Access <i>model.rtw</i> (p. 4-13)	How to access <i>model.rtw</i> records safely

## Introduction to the *model.rtw* File

The input to the Target Language Compiler is a *model.rtw* file, a compilation of *model.mdl* that describes blocks, inputs, outputs, parameters, states, storage, and other model components and properties. Real-Time Workshop generates a *model.rtw* file from your Simulink model.

A *model.rtw* file is a database whose contents provide a description of the individual blocks within the Simulink model. By selecting **Retain .rtw file** from the **TLC debugging** category on the **Real-Time Workshop** pane of the Configuration Parameters dialog box, you can build a model and view the corresponding *model.rtw* file that was used.

A *model.rtw* file is implemented as an ASCII file of parameter-value pairs stored in a hierarchy of records. A parameter name/parameter value pair is specified as

```
ParameterName value
```

where ParameterName (also called an *identifier*) is the name of the TLC identifier and value is a string, scalar, vector, or matrix. For example, in the parameter name/parameter value pair

```
NumDataOutputPorts 1
```

NumDataOutputPorts is the identifier and 1 is its value.

A *record* is specified as

```
RecordName {  
    .  
    .  
    .  
}
```

A record contains parameter name/parameter value pairs and/or subrecords. For example, this record contains one parameter name/parameter value pair:

```
DataStores {  
    NumDataStores    0  
}
```

---

**Note** The structure of the *model.rtw* file is very likely to change between releases, which is a compelling reason to limit your access to *model.rtw* to the TLC library functions documented in Chapter 8, “TLC Function Library Reference”. For additional information, see “Using Library Functions to Access *model.rtw*” on page 4-13.

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## Using Scopes in the *model.rtw* File

Each record creates a new *scope*. The *model.rtw* file uses curly braces { and } to open and close records (or scopes). Using scopes, you can access any value within the *model.rtw* file.

The scope in this example begins with `CompiledModel`. Use periods (.) to access values within particular scopes. The format of *model.rtw* is

```
CompiledModel {
  Name    "modelname"           -- Example of a parameter-value
  ...                                     pair (record field).
  System {                          -- There is one system for each
                                     nonvirtual subsystem.
    Block {                          -- Block records for each
      Type    "S-Function"          nonvirtual block in the
                                     system.
      Name     "<S3>/S-Function"
      ...
      Parameter {
        Name "P1"
        Value Matrix(1,2) [[1, 2]];
      }
      ...
    }
  }
  ...
  System {                            -- The last system is for the
                                     root of your model.
  }
}
```

For example, to access `Name` within `CompiledModel`, you would use

```
CompiledModel.Name
```

Multiple records of the same name form a list where the index of the first record starts at 0. To access the above S-function block record, you would use

```
CompiledModel.System[0].Block[0]
```

To access the name field of this block, you would use

```
CompiledModel.System[0].Block[0].Name
```

To simplify this process, you can use the `%with` directive, which changes the current scope. For example:

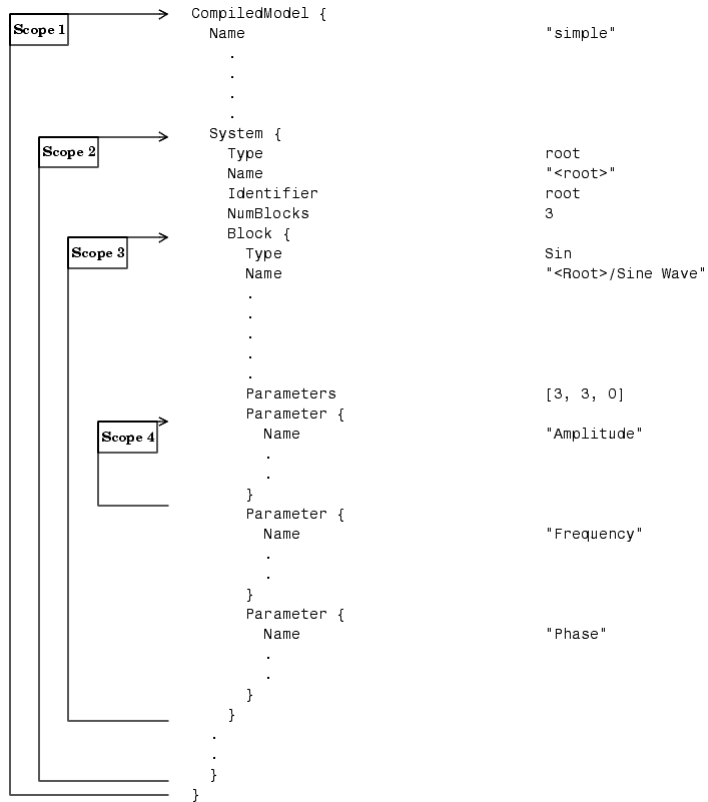
```
%with CompiledModel.System[0].Block[0]
%assign blockName = Name
%endwith
```

`blockName` will have the value "`<S3>/S-Function`".

When inlining S-function blocks, your S-function block record is scoped as though the above `%with` directive was done. In an inlined `.tlc` file, you should access fields without a fully qualified path.

The following code shows a more detailed scoping example where the `Block` record has several parameter-value pairs (`Type`, `Name`, `Identifier`, and so on), and three subrecords, each called `Parameter`. `Block` is a subrecord of `System`, which is a subrecord of `CompiledModel`. Note that the parameter names in this file changes from release to release.

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## Object Information in the *model.rtw* File

During code generation, Real-Time Workshop writes information about signal and parameter objects to the *model.rtw* file. An Object record is written for each parameter or signal that meets certain conditions. These conditions are described in “Object Records for Parameters” on page 4-7 and “Object Records for Signals” on page 4-8.

The Object records contain all the information corresponding to the associated object. To access Object records, you must write Target Language Compiler code (see “Accessing Object Information via TLC” on page 4-9).

### Object Records for Parameters

An Object record is included in the `ModelParameters` section of the *model.rtw* file for each parameter, under the following conditions:

- 1 The parameter resolves to a `Simulink.Parameter` object (or to a parameter object that comes from a class derived from the `Simulink.Parameter` class).
- 2 The parameter’s symbol is preserved in the generated code. The symbol is preserved when **Inline parameters** is on and `RTWInfo.StorageClass` is not set to “Auto” or “SimulinkGlobal”.

The following example shows part of an Object record for a parameter. A real record contains more fields than appear in the example.

```

ModelParameters {
  Parameter {
    Identifier      Kp
    Tunable         yes
    Value           [5.0]
    Dimensions      [1, 1]
    HasObject       1
    Object {
      Package       Simulink
      Class          Parameter
      ObjectProperties {
        RTWInfo {
          Object {

```

```
Package      Simulink
Class        RTWInfo
ObjectProperties {
    StorageClass      "SimulinkGlobal"
}
}
}
Value      5.0
}
}
}
}
```

### Object Records for Signals

An Object record is included in the BlockOutputs section of the *model.rtw* file for each signal that meets the following conditions:

- 1 The signal resolves to a `Simulink.Signal` object (or to an object that comes from a class derived from the `Simulink.Signal` class).
- 2 The signal's symbol is preserved in the generated code. The symbol is preserved if
  - The signal's `RTWInfo.StorageClass` is not set to "Auto" or "SimulinkGlobal".
  - The signal label is a valid variable name.
  - The signal label is unique throughout the model.

If the signal is configured to be an unstructured global variable in the generated code, its validity and uniqueness are enforced and its symbol is always preserved.

The following example shows part of an Object record for a signal. A real record contains more fields than appear in the example.

```
BlockOutputs {
    BlockOutput {
        Identifier      SinSig
        SigLabel "SinSig"
```

```

HasObject      1
Object {
  Package      Simulink
  Class        Signal
  ObjectProperties {
    RTWInfo {
      Object {
        Package      Simulink
        Class        RTWInfo
        ObjectProperties {
          StorageClass "SimulinkGlobal"
        }
      }
    }
  }
}
}
}
}
}
}
}
}
}
}

```

## Accessing Object Information via TLC

This section provides sample code to illustrate how to access object information from the *model.rtw* file using TLC code.

## Accessing Parameter Object Records

The following code fragment iterates over the ModelParameters section of the *model.rtw* file and extracts information from any parameter Object records encountered.

```

%with CompiledModel.ModelParameters
%foreach modelParamIdx = NumParameters
  %assign thisModelParam = Parameter[modelParamIdx]
  %assign paramName = thisModelParam.Identifier
  %if EXISTS("thisModelParam.Object.ObjectProperties")
    %with thisModelParam.Object.ObjectProperties
      %assign valueInObject = Value
      %with RTWInfo.Object.ObjectProperties
        %assign storageClassInObject = StorageClass
      %endwith
    %% *****
  %endwith
%endwith

```

```
%% Access user-defined properties here
%% *****
%if EXISTS("MY_PROPERTY_NAME")
    %assign userDefinedPropertyName = MY_PROPERTY_NAME
%endif
%% *****
%endwith
%endif
%endforeach
%endwith
```

### Accessing Signal Object Records

The following code fragment iterates over the `BlockOutputs` section of the *model.rtw* file and extracts information from any signal Object records encountered.

```
%with CompiledModel.BlockOutputs
%foreach blockOutputIdx = NumBlockOutputs
    %assign thisBlockOutput = BlockOutput[blockOutputIdx]
    %assign signalName = thisBlockOutput.Identifier
    %if EXISTS("thisBlockOutput.Object.ObjectProperties")
        %with thisBlockOutput.Object.ObjectProperties
            %with RTWInfo.Object.ObjectProperties
                %assign storageClassInObject = StorageClass
            %endwith \
            %% *****\
            %% Access user-defined properties here\
            %% *****
            %if EXISTS("MY_PROPERTY_NAME")
                %assign userDefinedPropertyName = MY_PROPERTY_NAME
            %endif
            %% *****
        %endwith
    %endif
%endforeach
%endwith
```

## Data References in the *model.rtw* File

Some records in a *model.rtw* file, such as those corresponding to parameters and constant block I/O, can have extremely large data value vectors embedded in them. Such a vector can cause significant memory overhead during code generation because the values must be maintained as text in memory during this process.

To avoid such overhead, by default Simulink does not write out the entire data value vector into *model.rtw*. Instead, it writes a key called *adata reference* that can be used during code generation to access the data directly from Simulink. If the data is never mutated during code generation, it is efficiently streamed to disk when the actual code containing the data values is written out.

A data reference has the format `SLData(index)`, where *index* is a numeric value that tells Simulink which data is being referenced. TLC directives such as `GENERATE_FORMATTED_VALUE` store data references in unexpanded format in memory. When the generated code is written out to disk, the data values expand to the actual values.

### Controlling the Data Reference Threshold

By default, Simulink writes a data reference to *model.rtw* in place of any data vector whose length is 10 or more. To change the maximum length of a vector that can appear literally in the file, use:

```
set_param(0, 'RTWDataReferencesMinSize', maxlen)
```

Simulink replaces any vector as long or longer than *maxlen* with a data reference when it creates *model.rtw*. Specify *maxlen* as an integer or as `inf`. Specifying `inf` disables data references. The complete value set of every vector, however long, then appears literally in *model.rtw* and occupies text memory during code generation.

Setting an explicit *maxlen* affects only the current MATLAB session. To set the value across sessions, include the appropriate `set_param` command in your `startup.m` file, or otherwise ensure the command's automatic execution when MATLAB launches.

### **Expanding Data References**

You can explicitly expand a data reference by using the `GENERATE_FORMATTED_VALUE` built-in function with the optional third `expand` argument. Commands such as `FEVAL` may cause a data reference to be expanded to the full form.

### **Avoiding Data Reference Expansion**

Either turning off data references completely or expanding select parameters in TLC can cause significant text memory overhead during the code generation process. During most common code generation tasks, it is unnecessary to have the expanded data vector in memory and pay the price of the additional overhead. Avoid expanded data vectors unless no alternative exists.

### **Restarting Code Generation**

A *model.rtw* file that contains data references cannot be used in isolation to restart a custom code generation process. The data references within it become stale once the code generation process is completed. Any attempt to start a code generation process using only this RTW file may result in unpredictable behavior and memory segmentation faults.

## Using Library Functions to Access *model.rtw*

There are several library functions that provide access to block inputs, outputs, parameters, sample times, and other information. It is recommended that you use these library functions to access many of the parameter name/parameter values pairs in the block record, as opposed to accessing the parameter name/parameter value pairs directly from your block TLC code.

The library functions simplify block TLC code and provide support for loop rolling, data types, and complex data. The functions also provide a layer to protect against changes that can occur to the contents of the *model.rtw* file.

### Caution Against Directly Accessing Record Fields

When functions in the block target file are called, they are passed the block and system records for this instance as arguments. The first argument, `block`, is in scope, which means that variable names inside this instance's block record are accessible by name. For example:

```
%assign fast = SFcnParamSetting.Fast
```

Block target files could generate code for a given block by directly using the fields in the Block record for the block. This process is *not* recommended, for two reasons:

- The contents of the *model.rtw* file can change from release to release. This can cause block TLC files that access the *model.rtw* file directly to no longer work.
- TLC library functions are provided that substantially reduce the amount of TLC code needed to implement a block while handling all the various configurations (widths, data types, etc.) a block might have. These library functions are provided by the system target files to provide access to inputs, outputs, parameters, and so on. Using these functions in a block TLC script ensures that it will be flexible enough to generate code for any instance or configuration of the block, as well as across releases. Exceptions to this do occur, however, such as when it is necessary to directly access a field in the block's record. This happens with parameter settings, as discussed in “TLC Code to Access the Parameter Settings” on page 4-15.

## Exception to Using the Library Functions

An exception to using these functions is when you access parameter settings for a block. Parameter settings can be written out using the `mdlRTW` function of a C-MEX S-function. They can contain data in the form of strings, scalar values, vectors, and matrices. They can be used to pass nonchanging values and information that is then used to affect the generated code for a block or directly as values in the resulting code of a block.

### `mdlRTW` Function in C-MEX S-Function Code

```
static void mdlRTW(SimStruct *S)
{
    if (!ssWriteRTWParamSettings( S, 1, SSWRITE_VALUE_QSTR, "Operator", "AND"))
    {
        ssSetErrorStatus(S,"Error writing parameter data to .rtw file");
        return;
    }
}
```

### Resulting Block Record in *model.rtw* File

```
Block {
    Type      "S-Function"
    Name      "<Root>/S-Function"
    ...
    SFcnParamSettings {
        Operator      "AND"
    }
}
```



## TLC Code to Access the Parameter Settings

```
%function Outputs(block, system) Output
%%
%% Select Operator
%switch(SFcnParamSettings.Operator)
  %case "AND"
    %assign LogicOp      = "&"
    %break
    ...
%endswitch
%endfunction
```

For more details on using parameter settings, see Chapter 7, “Inlining S-Functions”.



# Directives and Built-In Functions

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You control how code is generated from models largely through writing or modifying scripts that apply TLC directives and built-in functions. Use the following sections as your primary reference to the syntax and format of target language constructs, as well as the MATLAB `t1c` command itself.

Target Language Compiler  
Directives (p. 5-2)

The syntax and formats of directives, built-in functions, signal and parameter values, expressions, and comments

Command-Line Arguments (p. 5-69)

Description of TLC calling arguments, filenames, and search paths

## Target Language Compiler Directives

### Syntax

A target language file consists of a series of statements of either form

```
[text | %<expression>]*
```

```
%keyword [argument1, argument2, ...]
```

Statements of the first type cause all literal text to be passed to the output stream unmodified, and expressions enclosed in %< > are evaluated before being written to output (stripped of %< >).

For statements of the second type, %keyword represents one of the Target Language Compiler's directives, and [argument1, argument2, ...] represents expressions that define any required parameters. For example, the statement

```
%assign sysNumber = sysIdx + 1
```

uses the %assign directive to define or change the value of the sysNumber parameter.

A target language directive must be the first nonblank character on a line and always begins with the % character. Lines beginning with %% are TLC comments, and are *not* passed to the output stream. Lines beginning with /\* are C comments, and *are* passed to the output stream.

### Directives

The rest of this section shows the complete set of Target Language Compiler directives, and describes each directive in detail.

**%% text**

Single-line comment where text is the comment.

**/% text%/**

Single (or multiline) comment where text is the comment.

**%matlab**

Calls a MATLAB function that does not return a result. For example, `%matlab disp(2.718)`.

**%<expr>**

Target language expressions that are evaluated. For example, if you have a TLC variable that was created via `%assign varName = "foo"`, then `%<varName>` would expand to `foo`. Expressions can also be function calls, as in `%<FcnName(param1,param2)>`. On directive lines, TLC expressions need not be placed within the `%<>` syntax. Doing so will cause a double evaluation. For example, `%if %<x> == 3` is processed by creating a hidden variable for the evaluated value of the variable `x`. The `%if` statement then evaluates this hidden variable and compares it against 3. The efficient way to do this operation is to write `%if x == 3`. In MATLAB notation, this would equate to writing `if eval('x') == 3` as opposed to `if x = 3`. The exception to this is during an `%assign` for format control, as in

```
%assign str = "value is: %<var>"
```

**Note:** Nested evaluation expressions (e.g., `%<foo(%<expr>> )`) are not supported.

There is no speed penalty for evaluations inside strings, such as

```
%assign x = "%<expr>"
```

Evaluations outside strings, such as the following example, should be avoided whenever possible.

```
%assign x = %<expr>
```

**%if *expr*****%elseif *expr*****%else****%endif**

Conditional inclusion, where the constant expression *expr* must evaluate to an integer. For example, the following code checks whether a parameter, `k`, has the numeric value 0.0 by executing a TLC library function to check for equality.

```
%if ISEQUAL(k, 0.0)
  <text and directives to be processed if k is 0.0>
%endif
```

In this and other directives, it is not necessary to expand variables or expressions using the `%<expr>` notation unless `expr` appears within a string. For example,

```
%if ISEQUAL(idx, "my_idx%<i>"), where idx and i are both strings.
```

As in other languages, logical evaluations do short-circuit (are halted as soon as the result is known).

```
%switch expr
  %case expr
  %break
  %default
  %break
%endswitch
```

The `%switch` directive is very similar to the C language `switch` statement. The expression `expr` can be of any type that can be compared for equality using the `==` operator. If the `%break` is not included after a `%case` statement, then it will fall through to the next statement.

```
%with
%endwith
```

`%with recordName` is a scoping operator. Use it to bring the named record into the current scope, to remain until the matching `%endwith` is encountered (`%with` directives can be nested as desired).

Note that on the left side of `%assign` statements contained within a `%with` / `%endwith` block, references to fields of records must be fully qualified (see “Assigning Values to Fields of Records” on page 3-16), as in the following example.

```
%with CompiledModel
  %assign oldName = name
  %assign CompiledModel.name = "newname"
```

`%endwith`

**`%setcommandswitch` *string***

Changes the value of a command-line switch as specified by the argument *string*. Only the following switches are supported:

`v, m, p, O, d, r, I, a`

The following example sets the verbosity level to 1.

```
%setcommandswitch "-v1"
```

See also “Command-Line Arguments” on page 5-69.

**`%assert` *expr***

Tests a value of a Boolean expression. If the expression evaluates to false, TLC issues an error message, a stack trace and exit; otherwise, the execution continues normally. To enable the evaluation of assertions outside the Real-Time Workshop environment, use the command-line option `-da`. When building from within Real-Time Workshop, this flag is not needed and will be ignored, as it is superseded by the **Enable TLC Assertions** check box on the **TLC debugging** section of the **Real-Time Workshop** pane. To control assertion handling from the MATLAB Command Window, use

```
set_param(model, 'TLCAssertion', 'on|off')
```

to set this flag on or off. Default is Off. To see the current setting, use

```
get_param(model, 'TLCAssertion')
```

**`%error`**

**`%warning`**

**`%trace`**

**`%exit`**

Flow control directives:

`%error tokens`

The *tokens* are expanded and displayed.

`%warning tokens`

The *tokens* are expanded and displayed.

`%trace tokens`

The *tokens* are expanded and displayed only when the verbose output command-line option `-v` or `-v1` is specified.

`%exit tokens`

The *tokens* are expanded, displayed, and TLC exits.

Note that when reporting errors, you should use

```
%exit Error Message
```

if the error is produced by an incorrect configuration that the user needs to correct in the model. If you are adding assert code (i.e., code that should never be reached), use

```
%setcommandswitch "-v1" %% force TLC stack trace
%exit Assert message
```

### **%assign**

Creates identifiers (variables). The general form is

```
%assign [::]variable = expression
```

The `::` specifies that the variable being created is a global variable; otherwise, it is a local variable in the current scope (i.e., a local variable in the function).

If you need to format the variable, say, within a string based upon other TLC variables, then you should perform a double evaluation, as in

```
%assign nameInfo = "The name of this is %<Name>"
```

or alternately

```
%assign nameInfo = "The name of this is " + Name
```

To assign a value to a field of a record, you must use a qualified variable expression. See “Assigning Values to Fields of Records” on page 3-16.



**%createrecord**

Creates records in memory. This command accepts a list of one or more record specifications (e.g., { foo 27 }). Each record specification contains a list of zero or more name-value pairs (e.g., foo 27) that become the members of the record being created. The values themselves can be record specifications, as the following illustrates.

```
%createrecord NEW_RECORD { foo 1 ; SUB_RECORD {foo 2} }
%assign x = NEW_RECORD.foo           /* x = 1 */
%assign y = NEW_RECORD.SUB_RECORD.foo /* y = 2 */
```

If more than one record specification follows a given record name, the set of record specifications constitutes an array of records.

```
%createrecord RECORD_ARRAY { foo 1 } ...
                        { foo 2 } ...
                        { bar 3 }
%assign x = RECORD_ARRAY[1].foo     /* x = 2 */
%assign y = RECORD_ARRAY[2].bar     /* y = 3 */
```

Note that you can create and index arrays of subrecords by specifying %createrecord with identically named subrecords, as follows:

```
%createrecord RECORD_ARRAY { SUB_RECORD { foo 1 } ...
                        SUB_RECORD { foo 2 } ...
                        SUB_RECORD { foo 3 } }
%assign x = RECORD_ARRAY.SUB_RECORD[1].foo /* x = 2 */
%assign y = RECORD_ARRAY.SUB_RECORD[2].foo /* y = 3 */
```

If the scope resolution operator (: :) is the first token after the %createrecord token, the record is created in the global scope.

**%addtorecord**

Adds fields to an existing record. The new fields can be name-value pairs or aliases to already existing records.

```
%addtorecord OLD_RECORD foo 1
```

If the new field being added is a record, then %addtorecord makes an alias to that record instead of a deep copy. To make a deep copy, use %copyrecord.

```
%createrecord NEW_RECORD { foo 1 }  
%addtorecord OLD_RECORD NEW_RECORD_ALIAS NEW_RECORD
```

### **%mergerecord**

Adds (or merges) one or more records into another. The first record will contain the results of the merge of the first record plus the contents of all the other records specified by the command. The contents of the second (and subsequent) records are deep copied into the first (i.e., they are not references).

```
%mergerecord OLD_RECORD NEW_RECORD
```

If there are duplicate fields in the records being merged, the original record's fields are not overwritten.

### **%copyrecord**

Makes a deep copy of an existing record. It creates a new record in a similar fashion to %createrecord except the components of the record are deep copied from the existing record. Aliases are replaced by copies.

```
%copyrecord NEW_RECORD OLD_RECORD
```

### **%realformat**

Specifies how to format real variables. To format in exponential notation with 16 digits of precision, use

```
%realformat "EXPONENTIAL"
```

To format without loss of precision and minimal number of characters, use

```
%realformat "CONCISE"
```

When inlining S-functions, the format is set to concise. You can switch to exponential, but should switch it back to concise when done.

**%language**

This must appear before the first GENERATE or GENERATE\_TYPE function call. This specifies the name of the language as a string, which is being generated as in %language "C". Generally, this is added to your system target file.

**%implements**

Placed within the .tlc file for a specific record type, when mapped via %generatefile. The syntax is %implements "Type" "Language". When inlining an S-function in C/C++, this should be the first noncomment line in the file, as in

```
%implements "s_function_name" "C"
```

The next noncomment lines will be %function directives specifying the functionality of the S-function.

See the %language and GENERATE function descriptions for further information.

**%generatefile**

Provides a mapping between a record Type and functions contained in a file. Each record can have functions of the same name but different contents mapped to it (i.e., polymorphism). Generally, this is used to map a Block record Type to the .tlc file that implements the functionality of the block, as in

```
%generatefile "Sin" "sin_wave.tlc"
```

**%filescope**

Limits the scope of variables to the file in which they are defined. A %filescope directive anywhere in a file declares that all variables in the file are visible only within that file. Note that this limitation also applies to any files inserted, via the %include directive, into the file containing the %filescope directive.

You should not use the %filescope directive within functions or GENERATE functions.

`%filescope` is useful in conserving memory. Variables whose scope is limited by `%filescope` go out of scope when execution of the file containing them completes. This frees memory allocated to such variables. By contrast, global variables persist in memory throughout execution of the program.

### **`%include`**

Use `%include "file.tlc"` to insert the specified target file at the current point.

All `%include` directives behave as if they were in a global context. For example,

```
%addincludepath "./sub1"  
%addincludepath "./sub2"
```

in a `.tlc` file enables either subdirectory to be referenced implicitly:

```
%include "file_in_sub1.tlc"  
%include "file_in_sub2.tlc"
```

The MathWorks recommends UNIX-style forward slashes for directory names, as they work on both UNIX and PC systems. However, if you do use back slashes in PC directory names, be sure to escape them, e.g., `"C:\\mytlc"`. Alternatively, you can express a PC directory name as a literal using the `L` format specifier, as in `L"C:\\mytlc"`.

### **`%addincludepath`**

Use `%addincludepath "directory"` to add additional paths to be searched. Multiple `%addincludepath` directives can appear. The compiler evaluates multiple `%addincludepath` directives from the *bottom up*.

Using `%addincludepath` directives establishes a global context. For example,

```
%addincludepath "./sub1"  
%addincludepath "./sub2"
```

in a .tlc file enables either subdirectory to be referenced implicitly:

```
%include "file_in_sub1.tlc"
%include "file_in_sub2.tlc"
```

The MathWorks recommends UNIX-style forward slashes for directory names, as they work on both UNIX and PC systems. However, if you do use back slashes in PC directory names, be sure to escape them, e.g., "C:\\mytlc". Alternatively, you can express a PC directory name as a literal using the L format specifier, as in L"C:\\mytlc".

### **%roll** **%endroll**

Multiple inclusion plus intrinsic loop rolling based upon a specified threshold. This directive can be used by most Simulink blocks that have the concept of an overall block width that is usually the width of the signal passing through the block.

This example of the %roll directive is for a gain operation,  $y=u*k$ :

```
%function Outputs(block, system) Output
/* %<Type> Block: %<Name> */
%assign rollVars = ["U", "Y", "P"]
%roll sigIdx = RollRegions, lcv = RollThreshold, block,...
    "Roller", rollVars
%assign y = LibBlockOutputSignal(0, "", lcv, sigIdx)
%assign u = LibBlockInputSignal(0, "", lcv, sigIdx)
%assign k = LibBlockParameter(Gain, "", lcv, sigIdx)
%<y> = %<u> * %<k>;
%endroll
%endfunction
```

The %roll directive is similar to %foreach, except that it iterates the identifier (sigIdx in this example) over roll regions. Roll regions are computed by looking at the input signals and generating regions where the inputs are contiguous. For blocks, the variable RollRegions is automatically computed and placed in the Block record. An example of a roll regions vector is [0:19, 20:39], where there are two contiguous ranges of signals passing through the block. The first is 0:19 and the second is 20:39. Each roll

region is either placed in a loop body (e.g., the C language for statement) or inlined, depending upon whether or not the length of the region is less than the roll threshold.

Each time through the `%roll` loop, `sigIdx` is an integer for the start of the current roll region or an offset relative to the overall block width when the current roll region is less than the roll threshold. The TLC global variable `RollThreshold` is the general model-wide value used to decide when to place a given roll region in a loop. When the decision is made to place a given region in a loop, the loop control variable is a valid identifier (e.g., "i"); otherwise it is "".

The `block` parameter is the current block that is being rolled. The "Roller" parameter specifies the name for internal `GENERATE_TYPE` calls made by `%roll`. The default `%roll` handler is "Roller", which is responsible for setting up the default block loop rolling structures (e.g., a C for loop).

The `rollVars` (roll variables) are passed to "Roller" functions to create the correct roll structures. The defined loop variables relative to a block are

"U"

All inputs to the block. It assumes you use `LibBlockInputSignal(portIdx, "", lcv, sigIdx)` to access each input, where `portIdx` starts at 0 for the first input port.

"ui"

Similar to "U", except only for specific input, *i*. The "u" must be lowercase or it will be interpreted as "U" above.

"Y"

All outputs of the block. It assumes you use `LibBlockOutputSignal(portIdx, "", lcv, sigIdx)` to access each output, where `portIdx` starts at 0 for the first output port.

"yi"

Similar to "Y", except only for specific output, *i*. The "y" must be lowercase or it will be interpreted as "Y" above.

"P"

All parameters of the block. It assumes you use `LibBlockParameter(name, "", lcv, sigIdx)` to access them.

"<param>/name"

Similar to "P", except specific for a specific *name*.

rwork

All RWork vectors of the block. It assumes you use LibBlockRWork(name, "", lcv, sigIdx) to access them.

"<rwork>/name"

Similar to RWork, except for a specific *name*.

DWork

All DWork vectors of the block. It assumes you use LibBlockDWork(name, "", lcv, sigIdx) to access them.

"<DWork>/name"

Similar to DWork, except for a specific *name*.

iwork

All IWork vectors of the block. It assumes you use LibBlockIWork(name, "", lcv, sigIdx) to access them.

"<iwork>/name"

Similar to IWork, except for a specific *name*.

pwork

All PWork vectors of the block. It assumes you use LibBlockPWork(name, "", lcv, sigIdx) to access them.

"<pwork>/name"

Similar to PWork, except for a specific *name*.

"Mode"

The mode vector. It assumes you use LibBlockMode("", lcv, sigIdx) to access it.

"PZC"

Previous zero-crossing state. It assumes you use LibPrevZCState("", lcv, sigIdx) to access it.

To *roll* your own vector based upon the block's roll regions, you need to walk a pointer to your vector. Assuming your vector is pointed to by the first PWork, called *name*,

```
datatype *buf = (datatype*)<LibBlockPWork(name,"", "",0)
%roll sigIdx = RollRegions, lcv = RollThreshold, block, ...
```

```
        "Roller", rollVars
        *buf++ = whatever;
    %endroll
```

**Note:** In the above example, `sigIdx` and `lcv` are local to the body of the loop.

### **%breakpoint**

Sets a breakpoint for the TLC debugger. See “%breakpoint Directive” on page 6-6.

### **%function**

#### **%return**

#### **%endfunction**

A function that returns a value is defined as

```
%function name(optional-arguments)
    %return value
%endfunction
```

A void function does not produce any output and is not required to return a value. It is defined as

```
%function name(optional-arguments) void
%endfunction
```

A function that produces outputs to the current stream and is not required to return a value is defined as

```
%function name(optional-arguments) Output
%endfunction
```

For block target files, you can add to your inlined `.t1c` file the following functions that are called by the model-wide target files during code generation.

```
%function BlockInstanceSetup(block, system) void
```

Called for each instance of the block within the model.

```
%function BlockTypeSetup(block, system) void
```

Called once for each block type that exists in the model.



**%function Enable**(block, system) Output  
Use this if the block is placed within an enabled subsystem and has to take specific actions when the subsystem is enabled. Place within a subsystem enable routine.

**%function Disable**(block, system) Output  
Use this if the block is placed within a disabled subsystem and has to take specific actions when the subsystem is disabled. Place within a subsystem disable routine.

**%function Start**(block, system) Output  
Include this function if your block has startup initialization code that needs to be placed within MdlStart.

**%function InitializeConditions**(block, system) Output  
Use this function if your block has state that needs to be initialized at the start of execution and when an enabled subsystem resets states. Place in MdlStart and/or subsystem initialization routines.

**%function Outputs**(block, system) Output  
The primary function of your block. Place in MdlOutputs.

**%function Update**(block, system) Output  
Use this function if your block has actions to be performed once per simulation loop, such as updating discrete states. Place in MdlUpdate.

**%function Derivatives**(block, system) Output  
Use this function if your block has derivatives.

**%function ZeroCrossings**(block, system) Output  
Use this function if your block does zero-crossing detection and has actions to be performed in MdlZeroCrossings.

**%function Terminate**(block, system) Output  
Use this function if your block has actions that need to be in MdlTerminate.

**%foreach**  
**%endforeach**

Multiple inclusion that iterates from 0 to the upperLimit-1 constant integer expression. Each time through the loop, the loopIdentifier, (e.g., x) is assigned the current iteration value.

```
%foreach loopIdentifier = upperLimit
    %break -- use this to exit the loop
    %continue -- use this to skip the following code and
                continue to the next iteration
%endforeach
```

**Note:** The `upperLimit` expression is cast to a TLC integer value. The `loopIdentifier` is local to the loop body.

### **%for**

Multiple inclusion directive with syntax

```
%for ident1 = const-exp1, const-exp2, ident2 = const-exp3
    %body
        %break
        %continue
    %endbody
%endfor
```

The first portion of the `%for` directive is identical to the `%foreach` statement. The `%break` and `%continue` directives act the same as they do in the `%foreach` directive. `const-exp2` is a Boolean expression that indicates whether the loop should be rolled (see `%roll` above).

If `const-exp2` evaluates to `TRUE`, `ident2` is assigned the value of `const-exp3`. Otherwise, `ident2` is assigned an empty string.

**Note:** `ident1` and `ident2` above are local to the loop body.

### **%openfile**

### **%selectfile**

### **%closefile**

These are used to manage the files that are created. The syntax is

```
%openfile streamId="filename.ext" mode {open for writing}
%selectfile streamId {select an open file}
%closefile streamId {close an open file}
```

Note that the "filename.ext" is optional. If no filename is specified, a variable (string buffer) named `streamId` is created containing the output. The mode argument is optional. If specified, it can be "a" for appending or "w" for writing.

Note that the special `streamIdNULL_FILE` specifies that no output occur. The special `streamIdSTDOUT` specifies output to the terminal.

To create a buffer of text, use

```
%openfile buffer
text to be placed in the 'buffer' variable.
%closefile buffer
```

Now `buffer` contains the expanded text specified between the `%openfile` and `%closefile` directives.

### **%generate**

`%generate blk fn` is equivalent to `GENERATE(blk, fn)`.

`%generate blk fn type` is equivalent to `GENERATE(blk, fn, type)`.

See "GENERATE and GENERATE\_TYPE Functions" on page 5-36.

### **%undef**

`%undef var` removes the variable `var` from scope. If `var` is a field in a record, `%undef` removes that field from the record. If `var` is a record array, `%undef` removes the first element of the array.

## Comments

You can place comments anywhere within a target file. To include comments, use the `/*...*/` or `%%` directives. For example:

```
/*  
  Abstract:    Return the field with [width], if field is wide  
*/
```

or

```
%%endfunction %% Outputs function
```

Use the `%%` construct for line-based comments; all characters from `%%` to the end of the line become a comment.

Nondirective lines, that is, lines that do not have `%` as their first nonblank character, are copied into the output buffer verbatim. For example,

```
/* Initialize sysNumber */  
int sysNumber = 3;
```

copies both lines to the output buffer.

To include comments on lines that do not begin with the `%` character, you can use the `/*...*/` or `%%` comment directives. In these cases, the comments are not copied to the output buffer.

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**Note** If a nondirective line appears within a function, it is not copied to the output buffer unless the function is an output function or you specifically select an output file using the `%selectfile` directive. For more information about functions, see “Target Language Functions” on page 5-66.

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## Line Continuation

You can use the C language `\` character or the MATLAB sequence `...` to continue a line. If a directive is too long to fit conveniently on one line, this allows you to split the directive onto multiple lines. For example:

```
%roll sigIdx = RollRegions, lcv = RollThreshold, block,\
    "Roller", rollVars
```

or

```
%roll sigIdx = RollRegions, lcv = RollThreshold, block,...
    "Roller", rollVars
```

---

**Note** Use `\` to suppress line feeds to the output and the ellipsis (`...`) to indicate line continuation. Note that `\` and the ellipsis (`...`) cannot be used inside strings.

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## Target Language Values

This table shows the types of values you can use within the context of expressions in your target language files. All expressions in the Target Language Compiler must use these types.

Value Type String	Example	Description
"Boolean"	1==1	Result of a comparison or other Boolean operator. The result will be <code>TLC_TRUE</code> or <code>TLC_FALSE</code> .
"Complex"	3.0+5.0i	64-bit double-precision complex number (double on the target machine)
"Complex32"	3.0F+5.0Fi	32-bit single-precision complex number (float on the target machine)
"File"	%openfile x	String buffer opened with %openfile
"File"	%openfile x = "out.c"	File opened with %openfile

Value Type String	Example	Description
"Function"	%function foo...	User-defined function and TLC_FALSE otherwise
"Gaussian"	3+5i	32-bit integer imaginary number (int on the target machine)
"Identifier"	abc	Identifier values can appear only within the <i>model.rtw</i> file and cannot appear in expressions (within the context of an expression, identifiers are interpreted as values). To compare against an identifier value, use a string; the identifier will be converted to a string as appropriate.
"Matrix"	Matrix (3,2) [ [ 1, 2]; [ 3 , 4]; [ 5, 6 ] ]	Matrices are simply lists of vectors. The individual elements of the matrix do not need to be the same type, and can be any type except vectors or matrices. The Matrix (3,2) text in the example is optional.
"Number"	15	Integer number (int on the target machine)
"Range"	[1:5]	Range of integers between 1 and 5, inclusive
"Real"	3.14159	Floating-point number (double on the target machine), including exponential notation
"Real32"	3.14159F	32-bit single-precision floating-point number (float on the target machine)
"Scope"	Block { ... }	Block record
"Special"	FILE_EXISTS	Special built-in function, such as FILE_EXISTS
"String"	"Hello, World"	ASCII character strings. In all contexts, two strings in a row are concatenated to form the final value, as in "Hello, " "World", which is combined to form "Hello, World". These strings include all the ANSI C standard escape sequences such as \n, \r, \t, etc. Use of line continuation characters (i.e., \ and ...) inside strings is illegal.

Value Type String	Example	Description
Subsystem"	<sub1>	Subsystem identifier. Within the context of an expansion, be careful to escape the delimiters on a subsystem identifier, as in %<x == <sub\>>.
"Unsigned"	15U	32-bit unsigned integer (unsigned int on the target machine)
"Unsigned Gaussian"	3U+5Ui	32-bit complex unsigned integer (unsigned int on the target machine)
Vector"	[1, 2] or BR Vector(2) [1, 2]	Vectors are lists of values. The individual elements of a vector do not need to be the same type, and can be any type except vectors or matrices.

## Target Language Expressions

You can include an expression of the form %<expression> in a target file, the Target Language Compiler replaces %<expression> with a calculated replacement value based upon the type of the variables within the %<> operator. Integer constant expressions are folded and replaced with the resultant value; string constants are concatenated (e.g., two strings in a row "a" "b", are replaced with "ab").

```
%<expression>          /* Evaluates the expression.
 * Operators include most standard C
 * operations on scalars. Array indexing
 * is required for certain parameters that
 * are block-scoped within the .rtw file.*/
```

Within the context of an expression, each identifier must evaluate to an identifier or function argument currently in scope. You can use the %< > directive on any line to perform text substitution. To include the > character within a replacement, you must escape it with a \ character, as in

```
%<x \> 1 ? "ABC" : "123">
```

Operators that need the > character to be escaped are the following:

<b>Operator</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Example</b>
>	greater than	<code>y = %&lt;x \&gt; 2&gt;;</code>
>=	greater than or equal to	<code>y = %&lt;x \&gt;= 3&gt;;</code>
>>	right shift	<code>y = %&lt;x \&gt;\&gt; 4&gt;;</code>

The table Target Language Expressions on page 5-23 lists the operators that are allowed in expressions. In this table, expressions are listed in order from highest to lowest precedence. The horizontal lines distinguish the order of operations.

As in C expressions, conditional operators are short-circuited. If the expression includes a function call with effects, the effects are noticed as if the entire expression was not fully evaluated. For example:

```
%if EXISTS(foo) && foo == 3
```

If the first term of the expression evaluates to a Boolean false (i.e., foo does not exist), the second term (`foo == 3`) is not evaluated.

In the following table, note that *numeric* is one of the following:

- Boolean
- Number
- Unsigned
- Real
- Real32
- Complex
- Complex32
- Gaussian
- UnsignedGaussian



Also, note that *integral* is one of the following:

- Number
- Unsigned
- Boolean

See “TLC Data Promotions” on page 5-27 for information on the promotions that result when the Target Language Compiler operates on mixed types of expressions.

### Target Language Expressions

Expression	Definition
constant	Any constant parameter value, including vectors and matrices
variable-name	Any valid in-scope variable name, including the local function scope, if any, and the global scope
::variable-name	Used within a function to indicate that the function scope is ignored when the variable is looked up. This accesses the global scope.
expr[expr]	Index into an array parameter. Array indices range from 0 to N-1. This syntax is used to index into vectors, matrices, and repeated scope variables.
expr([expr[,expr]...])	Function call or macro expansion. The expression outside the parentheses is the function/macro name; the expressions inside are the arguments to the function or macro.  <b>Note:</b> Macros are text based; they cannot be used within the same expression as other operators.
expr . expr	The first expression must have a valid scope; the second expression is a parameter name within that scope.

**Target Language Expressions (Continued)**

<b>Expression</b>	<b>Definition</b>
(expr)	Use ( ) to override the precedence of operations.
!expr	Logical negation (always generates TLC_TRUE or TLC_FALSE). The argument must be numeric or Boolean.
-expr	Unary minus negates the expression. The argument must be numeric.
+expr	No effect; the operand must be numeric.
~expr	Bitwise negation of the operand. The argument must be an integer.
expr * expr	Multiplies the two expressions; the operands must be numeric.
expr / expr	Divides the two expressions; the operands must be numeric.
expr % expr	Takes the integer modulo of the expressions; the operands must be integers.
expr + expr	Works on numeric types, strings, vectors, matrices, and records as follows:  <b>Numeric types:</b> Add the two expressions; the operands must be numeric.  <b>Strings:</b> The strings are concatenated.  <b>Vectors:</b> If the first argument is a vector and the second is a scalar, the scalar is appended to the vector.  <b>Matrices:</b> If the first argument is a matrix and the second is a vector of the same column width as the matrix, the vector is appended as another row in the matrix.

**Target Language Expressions (Continued)**

Expression	Definition
	<p><b>Records:</b> If the first argument is a record, the second argument is added as a parameter identifier (with its current value).</p> <p>Note that the addition operator is associative.</p>
expr - expr	Subtracts the two expressions; the operands must be numeric.
expr << expr	Left-shifts the left operand by an amount equal to the right operand; the arguments must be integers.
expr >> expr	Right-shifts the left operand by an amount equal to the right operand; the arguments must be integers.
expr > expr	Tests whether the first expression is greater than the second expression; the arguments must be numeric.
expr < expr	Tests whether the first expression is less than the second expression; the arguments must be numeric.
expr >= expr	Tests whether the first expression is greater than or equal to the second expression; the arguments must be numeric.
expr <= expr	Tests whether the first expression is less than or equal to the second expression; the arguments must be numeric.
expr == expr	Tests whether the two expressions are equal.
expr != expr	Tests whether the two expressions are not equal.
expr & expr	Performs the bitwise AND of the two arguments; the arguments must be integers.

**Target Language Expressions (Continued)**

<b>Expression</b>	<b>Definition</b>
<code>expr ^ expr</code>	Performs the bitwise XOR of the two arguments; the arguments must be integers.
<code>expr   expr</code>	Performs the bitwise OR of the two arguments; the arguments must be integers.
<code>expr &amp;&amp; expr</code>	Performs the logical AND of the two arguments and returns <code>TLC_TRUE</code> or <code>TLC_FALSE</code> . This can be used on either numeric or Boolean arguments.
<code>expr    expr</code>	Performs the logical OR of the two arguments and returns <code>TLC_TRUE</code> or <code>TLC_FALSE</code> . This can be used on either numeric or Boolean arguments.
<code>expr ? expr : expr</code>	Tests the first expression for <code>TLC_TRUE</code> . If true, the first expression is returned; otherwise, the second expression is returned.
<code>expr , expr</code>	Returns the value of the second expression.

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**Note** Relational operators ( `<`, `=<`, `>`, `>=`, `!=`, `==` ) can be used with nonfinite values.

It is not necessary to place expressions in the `%< > eval` format when they appear on directive lines. Doing so causes a double evaluation.

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## TLC Data Promotions

When the Target Language Compiler operates on mixed types of expressions, it promotes the results to the common types indicated in the following table.

This table uses the following abbreviations:

B	Boolean
N	Number
U	Unsigned
F	Real32
D	Real
G	Gaussian
UG	UnsignedGaussian
C32	Complex32
C	Complex

The top row (in bold) and first column (in bold) show the types of expression used in the operation. The intersection of the row and column shows the resulting type of expressions.

For example, if the operation involves a Boolean expression (B) and an unsigned expression (U), the result will be an unsigned expression (U).

### Data Types Resulting from Expressions of Mixed Type

	<b>B</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>U</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>UG</b>	<b>C32</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>B</b>	B	N	U	F	D	G	UG	C32	C
<b>N</b>	N	N	U	F	D	G	UG	C32	C
<b>U</b>	U	U	U	F	D	UG	UG	C32	C
<b>F</b>	F	F	F	F	D	C32	C32	C32	C
<b>D</b>	D	D	D	D	D	C	C	C	C

**Data Types Resulting from Expressions of Mixed Type (Continued)**

	<b>B</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>U</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>UG</b>	<b>C32</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>G</b>	G	G	UG	C32	C	G	UG	C32	C
<b>UG</b>	UG	UG	UG	C32	C	UG	UG	C32	C
<b>C32</b>	C32	C32	C32	C32	C	C32	C32	C32	C
<b>C</b>	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C

**Formatting**

By default, the Target Language Compiler outputs all floating-point numbers in exponential notation with 16 digits of precision. To override the default, use the directive

```
%realformat string
```

If *string* is "EXPONENTIAL", the standard exponential notation with 16 digits of precision is used. If *string* is "CONCISE", the compiler uses internal heuristics to output the values in a more readable form while maintaining accuracy. The %realformat directive sets the default format for Real number output to the selected style for the remainder of processing or until it encounters another %realformat directive.

**Conditional Inclusion**

The conditional inclusion directives are

```
%if constant-expression
%else
%elseif constant-expression
%endif

%switch constant-expression
%case constant-expression
%break
%default
%endswitch
```

**%if**

The constant-expression must evaluate to an integer expression. It controls the inclusion of all the following lines until it encounters an `%else`, `%elseif`, or `%endif` directive. If the constant-expression evaluates to 0, the lines following the directive are not included. If the constant-expression evaluates to any other integer value, the lines following the `%if` directive are included until the `%endif`, `%elseif`, or `%else` directive.

When the compiler encounters an `%elseif` directive, and no prior `%if` or `%elseif` directive has evaluated to nonzero, the compiler evaluates the expression. If the value is 0, the lines following the `%elseif` directive are not included. If the value is nonzero, the lines following the `%elseif` directive are included until the subsequent `%else`, `%elseif`, or `%endif` directive.

The `%else` directive begins the inclusion of source text if all the previous `%elseif` statements or the original `%if` statement evaluates to 0; otherwise, it prevents the inclusion of subsequent lines up to and including the following `%endif`.

The constant-expression can contain any expression specified in “Target Language Expressions” on page 5-21.

**%switch**

The `%switch` statement evaluates the constant expression and compares it to all expressions appearing on `%case` selectors. If a match is found, the body of the `%case` is included; otherwise the `%default` is included.

`%case ... %default` bodies flow together, as in C, and `%break` must be used to exit the switch statement. `%break` exits the nearest enclosing `%switch`, `%foreach`, or `%for` loop in which it appears. For example,

```
%switch(type)
%case x
  /* Matches variable x. */
  /* Note: Any valid TLC type is allowed. */
%case "Sin"
  /* Matches Sin or falls through from case x. */
  %break
  /* Exits the switch. */
```

```
%case "gain"  
    /* Matches gain. */  
    %break  
%default  
    /* Does not match x, "Sin," or "gain." */  
%endswitch
```

In general, this is a more readable form for the `%if/%elseif/%else` construction.

## Multiple Inclusion

### **%foreach**

The syntax of the `%foreach` multiple inclusion directive is

```
%foreach identifier = constant-expression  
    %break  
    %continue  
%endforeach
```

The `constant-expression` must evaluate to an integer expression, which then determines the number of times to execute the `foreach` loop. The `identifier` increments from 0 to one less than the specified number. Within the `foreach` loop, you can use `x`, where `x` is the identifier, to access the identifier variable. `%break` and `%continue` are optional directives that you can include in the `%foreach` directive:

- Use `%break` to exit the nearest enclosing `%for`, `%foreach`, or `%switch` statement.
- Use `%continue` to begin the next iteration of a loop.



## **%for**

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**Note** The %for directive is functional, but it is not recommended. Instead, use %roll, which provides the same capability in a more open way. Real-Time Workshop does not use the %for construct.

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The syntax of the %for multiple inclusion directive is

```
%for ident1 = const-exp1, const-exp2, ident2 = const-exp3
  %body
    %break
    %continue
  %endbody
%endfor
```

The first portion of the %for directive is identical to the %foreach statement in that it causes a loop to execute from 0 to N-1 times over the body of the loop. In the normal case, it includes only the lines between %body and %endbody, and the lines between the %for and %body, and ignores the lines between %endbody and %endfor.

The %break and %continue directives act the same as they do in the %foreach directive.

const-exp2 is a Boolean expression that indicates whether the loop should be rolled. If const-exp2 is true, ident2 receives the value of const-exp3; otherwise it receives the null string. When the loop is rolled, all the lines between the %for and the %endfor are included in the output exactly one time. ident2 specifies the identifier to be used for testing whether the loop was rolled within the body. For example,

```
%for Index = <NumNonVirtualSubsystems>3, rollvar="i"
{
  int i;

  for (i=0; i< %<NumNonVirtualSubsystems>; i++)
  {
    %body
```

```
x[%<rollvar>] = system_name[%<rollvar>];
    %endbody
}
}
%endfor
```

If the number of nonvirtual subsystems (`NumNonVirtualSubsystems`) is greater than or equal to 3, the loop is rolled, causing all the code within the loop to be generated exactly once. In this case, `Index = 0`.

If the loop is not rolled, the text before and after the body of the loop is ignored and the body is generated `NumNonVirtualSubsystems` times.

This mechanism gives each individual loop control over whether or not it should be rolled.

### **%roll**

The syntax of the `%roll` multiple inclusion directive is

```
%roll ident1 = roll-vector-exp, ident2 = threshold-exp, ...
    block-exp [, type-string [,exp-list] ]
    %break
    %continue
%endroll
```

This statement uses the `roll-vector-exp` to expand the body of the `%roll` statement multiple times as in the `%foreach` statement. If a range is provided in the `roll-vector-expand` that range is larger than the `threshold-exp` expression, the loop will roll. When a loop rolls, the body of the loop is expanded once and the identifier (`ident2`) provided for the threshold expression is set to the name of the loop control variable. If no range is larger than the specified rolling threshold, this statement is identical in all respects to the `%foreach` statement. For example,

```
%roll Idx = [ 1 2 3:5, 6, 7:10 ], lcv = 10, ablock
%endroll
```

In this case, the body of the `%roll` statement expands 10 times, as in the `%foreach` statement, because there are no regions greater than or equal to 10. `Idx` counts from 1 to 10, and `lcv` is set to the null string, "".

When the Target Language Compiler determines that a given block will roll, it performs a `GENERATE_TYPE` function call to output the various pieces of the loop (other than the body). The default type used is `Roller`; you can override this type with a string that you specify. Any extra arguments passed to the `%roll` statement are provided as arguments to these special-purpose functions. The called function is one of these four functions:

**RollHeader(block, ...).** This function is called once on the first section of this roll vector that will actually roll. It should return a string that is assigned to the `lcv` within the body of the `%roll` statement.

**LoopHeader(block, StartIdx, Niterations, Nrolled, ...).** This function is called once for each section that will roll prior to the body of the `%roll` statement.

**LoopTrailer(block, Startidx, Niterations, Nrolled, ...).** This function is called once for each section that will roll after the body of the `%roll` statement.

**RollTrailer(block, ...).** This function is called once at the end of the `%roll` statement if any of the ranges caused loop rolling.

These functions should output any language-specific declarations, loop code, and so on as required to generate correct code for the loop.

An example of a `Roller.tlc` file is

```
%implements Roller "C"
%function RollHeader(block) Output
{
    int i;
    %return ("i")
%endfunction
%function LoopHeader(block,StartIdx,Niterations,Nrolled) Output
    for (i = %<StartIdx>; i < %<Niterations+StartIdx>; i++)
    {
```

```
%endfunction
%function LoopTrailer(block,StartIdx,Niterations,Nrolled) Output
}
%endfunction
%function RollTrailer(block) Output
}
%endfunction
```

---

**Note** The Target Language Compiler function library provided with Real-Time Workshop has the capability to extract references to the block I/O and other Real-Time Workshop vectors that vastly simplify the body of the `%roll` statement. These functions include `LibBlockInputSignal`, `LibBlockOutputSignal`, `LibBlockParameter`, `LibBlockRWork`, `LibBlockIWork`, `LibBlockPWork`, `LibDeclareRollVars`, `LibBlockMatrixParameter`, `LibBlockParameterAddr`, `LibBlockContinuousState`, and `LibBlockDiscreteState`. (See the function reference pages in Chapter 8, “TLC Function Library Reference”.) This library also includes a default implementation of `Roller.tlc` as a “flat” roller.

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Extending the former example to a loop that rolls,

```
%language "C"
%assign ablock = BLOCK { Name "Hi" }
%roll Idx = [ 1:20, 21, 22, 23:25, 26:46], lcv = 10, ablock
  Block[%< lcv == "" ? Idx : lcv>] *= 3.0;
%endroll
```

This Target Language Compiler code produces this output:

```
{
  int          i;
  for (i = 1; i < 21; i++)
  {
    Block[i] *= 3.0;
  }
  Block[21] *= 3.0;
  Block[22] *= 3.0;
  Block[23] *= 3.0;
```

```

Block[24] *= 3.0;
Block[25] *= 3.0;
for (i = 26; i < 47; i++)
{
    Block[i] *= 3.0;
}
}

```

## Object-Oriented Facility for Generating Target Code

The Target Language Compiler provides a simple object-oriented facility. The language directives are

```

%language string
%generatefile
%implements

```

This facility was designed specifically for customizing the code for Simulink blocks, but can be used for other purposes as well.

### **%language**

The `%language` directive specifies the target language being generated. It is required as a consistency check to ensure that the correct implementation files are found for the language being generated. The `%language` directive must appear prior to the first `GENERATE` or `GENERATE_TYPE` built-in function call. `%language` specifies the language as a string. For example:

```
%language "C"
```

All blocks in Simulink have a `Type` parameter. This parameter is a string that specifies the type of the block, e.g., "Sin" or "Gain". The object-oriented facility uses this type to search the path for a file that implements the correct block. By default the name of the file is the `Type` of the block with `.tlc` appended, so for example, if the `Type` is "Sin" the Compiler would search for "Sin.tlc" along the path. You can override this default filename using the `%generatefile` directive to specify the filename that you want to use to replace the default filename. For example,

```
%generatefile "Sin" "sin_wave.tlc"
```

The files that implement the block-specific code must contain an `%implements` directive indicating both the type and the language being implemented. The Target Language Compiler will produce an error if the `%implements` directive does not match as expected. For example,

```
%implements "Sin" "Pascal"
```

causes an error if the initial language choice was C.

You can use a single file to implement more than one target language by specifying the desired languages in a vector. For example,

```
%implements "Sin" "C"
```

Finally, you can implement several types using the wildcard (\*) for the type field:

```
%implements * "C"
```

---

**Note** The use of the wildcard (\*) is not recommended because it relaxes error checking for the `%implements` directive.

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### **GENERATE and GENERATE\_TYPE Functions**

The Target Language Compiler has two built-in functions that dispatch object-oriented calls, `GENERATE` and `GENERATE_TYPE`. You can call any function appearing in an implementation file (from outside the specified file) only by using the `GENERATE` and `GENERATE_TYPE` special functions.

**GENERATE.** The `GENERATE` function takes two or more input arguments. The first argument must be a valid scope and the second a string containing the name of the function to call. The `GENERATE` function passes the first block argument and any additional arguments specified to the function being called. The return argument is the value (if any) returned from the function being called. Note that the compiler automatically “scopes” or adds the first argument to the list of scopes searched as if it appears on a `%with` directive line. (See “Variable Scoping” on page 5-56.) This scope is removed when the function returns.

**GENERATE\_TYPE.** The GENERATE\_TYPE function takes three or more input arguments. It handles the first two arguments identically to the GENERATE function call. The third argument is the type; the type specified in the Simulink block is ignored. This facility is used to handle S-function code generation by Real-Time Workshop. That is, the block type is S-function, but the Target Language Compiler generates it as the specific S-function specified by GENERATE\_TYPE. For example,

```
GENERATE_TYPE(block, "Output", "dp_read")
```

specifies that S-function block is of type dp\_read.

The block argument and any additional arguments are passed to the function being called. Like the GENERATE built-in function, the compiler automatically scopes the first argument before the GENERATE\_TYPE function is entered and then removes the scope on return.

Within the file containing %implements, function calls are looked up first within the file and then in the global scope. This makes it possible to have hidden helper functions used exclusively by the current object.

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**Note** It is not an error for the GENERATE and GENERATE\_TYPE directives to find no matching functions. This is to prevent requiring empty specifications for all aspects of block code generation. Use the GENERATE\_FUNCTION\_EXISTS or GENERATE\_TYPE\_FUNCTION\_EXISTS directives to determine whether the specified function actually exists.

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## Output File Control

The structure of the output file control construct is

```
%openfile string optional-equal-string optional-mode  
%closefile id  
%selectfile id
```

### **%openfile**

The `%openfile` directive opens a file or buffer for writing; the required string variable becomes a variable of type `file`. For example,

```
%openfile x                /* Opens and selects x for writing. */
%openfile out = "out.h"    /* Opens "out.h" for writing. */
```

### **%selectfile**

The `%selectfile` directive selects the file specified by the variable as the current output stream. All output goes to that file until another file is selected using `%selectfile`. For example,

```
%selectfile x              /* Select file x for output. */
```

### **%closefile**

The `%closefile` directive closes the specified file or buffer. If the closed entity is the currently selected output stream, `%closefile` invokes `%selectfile` to reselect the previously selected output stream.

There are two possible cases that `%closefile` must handle:

- If the stream is a file, the associated variable is removed as if by `%undef`.
- If the stream is a buffer, the associated variable receives all the text that has been output to the stream. For example,

```
%assign x = "              /* Creates an empty string. */
%openfile x
"hello, world"
%closefile x    /* x = "hello, world\n"*/
```

If desired, you can append to an output file or string by using the optional mode, `a`, as in

```
%openfile "foo.c", "a"      /* Opens foo.c for appending.
```



## Input File Control

The input file control directives are

```
%include string
%addincludepath string
```

### **%include**

The `%include` directive searches the path for the target file specified by `string` and includes the contents of the file inline at the point where the `%include` statement appears.

### **%addincludepath**

The `%addincludepath` directive adds an additional include path to be searched when the Target Language Compiler references `%include` or block target files. The syntax is

```
%addincludepath string
```

The `string` can be an absolute path or an explicit relative path. For example, to specify an absolute path, use

```
%addincludepath "C:\\directory1\\directory2"    (PC)
%addincludepath "/directory1/directory2"      (UNIX)
```

To specify a relative path, the path must explicitly start with `."`. For example,

```
%addincludepath ".\\directory2"              (PC)
%addincludepath "./directory2"              (UNIX)
```

Note that for PC, the backslashes must be escaped (doubled).

When an explicit relative path is specified, the directory that is added to the Target Language Compiler search path is created by concatenating the location of the target file that contains the `%addincludepath` directive and the explicit relative path.

The Target Language Compiler searches the directories in the following order for target or include files:

- 1 The current directory.
- 2 Any `%addincludepath` directives. The compiler evaluates multiple `%addincludepath` directives from the *bottom up*.
- 3 Any include paths specified at the command line via `-I`. The compiler evaluates multiple `-I` options from *right to left*.

Typically, `%addincludepath` directives should be specified in your system target file. Multiple `%addincludepath` directives will add multiple paths to the Target Language Compiler search path.

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**Note** The compiler does *not* search the MATLAB path, and will not find any file that is available only on that path. The compiler searches only the locations described above.

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### Asserts, Errors, Warnings, and Debug Messages

The related assert, error, warning, and debug message directives are

```
%assert expression  
%error tokens  
%warning tokens  
%trace tokens  
%exit tokens
```

These directives produce error, warning, or trace messages whenever a target file detects an error condition, or tracing is desired. All of the tokens following the directive on a line become part of the generated error or warning message.

The Target Language Compiler places messages generated by `%trace` onto `stderr` if and only if you specify the verbose mode switch (`-v`) to the Target Language Compiler. See “Command-Line Arguments” on page 5-69 for additional information about switches.

The `%assert` directive evaluates the expression and produces a stack trace if the expression evaluates to a Boolean false.

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**Note** In order for `%assert` directives to be evaluated, **Enable TLC Assertions** must be selected in the **TLC debugging** section of the **Real-Time Workshop** pane. The default action is for `%assert` directives not to be evaluated.

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The `%exit` directive reports an error and stops further compilation.

## Built-In Functions and Values

The following table lists the built-in functions and values that are added to the list of parameters that appear in the `model.rtw` file. These Target Language Compiler functions and values are defined in uppercase so that they are visually distinct from other parameters in the `model.rtw` file, and, by convention, from user-defined parameters.

### TLC Built-In Functions and Values

Built-In Function Name	Expansion
CAST( <i>expr</i> , <i>expr</i> )	<p>The first expression must be a string that corresponds to one of the type names in the table, and the second expression will be cast to that type. A typical use might be to cast a variable to a real format as in</p> <pre>CAST("Real", variable-name)</pre> <p>An example of this is in working with parameter values for S-functions. To use them within C/C++ code, you need to typecast them to real so that a value such as 1 will be formatted as 1.0 (see also <code>%realformat</code>).</p>
EXISTS( <i>var</i> )	<p>If the <i>var</i> identifier is not currently in scope, the result is TLC_FALSE. If the identifier is in scope, the result is TLC_TRUE. <i>var</i> can be a single identifier or an expression involving the <code>.</code> and <code>[]</code> operators.</p>

**TLC Built-In Functions and Values (Continued)**

Built-In Function Name	Expansion
FEVAL(matlab-command, TLC-expressions)	<p>Performs an evaluation in MATLAB. For example,</p> <pre style="text-align: center;">%assign result = FEVAL("sin",3.14159)</pre> <p>The %matlab directive can be used to call a MATLAB function that does not return a result. For example,</p> <pre style="text-align: center;">%matlab disp(2.718)</pre> <p><b>Note:</b> If the MATLAB function returns more than one value, TLC receives the first value only.</p>
FILE_EXISTS(expr)	<p>expr must be a string. If a file by the name expr does not exist on the path, the result is TLC_FALSE. If a file by that name exists on the path, the result is TLC_TRUE.</p>
FORMAT(realvalue, format)	<p>The first expression is a Real value to format. The second expression is either EXPONENTIAL or CONCISE. Outputs the Real value in the designated format, where EXPONENTIAL uses exponential notation with 16 digits of precision, and CONCISE outputs the number in a more readable format while maintaining numerical accuracy.</p>
FIELDNAMES(record)	<p>Returns an array of strings containing the record field names associated with the record. Because it returns a sorted list of strings, the function is <math>O(n \cdot \log(n))</math>.</p>
GETFIELD(record, "fieldname")	<p>Returns the contents of the specified field name, if the field name is associated with the record. The function uses hash lookup, and therefore executes in constant time.</p>
GENERATE(record, function-name, ...)	<p>Executes function calls mapped to a specific record type (i.e., block record functions). For example, use this to execute the functions in the .tlc files for built-in blocks. Not that TLC automatically “scopes” or adds the first argument to the list of scopes searched as if it appears on a %with directive line.</p>
GENERATE_FILENAME(type)	<p>For the specified record type, does a .tlc file exist? Use this to see if the GENERATE_TYPE call will succeed.</p>

**TLC Built-In Functions and Values (Continued)**

<b>Built-In Function Name</b>	<b>Expansion</b>
GENERATE_FORMATTED_VALUE (expr, string, expand)	Returns a potentially multiline string that can be used to declare the value(s) of expr in the current target language. The second argument is a string that is used as the variable name in a descriptive comment on the first line of the return string. If the second argument is the empty string, "", then no descriptive comment is put into the output string. The third argument is a Boolean that when TRUE causes expr to be expanded into raw text before being output. expand = TRUE uses much more memory than the default (FALSE); set expand = TRUE only if the parameter text needs to be processed for some reason before being written to disk.
GENERATE_FUNCTION_EXISTS (record, function-name)	Determines whether a given block function exists. The first expression is the same as the first argument to GENERATE, namely a block scoped variable containing a Type. The second expression is a string that should match the function name.
GENERATE_TYPE (record, function-name, type, ...)	Similar to GENERATE, except that type overrides the Type field of the record. Use this when executing functions mapped to specific S-function block records based upon the S-function name (i.e., the name becomes the type).
GENERATE_TYPE_FUNCTION_EXISTS (record, function-name, type)	Same as GENERATE_FUNCTION_EXISTS except that it overrides the Type built into the record.
GET_COMMAND_SWITCH	Returns the values of command-line switches. Only the following switches are supported:  v, m, p, 0, d, dr, r, I, a  See also "Command-Line Arguments" on page 5-69.

**TLC Built-In Functions and Values (Continued)**

<b>Built-In Function Name</b>	<b>Expansion</b>
IDNUM(expr)	expr must be a string. The result is a vector where the first element is a leading string (if any) and the second element is a number appearing at the end of the input string. For example,  IDNUM("ABC123") yields ["ABC", 123]
IMAG(expr)	Returns the imaginary part of a complex number.
INT8MAX	127
INT8MIN	-128
INT16MAX	32767
INT16MIN	-32768
INT32MAX	2147483647
INT32MIN	-2147483648
INTMIN	Minimum integer value on target machine.
INTMAX	Maximum integer value on target machine.
ISALIAS(record)	Returns TLC_TRUE if the record is a reference (symbolic link) to a different record, and TLC_FALSE otherwise.
ISEQUAL(expr1, expr2)	Where the data types of both expressions are numeric: returns TLC_TRUE if the first expression contains the same value as the second expression; returns TLC_FALSE otherwise.  Where the data type of either expression is nonnumeric (e.g., string or record): returns TLC_TRUE if and only if both expressions have the same data type and contain the same value; returns TLC_FALSE otherwise.
ISEMPTY(expr)	Returns TLC_TRUE if the expression contains an empty string, vector, or record, and TLC_FALSE otherwise.
ISFIELD(record, "fieldname")	Returns TLC_TRUE if the field name is associated with the record, and TLC_FALSE otherwise.

**TLC Built-In Functions and Values (Continued)**

<b>Built-In Function Name</b>	<b>Expansion</b>
ISINF(expr)	Returns TLC_TRUE if the value of the expression is inf, and TLC_FALSE otherwise.
ISNAN(expr)	Returns TLC_TRUE if the value of the expression is NAN, and TLC_FALSE otherwise.
ISFINITE(expr)	Returns TLC_TRUE if the value of the expression is not +/- inf or NAN, and TLC_FALSE otherwise.
ISSLPRMREF(param.value)	Returns a Boolean value indicating whether its argument is a reference to a Simulink parameter or not. This function supports parameter sharing with Simulink; using it can save memory and time during code generation. For example, <pre> %if !ISSLPRMREF(param.Value)     assign param.Value = CAST("Real", param.Value) %endif </pre>
NULL_FILE	A predefined file for no output that you can use as an argument to %selectfile to prevent output.
NUMTLCFILES	The number of target files used thus far in expansion.
OUTPUT_LINES	Returns the number of lines that have been written to the currently selected file or buffer. Does not work for STDOUT or NULL_FILE.
REAL(expr)	Returns the real part of a complex number.
REMOVEFIELD(record, "fieldname")	Removes the specified field from the contents of the record. Returns TLC_TRUE if the field was removed; otherwise returns TLC_FALSE.
ROLL_ITERATIONS()	Returns the number of times the current roll regions are looping or NULL if not inside a %roll construct.
SETFIELD(record, "fieldname", value)	Sets the contents of the field name associated with the record. Returns TLC_TRUE if the field was added; otherwise returns TLC_FALSE.

**TLC Built-In Functions and Values (Continued)**

<b>Built-In Function Name</b>	<b>Expansion</b>
SIZE(expr[ ,expr ])	<p>Calculates the size of the first expression and generates a two-element row vector. If the second operand is specified, it is used as an integer index into this row vector; otherwise the entire row vector is returned. SIZE(x) applied to any scalar returns [1 1]. SIZE(x) applied to any scope returns the number of repeated entries of that scope type. For example, SIZE(Block) returns</p> <p>[1,&lt;number of blocks&gt;]</p>
SPRINTF(format,var,...)	<p>Formats the data in variable var (and in any additional variable arguments) under control of the specified format string, and returns a string variable containing the values. Operates like the C library sprintf(), except that output is the return value rather than contained in an argument to sprintf.</p>
STDOUT	<p>A predefined file for stdout output. You can use this as an argument to %selectfile to force output to stdout.</p>
STRING(expr)	<p>Expands the expression into a string; the characters \, \n, and " are escaped by preceding them with \ (backslash). All the ANSI escape sequences are translated into string form.</p>
STRINGOF(expr)	<p>Accepts a vector of ASCII values and returns a string that is constructed by treating each element as the ASCII code for a single character. Used primarily for S-function string parameters in Real-Time Workshop.</p>



**TLC Built-In Functions and Values (Continued)**

Built-In Function Name	Expansion
SYSNAME (expr)	<p>Looks for specially formatted strings of the form &lt;x&gt;/y and returns x and y as a two-element string vector. This is used to resolve subsystem names in Real-Time Workshop. For example,</p> <pre style="margin-left: 40px;">%&lt;sysname(" &lt;sub&gt;/Gain" )&gt;</pre> <p>returns</p> <pre style="margin-left: 40px;">[ "sub", "Gain" ]</pre> <p>In Block records, the name of the block is written &lt;sys/blockname&gt;, where sys is S# or Root. You can obtain the full pathname by calling LibGetBlockPath(block); this will include newlines and other troublesome characters that cause display difficulties. To obtain a full pathname suitable for one-line comments but not identical to the Simulink pathname, use LibGetFormattedBlockPath(block).</p>
TLCFILES	Returns a vector containing the names of all the target files included thus far in the expansion. Absolute paths are used. See also NUMTLCFILES.
TLC_FALSE	Boolean constant that equals a negative evaluated Boolean expression.
TLC_TRUE	Boolean constant that equals a positive evaluated Boolean expression.
TLC_TIME	Date and time of compilation.
TLC_VERSION	Version and date of the Target Language Compiler.
TYPE(expr)	Evaluates expr and determines the result type. The result of this function is a string that corresponds to the type of the given expression. See the <b>Value Type String</b> column in the table for possible values.
UINT8MAX	255U

**TLC Built-In Functions and Values (Continued)**

Built-In Function Name	Expansion
UINT16MAX	65535U
UINT32MAX	4294967295U
UINTMAX	Maximum unsigned integer value on target machine.
WHITE_SPACE(expr)	Accepts a string and returns 1 if the string contains only white-space characters ( , \t, \n, \r); returns 0 otherwise.
WILL_ROLL(expr1, expr2)	The first expression is a roll vector and the second expression is a roll threshold. This function returns true if the vector contains a range that will roll.

**FEVAL Function**

The FEVAL built-in function calls MATLAB M-file functions and MEX-functions. The structure is

```
%assign result = FEVAL( matlab-function-name, rhs1, rhs2, ...
    rhs3, ... );
```

---

**Note** Only a single left-side argument is allowed when you use FEVAL.

---

This table shows the conversions that are made when you use FEVAL.

**MATLAB Conversions**

TLC Type	MATLAB Type
"Boolean"	Boolean (scalar or matrix)
"Number"	Double (scalar or matrix)
"Real"	Double (scalar or matrix)
"Real32"	Double (scalar or matrix)
"Unsigned"	Double (scalar or matrix)

**MATLAB Conversions (Continued)**

<b>TLC Type</b>	<b>MATLAB Type</b>
"String"	String
"Vector"	If the vector is homogeneous, it is converted to a MATLAB vector of the appropriate value. If the vector is heterogeneous, it is converted to a MATLAB cell array.
"Gaussian"	Complex (scalar or matrix)
"UnsignedGaussian"	Complex (scalar or matrix)
"Complex"	Complex (scalar or matrix)
"Complex32"	Complex (scalar or matrix)
"Identifier"	String
"Subsystem"	String
"Range"	Expanded vector of Doubles
"Idrange"	Expanded vector of Doubles
"Matrix"	If the matrix is homogeneous, it is converted to a MATLAB matrix of the appropriate value. If the matrix is heterogeneous, it is converted to a MATLAB cell array. (Cell arrays can be nested.)
"Scope" or "Record"	Structure with elements
Scope or Record alias	String containing fully qualified alias name
Scope or Record array	Cell array of structures
Any other type	Conversion not supported

When values are returned from MATLAB, they are converted as shown in this table. Note that conversion of matrices with more than two dimensions is not supported, nor is conversion or downcast of 64-bit integer values.

**More Conversions**

<b>MATLAB Type</b>	<b>TLC Type</b>
String	String
Vector of Strings	Vector of Strings
Boolean (scalar or matrix)	Boolean (scalar or matrix)
INT8,INT16,INT32 (scalar or matrix)	Number (scalar or matrix)
INT64	Not supported
UINT64	Not supported
Complex INT8,INT16,INT32 (scalar or matrix)	Gaussian (scalar or matrix)
UINT8,UINT16,UINT32 (scalar or matrix)	Unsigned (scalar or matrix)
Complex UINT8,UINT16,UINT32 (scalar or matrix)	UnsignedGaussian (scalar or matrix)
Single precision	Real32 (scalar or matrix)
Complex single precision	Complex32 (scalar or matrix)
Double precision	Real (scalar or matrix)
Complex double precision	Complex (scalar or matrix)
Sparse matrix	Expanded to matrix of Doubles
Cell array of structures	Record array
Cell array of non-structures	Vector or matrix of types converted from the types of the elements
Cell array of structures and non-structures	Conversion not supported
Structure	Record
Object	Conversion not supported

Other value types are not currently supported.

As an example, this statement uses the FEVAL built-in function to call MATLAB to take the sine of the input argument.

```
%assign result = FEVAL( "sin", 3.14159 )
```

Variables (identifiers) can take on the following constant values. Note the suffix on the value .

Constant Form	TLC Type
1.0	"Real"
1.0[F/f]	"Real32"
1	"Number"
1[U u]	"Unsigned"
1.0i	"Complex"
1[Ui ui]	"UnsignedGaussian"
1i	"Gaussian"
1.0[Fi fi]	"Complex32"

---

**Note** The suffix controls the Target Language Compiler type obtained from the constant.

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This table shows Target Language Compiler constants and their equivalent MATLAB values.

TLC Constants	Equivalent MATLAB Value
rtInf, Inf, inf	+inf
rtMinusInf	-inf
rtNan, NaN, nan	nan
rtInfi, Infi, infi	inf*i

TLC Constants	Equivalent MATLAB Value
rtMinusInfi	-inf*i
rtNaNi, NaNi, nani	nan*i

## TLC Reserved Constants

For double-precision values, the following are defined for infinite and not-a-number IEEE values:

```
rtInf, inf, rtMinusInf, -inf, rtNaN, nan
```

For single-precision values, these constants apply:

```
rtInfF, InfF, rtMinusInfF, rtNaNF, NaNF
```

Their corresponding versions when complex are:

```
rtInfi, infi, rtMinusInfi, -infi, rtNaNi (for doubles)
rtInfFi, InfFi, rtMinusInfFi, rtNaNFi, NaNFi (for singles)
```

For integer values, the following are defined:

```
INT8MIN, INT8MAX, INT16MIN, INT16MAX, INT32MIN, INT32MAX,
UINT8MAX, UINT16MAX, UINT32MAX, INTMAX, INTMIN, UINTMAX
```

## Identifier Definition

To define or change identifiers (TLC variables), use the directive

```
%assign [::]expression = constant-expression
```

This directive introduces new identifiers (variables) or changes the values of existing ones. The left side can be a qualified reference to a variable using the `.` and `[]` operators, or it can be a single element of a vector or matrix. In the case of the matrix, only the single element is changed by the assignment.

The `%assign` directive inserts new identifiers into the local function scope (if any), file function scope (if any), generate file scope (if any), or into the global scope. Identifiers introduced into the function scope are not available

within functions being called, and are removed upon return from the function. Identifiers inserted into the global scope are persistent. You can change existing identifiers by completely respecifying them. The constant expressions can include any legal identifiers from the `.rtw` files. You can use `%undef` to delete identifiers in the same way that you use it to remove macros.

Within the scope of a function, variable assignments always create new local variables unless you use the `::` scope resolution operator. For example, given a local variable `foo` and a global variable `foo`,

```
%function ...  
...  
%assign foo = 3  
...  
%endfunction
```

In this example, the assignment always creates a variable `foo`, local to the function, that will disappear when the function exits. Note that `foo` is created even if a global `foo` already exists.

To create or change values in the global scope, you must use the scope resolution operator (`::`) to disambiguate, as in

```
%function ...  
%assign foo = 3  
%assign ::foo = foo  
...  
%endfunction
```

The scope resolution operator ( forces the compiler to assign to the global `foo`, or to change its existing value to 3.

---

**Note** It is an error to change a value from the Real-Time Workshop file without qualifying it with the scope. This example does not generate an error:

```
%assign CompiledModel.name = "newname" %% No error
```

This example generates an error:

```
%with CompiledModel
%assign name = "newname" %% Error %endwith
```

---

### Creating Records

Use the %createrecord directive to build new records in the current scope. For example, if you want to create a new record called Rec that contains two items (e.g., Name "Name" and Type "t"), use

```
%createrecord Rec { Name "Name"; Type "t" }
```

### Adding Records

Use the %addtorecord directive to add new records to existing records. For example, if you have a record called Rec1 that contains a record called Rec2, and you want to add an additional Rec2 to it, use

```
%addtorecord Rec1 Rec2 { Name "Name1"; Type "t1" }
```



This figure shows the result of adding the record to the existing one.

```

Rec1 {
  Rec2 {
    Name "Name0"
    Type "t0"
  }
  Rec2 {
    Name "Name1"
    Type "t1"
  }
  .
  .
}

```

} Existing Record

} New Record

If you want to access the new record, you can use

```
%assign myname = Rec1.Rec2[1].Name
```

In this same example, if you want to add two records to the existing record, use

```

%addtorecord Rec1 Rec2 { Name "Name1"; Type "t1" }
%addtorecord Rec1 Rec2 { Name "Name2"; Type "t2" }

```

This produces

```

Rec1 {
  Rec2 {
    Name "Name0"
    Type "t0"
  }
  Rec2 {
    Name "Name1"
    Type "t1"
  }
  Rec2 {
    Name "Name2"
    Type "t2"
  }
  .
  .
}

```

} Existing Record

} First New Record

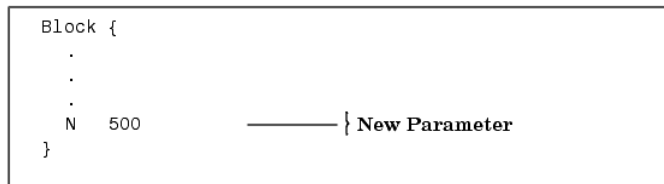
} Second New Record

### Adding Parameters to an Existing Record

You can use the `%assign` directive to add a new parameter to an existing record. For example,

```
%addtorecord Block[Idx] N 500 /* Adds N with value 500 to Block */  
%assign myn = Block[Idx].N /* Gets the value 500 */
```

adds a new parameter, `N`, at the end of an existing block with the name and current value of an existing variable, as shown in this figure. It returns the block value.



### Variable Scoping

This section discusses how the Target Language Compiler resolves references to variables (including records).

*Scope*, in this document, has two related meanings. First, scope is an attribute of a variable that defines its visibility and persistence. For example, a variable defined within the body of a function is visible only within that function, and it persists only as long as that function is executing. Such a variable has *function (or local) scope*. Each TLC variable has one (and only one) of the scopes described in “Scopes” on page 5-57.

The term scope also refers to a collection, or *pool*, of variables that have the same scope. At any point in the execution of a TLC program, several scopes can exist. For example, during execution of a function, a function scope (the pool of variables local to the function) exists. In all cases, a global scope (the pool of global variables) also exists.

To resolve variable references, TLC maintains a search list of current scopes and searches them in a well-defined sequence. The search sequence is described in “How TLC Resolves Variable References” on page 5-62.

*Dynamic scoping* refers to the process by which TLC creates and deallocates variables and the scopes in which they exist. For example, variables in a function scope exist only while the defining function executes.

## Scopes

The following sections describe the possible scopes that a TLC variable can have.

**Global Scope.** By default, TLC variables have global scope. Global variables are visible to, and can be referenced by, code anywhere in a TLC program. Global variables persist throughout the execution of the TLC program. Global variables are said to belong to the *global pool*.

Note in particular that the `CompiledModel` record of the `model.rtw` file has global scope. Therefore, you can access this structure from any of your TLC functions or files.

You can use the scope resolution operator (`::`) to explicitly reference or create global variables from within a function. See “The Scope Resolution Operator” on page 5-62 for examples.

Note that you can use the `%undef` directive to free memory used by global variables.

**File Scope.** Variables with file scope are visible only within the file in which they are created. To limit the scope of variables in this way, use the `%filescope` directive anywhere in the defining file.

In the following code fragment, the variables `fs1` and `fs2` have file scope. Note that the `%filescope` directive does not have to be positioned before the statements that create the variables.

```
%assign fs1 = 1
%filescope
%assign fs2 = 3
```

Variables whose scope is limited by `%filescope` go out of scope when execution of the file containing them completes. This lets you free memory allocated to such variables.

**Function (Local) Scope.** Variables defined within the body of a function have function scope. That is, they are visible within and local to the defining function. For example, in the following code fragment, the variable `localv` is local to the function `foo`. The variable `x` is global.

```
%assign x = 3

%function foo(arg)
    %assign localv = 1
    %return x + localv
%endfunction
```

A local variable can have the same name as a global variable. To refer, within a function, to identically named local and global variables, you must use the scope resolution operator (`::`) to disambiguate the variable references. See “The Scope Resolution Operator” on page 5-62 for examples.

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**Note** Functions themselves (as opposed to the variables defined within functions) have global scope. There is one exception: functions defined in generate scope are local to that scope. See “Generate Scope” on page 5-59.

---

**%with Scope.** The `%with` directive adds a new scope, referred to as a *%with scope*, to the current list of scopes. This directive makes it easier to refer to block-scoped variables.

The structure of the `%with` directive is

```
%with expression
%endwith
```

For example, the directive

```
%with CompiledModel.System[sysidx]
    ...
%endwith
```

adds the `CompiledModel.System[sysidx]` scope to the search list. This scope is searched before anything else. You can then refer to the system name simply by

```
Name
```

instead of

```
CompiledModel.System[sysidx].Name
```

**Generate Scope.** *Generate scope* is a special scope used by certain built-in functions that are designed to support code generation. These functions dispatch function calls that are mapped to a specific record type. This capability supports a type of polymorphism in which different record types are associated with functions (analogous to methods) of the same name. Typically, this feature is used to map `Block` records to functions that implement the functionality of different block types.

Functions that employ generate scope include `GENERATE`, `GENERATE_TYPE`, `GENERATE_FUNCTION_EXISTS`, and `GENERATE_TYPE_FUNCTION_EXISTS`. See “`GENERATE` and `GENERATE_TYPE` Functions” on page 5-36. This section discusses generate scope using the `GENERATE` built-in function as an example.

The syntax of the `GENERATE` function is

```
GENERATE(blk, fn)
```

The first argument (`blk`) to `GENERATE` is a valid record name. The second argument (`fn`) is the name of a function to be dispatched. When a function is dispatched through a `GENERATE` call, TLC automatically adds `blk` to the list of scopes that is searched when variable references are resolved. Thus the record (`blk`) is visible to the dispatched function as if an implicit `%with <blk>... %endwith` directive existed in the dispatched function.

In this context, the record named `blk` is said to be in generate scope.

Three TLC files, demonstrating the use of generate scope, are listed below. The file `polymorph.tlc` creates two records representing two hypothetical block types, `MyBlock` and `YourBlock`. Each record type has an associated

function named `aFunc`. The block-specific implementations of `aFunc` are contained in the files `MyBlock.tlc` and `YourBlock.tlc`.

Using `GENERATE` calls, `polymorph.tlc` dispatches to the appropriate function for each block type. Notice that the `aFunc` implementations can refer to the fields of `MyBlock` and `YourBlock`, because these records are in generate scope.

- The following listing shows `polymorph.tlc`:

```
%% polymorph.tlc

%language "C"

%%create records used as scopes within dispatched functions

%createrecord MyRecord { Type "MyBlock"; data 123 }
%createrecord YourRecord { Type "YourBlock"; theStuff 666 }

%% dispatch the functions thru the GENERATE call.

%% dispatch to MyBlock implementation
%<GENERATE(MyRecord, "aFunc")>

%% dispatch to YourBlock implementation
%<GENERATE(YourRecord, "aFunc")>

%% end of polymorph.tlc
```

- The following listing shows `MyBlock.tlc`:

```
%%MyBlock.tlc

%implements "MyBlock" "C"

%% aFunc is invoked thru a GENERATE call in polymorph.tlc.
%% MyRecord is in generate scope in this function.
%% Therefore, fields of MyRecord can be referenced without
%% qualification

%function aFunc(r) Output
```

```

%selectfile STDOUT
The value of MyRecord.data is: %<data>
%closefile STDOUT
%endfunction

%%end of MyBlock.tlc

```

- The following listing shows YourBlock.tlc:

```

%%YourBlock.tlc

%implements "YourBlock" "C"

%% aFunc is invoked thru a GENERATE call in polymorph.tlc.
%% YourRecord is in generate scope in this function.
%% Therefore, fields of YourRecord can be referenced without
%% qualification

%function aFunc(r) Output
%selectfile STDOUT
The value of YourRecord.theStuff is: %<theStuff>
%closefile STDOUT
%endfunction

%%end of YourBlock.tlc

```

The invocation and output of `polymorph.tlc`, as displayed by MATLAB, are shown below:

```

tlc -v polymorph.tlc

The value of MyRecord.data is: 123
The value of YourRecord.theStuff is: 666

```

---

**Note** Functions defined in generate scope are local to that scope. This is an exception to the general rule that functions have global scope. In the above example, for instance, neither of the `aFunc` implementations has global scope.

---

## The Scope Resolution Operator

The scope resolution operator (`::`) is used to indicate that the global scope should be searched when a TLC function looks up a variable reference. The scope resolution operator is often used to change the value of global variables (or even create global variables) from within functions.

By using the scope resolution operator, you can resolve ambiguities that arise when a function references identically named local and global variables. In the following example, a global variable `foo` is created. In addition, the function `myfunc` creates and initializes a local variable named `foo`. The function `myfunc` explicitly references the global variable `foo` by using the scope resolution operator.

```
%assign foo = 3    %% this variable has global scope
.
.
.
%function myfunc(arg)
    %assign foo = 3    %% this variable has local scope
    %assign ::foo = arg    %% this changes the global variable foo
%endfunction
```

You can also use the scope resolution operator within a function to create global variables. The following function creates and initializes a global variable:

```
%function sideeffect(arg)
    %assign ::theglobal = arg    %% this creates a global variable
%endfunction
```

## How TLC Resolves Variable References

This section discusses how the Target Language Compiler searches the existing scopes to resolve variable references.

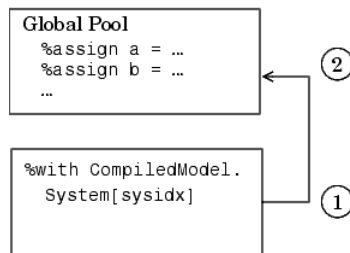
**Global Scope.** In the simplest case, the Target Language Compiler resolves a variable reference by searching the global pool (including the `CompiledModel` structure).



**%with Scope.** You can modify the search list and search sequence by using the %with directive. For example, when you add the following construct,

```
%with CompiledModel.System[sysidx]
...
%endwith
```

the System[sysidx] scope is added to the search list. This scope is searched first, as shown by this picture.



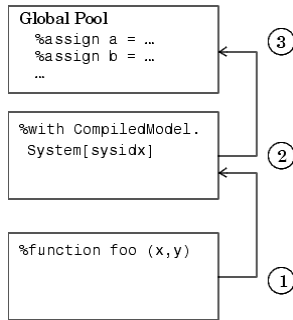
This technique makes it simpler to access embedded definitions. Using the %with construct (as in the previous example), you can refer to the system name simply by

```
Name
```

instead of

```
CompiledModel.System[sysidx].Name
```

**Function Scope.** A function has its own scope. That scope is added to the previously described search list, as shown in this diagram.

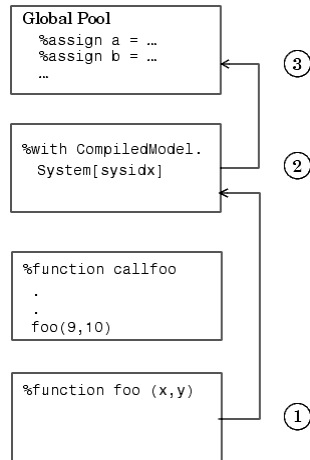


For example, in the following code fragment,

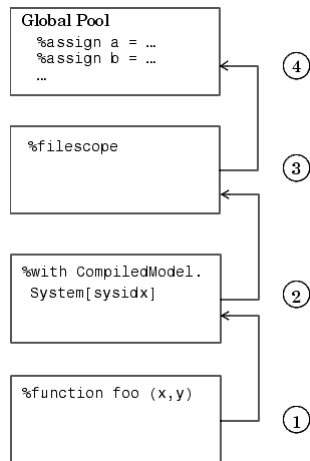
```
% with CompiledModel.System[sysidx]
...
    %assign a=foo(x,y)
...
%endwith
...
%function foo (a,b)
...
    assign myvar=Name
...
%endfunction
...
%<foo(1,2)>
```

If Name is not defined in foo, the assignment uses the value of Name from the previous scope, CompiledModel.System[SysIdx].Name.

In a nested function, only the innermost function scope is searched, together with the enclosing `%with` and global scopes, as shown in the following diagram:



**File Scope.** File scopes are searched before the global scope, as shown in the following diagram.



The rule for nested file scopes is similar to that for nested function scopes. In the case of nested file scopes, only the innermost nested file scope is searched.

## Target Language Functions

The target language function construct is

```
%function identifier ( optional-arguments ) [Output | void]
%return
%endfunction
```

Functions in the target language are recursive and have their own local variable space. Target language functions do not produce any output unless they are output functions or explicitly use the `%openfile`, `%selectfile`, and `%closefile` directives.

A function optionally returns a value with the `%return` directive. The returned value can be any of the types defined in the table at “Target Language Values” on page 5-19.

In this example, a function, `name`, returns `x` if `x` and `y` are equal, or returns `z` if `x` and `y` are not equal:

```
%function name(x,y,z) void

%if x == y
    %return x
%else
    %return z
%endif

%endfunction
```

Function calls can appear in any context where variables are allowed.

All `%with` statements that are in effect when a function is called are available to the function. Calls to other functions do not include the local scope of the function, but do include any `%with` statements appearing within the function.

Assignments to variables within a function always create new local variables and cannot change the value of global variables unless you use the scope resolution operator (`::`).

By default, a function returns a value and does not produce any output. You can override this behavior by specifying the `Output` and `void` modifiers on the function declaration line, as in

```
%function foo() Output
...
%endfunction
```

In this case, the function continues to produce output to the currently open file, if any, and is not required to return a value. You can use the `void` modifier to indicate that the function does not return a value and should not produce any output, as in

```
%function foo() void
...
%endfunction
```

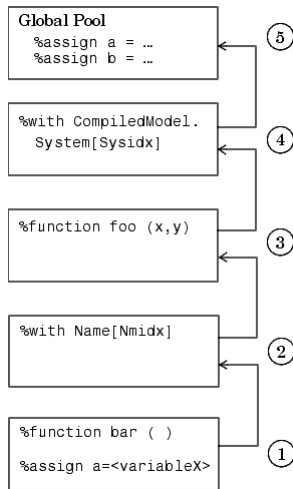
### **Variable Scoping Within Functions**

Within a function, the left-hand member of any `%assign` statement defaults to create a local variable. A new entry is created in the function's block within the scope chain; it does not affect any of the other entries. An example appears in .

You can override this default behavior by using `%assign` with the scope resolution operator (`::`).

When you introduce new scopes within a function, using `%with`, these new scopes are used during nested function calls, but the local scope for the function is not searched.

If a `%with` is included within a function, its associated scope is carried with any nested function call, as shown in the next figure.



### **%return**

The `%return` statement closes all `%with` statements appearing within the current function. In this example, the `%with` statement is automatically closed when the `%return` statement is encountered, removing the scope from the list of searched scopes:

```

%function foo(s)
  %with s
    %return(name)
  %endwith
%endfunction
  
```

The `%return` statement does not require a value. You can use `%return` to return from a function with no return value.

## Command-Line Arguments

To call the Target Language Compiler, use

```
tlc [switch1 expr1 switch2 expr2 ...] filename.tlc
```

This table lists the switches you can use with the Target Language Compiler. Order makes no difference. Note that if you specify a switch more than once, the last one takes precedence.

### Target Language Compiler Switches

Switch	Meaning
<code>-r filename</code>	Reads a database file (such as an <code>.rtw</code> file). Repeat this option multiple times to load multiple database files into the Target Language Compiler. Omit this option for target language programs that do not depend on the database.
<code>-v[number]</code>	Sets the internal verbosity level to <i>number</i> . Omitting this option sets the verbosity level to 1.
<code>-Ipath</code>	Adds the specified directory to the list of paths to be searched for TLC files.
<code>-Opath</code>	Specifies that all output produced should be placed in the designated directory, including files opened with <code>%openfile</code> and <code>%closefile</code> , and <code>.log</code> files created in debug mode. To place files in the current directory, use <code>-O</code> (use the capital letter O, not zero).
<code>-m[number]</code>	The <i>number</i> specifies the maximum number of errors to report. If no <code>-m</code> argument appears on the command line, the default is to report the first five errors. If the <i>number</i> argument is omitted on this option, 1 is assumed.
<code>-x0</code>	Parse TLC file only (do not execute).
<code>-lint</code>	Performs some simple checks for performance and obsolete features.

## Target Language Compiler Switches (Continued)

Switch	Meaning
-p[ <i>number</i> ]	Prints a dot (.) indicating progress for every <i>number</i> of TLC primitive operations executed.
-d[a c f n o]	<p>Invokes the TLC's debug mode.</p> <p>-da makes TLC execute any %assert directives. However, when building from within RTW, this flag is not needed and will be ignored, because it is superseded by the <b>Enable TLC Assertions</b> check box in the <b>TLC debugging</b> section of the <b>Real-Time Workshop</b> pane.</p> <p>-dc invokes the TLC command-line debugger.</p> <p>-df <i>filename</i> invokes the TLC debugger and runs the debugger script specified by <i>filename</i>. A debugger script is a text file containing valid debugger commands. TLC searches only the current working directory for the script file.</p> <p>-dn causes TLC to produce log files indicating which lines were and were not reached during compilation.</p> <p>-do disables the TLC debugging behavior.</p>
-dr	Checks for cyclic records (records that reference each other, a source of memory leaks).
-a[ <i>ident</i> ]= <i>expr</i>	Specifies an initial value, <i>expr</i> , for the identifier, <i>ident</i> , for some parameters; equivalent to the %assign command.

As an example, the command line

```
tlc -r Demo.rtw -v grt.tlc
```

specifies that Demo.rtw should be read and used to process grt.tlc in verbose mode.



## Filename and Search Paths

All target files have the `.t1c` extension. By default, block-level files have the same name as the Type of the block in which they appear. You can override the search path for target files with your own local versions. The Target Language Compiler finds all target files along this path. If you specify additional search paths with the `-I` switch of the `t1c` command or via the `%addincludepath` directive, the search order is:

- 1** The current directory.
- 2** Any `%addincludepath` directives. The compiler evaluates multiple `%addincludepath` directives from the *bottom up*.
- 3** Any include paths specified at the command line via `-I`. The compiler evaluates multiple `-I` options from *right to left*.

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**Note** The compiler does *not* search the MATLAB path, and will not find any file that is available only on that path. The compiler searches only the locations described above.

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# Debugging TLC Files

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The Target Language Compiler debugger is a command-line debugger that enables you to identify problems in executing TLC code. The following sections describe the facilities provided and provide examples of use.

About the TLC Debugger (p. 6-2)	Introducing the TLC debugging facility
Using the TLC Debugger (p. 6-3)	Enabling tracing and coverage, and command summary
TLC Coverage (p. 6-8)	Determining what TLC statements are executed
TLC Profiler (p. 6-13)	Measuring the execution time of each TLC function

## About the TLC Debugger

The TLC debugger helps you identify programming errors in your TLC code. Using the debugger, you can execute TLC code line-by-line, analyze and/or change variables in a specified block scope, and view the TLC call stack. The TLC debugger has a command-line interface that provides commands similar to standard debugging tools such as dbx or gdb.

### Tips for Debugging TLC Code

Here are a few tips that will help you to debug your TLC code:

- 1** To see the full TLC call stack, place the following statement in your TLC code before the line that is pointed to by the error message. This will be helpful in narrowing down your problem.

```
%setcommandswitch "-v1"
```

- 2** To trace the value of a variable in a function, place the following statement in your TLC file:

```
%trace This is in my function %<variable>
```

Your message will appear when the Target Language Compiler is run with the `-v` command switch, but not otherwise. You can use `%warning` instead of `%trace` to print variables, but you will need to remove or comment out such lines after you are through debugging.

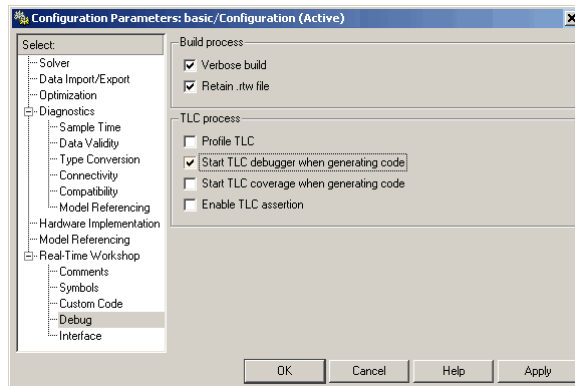
- 3** Use the TLC coverage log files to identify any parts of your code have not been reached.

## Using the TLC Debugger

This section describes the basic procedures and commands for using the TLC debugger to identify bugs and potential problems in your TLC files.

### Invoking the Debugger

- 1 To configure TLC for debugging via the Configuration Parameters dialog, select **Debug** under **Real-Time Workshop**.
- 2 Select **Retain .rtw file** in the **RTW process** pane. This ensures that the `model.rtw` file is not deleted after code generation.
- 3 Select **Start TLC debugger when generating code** in the **TLC process** pane to invoke the TLC debugger when starting the code generation process. The dialog box looks like this.



Selecting **Start TLC debugger when generating code** is equivalent to adding `-dc` to the **RTW System target file** field in the **Real-Time Workshop** pane of the Configuration Parameters dialog box.

- 4 Apply your changes and click **Build** to start code generation. This stops at the first line of executed TLC code, breaks into the TLC command-line debugger, and displays the following prompt:

```
TLC_DEBUG>
```

You can now set breakpoints, explore the contents of Real-Time Workshop files, and explore variables in your TLC file using `print`, `which`, or `whos`.

An alternative way to invoke the TLC debugger is from the MATLAB prompt. (This assumes you retained the `model.rtw` file in the project directory.) To avoid making mistakes, The MathWorks recommends copying the `tlc` command output by Real-Time Workshop to the MATLAB Command Window, and issuing it after appending `-dc` to that command line.

A complete list of command-line switches for the TLC debugger is available in the table Target Language Compiler Switches on page 5-69.

### TLC Debugger Command Summary

The table TLC Debugger Commands on page 6-5 summarizes the TLC debugger commands.

To obtain more detailed help on individual commands, use the syntax

```
help command
```

from within the TLC debugger, as in this example:

```
TLC-DEBUG> help clear
```

You can abbreviate any TLC debugger command to its shortest unique form. For example,

```
TLC-DEBUG> break warning
```

can be abbreviated to

```
TLC-DEBUG> br warning
```

To view a complete list of TLC debugger commands, type `help` at the `TLC-DEBUG>` prompt.

## TLC Debugger Commands

Command	Description
assign variable=value	Change a variable in the running program.
break ["filename":]line error warning trace function	Set a breakpoint. See also “%breakpoint Directive” on page 6-6.
clear [breakpoint# all]	Remove a breakpoint.
condition [breakpoint#] [expression]	Attach a condition to a breakpoint.
continue ["filename":]line function	Continue from a breakpoint.
disable [breakpoint#]	Disable a breakpoint.
down [n]	Move down the stack.
enable [breakpoint#]	Enable a breakpoint.
finish	Break after completing the current function.
help [command]	Obtain help for a command.
ignore [breakpoint#]count	Set the ignore count of a breakpoint.
iostack	Display contents of I/O stack.
list start[,end]	List lines from the file from start to end.
loadstate "filename"	Load debugger breakpoint state from a file.
next	Single step without going into functions.
print expression	Print the value of a TLC expression. To print a record, you must specify a fully qualified scope such as CompiledModel.System[0].Block[0].
quit	Quit the TLC debugger. You can also exit the debugger by typing <b>Ctrl+C</b> at the prompt.
run "filename"	Run a batch file of command-line debugger commands.
savestate "filename"	Save debugger breakpoint state to a file.
status	Display a list of active breakpoints.
step	Step into.

**TLC Debugger Commands (Continued)**

Command	Description
stop ["filename":]line error warning trace  function	Set a breakpoint (same as break).
tbreak ["filename":]line function	Set a temporary breakpoint.
thread [n]	Change the active thread to thread # <i>n</i> (0 is the main program's thread number).
threads	List the currently active TLC execution threads.
tstop ["filename":]line function	Set a temporary breakpoint.
up [n]	Move up the stack.
where	Show the currently active execution chains.
which name	Look up the name and display what scope it comes from.
whos [:: expression]	List the variables in the given scope.

**%breakpoint Directive**

As an alternative to the break command, you can embed breakpoints at any point in a TLC file by adding the directive

```
%breakpoint
```

**Usage Notes**

When using break or stop, use

- error to break or stop on error
- warn to break or stop on warning
- trace to break or stop on trace



For example, if you need to break in `foo.tlc` on error, use

```
TLC_DEBUG> break "foo.tlc":error
```

When using `clear`, get the status of breakpoints using `status` and `clear` specific breakpoints. For example

```
TLC-DEBUG> break "foo.tlc":46
TLC-DEBUG> break "foo.tlc":25
TLC-DEBUG> status
Breakpoints:
[1] break File: foo.tlc Line: 46
[2] break File: foo.tlc Line: 25
TLC-DEBUG> clear 2
```

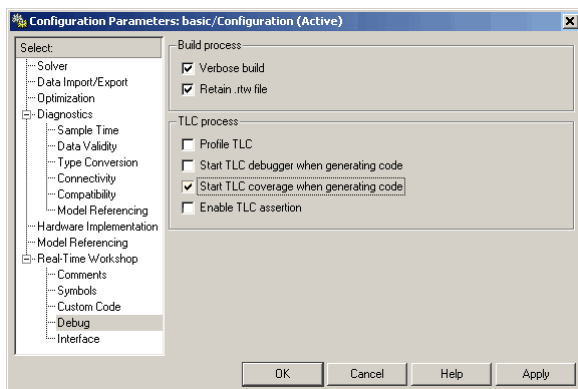
In this example, `clear 2` clears the second breakpoint.

## TLC Coverage

The example in the last section used the debugger to detect a problem in one section of the TLC file. Because a test model may not cover all possible cases, there is a technique that traces the untested cases, the TLC coverage option.

### Using the TLC Coverage Option

The TLC coverage option provides an easier way to ascertain that the different code parts (not paths) in your code are exercised. To specify TLC coverage tracking, select **Start TLC coverage when generating code** from the **TLC process** subpane of the **Real-Time Workshop/Debug** pane of the Configuration Parameters dialog box:



When you initiate TLC coverage, the Target Language Compiler produces a .log file for every target file (\*.t1c) used. These .log files are placed in project directory created for the model by Real-Time Workshop. Each .log file contains usage (count) information regarding how many times it encounters each line during execution. Each line begins with the number of times it is encountered, followed by a colon, followed by the code.

### Example .log File

Here is a log file that results from generating code for the demo model `sfcdemo_sdotproduct`, located in

```
matlabroot/toolbox/simulink/simdemos
```

This model inlines the `sdotproduct` S-function in TLC. The TLC file that implements the S-function is located in `matlabroot/toolbox/simulink/blocks/tlc_c/`. The `.log` file for `sdotproduct.tlc` is `sdotproduct.log`, which is placed in your build directory. The contents of `sdotproduct.log` are similar to:

```
Source: E:\matlab\toolbox\simulink\blocks\tlc_c\sdotproduct.tlc
0: %% $RCSfile: ch_debugging.xml,v $
0: %% File : sdotproduct.tlc generated from sdotproduct.ttlc revision 1.6
0: %% $Date: 2006/08/05 04:07:12 $
0: %%
0: %% Murali Yeddanapudi, 27-May-1998
0: %% Copyright 1990-2002 The MathWorks, Inc.
0: %%
0: %% Abstract:
0: %%      Dot product block target file.
1:
1: %implements sdotproduct "C"
1:
0: %% Function: FcnThriftdComplexMultiply
=====
0: %% Abstract:
0: %%      This function multiplies two numbers in the complex plane. If any of
0: %%      the input arguments is only real, then the complex part is passed in
0: %%      as "".
0: %%
1: %function FcnThriftdComplexConjMultiply(ar,ai,br,bi,cr,ci,op) void
2:  %openfile buffer
0:  %%
0:  %% Compute Cr = Ar * Br + Ai * Bi
0:  %%
2:  %assign rhsStr = "%<ar> * %<br>"
2:  %if !LibIsEqual(ai, "") && !LibIsEqual(bi, "")
0:    %assign rhsStr = rhsStr + " + %<ai> * %<bi>"
0:  %endif
2:  %<cr> %<op> %<rhsStr>;
0:  %%
0:  %% Compute Ci = Ar * Bi - Ai * Br
0:  %%
2:  %if !LibIsEqual(ci, "")
```

```

0: %assign rhsStr = "0.0"
0: %if !LibIsEqual(bi, "")
0: %assign rhsStr = "%<ar> * %<bi>"
0: %endif
0: %if !LibIsEqual(ai, "")
0: %assign rhsStr = rhsStr + " - %<ai> * %<br>"
0: %endif
0: %<ci> %<op> %<rhsStr>;
0: %endif
0: %%
2: %closefile buffer
2: %return buffer
0: %endfunction %% FcnThriftyComplexMultiply
1:
1:
0: %% Function: Outputs
=====
0: %% Abstract:
0: %% Y = U0' * U1, where U0' is the complex conjugate transpose of U0
0: %%
1: %function Outputs(block, system) Output
1: %assign sfcnName = ParamSettings.FunctionName
1: /* %<Type> Block (%<sfcnName>): %<LibParentMaskBlockName(block)> */
0: %%
1: %assign u0re = LibBlockInputSignal(0, "", "", "%<tRealPart>0")
1: %assign u0im = LibBlockInputSignal(0, "", "", "%<tImagPart>0")
1: %assign u1re = LibBlockInputSignal(1, "", "", "%<tRealPart>0")
1: %assign u1im = LibBlockInputSignal(1, "", "", "%<tImagPart>0")
0: %%
1: %assign yre = LibBlockOutputSignal(0, "", "", "%<tRealPart>0")
1: %assign yim = LibBlockOutputSignal(0, "", "", "%<tImagPart>0")
0: %%
0: %% Need to declare a temporary variable for u1re when the output is
0: %% being overwritten and u0im is nonzero
1: %assign outputOverWritesInput = ...
0: ((LibBlockInputSignalBufferDstPort(0) == 0) || ...
0: (LibBlockInputSignalBufferDstPort(1) == 0)) && ...
0: (LibBlockInputSignalIsComplex(0) && LibBlockInputSignalIsComplex(1))
0: %%
1: %if outputOverWritesInput

```

```

0:     {
0:         %assign dtName = LibBlockOutputSignalDataTypeName(0, tRealPart)
0:         %<dtName> tmpVar;
0:         \
0:         %assign tmpVar = "tmpVar"
0:     %else
1:         %assign tmpVar = yre
0:     %endif
0:     %%
1:     %<FcnThriftdComplexConjMultiply(u0re, u0im, u1re, u1im, tmpVar, yim, "=")>\
0:     %%
1:     %assign rollVars    = ["U", "Y"]
1:     %assign rollRegion = LibGetRollRegions1(RollRegions)
0:     %%
1:     %if LibIsEqual(rollRegion, [])
0:         %if outputOverWritesInput
0:             %<yre> = tmpVar;
0:         %endif
0:     %else
0:         %% Continue with dot product for nonscalar case
1:         %roll idx = rollRegion, lcv = RollThreshold, block, "Roller", rollVars
1:         %assign u0re = LibBlockInputSignal(0, "", lcv, "%<tRealPart>%<idx>")
1:         %assign u0im = LibBlockInputSignal(0, "", lcv, "%<tImagPart>%<idx>")
1:         %assign u1re = LibBlockInputSignal(1, "", lcv, "%<tRealPart>%<idx>")
1:         %assign u1im = LibBlockInputSignal(1, "", lcv, "%<tImagPart>%<idx>")
0:         %%
1:         %assign yre = LibBlockOutputSignal(0, "", lcv, "%<tRealPart>%<idx>")
1:         %assign yim = LibBlockOutputSignal(0, "", lcv, "%<tImagPart>%<idx>")
0:         %%
1:         %<FcnThriftdComplexConjMultiply(u0re, u0im, u1re, u1im, yre, yim, "+=")>\
0:         %endroll
0:     %endif
1:     %if outputOverWritesInput
0:     }
0: %endif
1:
0: %endfunction
1:
0: %% [EOF] sdotproduct.tlc

```

### **Analyzing the Results**

This structure makes it easy to identify branches not taken and to develop new tests that can exercise unused portions of the target files.

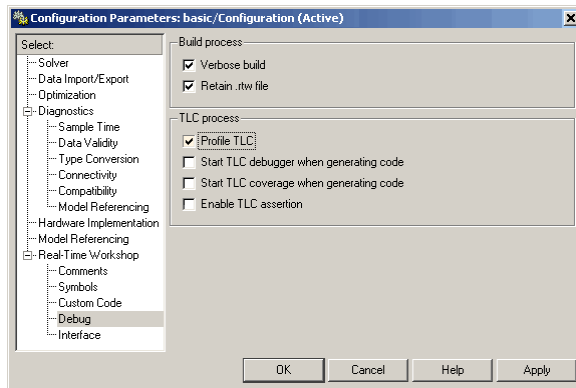
Looking at the `sdotproduct.log` file, you can see that the code has not been used to assign default values to parameters (e.g., the first part of the code for function `FcnThriftdComplexConjMultiply`). Using this log as a reference and creating models that exercise unexecuted lines, you can make sure that your code is more robust.

## TLC Profiler

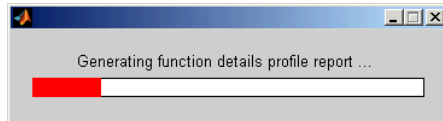
The TLC profiler collects timing statistics for TLC code. It collects execution time for functions, scripts, macros, and built-in functions. These results become the basis of HTML reports that are identical in format to MATLAB profiler reports. By analyzing the report, you can identify bottlenecks in your code that make code generation take longer.

### Using the Profiler

To access the profiler, select **Profile TLC** from the TLC debugging category of the **Real-Time Workshop** pane of the Configuration Parameters dialog box. Apply your changes and click the **Build** (or **Generate code**) button.



At the end of the TLC process, the HTML summary and related files are created. A progress bar paces the report generation:



The profile report is generated into the Real-Time Workshop build directory. To open the report, change directory (cd) to the build directory and open the file `model.html`, opening it in a browser window. Here is a sample of a TLC profiling report:

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying the file path `F:\simple_log_grt_rtwt\simple_log.html`. The page content is titled "TLC Profile Report: Summary" and includes a "Summary" tab and a "Function Details" tab. The report was generated on 13-Apr-2004 at 12:07:13. The statistics are as follows:

Total recorded time:	6.57 s
Number of Builtins:	22
Number of Evals:	1
Number of Generate Scripts:	7
Number of Normal Functions:	74
Number of Output Functions:	57
Number of Scripts:	115
Number of Void Functions:	498
Clock precision:	0.0000001 s
Clock Speed:	1000 Mhz

Below the statistics is a "Function List" table with the following data:

Name	Time	Calls	Time/call	Self time	Loc
<a href="#">codegenentry.tlc</a>	6.5694464	100.0%	1	6.569446400000	0.0200288 0.3%
<a href="#">grt.tlc</a>	6.5694464	100.0%	1	6.569446400000	0.0000000 0.0%
<a href="#">commonsetup.tlc</a>	4.0858752	62.2%	1	4.085875200000	0.1802592 2.7%
<a href="#">funcLib.tlc</a>	3.3548240	51.1%	1	3.354824000000	2.1330672 32.5%

## Analyzing the Report

The created report is fairly self-explanatory. Some points to note are

- Functions are sorted in descending order of their execution time.
- Self-time is the time spent in the function alone and does not include the time spent in subfunctions called by the function.
- Functions are hyperlinks that take you to the details related to that specific function.

The profiler report can be helpful when you have inlined S-functions in your model. You can use the profiler to compare time spent in specific user-written or Lib functions, and then modify your TLC code accordingly.



## Nonexecutable Directives

TLC considers the following directives to be nonexecutable lines. Therefore, these directives are not counted in TLC Profiler reports:

- %filescope
- %else
- %endif
- %endforeach
- %endfor
- %endroll
- %endwith
- %body
- %endbody
- %endfunction
- %endswitch
- %default
- any type of comment (%% or /% stuff %/)

## Improving Performance

Analyzing the profiler results also gives you an overview of which functions are used more often or are more expensive. Then, you can either improve those functions, or try alternative methods to improve code generation speed. Two points to consider are

- Reduce usage of EXISTS. Performing an EXISTS on a field is more costly than comparing the field to a value. When possible, create an inert default value for a field. Then, instead of doing an EXISTS on the entity, compare it against the default value.
- Reduce the use of one-line functions when they are not really needed. One-line functions might be a bottleneck for code generation speed. When readability is not greatly affected, consider expanding the function.



# Inlining S-Functions

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To wrap or to inline, that is the question. Once you have decided, the following sections explain how to go about it, using the `timestwo` S-function as a running example. Inlining works almost identically for C, C++, M-file, and Fortran S-functions.

Introduction (p. 7-2)	Finding information about writing S-functions to be used for code generation
Writing Block Target Files to Inline S-Functions (p. 7-2)	Differences between fully inlined and wrapped S-functions
Inlining C-MEX S-Functions (p. 7-4)	Calls made by C-MEX S-functions and how to handle them
Inlining M-File S-Functions (p. 7-17)	Accelerating M-file S-function performance
Inlining Fortran (F-MEX) S-Functions (p. 7-20)	How the <code>timestwo</code> function coded in Fortran is handled
TLC Coding Conventions (p. 7-24)	Make your TLC code more robust by observing case conventions and using library functions
Block Target File Methods (p. 7-30)	Descriptions of the functions needed to emit block code
Loop Rolling (p. 7-39)	An example that handles multiple inputs
Error Reporting (p. 7-42)	Help in finding the source of trouble

## Introduction

Writing S-functions that will be included in code generated by Real-Time Workshop or Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder involves requirements that go beyond writing S-functions used only for simulation in Simulink. Before you proceed to inline an S-function you should make sure that it meets these requirements and will function as you expect it to. You therefore might want to read “Writing S-Functions for Real-Time Workshop” in the Real-Time Workshop documentation if you have not already done so. If your S-function is multirate, you should also see “Models with Multiple Sample Rates” in the Real-Time Workshop documentation, and “Rate Grouping Compliance and Compatibility Issues” in the Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder documentation.

## Writing Block Target Files to Inline S-Functions

With C-MEX S-functions, all targets except ERT will support calling the original C-MEX code if the source code (.c file) is available when Real-Time Workshop enters its build phase. For S-functions that are in Fortran, Ada, or .m, you must inline them to have complete code generation for Simulink models that contain them. Additionally, once you have determined that you will inline an S-function, you must decide to make it either fully inlined or wrapped.

### Fully Inlined S-Functions

The block target file for a fully inlined S-function is a self-contained definition of how to inline the block’s functionality directly into the various portions of the generated code — start code, output code, etc. This approach is most beneficial when there are many modes and data types supported for algorithms that are relatively small or when the code size is not significant.

### Function-Based or Wrapped Code Generation

When the physical size of the code needed for a block becomes too large for inlining, the block target file is written to gather inputs, outputs, and parameters, and make a call to a function that you write to perform the block

functionality. This has an advantage in generated code size when the code in the function is large or there are many instances of this block in a model. Of course, you should consider the overhead of the function call when weighing the option of fully inlining the block algorithm or generating function calls.

If you choose to go with function-based code generation, two more options need consideration:

- Write all the functions once, put them in `.c` files, and have the TLC code's `BlockTypeSetup` method specify external references to your support functions. Use `LibAddToModelSources` for names of the modules containing the supporting functions. This approach is usually done using one function per file to get the smallest executable possible.
- Write a more sophisticated TLC file that in addition to the methods such as `Start` and `Outputs` will also conditionally generate more functions, in separate code generation buffers, to be written to a separate `.c` file that contains customized versions of functions (data types, widths, algorithms, etc.), but only the functions needed by this model instead of all possible functions.

Either approach can produce optimal code. The first option can result in hundreds of files if your S-function supports many data types, signal widths, and algorithm choices. The second approach is more difficult to write, but results in a more maintainable code generation library, and the code can be every bit as tight as the first approach.

For further information on wrapping, see “Wrapper Inlined S-Function Example” on page 2-10.

## Inlining C-MEX S-Functions

When a Simulink model contains an S-function and a corresponding TLC block target file exists for that S-function, Real-Time Workshop inlines the S-function. Inlining an S-function can produce more efficient code by eliminating the S-function API layer from the generated code.

For S-functions that can perform a variety of tasks, inlining them gives you the opportunity to generate code only for the current mode of operation set for each instance of the block. As an example of this, if an S-function accepts an arbitrary signal width and loops through each element of the signal, you would want to generate inlined code that has loops when the signal has two or more elements, but generates a simple nonlooped calculation when the signal has just one element.

Level 1 C-MEX S-functions (written to an older form of the S-function API) that are not inlined will cause the generated code to make calls to all seven of these functions even if the routine is empty for the particular S-function.

Function	Purpose
<code>mdlInitializeSizes</code>	Initialize the sizes array
<code>mdlInitializeSampleTimes</code>	Initialize the sample times array
<code>mdlInitializeConditions</code>	Initialize the states
<code>mdlOutputs</code>	Compute the outputs
<code>mdlUpdate</code>	Update discrete states
<code>mdlDerivatives</code>	Compute the derivatives of continuous states
<code>mdlTerminate</code>	Clean up when the simulation terminates

Level 2 C-MEX S-functions (i.e., those written to the current S-function API) that are not inlined make calls to the above functions, with the following exceptions:

- `mdlInitializeConditions` is called only if `MDL_INITIALIZE_CONDITIONS` is declared with `#define`.
- `mdlStart` is called only if `MDL_START` is declared with `#define`.
- `mdlUpdate` is called only if `MDL_UPDATE` is declared with `#define`.
- `mdlDerivatives` is called only if `MDL_DERIVATIVES` is declared with `#define`.

By inlining an S-function, you can eliminate the calls to these possibly empty functions in the simulation loop. This can greatly improve the efficiency of the generated code.

To inline an S-function called *sfunc\_name*, you create a custom S-function block target file called *sfunc\_name.tlc* and place it in the same directory as the S-function's MEX-file. Then, at build time, the target file is executed instead of setting up function calls into the S-function's `.c` file. The S-function target file “inlines” the S-function by directing the Target Language Compiler to insert only the statements defined in the target file.

In general, inlining an S-function is especially useful when

- The time required to execute the contents of the S-function is small in comparison to the overhead required to call the S-function.
- Certain S-function routines are empty (e.g., `mdlUpdate`).
- The behavior of the S-function changes between simulation and code generation. For example, device driver I/O S-functions might read from the MATLAB workspace during simulation, but read from an actual hardware address in the generated code.

## S-Function Parameters

An S-function can write two different types of parameters into the *model.rtw* file for Target Language Compiler files to access:

- **Parameter settings:** These correspond to nontunable parameters (typically set from check boxes and pop-up menus on a masked S-function) that are written via the `mdlRTW` method of the S-function using `ssWriteRTWParamSettings`. The S-function's TLC implementation file can then directly access the values of these parameter settings from the `SFcnParamSettings` record in the block.
- **Tunable parameters:** This class of parameters can be accessed when they are registered as run-time parameters within the S-function. Note that such tunable parameters are automatically written out to the *model.rtw* file. Within the TLC file for the S-function, you can access run-time parameters and their attributes using the `LibBlockParameter` library function and its variants.

See “Run-Time Parameters” in the Simulink Writing S-Functions documentation for more information on how to create and use run-time parameters. Also see the demo `sfcn_demo_runtime` in the S-function demos for examples of how to create and use the two classes of parameters. The demo source files, which you can inspect and adapt, are

- `toolbox/simulink/blocks/tlc_c/sfun_runtime1.c`
- `toolbox/simulink/blocks/tlc_c/sfun_runtime1.tlc`
- `toolbox/simulink/blocks/tlc_c/sfun_runtime2.c`
- `toolbox/simulink/blocks/tlc_c/sfun_runtime2.tlc`
- `toolbox/simulink/blocks/tlc_c/sfun_runtime3.c`
- `toolbox/simulink/blocks/tlc_c/sfun_runtime3.tlc`



## A Complete Example

Suppose you have a simple S-function that mimics the Gain block, with one input, one output, and a scalar gain. That is,  $y = u * p$ . If the Simulink block's name is `foo` and the name of the Level 2 S-function is `foogain`, the C-MEX S-function must contain this code:

```
#define S_FUNCTION_NAME foogain
#define S_FUNCTION_LEVEL 2
#include "simstruc.h"
#define GAIN mxGetPr(ssGetSFcnParam(S,0))[0]

static void mdlInitializeSizes(SimStruct *S)
{
    ssSetNumContStates (S, 0);
    ssSetNumDiscStates (S, 0);

    if (!ssSetNumInputPorts(S, 1)) return;
    ssSetInputPortWidth (S, 0, 1);
    ssSetInputPortDirectFeedThrough(S, 0, 1);

    if (!ssSetNumOutputPorts(S, 1)) return;
    ssSetOutputPortWidth (S, 0, 1);

    ssSetNumSFcnParams (S, 1);
    ssSetNumSampleTimes (S, 0);
    ssSetNumIWork (S, 0);
    ssSetNumRWork (S, 0);
    ssSetNumPWork (S, 0);
}

static void
mdlOutputs(SimStruct *S, int_T tid)
{
    real_T *y = ssGetOutputPortRealSignal(S, 0);
    const InputRealPtrsType u = ssGetInputPortRealSignalPtrs(S, 0);

    y[0] = (*u)[0] * GAIN;
}
```

```
static void
mdlInitializeSampleTimes(SimStruct *S){}

static void
mdlTerminate(SimStruct *S) {}

#define MDL_RTW /* Change to #undef to remove function */
#if defined(MDL_RTW)&&(defined(MATLAB_MEX_FILE)||defined(NRT))
static void
mdlRTW (SimStruct *S)
{
    if (!ssWriteRTWParameters(S, 1,SSWRITE_VALUE_VECT,"Gain","",
                               mxGetPr(ssGetSFcnParam(S,0)),1))
    {
        return;
    }
}
#endif

#ifdef MATLAB_MEX_FILE
#include "simulink.c"
#else
#include "cg_sfuns.h"
#endif
```

The following two sections show the difference in the code that Real-Time Workshop generates for *model.c* containing noninlined and inlined versions of S-function foogain. The model contains no other Simulink blocks.

For information about how to generate code with Real-Time Workshop, see “Code Generation and the Build Process” in the Real-Time Workshop documentation.

### **Comparison of Noninlined and Inlined Versions of *model.c***

Without a TLC file to define the S-function specifics, Real-Time Workshop must call the MEX-file S-function through the S-function API. The following code is the *model.c* file for the noninlined S-function (i.e., no corresponding TLC file exists).

**Noninlined S-Function.**

```

/*
 * model.c
 *
 *
 */
real_T untitled_RGND = 0.0;           /* real_T ground */
/* Start the model */
void MdlStart(void)
{
    /* (no start code required) */
}
/* Compute block outputs */
void MdlOutputs(int_T tid)
{
    /* Level2 S-Function Block: <Root>/S-Function (foogain) */
    {
        SimStruct *rts = ssGetSFunction(rtS, 0);
        sfcnOutputs(rts, tid);
    }
}
/* Perform model update */
void MdlUpdate(int_T tid)
{
    /* (no update code required) */
}
/* Terminate function */
void MdlTerminate(void)
{
    /* Level2 S-Function Block: <Root>/S-Function (foogain) */
    {
        SimStruct *rts = ssGetSFunction(rtS, 0);
        sfcnTerminate(rts);
    }
}
#include "model_reg.h"
/* [EOF] model.c */

```

**Inlined S-Function.** This code is *model.c* with the foogain S-function fully inlined:

```
/*
 * model.c
 *
 */
/* Start the model */
void MdlStart(void)
{
    /* (no start code required) */
}

/* Compute block outputs */
void MdlOutputs(int_T tid)

    /* S-Function block: <Root>/S-Function */
    /* NOTE: There are no calls to the S-function API in the inlined
    version of model.c. */
    rtB.S_Function = 0.0 * rtP.S_Function_Gain;
}

/* Perform model update */
void MdlUpdate(int_T tid)
{
    /* (no update code required) */
}

/* Terminate function */
void MdlTerminate(void)
{
    /* (no terminate code required) */
}

#include "model_reg.h"

/* [EOF] model.c */
```

If you include this target file for this S-function block, the resulting *model.c* code is

```
rtB.S_Function = 0.0 * rtP.S_Function_Gain;
```

Including a TLC file drastically decreased the code size and increased the execution efficiency of the generated code. These notes highlight some information about the TLC code and the generated output:

- The TLC directive `%implements` is required by all block target files, and must be the first executable statement in the block target file. This directive guarantees that the Target Language Compiler does not execute an inappropriate target file for S-function foogain.
- The input to `foo` is `rtGROUND` (a Real-Time Workshop global equal to 0.0) because `foo` is the only block in the model and its input is unconnected.
- Including a TLC file for `foogain` eliminates the need for an S-function registration segment for `foogain`. This significantly reduces code size.
- The TLC code will inline the gain parameter when Real-Time Workshop is configured to inline parameter values. For example, if the S-function parameter is specified as 2.5 in the S-function dialog box, the TLC Outputs function generates

```
rtB.foo = input * 2.5;
```

- Use the `%generatefile` directive if your operating system has a filename size restriction and the name of the S-function is `foosfunction` (that exceeds the limit). In this case, you would include the following statement in the system target file (anywhere prior to a reference to this S-function's block target file).

```
%generatefile foosfunction "foosfunc.tlc"
```

This statement tells the Target Language Compiler to open `foosfunc.tlc` instead of `foosfunction.tlc`.

## Comparison of Noninlined and Inlined Versions of *model\_reg.h*

Inlining a Level 2 S-function significantly reduces the size of the *model\_reg.h* code. Model registration functions are lengthy; much of the code has been

eliminated in this example. The code below highlights the difference between the noninlined and inlined versions of *model\_reg.h*; inlining eliminates all this code:

```
/*
 * model_reg.h
 */
/* Normal model initialization code independent of
   S-functions */

/* child S-Function registration */
ssSetNumSFunctions(rtS, 1);

/* register each child */
{
    static SimStruct childSFunctions[1];
    static SimStruct *childSFunctionPtrs[1];

    (void)memset((char_T *)&childSFunctions[0], 0,
                 sizeof(childSFunctions));
    ssSetSFunctions(rtS, &childSFunctionPtrs[0]);
    {
        int_T i;

        for(i = 0; i < 1; i++) {
            ssSetSFunction(rtS, i, &childSFunctions[i]);
        }
    }

    /* Level2 S-Function Block: untitled/<Root>/S-Function
       (foogain) */
    {
        extern void foogain(SimStruct *rts);
        SimStruct *rts = ssGetSFunction(rtS, 0);

        /* timing info */
        static time_T sfcnPeriod[1];
        static time_T sfcnOffset[1];
        static int_T sfcnTsMap[1];
    }
}
```

```
{
    int_T i;

    for(i = 0; i < 1; i++) {
        sfcnPeriod[i] = sfcnOffset[i] = 0.0;
    }
}
ssSetSampleTimePtr(rts, &sfcnPeriod[0]);
ssSetOffsetTimePtr(rts, &sfcnOffset[0]);
ssSetSampleTimeTaskIDPtr(rts, sfcnTsMap);
ssSetMdlInfoPtr(rts, ssGetMdlInfoPtr(rts));

/* inputs */
{
    static struct _ssPortInputs inputPortInfo[1];

    _ssSetNumInputPorts(rts, 1);
    ssSetPortInfoForInputs(rts, &inputPortInfo[0]);

    /* port 0 */
    {
        static real_T const *sfcnUPtrs[1];

        sfcnUPtrs[0] = &untitled_RGND;
        ssSetInputPortWidth(rts, 0, 1);
        ssSetInputPortSignalPtrs(rts, 0,
            (InputPtrsType)&sfcnUPtrs[0]);
    }
}

/* outputs */
{
    static struct _ssPortOutputs outputPortInfo[1];
    _ssSetNumOutputPorts(rts, 1);
    ssSetPortInfoForOutputs(rts, &outputPortInfo[0]);
    ssSetOutputPortWidth(rts, 0, 1);
    ssSetOutputPortSignal(rts, 0, &rtB.S_Function);
}
```

```
    /* path info */
    ssSetModelName(rts, "S-Function");
    ssSetPath(rts, "untitled/S-Function");
    ssSetParentSS(rts, rtS);
    ssSetRootSS(rts, ssGetRootSS(rts));
    ssSetVersion(rts, SIMSTRUCT_VERSION_LEVEL2);

    /* parameters */
    {
        static mxArray const *sfcnParams[1];

        ssSetSFcnParamsCount(rts, 1);
        ssSetSFcnParamsPtr(rts, &sfcnParams[0]);

        ssSetSFcnParam(rts, 0, &rtP.S_Function_P1Size[0]);
    }

    /* registration */
    foogain(rts);

    sfcnInitializeSizes(rts);
    sfcnInitializeSampleTimes(rts);

    /* adjust sample time */
    ssSetSampleTime(rts, 0, 0.2);
    ssSetOffsetTime(rts, 0, 0.0);
    sfcnTsMap[0] = 0;

    /* Update the InputPortReusable and BufferDstPort flags for
       each input port */
    ssSetInputPortReusable(rts, 0, 0);
    ssSetInputPortBufferDstPort(rts, 0, -1);

    /* Update the OutputPortReusable flag of each output port */
}
}
```



## A TLC File to Inline S-Function foogain

To avoid unnecessary calls to the S-function and to generate the minimum code required for the S-function, the following TLC file, `foogain.tlc`, is provided as an example.

```
%implements "foogain" "C"

%function Outputs (block, system) Output
/* %<Type> block: %<Name> */
%%
%assign y = LibBlockOutputSignal (0, "", "", 0)
%assign u = LibBlockInputSignal (0, "", "", 0)
%assign p = LibBlockParameter (Gain, "", "", 0)
%<y> = %<u> * %<p>;
%endfunction
```

## Managing Block Instance Data with an Eye Toward Code Generation

Instance data is extra data or working memory that is unique to each instance of a block in a Simulink model. This does not include parameter or state data (which is stored in the model parameter and state vectors, respectively), but rather is used to cache intermediate results or derived representations of parameters and modes. One example of instance data is the buffer used by a transport delay block.

Allocating and using memory on an instance-by-instance basis can be done several ways in a Level 2 S-function: via `ssSetUserData`, work vectors (e.g., `ssSetRWork`, `ssSetIWork`), or data-typed work vectors known as `DWork` vectors. For the smallest effort in writing both the S-function and block target file and for automatic conformance to both static and `malloc` instance data on targets such as `grt` and `grt_malloc`, The MathWorks recommends using data-typed work vectors when writing S-functions with instance data.

The advantages are twofold. In the first place, writing the S-function is more straightforward, in that memory allocations and frees are handled for you by Simulink. Secondly, the `DWork` vectors are written to the `model.rtw` file for you automatically, including the `DWork` name, data type, and size. This makes

writing the block target file easier, because you have no TLC code to write for allocating and freeing the DWork memory.

Additionally, if you want to bundle groups of DWork vectors into structures for passing to functions, you can populate the structure with pointers to DWork arrays in both your S-function's mdlStart function and the block target file's Start method, achieving consistency between the S-function and the generated code's handling of data.

Finally, using a DWork makes it straightforward to create a specific version of code (data types, scalar vs. vectorized, etc.) for each block instance that matches the implementation in the S-function. Both implementations use DWork in the same way so that the inlined code can be used with the Simulink Accelerator without any changes to the C-MEX S-function or the block target file.

### **Using Inlined Code with the Simulink Accelerator**

By default, the Simulink Accelerator will call your C-MEX S-function as part of an accelerated model simulation. If you prefer to have the accelerator inline your S-function before running the accelerated model, tell the accelerator to use your block target file to inline the S-function with the `SS_OPTION_USE_TLC_WITH_ACCELERATOR` flag in the call to `ssSetOptions()` in the `mdlInitializeSizes` function of that S-function.

Note that memory and work vector size and usage must be the same for the TLC generated code and the C-MEX S-function, or the Simulink Accelerator will not be able to execute the inlined code properly. This is because the C-MEX S-function is called to initialize the block and its work vectors, calling the `mdlInitializeSizes`, `mdlInitializeConditions`, `mdlCheckParameters`, `mdlProcessParameters`, and `mdlStart` functions. In the case of constant signal propagation, `mdlOutputs` is called from the C-MEX S-function during the initialization phase of model execution.

During the time-stepping phase of accelerated model execution, the code generated by the Output and Update block TLC methods will execute, plus the Derivatives and zero-crossing methods if they exist. The Start method of the block target file is not used in generating code for an accelerated model.

## Inlining M-File S-Functions

All the functionality of M-file S-functions can be inlined in the generated code. Writing a block target file for an M-file S-function is essentially identical to the process for a C-MEX S-function.

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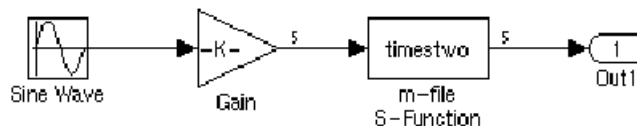
**Note** While you can fully inline an M-file S-function to achieve top performance, a C/C++ API for the MATLAB Math Library is not included with Simulink Accelerator or Real-Time Workshop. You therefore cannot call MATLAB Math Library functions from a TLC file.

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The following example illustrates the equivalence of C-MEX and M-file S-functions for code generation. The S-function M-file `timestwo.m` is equivalent to the C-MEX S-function `timestwo`. In fact, the TLC file for the C-MEX S-function `timestwo` works for the S-function M-file `timestwo.m` as well. Because TLC requires only the root name of the S-function and not its type, it is independent of the type of S-function. In the case of `timestwo`, one line determines how the TLC file will be used:

```
%implements "timestwo" "C"
```

To try this yourself, copy file `timestwo.m` from `matlabroot/toolbox/simulink/blocks/` to a temporary directory, then copy the file `timestwo.tlc` from `matlabroot/toolbox/simulink/blocks/tlc_c/` to the same temporary directory. In MATLAB, change directory (`cd`) to the temporary directory and make a Simulink model with an S-function block that calls `timestwo`. Here is the sample model:



Because the MATLAB search path will find `timestwo.m` in the current directory before finding the C-MEX S-function `timestwo` in the `matlabpath`,

Simulink will use the M-file S-function for simulation. Verify which S-function will be used by typing the MATLAB command

```
which timestwo
```

The answer you see will be the M-file S-function `timestwo.m` in the temporary directory.

Upon generating code, you will find that the `timestwo.tlc` file was used to inline the M-file S-function with code that looks like this (with an input signal width of 5 in this example):

```
/* S-Function Block: <Root>/m-file S-Function */
/* Multiply input by two */
{
    int_T i1;
    const real_T *u0 = &rtB.Gain[0];
    real_T *y0 = &rtB.m_file_S_Function[0];

    for (i1=0; i1 < 5; i1++) {
        y0[i1] = u0[i1] * 2.0;
    }
}
```

As expected, each of the inputs, `u0[i1]`, is multiplied by 2.0 to form the output value. The Outputs method in the block target file used to generate this code is

```
%function Outputs(block, system) Output
/* %<Type> Block: %<Name> */
%%
/* Multiply input by two */
%assign rollVars = ["U", "Y"]
%roll idx = RollRegions, lcv = RollThreshold, block, "Roller", rollVars
    %<LibBlockOutputSignal(0, "", lcv, idx)> = \
    %<LibBlockInputSignal(0, "", lcv, idx)> * 2.0;
%endroll
%endfunction
```

Alter these temporary copies of the M-file S-function and the TLC file to see how they interact. Start out by just changing the comments in the TLC file and see the changes appear in the generated code, then work up to algorithmic changes.

## Inlining Fortran (F-MEX) S-Functions

The capabilities of Fortran MEX S-functions can be fully inlined using a TLC block target file. This interface can be illustrated with a Fortran MEX S-function that implements the `timestwo` function. Here is the sample Fortran S-function code:

```

C
C   FTIMESTWO.FOR
C   $Revision: 1.1.4.17 $
C
C   A sample FORTRAN representation of a
C   timestwo S-function.
C   Copyright 1990-2000 The MathWorks, Inc.
C
C=====
C   Function:  SIZES
C
C   Abstract:
C       Set the size vector.
C
C       SIZES returns a vector which determines model
C       characteristics. This vector contains the
C       sizes of the state vector and other
C       parameters. More precisely,
C       SIZE(1)  number of continuous states
C       SIZE(2)  number of discrete states
C       SIZE(3)  number of outputs
C       SIZE(4)  number of inputs
C       SIZE(5)  number of discontinuous roots in
C               the system
C       SIZE(6)  set to 1 if the system has direct
C               feedthrough of its inputs,
C               otherwise 0
C
C=====
C       SUBROUTINE SIZES(SIZE)
C       .. Array arguments ..
C       INTEGER*4      SIZE(*)
C       .. Parameters ..

```

```

      INTEGER*4      NSIZES
      PARAMETER      (NSIZES=6)

      SIZE(1) = 0
      SIZE(2) = 0
      SIZE(3) = 1
      SIZE(4) = 1
      SIZE(5) = 0
      SIZE(6) = 1

      RETURN
      END

C
C=====
C   Function:  OUTPUT
C
C   Abstract:
C     Perform output calculations for continuous
C     signals.
C=====
C   .. Parameters ..
      SUBROUTINE OUTPUT(T, X, U, Y)
      REAL*8      T
      REAL*8      X(*), U(*), Y(*)

      Y(1) = U(1) * 2.0

      RETURN
      END

C
C=====
C   Stubs for unused functions.
C=====

      SUBROUTINE INITCOND(X0)
      REAL*8      X0(*)
C --- Nothing to do.
      RETURN
```

```

        END

        SUBROUTINE DERIVS(T, X, U, DX)
        REAL*8          T, X(*), U(*), DX(*)
C --- Nothing to do.
        RETURN
        END

        SUBROUTINE DSTATES(T, X, U, XNEW)
        REAL*8          T, X(*), U(*), XNEW(*)
C --- Nothing to do.
        RETURN
        END

        SUBROUTINE DOUTPUT(T, X, U, Y)
        REAL*8          T, X(*), U(*), Y(*)
C --- Nothing to do.
        RETURN
        END

        SUBROUTINE TSAMPL(T, X, U, TS, OFFSET)
        REAL*8          T, TS, OFFSET, X(*), U(*)
C --- Nothing to do.
        RETURN
        END

        SUBROUTINE SINGUL(T, X, U, SING)
        REAL*8          T, X(*), U(*), SING(*)
C --- Nothing to do.
        RETURN
        END

```

Copy the preceding code into file `ftimestwo.for` in a convenient working directory.

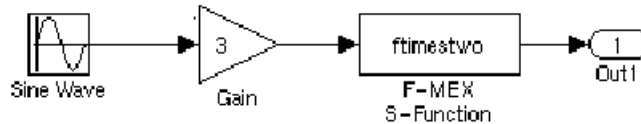
Putting this into an S-function block in a simple model will illustrate the interface for inlining the S-function. Once your Fortran MEX environment is set up, prepare the code for use by compiling the S-function in a working directory along with the file `simulink.for` from `matlabroot/simulink/src/`.



This is done with the mex command at the MATLAB command prompt:

```
mex -fortran ftimestwo.for simulink.for
```

Now reference this block from a simple Simulink model set with a fixed-step solver and the grt target.



The TLC code needed to inline this block is a modified form of the now familiar `timestwo.tlc`. In your working directory, create a file named `ftimestwo.tlc` and put this code into it.

```
%implements "ftimestwo" "C"

%function Outputs(block, system) Output
/* %<Type> Block: %<Name> */
%%
/* Multiply input by two */
%assign rollVars = ["U", "Y"]
%roll idx = RollRegions, lcv = RollThreshold, block, ...
"Roller", rollVars
    %<LibBlockOutputSignal(0, "", lcv, idx)> = \
    %<LibBlockInputSignal(0, "", lcv, idx)> * 2.0;
%endroll
%endfunction
```

Now you can generate code for the `ftimestwo` Fortran MEX S-function. The resulting code fragment specific to `ftimestwo` is

```
/* S-Function Block: <Root>/F-MEX S-Function */
/* Multiply input by two */
rtB.F_MEX_S_Function = rtB.Gain * 2.0;
```

## TLC Coding Conventions

These guidelines help ensure that the programming style in each target file is consistent, and hence, more easily modifiable.

### Begin Identifiers with Uppercase Letters

All identifiers in the Real-Time Workshop file begin with an uppercase letter. For example,

```
NumModelInputs           1
NumModelOutputs          2
NumNonVirtBlocksInModel 42
DirectFeedthrough       yes
NumContStates            10
```

Because a Name identifier may be promoted into the parent scope, block records that contain a Name identifier should start the name with an uppercase letter. For example, a block might contain

```
Block {
  :
  :
  RWork           [4, 0]
  :
  NumRWorkDefines 4
  RWorkDefine {
    Name           "TimeStampA"
    Width          1
    StartIndex     0
  }
}
```

Because the Name identifier within the RWorkDefine record is promoted to PrevT in its parent scope, it must start with an uppercase letter. The promotion of the Name identifier into the parent block scope is currently done for the Parameter, RWorkDefine, IWorkDefine, and PWorkDefine block records.

The Target Language Compiler assignment directive (`%assign`) generates a warning if you assign a value to an “unqualified” Real-Time Workshop identifier. For example,

```
%assign TID = 1
```

produces an error because the TID identifier is not qualified by `Block`. However, a “qualified” assignment does not generate a warning. For example,

```
%assign Block.TID = 1
```

does not generate a warning because the assignment contains a qualifier. The Target Language Compiler therefore assumes that the programmer is intentionally modifying an identifier.

## Begin Global Variable Assignments with Uppercase Letters

Global TLC variable assignments should start with uppercase letters. A global variable is any variable declared in a system target file (`grt.tlc`, `mdlwide.tlc`, `mdlhdr.tlc`, `mdlbody.tlc`, `mdlreg.tlc`, or `mdlparam.tlc`), or within a function that uses the operator. Global assignments have the same scope as Real-Time Workshop variables. An example of a global TLC variable defined in `mdlwide.tlc` is

```
%assign InlineParameters = 1
```

An example of a global reference in a function is

```
%function foo() void
    %assign ::GlobalIdx = ::GlobalIdx + 1
%endfunction
```

## Begin Local Variable Assignments with Lowercase Letters

Local TLC variable assignments should start with lowercase letters. A local TLC variable is a variable assigned inside a function. For example,

```
%assign numBlockStates = ContStates[0]
```

## Begin Functions Declared in `block.tlc` Files with `Fcn`

When you declare a function inside a `block.tlc` file, it should start with `Fcn`. For example,

```
%function FcnMyBlockFunc(...)
```

---

**Note** Functions declared inside a system file are global; functions declared inside a block file are local.

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## Do Not Hard-Code Variables Defined in `commonsetup.tlc`

Because Real-Time Workshop tracks use of variables and generates code based on usage, you should use access routines instead of directly using a variable. For example, you should not use the following in your TLC file:

```
x = %<tInf>;
```

You should use

```
x = %<LibRealNonFinite(inf)>;
```

Similarly, instead of using `%<tTID>`, use `%<LibTID()>`. For a complete list of functions, see Chapter 8, “TLC Function Library Reference”.

All Real-Time Workshop global variables start with `rt` and all Real-Time Workshop global functions start with `rt_`.

Avoid naming global variables in run-time interface modules that start with `rt` or `rt_` because they might conflict with Real-Time Workshop global variables and functions. These TLC variables are declared in `commonsetup.tlc`.

This convention creates consistent variables throughout the target files. For example, the Gain block contains the following Outputs function.

```

%% Function: Outputs =====
%% Abstract:
%%      Y = U * K
%%
Note c {
%function Outputs(block, system) Output
/* %<Type> Block: %<Name> */ _____ } Note a
%assign rollVars = ["U", "Y", "P"] _____ } Note e
Notes d, f {
%roll sigIdx = RollRegions, lcv = RollThreshold, block, ...
    "Roller", rollVars
%assign y = LibBlockOutputSignal(0, "", lcv, sigIdx)
%assign u = LibBlockInputSignal(0, "", lcv, sigIdx)
%assign k = LibBlockParameter(Gain, "", lcv, sigIdx)
%<y> = %<u> * %<k>;
%endroll _____ } Note b
%endfunction

```

## Notes about this TLC code

- The code section for each block begins with a comment specifying the block type and name.
- Include a blank line immediately after the end of the function to create consistent spacing between blocks in the output code.
- Try to stay within 80 columns per line for the function banner. You might set up an 80-column comment line at the top of each function. As an example, see `constant.tlc`.
- For consistency, use the variables `sysIdx` and `blkIdx` for system index and block index, respectively.
- Use the variable `rollVars` when using the `%roll` construct.
- When naming loop control variables, use `sigIdx` and `lcv` when looping over `RollRegions` and `xidx` and `xlcv` when looping over the states.

## Example: Output function in `gain.tlc`

```

%roll sigIdx = RollRegions, lcv = RollThreshold, ...
    block, "Roller", rollVars

```

**Example: InitializeConditions function in linblock.tlc**

```
%roll xidx = [0:nStates-1], xlcV = RollThreshold,...  
    block, "Roller", rollVars
```

**Conditional Inclusion in Library Files**

The Target Language Compiler function library files are conditionally included via guard code so that you can reference them multiple times using `%include` without worrying if they have previously been included. The MathWorks recommends that you follow this practice for any TLC library files that you yourself create.

The convention is to use a variable with the same name as the base filename, uppercased and with underscores attached at both ends. So, a file named `customlib.tlc` should have the variable `_CUSTOMLIB_` guarding it.

As an example, the main Target Language Compiler function library, `funclib.tlc`, contains this TLC code to prevent multiple inclusion:

```
%if EXISTS("_FUNCLIB_") == 0  
%assign _FUNCLIB_ = 1  
.  
.  
.  
%endif %% _FUNCLIB_
```

## Code Defensively

As the code your TLC generates could be used in referenced models in unpredictable contexts, do not assume too much about namespaces. For example, when writing TLC code for a block and adding any typedef, guard it with `if/def`, as the following example illustrates:

```
%openfile tmpBuff
  #ifndef RESOLUTION_TYPEDEF

  typedef enum { LO_RES, HI_RES } Resolution;
  typedef struct { Resolution res; int8_T value; } Data;

  #define RESOLUTION_TYPEDEF
  #endif /* RESOLUTION_TYPEDEF */
%closefile tmpBuff

%<LibCacheTypedefs(tmpBuff)>;
```

## Block Target File Methods

Each block has a target file that determines what code should be generated for the block. The code can vary depending on the exact parameters of the block or the types of connections to it (e.g., wide vs. scalar input).

Within each block target file, *block functions* specify the code to be output for the block in the model's or subsystem's start function, output function, update function, and so on.

### Block Functions

The functions declared inside each of the block target files are called by the system target files. In these tables, `block` refers to a Simulink block name (e.g., `gain` for the Gain block) and `system` refers to the subsystem in which the block resides. The first table lists the two functions that are used for preprocessing and setup. Neither of these functions outputs any generated code.

- “`BlockInstanceSetup(block, system)`” on page 7-31
- “`BlockTypeSetup(block, system)`” on page 7-32

The following functions all generate executable code that Real-Time Workshop places appropriately:

- “`Enable(block, system)`” on page 7-33
- “`Disable(block, system)`” on page 7-34
- “`Start(block, system)`” on page 7-34
- “`InitializeConditions(block, system)`” on page 7-35
- “`Outputs(block, system)`” on page 7-36
- “`Update(block, system)`” on page 7-37
- “`Derivatives(block, system)`” on page 7-38
- “`Terminate(block, system)`” on page 7-38

In object-oriented programming terms, these functions are polymorphic in nature, because each block target file contains the same functions. The Target



Language Compiler dynamically determines at run-time which block function to execute depending on the block's type. That is, the system file only specifies that the Outputs function, for example, is to be executed. The particular Outputs function is determined by the Target Language Compiler depending on the block's type.

To write a block target file, use these polymorphic block functions combined with the Target Language Compiler library functions. For a complete list of the Target Language Compiler library functions, see Chapter 8, "TLC Function Library Reference".

### **BlockInstanceSetup(block, system)**

The BlockInstanceSetup function executes for all the blocks that have this function defined in their target files in a model. For example, if there are 10 From Workspace blocks in a model, then the BlockInstanceSetup function in `fromwks.tlc` executes 10 times, once for each From Workspace block instance. Use BlockInstanceSetup to generate code for each instance of a given block type.

See Chapter 8, "TLC Function Library Reference" for available utility processing functions to call from inside this block function. See `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/blocks/lookup2d.tlc` for an example of the BlockInstanceSetup function.

### **Syntax.**

```
BlockInstanceSetup(block, system) void
```

```
block = Reference to a Simulink block
system
```

This example uses BlockInstanceSetup:

```
%function BlockInstanceSetup(block, system) void
%if (block.InMask == "yes")
    %assign blockName = LibParentMaskBlockName(block)
%else
    %assign blockName = LibGetFormattedBlockPath(block)
%endif
```

```
%if (CodeFormat == "Embedded-C")
    %if !(ParamSettings.ColZeroTechnique == "NormalInterp" && ...
        ParamSettings.RowZeroTechnique == "NormalInterp")
        %selectfile STDOUT
```

Note: Removing repeated zero values from the X and Y axes will produce more efficient code for block: %<blockName>. To locate this block, type

```
open_system('%<blockName>')
```

at the MATLAB command prompt.

```
        %selectfile NULL_FILE
    %endif
%endif
%endfunction
```

### **BlockTypeSetup(block, system)**

BlockTypeSetup executes once per block type before code generation begins. That is, if 10 Lookup Table blocks exist in the model, the BlockTypeSetup function in look\_up.tlc is called only one time. Use this function to perform general work for all blocks of a given type.

See Chapter 8, “TLC Function Library Reference” for a list of relevant functions to call from inside this block function. See look\_up.tlc for an example of the BlockTypeSetup function.

#### **Syntax.**

```
BlockTypeSetup(block, system) void
    block = Reference to a Simulink block
    system = Reference to a nonvirtual Simulink subsystem
```

As an example, given the S-function foo, which requires a #define and two function declarations in the header file, you could define:

```
%function BlockTypeSetup(block, system) void
```

```

%% Place a #define in the model's header file

%openfile buffer
  #define A2D_CHANNEL 0
%closefile buffer

%<LibCacheDefine(buffer)>

%% Place function prototypes in the model's header file

%openfile buffer
  void start_a2d(void);
  void reset_a2d(void);
%closefile buffer

%<LibCacheFunctionPrototype(buffer)>
%endfunction

```

The remaining block functions execute once for each block in the model.

### **Enable(block, system)**

Nonvirtual subsystem Enable functions are created whenever a Simulink subsystem contains a block with an Enable function. Including the Enable function in a block's target file places the block's specific enable code in this subsystem Enable function. See `sin_wave.tlc` for an example of the Enable function.

```

%% Function: Enable =====
%% Abstract:
%% Subsystem Enable code is required only for the discrete form
%% of the Sine Block. Setting the Boolean to TRUE causes the
%% Output function to resync its last values of cos(wt) and
%% sin(wt).
%%
%function Enable(block, system) Output
  %if LibIsDiscrete(TID)
    /* %<Type> Block: %<Name> */
    %<LibBlockIWork(SystemEnable, "", "", 0)> = (int_T) TRUE;

```

```

%endif
%endfunction

```

### **Disable(block, system)**

Nonvirtual subsystem Disable functions are created whenever a Simulink subsystem contains a block with a Disable function. Including the Disable function in a block's target file places the block's specific disable code into this subsystem Disable function. See `output.tlc` in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/blocks` for an example of the Disable function.

### **Start(block, system)**

Include a Start function to place code in the Start function. The code inside the Start function executes once and only once. Typically, you include a Start function to execute code once at the beginning of the simulation (e.g., initialize values in the work vectors; see `backlash.tlc`) or code that does not need to be re-executed when the subsystem in which it resides is enabled. See `constant.tlc` for an example of the Start function.

```

%% Function: Start =====
%% Abstract:
%% Set the output to the constant parameter value if the block
%% output is visible in the model's start function scope, i.e.,
%% it is in the global rtB structure.
%%
%function Start(block, system) Output
    %if LibBlockOutputSignalIsInBlockIO(0)
        /* %<Type> Block: %<Name> */
        %assign rollVars = ["Y", "P"]
        %roll idx = RollRegions, lcv = RollThreshold, block, ...
            "Roller", rollVars
        %assign yr = LibBlockOutputSignal(0,"", lcv, ...
            "%<tRealPart>%<idx>")
        %assign pr = LibBlockParameter(Value, "", lcv, ...
            "%<tRealPart>%<idx>")
        %<yr> = %<pr>;
        %if LibBlockOutputSignalIsComplex(0)
            %assign yi = LibBlockOutputSignal(0, "", lcv, ...

```

```

        "%<tImagPart>%<idx>")
        %assign pi = LibBlockParameter(Value, "", lcv, ...
        "%<tImagPart>%<idx>")
        %<yi> = %<pi>;
    %endif
%endroll
%endif
%endfunction %% Start

```

### InitializeConditions(block, system)

TLC code that is generated from the block's InitializeConditions function appears in one of two places. A nonvirtual subsystem contains an Initialize function when it is configured to reset states on enable. In this case, the TLC code generated by this block function is placed in the subsystem Initialize function, and the start function calls this subsystem Initialize function. If, however, the Simulink block resides in the root system or in a nonvirtual subsystem that does not require an Initialize function, the code generated from this block function is placed directly (inlined) into the start function.

There is a subtle difference between the block functions Start and InitializeConditions. Typically, you include a Start function to execute code that does not need to re-execute when the subsystem in which it resides is enabled. You include an InitializeConditions function to execute code that must re-execute when the subsystem in which it resides is enabled. See `delay.tlc` for an example of the InitializeConditions function. The following code is an example from `ratelim.tlc`:

```

%% Function: InitializeConditions =====
%%
%% Abstract: Invalidate the stored output and input in
%% rwork[1 2*blockWidth] by setting the time stamp stored
%% in rwork[0]) to rtInf.
%%
%function InitializeConditions(block, system) Output
    /* %<Type> Block: %<Name> */
    %<LibBlockRWork(PrevT, "", "", 0)> = %<LibRealNonFinite(inf)>;
%endfunction

```

## Outputs(block, system)

A block should generally include an Outputs function. The TLC code generated by a block's Outputs function is placed in one of two places. The code is placed directly in the model's Outputs function if the block does not reside in a nonvirtual subsystem, and in a subsystem's Outputs function if the block resides in a nonvirtual subsystem. See `absval.tlc` for an example of the Outputs function.

```

%% Function: Outputs =====
%% Abstract:
%%     Y[i] = fabs(U[i]) if U[i] is real or
%%     Y[i] = sqrt(U[i].re^2 + U[i].im^2) if U[i] is complex.
%%
%function Outputs(block, system) Output
/* %<Type> Block: %<Name> */
%%
%assign inputIsComplex = LibBlockInputSignalIsComplex(0)
%assign RT_SQUARE = "RT_SQUARE"
%%
%assign rollVars = ["U", "Y"]
%if inputIsComplex
    %roll sigIdx = RollRegions, lcv = RollThreshold, ...
        block, "Roller", rollVars
    %%
    %assign ur = LibBlockInputSignal( 0, "", lcv, ...
        "%<tRealPart>%<sigIdx>")
    %assign ui = LibBlockInputSignal( 0, "", lcv, ...
        "%<tImagPart>%<sigIdx>")
    %%
    %assign y = LibBlockOutputSignal(0, "", lcv, sigIdx)
    %<y> = sqrt( %<RT_SQUARE>( %<ur> ) + %<RT_SQUARE>( %<ui> ) );
%endroll

```

```

%else
    %roll sigIdx = RollRegions, lcv = RollThreshold, ...
        block, "Roller", rollVars
    %assign u = LibBlockInputSignal(0, "", lcv, sigIdx)
    %assign y = LibBlockOutputSignal(0, "", lcv, sigIdx)
    %<y> = fabs(%<u>);
%endroll
%endif
%endfunction

```

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**Note** Zero-crossing reset code is placed in the Outputs function.

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### Update(block, system)

Include an Update function if the block has code that needs to be updated at each major time step. Code generated from this function is placed in either the model's or the subsystem's Update function, depending on whether or not the block resides in a nonvirtual subsystem. See `delay.tlc` for an example of the Update function.

```

%% Function: Update =====
%% Abstract:
%%      X[i] = U[i]
%%
%function Update(block, system) Output
    /* %<Type> Block: %<Name> */
    %assign stateLoc = (DiscStates[0]) ? "Xd" : "DWork"
    %assign rollVars = ["U", %<stateLoc>]
    %roll idx = RollRegions, lcv = RollThreshold, block, ...
        "Roller", rollVars
    %assign u = LibBlockInputSignal(0, "", lcv, idx)
    %assign x = FcnGetState("", lcv, idx, "")
    %<x> = %<u>;
%endroll
%endfunction %% Update

```

`FcnGetState` is a function defined locally in `delay.tlc`.

### **Derivatives(block, system)**

Include a `Derivatives` function when generating code to compute the block's continuous states. Code generated from this function is placed in either the model's or the subsystem's `Derivatives` function, depending on whether or not the block resides in a nonvirtual subsystem. See `integrat.tlc` for an example of the `Derivatives` function.

### **Terminate(block, system)**

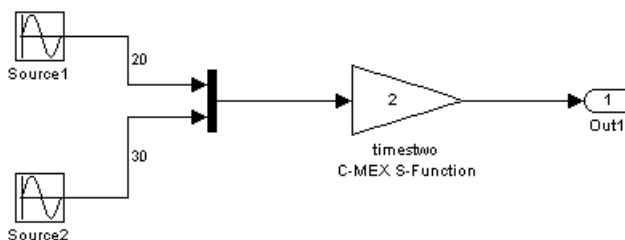
Include a `Terminate` function to place any code in `MdlTerminate`. User-defined S-function target files can use this function to save data, free memory, reset hardware on the target, and so on. See `tofile.tlc` for an example of the `Terminate` function.



## Loop Rolling

One of the optimization features of the Target Language Compiler is the intrinsic support for loop rolling. Based on a specified threshold, code generation for looping operations can be unrolled or left as a loop (rolled).

Coupled with loop rolling is the concept of noncontiguous signals. Consider the following model:



The input to the `timestwo` S-function comes from two arrays located at two different memory locations, one for the output of `source1` and one for the output of block `source2`. This is because of a Simulink optimization feature that makes the Mux block *virtual*, meaning that there is no code explicitly generated for the mux and thus no processor cycles spent evaluating it (i.e., it becomes a pure graphical convenience for the block diagram). So this is represented in the `model.rtw` file in this case as

```
Block {
    Type          "S-Function"
    MaskType      "S-function: timestwo"
    BlockIdx      [0, 0, 2]
    SL_BlockIdx   2
    GrSrc         [0, 1]
    ExprCommentInfo {
        SysIdxList []
        BlkIdxList []
        PortIdxList []
    }
    ExprCommentSrcIdx {
        SysIdx     -1
    }
}
```

```

BlkIdx   -1
PortIdx  -1
}
Name     "<Root>/timestwo C-MEX S-Function"
SLName   "<Root>/timestwo \nC-MEX S-Function"
Identifier timestwoCMEXSFunction
TID      0
RollRegions [0:19, 20:49]
NumDataInputPorts 1
DataInputPort {
SignalSrc [b0@20, b1@30]
SignalOffset [0:19, 0:29]
Width 50
RollRegions [0:19, 20:49]
}
NumDataOutputPorts 1
DataOutputPort {
SignalSrc [b2@50]
SignalOffset [0:49]
Width 50
}
Connections {
InputPortContiguous [no]
InputPortConnected [yes]
OutputPortConnected [yes]
OutputPortBeingMerged [no]
DirectSrcConn [no]
DirectDstConn [yes]
DataOutputPort {
NumConnPoints 1
ConnPoint {
SrcSignal [0, 50]
DstBlockAndPortEl [0, 4, 0, 0]
}
}
}
}
}
.
.
.

```

From this fragment of the *model.rtw* file you can see that the block and input port RollRegion entries are not just one number, but two groups of numbers. This denotes two groupings in memory for the input signal. The generated code looks like this:

```

/* S-Function Block: <Root>/timestwo C-MEX S-Function */
/* Multiply input by two */
{
    int_T i1;

    const real_T *u0 = &contig_sample_B.u[0];
    real_T *y0 = contig_sample_B.timestwoCMEXSFunction_m;

    for (i1=0; i1 < 20; i1++) {
        y0[i1] = u0[i1] * 2.0;
    }

    u0 = &contig_sample_B.u_o[0];
    y0 = &contig_sample_B.timestwoCMEXSFunction_m[20];

    for (i1=0; i1 < 30; i1++) {
        y0[i1] = u0[i1] * 2.0;
    }
}

```

Notice that two loops are generated and between them the input signal is redirected from the first base address, `&contig_sample_B.u[0]`, to the second base address of the signals, `&contig_sample_B.u_o[0]`. If you do not want to support this in your S-function or your generated code, you can use

```
ssSetInputPortRequiredContiguous(S, 1);
```

in the `mdlInitializeSizes` function to cause Simulink to implicitly generate code that performs a buffering operation. This option uses both extra memory and CPU cycles at run-time, but might be worth it if your algorithm performance increases enough to offset the overhead of the buffering.

Use the `%roll` directive to generate loops. See also “`%roll`” on page 5-32 for the reference entry for `%roll`, and “Input Signal Functions” on page 8-9 for a discussion on the behavior of `%roll`.

## Error Reporting

You might need to detect and report error conditions in your TLC code. Error detection and reporting are needed most often in library functions. While rare, it is also possible to encounter error conditions in block target file code if there is an unforeseen condition that the S-function `mdlCheckParameters` function does not detect.

To report an error condition detected in your TLC code, use the `LibBlockReportError` or `LibBlockReportFatalError` utility functions. Here is an example of using `LibBlockReportError` in the `paramlib.tlc` function `LibBlockParameter` to report the condition of an improper use of that function:

```
%if TYPE(param.Value) == "Matrix"
    %% exit if the parameter is a true matrix,
    %% i.e., has more than one row or columns.
    %if nRows > 1
        %assign errTxt = "Must access parameter %<param.Name> using "...
        "LibBlockMatrixParameter."
        %<LibBlockReportError([], errTxt)>
    %endif
%endif
```

Browse through `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc` for more examples of the use of `LibBlockReportError`. Also, read further details in Appendix A, “TLC Error Handling”, which describes types of TLC errors and their interpretations.

# TLC Function Library Reference

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This chapter provides a set of Target Language Compiler functions that are useful for inlining S-functions. The TLC files contain many other library functions, but you should use only the functions that are documented in these reference pages for development. Undocumented functions can change significantly from release to release. “Obsolete Functions” on page 8-3 includes a table of obsolete functions and their replacements.

Obsolete Functions (p. 8-3)	Deprecated functions and their replacements
Target Language Compiler Function Conventions (p. 8-5)	Function syntax, conventions, and common arguments
Input Signal Functions (p. 8-9)	Functions that process and report on input signals
Output Signal Functions (p. 8-22)	Functions that process and report on output signals
Parameter Functions (p. 8-28)	Functions that process model parameters
Block State and Work Vector Functions (p. 8-34)	Functions that handle storage and states
Block Path and Error Reporting Functions (p. 8-39)	Functions for navigating paths and handling error conditions
Code Configuration Functions (p. 8-42)	Functions for tailoring code elements and comments

Sample Time Functions (p. 8-69)	Functions for handling continuous and discrete time
Other Useful Functions (p. 8-79)	Functions not elsewhere classified
Advanced Functions (p. 8-93)	Functions generally required only for special situations

You can find examples using these functions in *matlabroot/toolbox/simulink/blocks/tlc\_c*. The corresponding MEX S-function source code is located in *matlabroot/simulink/src*. M-file S-functions and the MEX-file executables (e.g., *sfunction.mex\**) are located in *matlabroot/toolbox/simulink/blocks*.

## Obsolete Functions

The following table shows obsolete functions and the functions that have replaced them.

<b>Obsolete Function</b>	<b>Equivalent Replacement Function</b>
LibBlockOutputLocation	LibBlockDstSignalLocation
LibCacheGlobalPrmData	Use the block function Start
LibCacheIncludes	LibAddToCommonIncludes
LibContinuousState	LibBlockContinuousState
LibControlPortInputSignal	LibBlockSrcSignalLocation
LibDataInputPortWidth	LibBlockInputSignalWidth
LibDataOutputPortWidth	LibBlockOutputSignalWidth
LibDefineIWork LibDefinePWork LibDefineRWork	IWork , PWork, and RWork names are now specified via the mdlRTW function in your C-MEX S-function.
LibDiscreteState	LibBlockDiscreteState
LibExternalResetSignal	LibBlockInputSignal
LibIsEqual	Use built-in function ISEQUAL
LibMapSignalSource	FcnMapDataTypedSignalSource
LibMaxBlockIOWidth	Function is not used in Real-Time Workshop.
LibMaxDataInputPortWidth	Function is not used in Real-Time Workshop.
LibMaxDataOutputPortWidth	Function is not used in Real-Time Workshop.
LibPathName	LibGetBlockPath, LibGetFormattedBlockPath
LibPrevZCState	LibBlockPrevZCState

<b>Obsolete Function</b>	<b>Equivalent Replacement Function</b>
LibRenameParameter	Specifying parameter names is now supported via the mdlRTW function in your C-MEX S-function.
LibConvertZCDirection	Function is not used in Real-Time Workshop.



## Target Language Compiler Function Conventions

This section describes some conventions used in Target Language Compiler function descriptions. The rest of this chapter lists the Target Language Compiler functions grouped by category and provides a description of each function. To view the source code for a function, click its name.

### Common Function Arguments

Several functions take similar or identical arguments. To simplify the reference pages, some of these arguments are documented in detail here instead of in the reference pages.

Argument	Description
portIdx	Refers to an input or output port index, starting at 0. For example, the first input port of an S-function is 0.
ucv	User control variable. This is an advanced feature that overrides the lcv and sigIdx parameters. When used within an inlined S-function, it should generally be specified as "".
lcv	Loop control variable. This is generally generated by the %roll directive via the second %roll argument (e.g., lcv=RollThreshold) and should be passed directly to the library function. It contains either "", indicating that the current pass through the %roll is being inlined, or it is the name of a loop control variable such as "i", indicating that the current pass through the %roll is being placed in a loop. Outside the %roll directive, this is usually specified as "".
sigIdx or idx	Signal index. Sometimes referred to as the signal element index. When accessing specific elements of an input or output signal directly, the call to the various library routines should have ucv="", lcv="", and sigIdx equal to the desired integer signal index starting at 0. For complex signals, sigIdx can be an overloaded integer index specifying both whether the real or imaginary part is being accessed and which element. When you access these items inside a %roll, use the sigIdx generated by the %roll directive.  Most functions that take a sigIdx argument accept it in an overloaded form, where sigIdx can be

Argument	Description
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An integer, e.g., 3. If the referenced signal is complex, then this refers to the identifier for the complex container. If the referenced signal is not complex, then this refers to the identifier.</li> <li>• An id-num, usually of the form (see “Overloading sigIdx” on page 8-6) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>a</b> "%&lt;tRealPart&gt;%&lt;idx&gt;" (e.g., "re3"). The real part of the signal element. Usually "%&lt;tRealPart&gt;%&lt;sigIdx&gt;" when sigIdx is generated by the %roll directive.</li> <li><b>b</b> "%&lt;tImagPart&gt;%&lt;idx&gt;" (e.g., "im3"). The imaginary part of the signal element or "" if the signal is not complex. Usually "%&lt;tImagPart&gt;%&lt;sigIdx&gt;" when sigIdx is generated by the %roll directive.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Use the idx name when referring to a state or work vector.</p> <p>Functions that accept the three arguments ucv, lcv, sigIdx (or idx) are called differently depending upon whether or not they are used within a %roll directive. If they are used within a %roll directive, ucv is generally specified as "" and lcv and sigIdx are the same as those specified in the %roll directive. If they are not used within a %roll directive, ucv and lcv are generally specified as "", and sigIdx specifies the index to access.</p>
paramIdx	Parameter index. Sometimes referred to as the parameter element index. The handling of this parameter is very similar to sigIdx above: it can be #, re#, or im#.
stateIdx	State index. Sometimes referred to as the state vector element index. It must evaluate to an integer where the first element starts at 0.

### Overloading sigIdx

The signal index (sigIdx sometimes written as idx) can be overloaded when passed to most library functions. Suppose you are interested in element 3 of a signal, and ucv="", lcv=" ". The following table shows

- Values of sigIdx
- Whether the signal being referenced is complex

- What the function that uses `sigIdx` returns
- An example of a returned variable
- Data type of the returned variable

Note that “container” in the following table refers to the object that encapsulates both the real and imaginary parts of the number, e.g., `creal_T`, defined in `matlabroot/extern/include/tmwtypes.h`.

<b>sigIdx</b>	<b>Complex</b>	<b>Function Returns</b>	<b>Example</b>	<b>Data Type</b>
"re3"	Yes	Real part of element 3	<code>u0[2].re</code>	<code>real_T</code>
"im3"	Yes	Imaginary part of element 3	<code>u0[2].im</code>	<code>real_T</code>
"3"	Yes	Complex container of element 3	<code>u0[2]</code>	<code>creal_T</code>
3	Yes	Complex container of element 3	<code>u0[2]</code>	<code>creal_T</code>
"re3"	No	Element 3	<code>u0[2]</code>	<code>real_T</code>
"im3"	No	" "	N/A	N/A
"3"	No	Element 3	<code>u0[2]</code>	<code>real_T</code>
3	No	Element 3	<code>u0[2]</code>	<code>real_T</code>

Now suppose the following:

- 1 You are interested in element 3 of a signal.
- 2 (`ucv = "i" AND lcv == ""`) OR (`ucv = "" AND lcv = "i"`).

The following table shows values of `idx`, whether the signal is complex, and what the function that uses `idx` returns.

<b>sigIdx</b>	<b>Complex</b>	<b>Function Returns</b>
"re3"	Yes	Real part of element i
"im3"	Yes	Imaginary part of element ii
"3"	Yes	Complex container of element i
3	Yes	Complex container of element i
"re3"	No	Element i
"im3"	No	" "
"3"	No	Element i
3	No	Element i

### Notes

- The vector index is added only for wide signals.
- If `ucv` is not an empty string (""), then `ucv` is used instead of `sigIdx` in the above examples and both `lcv` and `sigIdx` are ignored.
- If `ucv` is empty but `lcv` is not empty, then the function returns `"&y%<portIdx>[%<lcv>]"` and `sigIdx` is ignored.
- It is assumed here that the roller has appropriately declared and initialized the variables accessed inside the roller. The variables accessed inside the roller should be specified using `rollVars` as the argument to the `%roll` directive.

## Input Signal Functions

### LibBlockInputPortIndexMode(block, idx)

#### Purpose

Determines the index mode of a block's input port.

#### Arguments

block — Block record

idx — Port index

#### Returns

" " for a nonindex port, and "Zero-based" or "One-based" otherwise.

#### Description

If a block's input port is set as an index port and its indexing base is marked as zero-based or one-based, this information is written into the *model.rtw* file. LibBlockInputPortIndexMode queries the indexing base to branch to different code according to what the input port indexing base is.

#### Example

```
%if LibBlockInputPortIndexMode(block, idx) == "Zero-based"  
...  
%elseif LibBlockInputPortIndexMode(block, idx) == "One-based"  
...  
%else  
...  
%endif
```

See LibBlockInputPortIndexMode in  
*matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/blkio.lib.tlc*.

## LibBlockInputSignal(portIdx, ucv, lcv, sigIdx)

Based on the input port number (`portIdx`), the user control variable (`ucv`), the loop control variable (`lcv`), the signal index (`sigIdx`), and where this input signal is coming from, `LibBlockInputSignal` returns the appropriate reference to a block input signal.

The returned string value is a valid `rvalue` (right-side value) for an expression. The block input signal can come from another block, a state vector, or an external input, or it can be a literal constant (e.g., `5.0`).

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**Note** Never use `LibBlockInputSignal` to access the address of an input signal.

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Because the returned value can be a literal constant, you should not use `LibBlockInputSignal` to access the address of an input signal. To access the address of an input signal, use `LibBlockInputSignalAddr`. Accessing the address of the signal via `LibBlockInputSignal` can result in a reference to a literal constant (e.g., `5.0`).

For example, the following would *not* work.

```
%assign u = LibBlockInputSignal(0, "", lcv, sigIdx)
x = &%<u>;
```

If `%<u>` refers to an invariant signal with a value of `4.95`, the statement (after being processed by the preprocessor) would be generated as

```
x = &4.95;
```

or, if the input signal sources to ground, the statement could come out as

```
x = &0.0;
```

Neither of these would compile.

Avoid any such situations by using `LibBlockInputSignalAddr`.

```
%assign uAddr = LibBlockInputSignalAddr(0, "", lcv, sigIdx)
x = %<uAddr>;
```

Real-Time Workshop tracks signals and parameters accessed by their addresses and declares them in addressable memory.

## Input Arguments

The following table summarizes the input arguments to `LibBlockInputSignal`.

### LibBlockInputSignal Arguments

Argument	Description
portIdx	Integer specifying the input port index (zero-based). <b>Note:</b> For certain built-in blocks, portIdx can be a string identifying the port (such as "enable" or "trigger").
ucv	User control variable. Must be a string, either an indexing expression or "".
lcv	Loop control variable. Must be a string, either an indexing expression or "".
sigIdx	Either an integer literal or a string of the form  %<tRealPart>Integer %<tImagPart>Integer  For example, the following signifies the real part of the signal and the imaginary part of the signal starting at 5:  "%<tRealPart>5" "%<tImagPart>5"

## General Usage

Uses of LibBlockInputSignal fall into the categories described below.

**Direct indexing** . If `ucv == ""` and `lcv == ""`, LibBlockInputSignal returns an indexing expression for the element specified by `sigIdx`.

**Loop rolling/unrolling**. In this case, `lcv` and `sigIdx` are generated by the `%roll` directive, and `ucv` must be `""`. A nonempty value for `lcv` is allowed only when generated by the `%roll` directive and when using the Roller TLC file (or a user supplied Roller TLC file that conforms to the same variable/signal offset handling). In addition, calls to LibBlockInputSignal with `lcv` should occur only when "U" or a specific input port (e.g., "u0") is passed to the `%roll` directive via the `roll variables` argument.

The following example is appropriate for a single input/single output port S-function.

```
%assign rollVars = ["U", "Y", "P"]
%roll sigIdx=RollRegions, lcv=RollThreshold, block, ...
    "Roller", rollVars
    %assign u = LibBlockInputSignal( 0, "", lcv, sigIdx)
    %assign y = LibBlockOutputSignal(0, "", lcv, sigIdx)
    %assign p = LibBlockParameter( 0, "", lcv, sigIdx)
    %<y> = %<p> * %<u>;
%endroll
```

With the `%roll` directive, `sigIdx` is always the starting index of the current roll region and `lcv` is `""` or an indexing variable. The following are examples of valid values:

```
LibBlockInputSignal(0, "", lcv, sigIdx)    rtB.blockname[0]

LibBlockInputSignal(0, "", lcv, sigIdx)    u[i]
```



In the first example, `LibBlockInputSignal` returns `rtB.blockname[2]` when the input port is connected to the output of another block, and

- The loop control variable (`lcv`) generated by the `%roll` directive is empty, indicating that the current roll region is below the roll threshold, and `sigIdx` is 0.
- The width of the input port is 1, indicating that this port is being scalar expanded.

If `sigIdx` is nonzero, then `rtB.blockname[sigIdx]` is returned. For example, if `sigIdx` is 3, then `rtB.blockname[3]` is returned.

In the second example, `LibBlockInputSignal` returns `u[i]` when the current roll region is above the roll threshold and the input port width is nonscalar (wide). In this case, the Roller TLC file sets up a local variable, `u`, to point to the input signal, and the code in the current `%roll` directive is placed within a `for` loop.

For another example, consider a block with multiple input ports where each port has a width greater than or equal to 1 and at least one port has width equal to 1. The following code sets the output signal to the sum of the squares of all the input signals.

```
%assign y = LibBlockOutputSignal(0, "", "", 0)
%<y> = 0;

%assign rollVars = ["U"]
%foreach port = block.NumDataInputPorts - 1
    %roll sigIdx=RollRegions, lcv = RollThreshold, block, ...
        "Roller", rollVars
    %assign u = LibBlockInputSignal(port, "", lcv, sigIdx)
    %<y> += %<u> * %<u>;
%endroll
%endforeach
```

Because the first parameter of `LibBlockInputSignal` is 0 indexed, you must index the `foreach` loop to start from 0 and end at `NumDataInputPorts-1`.

**User Control Variable (ucv) Handling.** This is an advanced mode and generally not needed by S-function authors.

If `ucv != ""`, `LibBlockInputSignal` returns an `rvalue` for the input signal using the user control variable indexing expression. The control variable indexing expression has the following form:

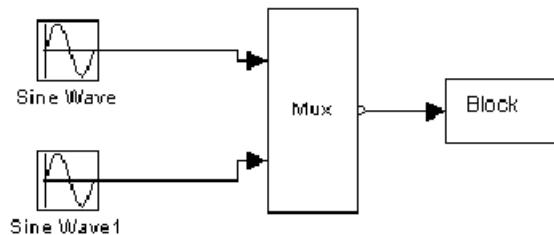
```
rvalue_id[%<ucv>]%<optional_real_or_imag_part>
```

To obtain `rvalue_id`, look at the integer part of `sigIdx`. You must specify `sigIdx` because the input to this block can be discontinuous, meaning that the input can come from several different memory areas (signal sources) and `sigIdx` is used to identify the area of interest for the `ucv`. You can also use `sigIdx` to determine whether the real or imaginary part of a signal is to be accessed.

You can obtain `optional_real_or_imag_part` from the string part of `sigIdx` (i.e., "re", or "im", or "").

Note that the value for `lcv` is ignored and `sigIdx` must point to the same element in the input signal to which the `ucv` initially points.

The handling of `ucv` with `LibBlockInputSignal` requires care. Consider a discontinuous input signal feeding an input port as in the following block diagram:



To use `ucv` in a robust manner, you must use the `%roll` directive with a roll threshold of 1 and a Roller TLC file that has no loop header/trailer setup for this input signal. In addition, you need to use `ROLL_ITERATIONS` to determine the width of the current roll region, as in the following TLC code:

```

{
int i;

%assign rollVars = [""]
%assign threshold = 1
  %roll sigIdx=RollRegions, lcv=threshold, block, ...
    "FlatRoller", rollVars
  %assign u = LibBlockInputSignal( 0, "i", "", sigIdx)
  %assign y = LibBlockOutputSignal(0, "i+%<sigIdx>", "", sigIdx)
  %assign p = LibBlockParameter( 0, "i+%<sigIdx>", "", sigIdx)
  for (i = 0; i < %<ROLL_ITERATIONS(>); i++) {
    %<y> = %<p> * %<u>;
  }
%endroll
}

```

Note that the FlatRoller has no loop header/trailer setup (rollVars is ignored). Its purpose is to walk the RollRegions of the block. Alternatively, you can force a contiguous input signal to your block by specifying

```
ssSetInputPortRequiredContiguous(S, port, TRUE)
```

in your S-function.

In this case, the TLC code simplifies to

```

{
%assign u = LibBlockInputSignal( 0, "i", "", 0)
%assign y = LibBlockOutputSignal(0, "i", "", 0)
%assign p = LibBlockParameter( 0, "i", "", 0)

for (i = 0; i < %<DataInputPort[0].Width>; i++) {
  %<y> = %<p> * %<u>;
}
}

```

If you create your own roller and the indexing does not conform to the way the Roller TLC file provided by The MathWorks operates, then must to use ucv instead of lcv.

## Handling Input Arguments: `ucv`, `lcv`, and `sigIdx`

Consider the following cases:

Function (Case 1, 2, 3,4)	Example Return Value
<code>LibBlockInputSignal(0, "i", "", sigIdx)</code>	<code>rtB.blockname[i]</code>
<code>LibBlockInputSignal(0, "i", "", sigIdx)</code>	<code>rtU.signame[i]</code>
<code>LibBlockInputSignal(0, "", lcv, sigIdx)</code>	<code>u0[i1]</code>
<code>LibBlockInputSignal(0, "", lcv, sigIdx)</code>	<code>rtB.blockname[0]</code>

The value returned depends on what the input signal is connected to in the block diagram and how the function is invoked (e.g., in a `%roll` or directly). In the above example,

- Cases 1 and 2 occur when an explicit call is made with the `ucv` set to "i".
  - Case 1 occurs when `sigIdx` points to the block I/O vector, i.e., the first element that "i" starts with. For example, if you initialize "i" to be starting at offset 5, then you should specify `sigIdx == 5`.
  - Case 2 occurs when `sigIdx` points to the external input vector, i.e., the first element that "i" starts with. For example, if you initialize "i" to start at offset 20, then you should specify `sigIdx == 20`.
- Cases 3 and 4 receive the same arguments, `lcv` and `sigIdx`; however, they produce different return values.
  - Case 3 occurs when `LibBlockInputSignal` is called within a `%roll` directive and the current roll region is being rolled (`lcv != ""`).
  - Case 4 occurs when `LibBlockInputSignal` is called within a `%roll` directive and the current roll region is not being rolled (`lcv == ""`).

When called within a `%roll` directive, `LibBlockInputSignal` looks at `ucv`, `lcv`, and `sigIdx`, the current roll region, and the current roll threshold to determine the return value. The variable `ucv` has highest precedence, `lcv` has the next highest precedence, and `sigIdx` has the lowest precedence. That is, if

`ucv` is specified, it is used (thus, when called in a `%roll` directive it is usually `" "`). If `ucv` is not specified and `lcv` and `sigIdx` are specified, the returned value depends on whether or not the current roll region is being placed in a for loop or being expanded. If the roll region is being placed in a loop, then `lcv` is used; otherwise, `sigIdx` is used.

A direct call to `LibBlockInputSignal` (inside or outside a `%roll` directive) uses `sigIdx` when `ucv` and `lcv` are specified as `" "`.

For an example of `LibBlockInputSignal`, see `matlabroot/toolbox/simulink/blocks/tlc_c/sfun_multiport.tlc`.

See also `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/blkiolib.tlc`.

### **LibBlockInputSignalAddr(portIdx, ucv, lcv, sigIdx)**

Returns the appropriate string that provides the memory address of the specified block input port signal.

When you need an input signal address, you must use `LibBlockInputSignalAddr` instead of appending an `"&"` to the string returned by `LibBlockInputSignal`. For example, `LibBlockInputSignal` can return a literal constant, such as `5` (i.e., an invariant input signal). Real-Time Workshop tracks when `LibBlockInputSignalAddr` is called on an invariant signal and declares the signal as `const` data (which is addressable), instead of being placed as a literal constant in the generated code (which is not addressable).

Note that the last input argument, `sigIdx`, is not overloaded, which it is in `LibBlockInputSignal`. Hence, if the input signal is complex, the address of the complex container is returned.

### Example

To get the address of a wide input signal and pass it to a user function for processing, you could use

```
%assign uAddr = LibBlockInputSignalAddr(0, "", "", 0)
%assign y = LibBlockOutputSignal(0, "", "", 0)
%<y> = myfcn(%<uAddr>);
```

See `LibBlockInputSignalAddr` in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/blkiolib.tlc`.

### LibBlockInputSignalAliasedThruDataTypeName (portIdx, reim)

Returns the name of the aliased thru data type (e.g., `int_T`, ... `creal_T`) corresponding to the specified block input port. Specify the `reim` argument as "" (empty) if you want the complete signal type name.

For example, if `reim == ""` and the first output port is real and complex, the data type name placed in `dtype` is `creal_T`.

```
%assign dtype = LibBlockInputSignalDataTypeName(0, "")
```

Specify `reim` as `tRealPart` if you want the raw element type name. For example, if `reim == tRealPart` and the first output port is real and complex, the data type name returned is `real_T`.

```
%assign dtype = LibBlockOutputSignalDataTypeName(0,tRealPart)
```

See `LibBlockInputSignalAliasedThruDataTypeName` in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/blkiolib.tlc`.

### LibBlockInputSignalConnected(portIdx)

Returns 1 if the specified input port is connected to a block other than the Ground block and 0 otherwise.

See `LibBlockInputSignalConnected` in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/blkiolib.tlc`.

## **LibBlockInputSignalDataTypeId(portIdx)**

Returns the numeric identifier (id) corresponding to the data type of the specified block input port.

If the input port signal is complex, `LibBlockInputSignalDataTypeId` returns the data type of the real part (or the imaginary part) of the signal.

See `LibBlockInputSignalDataTypeId` in  
*matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/blkio.lib.tlc*.

## **LibBlockInputSignalDataTypeName(portIdx, reim)**

Returns the name of the data type (e.g., `int_T`, ... `creal_T`) corresponding to the specified block input port.

Specify the `reim` argument as "" if you want the complete signal type name. For example, if `reim=""` and the first output port is real and complex, the data type name placed in `dtname` is `creal_T`.

```
%assign dtname = LibBlockInputSignalDataTypeName(0, "")
```

Specify the `reim` argument as `tRealPart` if you want the raw element type name. For example, if `reim=tRealPart` and the first output port is real and complex, the data type name returned is `real_T`.

```
%assign dtname = LibBlockInputSignalDataTypeName(0, tRealPart)
```

See `LibBlockInputSignalDataTypeName` in  
*matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/blkio.lib.tlc*.

## **LibBlockInputSignalDimensions(portIdx)**

Returns the dimensions vector of the specified block input port, e.g., `[2,3]`.

See `LibBlockInputSignalDimensions` in  
*matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/blkio.lib.tlc*.

### **LibBlockInputSignalsComplex(portIdx)**

Returns 1 if the specified block input port is complex, 0 otherwise.

See LibBlockInputSignalIsComplex in  
*matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/blkio.lib.tlc.*

### **LibBlockInputSignalsFrameData(portIdx)**

Returns 1 if the specified block input port is frame based, 0 otherwise.

See LibBlockInputSignalIsFrameData in  
*matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/blkio.lib.tlc.*

### **LibBlockInputSignalLocalSampleTimeIndex (portIdx)**

Returns the local sample time index corresponding to the specified block input port.

See LibBlockInputSignalLocalSampleTimeIndex in  
*matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/blkio.lib.tlc.*

### **LibBlockInputSignalNumDimensions(portIdx)**

Returns the number of dimensions of the specified block input port.

See LibBlockInputSignalNumDimensions in  
*matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/blkio.lib.tlc.*

### **LibBlockInputSignalOffsetTime(portIdx)**

Returns the offset time corresponding to the specified block input port.

See LibBlockInputSignalOffsetTime in  
*matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/blkio.lib.tlc.*



**LibBlockInputSignalSampleTime(portIdx)**

Returns the sample time corresponding to the specified block input port.

See `LibBlockInputSignalSampleTime` in  
*matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/blkio.lib.tlc*.

**LibBlockInputSignalSampleTimeIndex(portIdx)**

Returns the sample time index corresponding to the specified block input port.

See `LibBlockInputSignalSampleTimeIndex` in  
*matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/blkio.lib.tlc*.

**LibBlockInputSignalWidth(portIdx)**

Returns the width of the specified block input port index.

See `LibBlockInputSignalWidth` in  
*matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/blkio.lib.tlc*.

## Output Signal Functions

### **LibBlockOutputSignal(portIdx, ucv, lcv, sigIdx)**

Based on the output port number (`portIdx`), the user control variable (`ucv`), the loop control variable (`lcv`), the signal index (`sigIdx`), and the output signal destination, `LibBlockOutputSignal` returns the appropriate reference to a block output signal.

The returned value is a valid lvalue (left-side value) for an expression. The block output destination can be a location in the block I/O vector (another block's input), the state vector, or an external output.

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**Note** Never use `LibBlockOutputSignal` to access the address of an output signal.

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Real-Time Workshop tracks when a variable (e.g., a signal or parameter) is accessed by its address. To access the address of an output signal, use `LibBlockOutputSignalAddr` as in the following example:

```
%assign yAddr = LibBlockOutputSignalAddr(0, "", lcv, sigIdx)
x = %<yAddr>;
```

See `LibBlockOutputSignal` in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/blkiolib.tlc`.

### **LibBlockOutputSignalAddr(portIdx, ucv, lcv, sigIdx)**

Returns the appropriate string that provides the memory address of the specified block output port signal.

When an output signal address is needed, you must use `LibBlockOutputSignalAddr` instead of taking the address that is returned by `LibBlockOutputSignal`. For example, `LibBlockOutputSignal` can return a literal constant, such as 5 (i.e., an invariant output signal). When `LibBlockOutputSignalAddr` is called on an invariant signal, the signal is declared as a `const` instead of being placed as a literal constant in the generated code.

Note that unlike `LibBlockOutputSignal`, the last argument, `sigIdx`, is not overloaded. Hence, if the output signal is complex, the address of the complex container is returned.

### Example

To get the address of a wide output signal and pass it to a user function for processing, you could use

```
%assign u = LibBlockOutputSignalAddr(0, "", "", 0)
%assign y = LibBlockOutputSignal(0, "", "", 0)
%<y> = myfcn (%<u>);
```

See `LibBlockOutputSignalAddr` in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/blkio.lib.tlc`.

### LibBlockOutputSignalAliasedThruDataTypeName (portIdx, reim)

Returns the type name string (e.g., `int_T`, ... `creal_T`) of the aliased data type corresponding to the specified block output port.

Specify the `reim` argument as "" if you want the complete signal type name. For example, if `reim == ""` and the first output port is real and complex, the data type placed in `dtype` is `creal_T`:

```
%assign dtype = LibBlockOutputSignalAliasedThroughDataTypeName(0x,"")
```

Specify the `reim` argument as `tRealPart` if you want the raw element type name. For example, if `reim == tRealPart` and the first output port is real and complex, the data type name returned is `real_T`.

```
%assign dtype = LibBlockOutputSignalAliasedThroughDataTypeName(0,tRealPart)
```

See `LibBlockOutputSignalAliasedThruDataTypeName` in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/blkio.lib.tlc`.

### **LibBlockOutputSignalBeingMerged(portIdx)**

Returns whether the specified output port is connected to a Merge block.

See `LibBlockOutputSignalBeingMerged` in  
*matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/blkio.lib.tlc*.

### **LibBlockOutputSignalConnected(portIdx)**

Returns 1 if the specified output port is connected to a block other than the Ground block and 0 otherwise.

See `LibBlockOutputSignalConnected` in  
*matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/blkio.lib.tlc*.

### **LibBlockOutputSignalDataTypeId(portIdx)**

Returns the numeric ID corresponding to the data type of the specified block output port.

If the output port signal is complex, `LibBlockOutputSignalDataTypeId` returns the data type of the real (or the imaginary) part of the signal.

See `LibBlockOutputSignalDataTypeId` in  
*matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/blkio.lib.tlc*.

### **LibBlockOutputSignalDataTypeName(portIdx, reim)**

Returns the type name string (e.g., `int_T`, ... `creal_T`) of the data type corresponding to the specified block output port.

Specify the `reim` argument as "" if you want the complete signal type name. For example, if `reim=""` and the first output port is real and complex, the data type name placed in `dname` is `creal_T`.

```
%assign dname = LibBlockOutputSignalDataTypeName(0x,"")
```

Specify the `reim` argument as `tRealPart` if you want the raw element type name. For example, if `reim==tRealPart` and the first output port is real and complex, the data type name returned is `real_T`.

```
%assign dtname = LibBlockOutputSignalDataTypeName(0,tRealPart)
```

See `LibBlockOutputSignalDataTypeName` in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/blkio.lib.tlc`.

### **LibBlockOutputSignalDimensions(portIdx)**

Returns the dimensions of the specified block output port.

See `LibBlockOutputSignalDimensions` in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/blkio.lib.tlc`.

### **LibBlockOutputSignalIsComplex(portIdx)**

Returns 1 if the specified block output port is complex, 0 otherwise.

See `LibBlockOutputSignalIsComplex` in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/blkio.lib.tlc`.

### **LibBlockOutputSignalIsFrameData(portIdx)**

Returns 1 if the specified block output port is frame based, 0 otherwise.

See `LibBlockOutputSignalIsFrameData` in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/blkio.lib.tlc`.

### **LibBlockOutputSignalLocalSampleTimeIndex(portIdx)**

Returns the local sample time index corresponding to the specified block output port.

See `LibBlockOutputSignalLocalSampleTimeIndex` in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/blkio.lib.tlc`.

### **LibBlockOutputSignalNumDimensions(portIdx)**

Returns the number of dimensions of the specified block output port.

See `LibBlockOutputSignalNumDimensions` in  
*matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/blkiolib.tlc*.

### **LibBlockOutputSignalOffsetTime(portIdx)**

Returns the offset time corresponding to the specified block output port.

See `LibBlockOutputSignalOffsetTime` in  
*matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/blkiolib.tlc*.

### **LibBlockOutputSignalSampleTime(portIdx)**

Returns the sample time corresponding to the specified block output port.

See `LibBlockOutputSignalSampleTime` in  
*matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/blkiolib.tlc*.

### **LibBlockOutputSignalSampleTimeIndex(portIdx)**

Returns the sample time index corresponding to the specified block output port.

See `LibBlockOutputSignalSampleTimeIndex` in  
*matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/blkiolib.tlc*.

### **LibBlockOutputSignalWidth(portIdx)**

Returns the width of the specified block output port.

See `LibBlockOutputSignalWidth` in  
*matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/blkiolib.tlc*.

## LibBlockOutputPortIndexMode(block, idx)

### Purpose

Determines the index mode of a block's output port.

### Returns

" " for a nonindex port, and "Zero-based" or "One-based" otherwise.

### Arguments

block — Block record

idx — Port index

### Description

If a block's output port is set as an index port and its indexing base is marked as zero-based or one-based, this information is written into the *model.rtw* file. `LibBlockOutputPortIndexMode` queries the indexing base to branch to different code according to what the output port indexing base is.

### Example

```
%if LibBlockOutputPortIndexMode(block, idx) == "Zero-based"  
    ...  
%elseif LibBlockOutputPortIndexMode(block, idx) == "One-based"  
    ...  
%else  
    ...  
%endif
```

See `LibBlockOutputPortIndexMode` in *matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/blkiolib.tlc*.

## Parameter Functions

### **LibBlockMatrixParameter** **(param, rucv, rlcv, ridx, cucv, clcv, cidx)**

Returns the appropriate matrix parameter for a block, given the row and column user control variables (*rucv*, *cucv*), loop control variables (*rlcv*, *clcv*), and indices (*ridx*, *cidx*). Generally, blocks should use `LibBlockParameter`. If you have a matrix parameter, you should write it as a column-major vector and access it via `LibBlockParameter`.

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**Note** Loop rolling is currently not supported, and will generate an error if requested (i.e., if either *rlcv* or *clcv* is not equal to "").

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The row and column index arguments are similar to the arguments for `LibBlockParameter`. The column index (*cidx*) is overloaded to handle complex numbers.

See `LibBlockMatrixParameter` in  
*matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/paramlib.tlc*.

### **LibBlockMatrixParameterAddr** **(param, rucv, rlcv, ridx, cucv, clcv, cidx)**

Returns the address of a matrix parameter.

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**Note** `LibBlockMatrixParameterAddr` returns the address of a matrix parameter. Loop rolling is not supported (i.e., *rlcv* and *clcv* should both be an empty string).

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See `LibBlockMatrixParameterAddr` in  
*matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/paramlib.tlc*.



## LibBlockMatrixParameterBaseAddr(param)

Returns the base address of a matrix parameter.

See `LibBlockMatrixParameterBaseAddr` in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/paramlib.tlc`.

## LibBlockParameter(param, ucv, lcv, sigIdx)

Based on the parameter reference (`param`), the user control variable (`ucv`), the loop control variable (`lcv`), the signal index (`sigIdx`), and the state of parameter inlining, `LibBlockParameter` returns the appropriate reference to a block parameter. The returned value is always a valid `rvalue` (right-side value for an expression). For example,

Case	Function Call	Can Produce
1	<code>LibBlockParameter(Gain, "i", lcv, sigIdx)</code>	<code>rtP.blockname[i]</code>
2	<code>LibBlockParameter(Gain, "i", lcv, sigIdx)</code>	<code>rtP.blockname</code>
3	<code>LibBlockParameter(Gain, "", lcv, sigIdx)</code>	<code>p_Gain[i]</code>
4	<code>LibBlockParameter(Gain, "", lcv, sigIdx)</code>	<code>p_Gain</code>
5	<code>LibBlockParameter(Gain, "", lcv, sigIdx)</code>	4.55
6	<code>LibBlockParameter(Gain, "", lcv, sigIdx)</code>	<code>rtP.blockname.re</code>
7	<code>LibBlockParameter(Gain, "", lcv, sigIdx)</code>	<code>rtP.blockname.im</code>

To illustrate the basic workings of `LibBlockParameter`, assume a noncomplex vector signal where `Gain[0]=4.55`:

```
LibBlockParameter(Gain, "", "i", 0)
```

Case	Rolling	Inline Parameter	Type	Result	Required in Memory
1	0	Yes	Scalar	4.55	No
2	1	Yes	Scalar	4.55	No
3	0	Yes	Vector	4.55	No
4	1	Yes	Vector	p_gain[i]	Yes
5	0	No	Scalar	rtP.blk.Gain	No
6	0	No	Scalar	rtP.blk.Gain	No
7	0	No	Vector	rtP.blk.prm[0]	No
8	0	No	Vector	p.Gain[i]	Yes

Note Case 4. Even though Inline Parameter is Yes, the parameter must be placed in memory (RAM), because it is accessed inside a for loop.

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**Note** LibBlockParameter also supports expressions when used with inlined parameters and parameter tuning.

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For example, if the parameter field had the MATLAB expression '2\*a', LibBlockParameter would return the C expression '(2\*a)'. The list of functions supported by LibBlockParameter is determined by the functions FcnConvertNodeToExpr and FcnConvertIdToFcn. To enhance functionality, augment or update either of these functions.

Note that certain types of expressions are not supported, such as  $x*y$  where *both*  $x$  and  $y$  are nonscalars.

See the Real-Time Workshop documentation about tunable parameters for more details on the exact functions and syntax that are supported.

## Warning

Do not use `LibBlockParameter` to access the address of a parameter, or you may might erroneously reference a number (i.e., `&4.55`) when the parameter is inlined. You can avoid this situation by using `LibBlockParameterAddr`.

See `LibBlockParameter` in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/paramlib.tlc`.

## **LibBlockParameterAddr(param, ucv, lcv, idx)**

Returns the address of a block parameter.

Using `LibBlockParameterAddr` to access a parameter when the global `InlineParameters` variable is equal to 1 will cause the variable to be declared `const` in RAM instead of being inlined.

Accessing the address of an expression when **Inline parameters** is set and the expression has multiple tunable/rolled variables in it will result in an error.

See `LibBlockParameterAddr` in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/paramlib.tlc`.

## **LibBlockParameterBaseAddr(param)**

Returns the base address of a block parameter.

Using `LibBlockParameterBaseAddr` to access a parameter when the global `InlineParameters` variable is equal to one will cause the variable to be declared `const` in RAM instead of being inlined.

Accessing the address of an expression when **Inline parameters** is set and the expression has multiple tunable/rolled variables in it will result in an error.

See `LibBlockParameterBaseAddr` in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/paramlib.tlc`.

## **LibBlockParameterDataTypeId(param)**

Returns the numeric ID corresponding to the data type of the specified block parameter.

See `LibBlockParameterDataTypeId` in  
*matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/paramlib.tlc*.

## **LibBlockParameterDataTypeName(param, reim)**

Returns the name of the data type corresponding to the specified block parameter.

See `LibBlockParameterDataTypeName` in  
*matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/paramlib.tlc*.

## **LibBlockParameterDimensions(param)**

Returns a row vector of length  $N$  (where  $N \geq 1$ ) giving the dimensions of the parameter data.

For example,

```
%assign dims = LibBlockParameterDimensions("paramName")
%assign nDims = SIZE(dims,1)
%foreach i=nDims
    /* Dimension %<i+1> = %<dims[i]> */
%endforeach
```

`LibBlockParameterDimensions` differs from `LibBlockParameterSize` in that it returns the dimensions of the parameter data prior to collapsing the Matrix parameter to a column-major vector. The collapsing occurs for run-time parameters that have specified their `outputAsMatrix` field as `False`.

See `LibBlockParameterDimensions` in  
*matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/paramlib.tlc*.

## **LibBlockParameterIsComplex(param)**

Returns 1 if the specified block parameter is complex, 0 otherwise.

See `LibBlockParameterIsComplex` in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/paramlib.tlc`.

## **LibBlockParameterSize(param)**

Returns a vector of size 2 in the format `[nRows, nCols]` where `nRows` is the number of rows and `nCols` is the number of columns.

See `LibBlockParameterSize` in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/paramlib.tlc`.

## **LibBlockParameterWidth(param)**

Returns the number of elements (width) of a parameter.

See `LibBlockParameterWidth` in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/paramlib.tlc`.

## Block State and Work Vector Functions

### **LibBlockContinuousState(ucv, lcv, idx)**

Returns a string corresponding to the specified block continuous state (CSTATE) element.

See `LibBlockContinuousState` in  
*matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/blocklib.tlc*.

### **LibBlockContStateDisabled(ucv, lcv, idx)**

Returns a string corresponding to the specified block continuous state (CSTATE) element.

See also `LibBlockDiscreteState`.

See `LibBlockContStateDisabled` in  
*matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/blocklib.tlc*.

### **LibBlockContinuousStateDerivative(ucv, lcv, idx)**

Returns a string corresponding to the specified block continuous state (CSTATE) element.

See also `LibBlockDiscreteState`.

See `LibBlockContinuousStateDerivative` in  
*matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/blocklib.tlc*.

### **LibBlockDWork(dwork, ucv, lcv, sigIdx)**

Returns a string corresponding to the specified block dwork element. The last input argument is overloaded to handle complex dworks.

`sigIdx = "re3"` — Returns the real part of element 3 if `dwork` is complex, otherwise returns element 3.

`sigIdx = "im3"` — Returns the imaginary part of element 3 if `dwork` is complex, otherwise returns "".

`sigIdx = "3"` — Returns the complex container of element 3 if `dwork` is complex, otherwise returns element 3.

If either `ucv` or `lcv` is specified (i.e., it is not equal to "") then the index part of the last input argument (`sigIdx`) is ignored.

See `LibBlockDWork` in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/blocklib.tlc`.

### **LibBlockDWorkAddr(dwork, ucv, lcv, idx)**

Returns a string corresponding to the address of the specified block `dwork` element.

See `LibBlockDWorkAddr` in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/blocklib.tlc`.

### **LibBlockDWorkDataTypeId(dwork)**

Returns the data type ID of the specified block `dwork`.

See `LibBlockDWorkDataTypeId` in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/blocklib.tlc`.

### **LibBlockDWorkDataTypeName(dwork, reim)**

Returns the data type name of the specified block `dwork`.

See `LibBlockDWorkDataTypeName` in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/blocklib.tlc`.

### **LibBlockDWorkIsComplex(dwork)**

Returns 1 if the specified block `dwork` is complex. Returns 0 otherwise.

See `LibBlockDWorkIsComplex` in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/blocklib.tlc`.

### **LibBlockDWorkName(dwork)**

Returns the name of the specified block dwork.

See LibBlockDWorkName in *matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/blocklib.tlc*.

### **LibBlockDWorkStorageClass(dwork)**

Returns the storage class of the specified block dwork.

See LibBlockDWorkStorageClass in *matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/blocklib.tlc*.

### **LibBlockDWorkStorageTypeQualifier(dwork)**

Returns the storage type qualifier of the specified block dwork.

See LibBlockDWorkStorageTypeQualifier in *matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/blocklib.tlc*.

### **LibBlockDWorkUsedAsDiscreteState(dwork)**

Returns 1 if the specified block dwork is used as a discrete state, returns 0 otherwise.

See LibBlockDWorkUsedAsDiscreteState in *matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/blocklib.tlc*.

### **LibBlockDWorkWidth(dwork)**

Returns the width of the specified block dwork.

See LibBlockDWorkWidth in *matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/blocklib.tlc*.

### **LibBlockDiscreteState(ucv, lcv, idx)**

Returns a string corresponding to the specified block discrete state (DSTATE) element.

See LibBlockDiscreteState in *matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/blocklib.tlc*.



**LibBlockIWork(definediwork, ucv, lcv, idx)**

Returns a string corresponding to the specified block IWORK element. See LibBlockRWork.

See LibBlockIWork in *matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/blocklib.tlc*.

**LibBlockMode(ucv, lcv, idx)**

Returns a string corresponding to the specified block MODE element.

See LibBlockMode in *matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/blocklib.tlc*.

**LibBlockNonSampledZC(ucv, lcv, NonSampledZCIdx)**

Returns a string corresponding to the specified block NonSampledZC.

LibBlockNonSampledZC returns the appropriate element for the nonsampled zero-crossing state based on ucv, lcv, and NonSampledZCIdx.

**Arguments**

ucv — User control variable string

lcv — Loop control variable string

NonSampledZCIdx — Nonsampled zero-crossing index

See LibBlockNonSampledZC in *matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/blocklib.tlc*.

**LibBlockPWork(definedpwork, ucv, lcv, idx)**

Returns a string corresponding to the specified block PWORK element. See LibBlockRWork.

See LibBlockPWork in *matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/blocklib.tlc*.

## **LibBlockRWork(definedrwork, ucv, lcv, idx)**

Returns a string corresponding to the specified block RWORK element. The first argument, `definedrwork`, is a symbol defined in the `mdlRTW` routine of the C-MEX file with code like:

```
ssWriteRTWorkVect([...], "RWork", [...], "MyRWorkName", [...])
```

Alternatively, if no such RWork defines have been made, `definedrwork` is ignored and the raw RWork vector is accessed. In this case, all uses in a loop rolling context are disallowed.

See `LibBlockRWork` in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/blocklib.tlc`.

## Block Path and Error Reporting Functions

### **LibBlockReportError(block, errorstring)**

Use `LibBlockReportError` when reporting errors for a block. `LibBlockReportError` is designed to be used from block target files (e.g., the TLC file for an inlined S-function).

`LibBlockReportError` can be called with or without the block record scoped. To call the function without a block record scoped, pass the block record. To call the function when the block is scoped, pass `block = []`.

```
LibBlockReportError([], "error string")
-- If block is scoped
LibBlockReportError(blockrecord, "error string")
-- If block record is available
```

See `LibBlockReportError` in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/utillib.tlc`.

### **LibBlockReportFatalError(block, errorstring)**

Use `LibBlockReportFatalError` when reporting fatal (assert) errors for a block. Use `LibBlockReportFatalError` for defensive programming. Refer to Appendix A, “TLC Error Handling”.

See `LibBlockReportFatalError` in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/utillib.tlc`.

## LibBlockReportWarning(block, warnstring)

Use LibBlockReportWarning when reporting warnings for a block. LibBlockReportWarning is designed to be used from block target files (e.g., the TLC file for an inlined S-function).

LibBlockReportWarning can be called with or without the block record scoped. To call this function without a block record scoped, pass the block record. To call this function when the block is scoped, pass `block = []`.

```
LibBlockReportWarning([], "warn string")  
-- If block is scoped  
LibBlockReportWarning(blockrecord, "warn string")  
-- If block record is available
```

See LibBlockReportWarning in *matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/utillib.tlc*.

## LibGetBlockName(block)

LibGetBlockName returns the short block pathname string for a block record, excluding carriage returns and other special characters that can be present in the name.

See LibGetBlockName in *matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/utillib.tlc*.

## LibGetBlockPath(block)

LibGetBlockPath returns the full block pathname string for a block record, including carriage returns and other special characters that can be present in the name. Currently, the only other special string sequences defined are `'/*'` and `'*/'`.

The full block pathname string is useful when you are accessing blocks from MATLAB. For example, you can use the full block name with `hilite_system` via FEVAL to match the Simulink pathname exactly.

Use LibGetFormattedBlockPath to get a block path suitable for placing in a comment or error message.

See LibGetBlockPath in *matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/utillib.tlc*.

## **LibGetFormattedBlockPath(block)**

LibGetFormattedBlockPath returns the full pathname string of a block without any special characters. The string returned from LibGetFormattedBlockPath is suitable for placing the block name, in comments or generated code, on a single line.

Currently, the special characters are carriage returns, '/'\*, and '\*/'. A carriage return is converted to a space, '/'\* is converted to '/+', and '\*/' is converted to '+/'. Note that a '/' in the name is automatically converted to a '// ' to distinguish it from a path separator.

Use LibGetBlockPath to get the block path needed by MATLAB functions used in reference blocks in your model.

See LibGetFormattedBlockPath in  
*matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/utllib.tlc*.

## Code Configuration Functions

### **LibAddSourceFileCustomSection (file, builtInSection, newSection)**

Adds a custom section to a source file. You must associate a custom section with one of the built-in sections: Includes, Defines, Types, Enums, Definitions, Declarations, Functions, or Documentation. Nothing happens if the section already exists, except to report an error if a inconsistent built-in section association is attempted. `LibAddSourceFileCustomSection` is available only with Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder.

#### **Arguments**

`file` — Source file reference

`builtInSection` — Name of the associated built-in section

`newSection` — Name of the new (custom) section

See `LibAddSourceFileCustomSection` in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/mw/codetemplatelib.tlc`.

### **LibAddToCommonIncludes(incFileName)**

Adds items to a list of `#include` /package specification items. Each member of the list is unique. Attempting to add a duplicate member does nothing.

`LibAddToCommonIncludes` should be called from block TLC methods to specify generation of `#include` statements in `model.h`. Specify the names of files on the include path inside angle brackets, e.g., `<sysinclude.h>`. Specify the names of local files without angle brackets, e.g., `myinclude.h`. Each call to `LibAddToCommonIncludes` adds the specified file to the list only if it is not already there. Filenames with and without angle brackets (e.g., `<math.h>` and `math.h`) are considered different. The `#include` statements are placed inside `model.h`.

## Example

```
LibAddToCommonIncludes("tpu332lib.h")
```

See `LibAddToCommonIncludes` in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/cachelib.tlc`.

## LibAddToModelSources(newFile)

`LibAddToModelSources` serves two purposes:

- To notify the Real-Time Workshop build process that it must build with the specified source file
- To update the `SOURCES: file1.c file2.c ... comment` in the generated code.

For inlined S-functions, `LibAddToModelSources` is generally called from `BlockTypeSetup`. `LibAddToModelSources` adds a filename to the list of sources needed to build this model. `LibAddToModelSources` returns 1 if the filename passed in was a duplicate (i.e., it was already in the sources list) and 0 if it was not a duplicate.

The MathWorks recommends using the `SFunctionModules` block parameter instead of `LibAddToModelSources` when writing S-functions. See [Writing S-Functions](#).

See `LibAddToModelSources` in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/utillib.tlcc`.

## LibCacheDefine(buffer)

Each call to `LibCacheDefine` appends your buffer to the existing cache buffer. For blocks, `LibCacheDefine` is generally called from `BlockTypeSetup`.

`LibCacheDefine` caches `#define` statements for inclusion in `model.h` (or `model_private.h`). Call `LibCacheDefine` from inside `BlockTypeSetup` to cache a `#define` statement. Each call to `LibCacheDefine` appends your buffer to the existing cache buffer. The `#define` statements are placed inside `model.h` (or `model_private.h`).

### Example

```
%openfile buffer
#define INTERP(x,x1,x2,y1,y2) ( y1+((y2 - y1)/(x2 - x1))*(x-x1))
#define this that
%closefile buffer
%<LibCacheDefine(buffer)>
```

See `LibCacheDefine` in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/cachelib.tlc`.

### LibCacheExtern(buffer)

`LibCacheExtern` should be called from inside `BlockTypeSetup` to cache an extern statement. Each call to `LibCacheExtern` appends your buffer to the existing cache buffer. The extern statements are placed in `model_private.h`.

### Example

```
%openfile buffer
extern real_T mydata;
%closefile buffer
%<LibCacheExtern(buffer)>
```

See `LibCacheExtern` in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/cachelib.tlc`.

### LibCacheFunctionPrototype(buffer)

`LibCacheFunctionPrototype` should be called from inside `BlockTypeSetup` to cache a function prototype. Each call to `LibCacheFunctionPrototype` appends your buffer to the existing cache buffer. The prototypes are placed inside `model.h`.



## Example

```
%openfile buffer
extern int_T fun1(real_T x);
extern real_T fun2(real_T y, int_T i);
%closefile buffer
%<LibCacheFunctionPrototype(buffer)>
```

See `LibCacheFunctionPrototype` in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/cachelib.tlc`.

## LibCacheTypedefs(buffer)

`LibCacheTypedefs` should be called from inside `BlockTypeSetup` to cache typedef declarations. Each call to `LibCacheTypedefs` appends your buffer to the existing cache buffer. The typedef statements are placed inside `model.h` (or `model_common.h`).

## Example

```
%openfile buffer
typedef foo bar;
%closefile buffer
%<LibCacheTypedefs(buffer)>
```

See `LibCacheTypedefs` in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/cachelib.tlc`.

## LibRegisterGNUMathFcnPrototypes()

### Example

`LibRegisterGNUMathFcnPrototypes` registers GNU C math function mappings for a target with a GNU C compiler (e.g., gcc 2.9x.yy+ is compliant).

See `LibRegisterGNUMathFcnPrototypes` in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/mathlib.tlc`.

## **LibRegisterISOCMathFcnPrototypes()**

### **Example**

`LibRegisterISOCMathFcnPrototypes` registers ISO C math function mappings for a target with an ISO C 9x compliant compiler (e.g., `gcc 2.9x.yy+` is compliant).

See `LibRegisterISOCMathFcnPrototypes` in  
`matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/mathlib.tlc`.

## **LibRegisterMathFcnPrototype (RTWName, RTWType, IsExprOK, IsCplx, NumInputs, FcnName, FcnType, HdrFile)**

### **Example**

Sets a specific name and input prototype of a given function for the current target. This overrides the default names. Data types are in string form.

See `LibRegisterMathFcnPrototype` in  
`matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/mathlib.tlc`.

## **LibCallModelInitialize()**

### **Example**

Returns necessary code for calling the model's initialize function (valid for ERT only).

See `LibCallModelInitialize` in  
`matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/mw/codetemplatelib.tlc`.

## **LibCallModelStep(tid)**

### **Example**

Returns necessary code for calling the model's step function (valid for ERT only).

See `LibCallModelStep` in  
`matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/mw/codetemplatelib.tlc`.

## **LibCallModelTerminate()**

### **Example**

Returns necessary code for calling the model's terminate function (valid for ERT only).

See `LibCallModelTerminate` in  
`matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/mw/codetemplatelib.tlc`.

## **LibCallSetEventForThisBaseStep(buffername)**

Returns necessary code for calling the model's set events function (valid for ERT only).

### **Argument**

`buffername` — Name of the variable used to buffer the events. For the example `ert_main.c`, this is `eventFlags`.

See `LibCallSetEventForThisBaseStep` in  
`matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/mw/codetemplatelib.tlc`.

## **LibCreateSourceFile(type, creator, name)**

`LibCreateSourceFile` creates a new C file and returns its reference. If the file already exists, no error occurs and `LibCreateSourceFile` returns the existing file's reference.

## Syntax

```
%assign fileH = LibCreateSourceFile  
                ("Source", "Custom", "foofile")
```

## Arguments

`type` (string) — Valid values are "Source" and "Header" for .c and .h files, respectively.

`creator` (string) — Who is creating the file? An error is reported if different creators attempt to create the same file.

`name` (string) — Base name of the file (i.e., without the extension). Note that files are not written to disk if they are empty.

## Returns

Reference to the model file (scope).

See `LibCreateSourceFile` in  
*matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/mw/codetemplatelib.tlc*.

## LibGetMdlPrvHdrBaseName()

Returns the base name of the model's private header file, e.g., *model\_private.h*.

See `LibGetMdlPrvHdrBaseName` in  
*matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/mw/codetemplatelib.tlc*.

## LibGetMdlPubHdrBaseName()

Returns the base name of the model's public header file, e.g., *model.h*.

See `LibGetMdlPubHdrBaseName` in  
*matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/mw/codetemplatelib.tlc*.

## LibGetMdlSrcBaseName()

Return the base name of the model's main source file, e.g., *model.c*.

See `LibGetMdlSrcBaseName` in  
*matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/mw/codetemplatelib.tlc*.

## LibGetModelDotCFile()

Gets the record for the *model.c* file. You can then cache additional code using `LibSetSourceFileSection`.

### Syntax

```
%assign srcFile = LibGetModelDotCFile()  
<LibSetSourceFileSection(srcFile, "Functions", mybuf)>
```

### Returns

Returns the *model.c* source file record.

See `LibGetModelDotCFile` in  
*matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/mw/codetemplatelib.tlc*.

## LibGetModelDotHFile()

Get the record for the *model.h* file. You can then cache additional code using `LibSetSourceFileSection`.

### Syntax

```
%assign hdrFile = LibGetModelDotHFile()  
<LibSetSourceFileSection(hdrFile, "Functions", mybuf)>
```

**Returns**

Returns the *model.h* source file record.

See `LibGetModelDotHFile` in  
*matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/mw/codetemplatelib.tlc*.

**LibGetModelName()**

Return the name of the model (no extension).

See `LibGetModelName` in *matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/mw/codetemplatelib.tlc*.

**LibGetNumSourceFiles()**

Gets the number of source files (.c and .h) that have been created.

**Syntax**

```
%assign numFiles = LibGetNumSourceFiles()
```

**Returns**

Returns the number of files (number).

See `LibGetNumSourceFiles` in  
*matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/mw/codetemplatelib.tlc*.

**LibGetRTModelErrorStatus()**

Returns the code required to get the model error status.

**Syntax**

```
%<LibGetRTModelErrorStatus(>;
```

See `LibGetRTModelErrorStatus` in  
*matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/mw/codetemplatelib.tlc*.

## **LibGetSourceFileCustomSection(file, attrib)**

Gets a custom section previously created with `LibAddSourceFileCustomSection`.

### **Arguments**

`file` (scope or number) — Source file reference or index

`attrib` (string) — Name of custom section

See `LibGetSourceFileCustomSection` in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/mw/codetemplatelib.tlc`.

## **LibGetSourceFileFromIdx(fileIdx)**

Returns a model file reference based on its index. This reference can be useful for a common operation on all files, for example, to set the leading file banner of all files.

### **Syntax**

```
%assign fileH = LibGetSourceFileFromIdx(fileIdx)
```

### **Argument**

`fileIdx` (number) — Index of model file

### **Returns**

Reference (scope) to the model file.

See `LibGetSourceFileFromIdx` in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/mw/codetemplatelib.tlc`.

## LibGetSourceFileTag(fileIdx)

Returns *fileName\_h* and *fileName\_c* for header and source files, respectively, where *fileName* is the name of the model file.

### Syntax

```
%assign tag = LibGetSourceFileTag(fileIdx)
```

### Argument

*fileIndex* (number) — File index

### Returns

Returns the tag (string).

See `LibGetSourceFileTag` in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/mw/codetemplatelib.tlc`.

## LibMdlStartCustomCode(buffer, location)

Places declaration statements and executable code inside the start function. Start code is executed once, during the model initialization phase.

### Syntax

```
LibMdlStartCustomCode(buffer, location)
```

### Arguments

*buffer* — String buffer to append to internal cache buffer

*location* — Where to place the buffer's contents

"header"	To place buffer at top of function
"declaration"	Same as specifying header
"execution"	To place buffer at top of function, but after header
"trailer"	To place buffer at bottom of function



**Returns**

Nothing

**Description**

`LibMdlStartCustomCode` places declaration statements and executable code inside the start function. This code is output into the following functions, depending on the current code format:

Function Name	Code Format
<code>model_initialize</code>	Embedded-C
<code>mdlStart</code>	S-function
<code>MdlStart</code>	RealTime, RealTimeMalloc

Each call to `LibMdlStartCustomCode` appends your buffer to the internal cache buffer.

See `LibMdlStartCustomCode` in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/mw/hookslib.tlc`.

**LibMdlTerminateCustomCode(buffer, location)****Purpose**

Places declaration statements and executable code inside the terminate function.

**Syntax**

```
LibMdlTerminateCustomCode(buffer, location)
```

**Arguments**

`buffer` — String buffer to append to internal cache buffer

`location` — Where to place the buffer's contents

"header"	To place buffer at top of function
"declaration"	Same as specifying header
"execution"	To place buffer at top of function, but after header
"trailer"	To place buffer at bottom of function

### Returns

Nothing

### Description

`LibMdlTerminateCustomCode` places declaration statements and executable code inside the terminate function. This code is output into the following functions, depending on the current code format:

Function Name	Code Format
<code>model_terminate</code>	Embedded-C
<code>mdlTerminate</code>	S-function
<code>MdlTerminate</code>	RealTime, RealTimeMalloc

Each call to `LibMdlTerminateCustomCode` appends your buffer to the internal cache buffer.

See `LibMdlTerminateCustomCode` in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/mw/hookslib.tlc`.

### LibSetRTModelErrorStatus(str)

Returns the code required to set the model error status.

### Syntax

```
LibSetRTModelErrorStatus("Overrun")
```

**Argument**

`str` (string) — `char *` to a C string

See `LibSetRTModelErrorStatus` in  
*matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/mw/codetemplatelib.tlc*.

**LibSetSourceFileCodeTemplate(opFile, name)**

By default, `.c` and `.h` files are generated with the code templates specified in the Real-Time Workshop GUI. `LibSetSourceFileCodeTemplate` allows you to change the template for a file. The function uses the code templates entered into the Real-Time Workshop templates UI.

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**Note** Custom templates is a feature of the Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder.

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**Syntax**

```
%assign tag = LibSetSourceFileCodeTemplate(opFile,name)
```

**Arguments**

`opFile` (scope) — Reference to file

`name` (string) — Name of the desired template

**Returns**

Nothing

See `LibSetSourceFileCodeTemplate` in  
*matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/mw/codetemplatelib.tlc*.

## **LibSetSourceFileCustomSection(file, attrib, value)**

Sets a custom section previously created with `LibAddSourceFileCustomSection`. Available only with Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder.

### **Arguments**

`file` (scope or number) — Source file reference or index

`attrib` (string) — Name of custom section

`value` (string) — Value to be appended to section

See `LibSetSourceFileCustomSection` in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/mw/codetemplatelib.tlc`.

## **LibSetSourceFileOutputDirectory(opFile, name)**

By default, `.c` and `.h` files are generated into the Real-Time Workshop build directory. `LibSetSourceFileOutputDirectory` allows you to change the default location. Note that the caller is responsible for specifying a valid directory.

### **Syntax**

```
%assign tag = LibSetSourceFileOutputDirectory(opFile,dirName)
```

### **Arguments**

`opFile` (scope) — Reference to file

`dirName` (string) — Name of the desired output directory

### **Returns**

Nothing

See `LibSetSourceFileOutputDirectory` in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/mw/codetemplatelib.tlc`.

## LibSetSourceFileSection(fileH, section, value)

Adds to the contents of a file. Valid file sections include

File Section	Description
Banner	Set the file banner (comment) at the top of the file.
Includes	Append to the #include section.
Defines	Append to the #define section.
IntrinsicTypes	Append to the intrinsic typedef section. Intrinsic types are those that depend only on intrinsic C types.
PrimitiveTypedefs	Append to the primitive typedef section. Primitive typedefs are those that depend only on intrinsic C types and any typedefs previously defined in the IntrinsicTypes section.
UserTop	Append to the User Top section.
Typedefs	Append to the typedef section. The typedefs can depend on any previously defined type.
Enums	Append to the enumerated types section.
Definitions	Append to the data definition section.
ExternData	(Reserved) Real-Time Workshop extern data.
ExternFcns	(Reserved) Real-Time Workshop extern functions.
FcnPrototypes	(Reserved) Real-Time Workshop function prototypes.
Declarations	Append to the data declaration section.
Functions	Append to the C functions section.
CompilerErrors	Append to the #warning section.
CompilerWarnings	Append to the #error section.
Documentation	Append to the documentation (comment) section.
UserBottom	Append to the User Bottom section.

Real-Time Workshop generates code in the order in which it is listed above.

## Syntax

Example (iterating over all files):

```
%openfile tmpBuf
    whatever
%closefile tmpBuf

%foreach fileIdx = LibGetNumSourceFiles()
    %assign fileH = LibGetSourceFileFromIdx(fileIdx)
    %<LibSetSourceFileSection(fileH,"SectionOfInterest",tmpBuf)>
%endforeach

%assign fileH = LibCreateSourceFile("Header","Custom","foofile")
%<LibSetSourceFileSection(fileH,"Defines","#define F00 5.0\n")
```

## Arguments

fileH (scope or number) — Reference or index to a file

section (string) — File section of interest

value (string) — Value

See `LibSetSourceFileSection` in  
*matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/mw/codetemplatelib.tlc*.

## LibSystemDerivativeCustomCode (system, buffer, location)

### Purpose

Places declaration statements and executable code inside a subsystem's derivative function.

### Syntax

```
LibSystemDerivativeCustomCode(system, buffer, location)
```

## Arguments

`system` — Reference to the subsystem whose derivative function is to be modified.

`buffer` — (string) Buffer to append to internal cache buffer

`location` — (string) Where to place the buffer

"header"	To place buffer at top of function
"declaration"	Same as specifying header
"execution"	To place buffer at top of function, but after header
"trailer"	To place buffer at bottom of function

## Returns

Nothing

## Description

`LibSystemDerivativeCustomCode` places declaration statements and executable code inside the derivative function for the subsystem specified by `system`. This code is output into the following functions, depending on the current code format:

Function Name	Code Format
<code>mdlDerivatives</code>	S-function
<code>MdlDerivatives</code>	RealTimeMalloc
<code>model_derivatives</code>	RealTime

`LibSystemDerivativeCustomCode` is not relevant for the Embedded-C code format, because blocks with continuous states cannot be used.

Each call to `LibSystemDerivativeCustomCode` appends your buffer to the internal cache buffer. An error is generated if you attempt to add code to a subsystem that does not have any continuous states.

See `LibSystemDerivativeCustomCode` in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/mw/hookslib.tlc`.

## **LibSystemDisableCustomCode (system, buffer, location)**

### **Purpose**

Places declaration statements and executable code inside a subsystem's disable function.

### **Syntax**

```
LibSystemDisableCustomCode(system, buffer, location)
```

### **Arguments**

`system` — Reference to the subsystem whose disable function is to be modified.

`buffer` — (string) Buffer to append to internal cache buffer

`location` — (string) Where to place the buffer

"header"	To place buffer at top of function
"declaration"	Same as specifying header
"execution"	To place buffer at top of function, but after header
"trailer"	To place buffer at bottom of function

### **Returns**

Nothing



## Description

`LibSystemDisableCustomCode` places declaration statements and executable code inside the disable function for the subsystem specified by `system`. Each call to `LibSystemDisableCustomCode` appends your buffer to the internal cache buffer.

An error is generated if you attempt to add code to a subsystem that does not have a disable function.

See `LibSystemDisableCustomCode` in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/mw/hookslib.tlc`.

## LibSystemEnableCustomCode (system, buffer, location)

### Purpose

Places declaration statements and executable code inside a subsystem's enable function.

### Syntax

```
LibSystemEnableCustomCode(system, buffer, location)
```

### Arguments

`system` — Reference to the subsystem whose enable function is to be modified.

`buffer` — (String) Buffer to append to internal cache buffer

`location` — (String) Where to place the buffer

"header"	To place buffer at top of function
"declaration"	Same as specifying header
"execution"	To place buffer at top of function, but after header
"trailer"	To place buffer at bottom of function

**Returns**

Nothing

**Description**

`LibSystemEnableCustomCode` places declaration statements and executable code inside the enable function for the subsystem specified by `system`. Each call to `LibSystemEnableCustomCode` appends your buffer to the internal cache buffer.

An error is generated if you attempt to add code to a subsystem that does not have an enable function.

See `LibSystemEnableCustomCode` in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/mw/hookslib.tlc`.

**LibSystemInitializeCustomCode  
(system, buffer, location)****Purpose**

Places declaration statements and executable code inside a subsystem's initialize function.

**Syntax**

```
LibSystemInitializeCustomCode(system, buffer, location)
```

**Arguments**

`system` — Reference to the subsystem whose initialize function is to be modified.

`buffer` — (string) Buffer to append to internal cache buffer

`location` — (string) Where to place the buffer

"header"	To place buffer at top of function
"declaration"	Same as specifying header
"execution"	To place buffer at top of function, but after header
"trailer"	To place buffer at bottom of function

## Returns

Nothing

## Description

`LibSystemInitializeCustomCode` places declaration statements and executable code inside the initialize function for the subsystem specified by `system`. This code is output into the following functions, depending on the current code format:

Function Name	Code Format
<code>mdl_initialize</code>	Embedded-C
<code>mdlInitializeConditions</code>	S-function
<code>MdlStart</code>	RealTime, RealTimeMalloc

Code for a subsystem is output into the subsystem's initialization function. Each call to `LibSystemInitializeCustomCode` appends your buffer to the internal cache buffer.

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**Note** Enable systems that are not configured to reset on enable are inlined into `MdlStart`. For this case, the subsystem's custom code is found in `MdlStart` above and below the enable subsystem's initialization code.

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See `LibSystemInitializeCustomCode` in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/mw/hookslib.tlc`.

## **LibSystemOutputCustomCode (system, buffer, location)**

### **Purpose**

Places declaration statements and executable code inside a subsystem's output function.

### **Syntax**

```
LibSystemOutputCustomCode(system, buffer, location)
```

### **Arguments**

`system` — Reference to the subsystem whose output function is to be modified.

`buffer` — (string) Buffer to append to internal cache buffer

`location` — (string) Where to place the buffer

"header"	To place buffer before the complete subsystem's output code.
"declaration"	Same as specifying header
"execution"	To place buffer at top of function, but after header
"trailer"	To place buffer at bottom of function

### **Returns**

Nothing

### **Description**

`LibSystemOutputCustomCode` places declaration statements and executable code inside the output function for the subsystem specified by `system`. This code is output into the following functions, depending on the current code format:

Function Name	Code Format
<i>model_step</i>	Embedded-C (CombineOutputUpdateFcns is 1)
<i>model_output</i>	Embedded-C (CombineOutputUpdateFcns is 0)
mdlOutputs	S-function
MdlOutputs	RealTime, RealTimeMalloc

Each call to `LibSystemOutputCustomCode` appends your buffer to the internal cache buffer.

See `LibSystemOutputCustomCode` in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/mw/hookslib.tlc`.

## **LibSystemUpdateCustomCode (system, buffer, location)**

### **Purpose**

Places code inside a subsystem's update function.

### **Syntax**

```
LibSystemUpdateCustomCode(system, buffer, location)
```

### **Arguments**

`system` — Reference to the subsystem whose update function is to be modified.

`buffer` — (String) A buffer containing text to append to the internal cache buffer

`location` — (String) Where to place the buffer in the function:

"header"	Place the buffer at the top of the function
"declaration"	Same as specifying "header"

"execution"	Place the buffer at the top of function, but after the header
"trailer"	Place the buffer at the bottom of the function

## Returns

Nothing

## Description

`LibSystemUpdateCustomCode` places declaration statements and executable code inside the update function for the subsystem specified by `system`. This code is output into the following functions, depending on the current code format:

Function Name	Code Format
<code>model_step</code>	Embedded-C (CombineOutputUpdateFcns is 1)
<code>model_update</code>	Embedded-C (CombineOutputUpdateFcns is 0)
<code>mdlUpdate</code>	S-function
<code>MdlUpdate</code>	RealTime, RealTimeMalloc

Each call to `LibSystemUpdateCustomCode` appends your buffer to the internal cache buffer.

See `LibSystemUpdateCustomCode` in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/mw/hookslib.tlc`.

## LibWriteModelData()

Returns necessary data for the model (valid for ERT only).

See `LibWriteModelData` in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/mw/codetemplatelib.tlc`.

## **LibWriteModelInput(tid, rollThreshold)**

Returns the code necessary to write to a particular root input (i.e., a model inport block). Valid for ERT only.

### **Arguments**

`tid` (number) — Task identifier (0 is fastest rate and `n` is the slowest)

`rollThreshold` — Width of signal before wrapping in a for loop.

See `LibWriteModelInput` in  
*matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/mw/codetemplatelib.tlc*.

## **LibWriteModelInputs()**

Returns the code necessary to write to root inputs (i.e., all the model inport blocks). Valid for ERT only.

See `LibWriteModelInputs` in  
*matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/mw/codetemplatelib.tlc*.

## **LibWriteModelOutput(tid, rollThreshold)**

Returns the code necessary to write to a particular root output (i.e., a model outport block). Valid for ERT only.

### **Arguments**

`tid` (number) — Task identifier (0 is fastest rate and `n` is the slowest)

`rollThreshold` — Width of signal before wrapping in a for loop.

See `LibWriteModelOutput` in  
*matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/mw/codetemplatelib.tlc*.

## **LibWriteModelOutputs()**

Returns the code necessary to write to root outputs (i.e., all the model output blocks). Valid for ERT only.

See `LibWriteModelOutputs` in  
*matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/mw/codetemplatelib.tlc*.



## Sample Time Functions

### **LibAsynchronousTriggeredTID(tid)**

Returns whether this TID corresponds to a asynchronous triggered rate.

See `LibAsynchronousTriggeredTID` in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/utllib.tlc`.

### **LibBlockSampleTime(block)**

Returns the block's sample time. The returned value depends on the sample time classification of the block, as shown in the following table.

<b>Block Classification</b>	<b>Returned Value</b>
Discrete	The actual sample time of a block (real > 0)
Continuous	0.0
Triggered	-1.0
Constant	-2.0

See `LibBlockSampleTime` in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/blocklib.tlc`.

### **LibGetClockTick(tid)**

Returns integer task time (current clock tick of the task timer). The resolution of the timer can be obtained from `LibGetClockTickStepSize(tid)`. The data type ID of the timer can be obtained from `LibGetClockTickDataTypeId(tid)`.

See `LibGetClockTick` in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/utllib.tlc`.

### **LibGetClockTickDataTypeId(tid)**

Returns clock tick data type ID.

See `LibGetClockTickDataTypeId` in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/utllib.tlc`.

## **LibGetClockTickHigh(tid)**

Returns high-order word of the integer task time. `LibGetClockTickHigh` is used when `uint32` pairs are used to store absolute time. The resolution of a clock tick can be obtained from `LibGetClockTickStepSize(tid)`.

See `LibGetClockTickHigh` in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/utillib.tlc`.

## **LibGetClockTickStepSize(tid)**

Returns clock tick step size, which is the resolution of the integer task time. `LibGetClockTickStepSize` cannot be used if the task does not have a timer.

See `LibGetClockTickStepSize` in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/utillib.tlc`.

## **LibGetElapseTime(system)**

Returns time elapsed since the last time the subsystem started to execute.

See `LibGetElapseTime` in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/utillib.tlc`.

## **LibGetElapseTimeCounter(system)**

Returns an integer elapsed time. This is the number of clock ticks elapsed since the last time the system started. To get real-world elapsed time, this integer elapsed time must be multiplied by the applicable resolution.

You can obtain the resolution by calling `LibGetElapseTimeResolution(system)`. You can obtain the data type ID of the integer elapsed time counter by calling `LibGetElapseTimeCounterDTypeId(system)`.

See `LibGetElapseTimeCounter` in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/utillib.tlc`.

## **LibGetElapseTimeCounterDTypeId(system)**

Returns the date type ID of the integer elapsed time returned by LibGetElapseTimeCounter.

See LibGetElapseTimeCounterDTypeId in *matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/utllib.tlc*.

## **LibGetElapseTimeResolution(system)**

Returns the resolution of the elapsed time returned by LibGetElapseTimeCounter.

See LibGetElapseTimeResolution in *matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/utllib.tlc*.

## **LibGetGlobalTIDFromLocalSFcnTID(sfcnTID)**

Returns the model task identifier (sample time index) corresponding to the specified local S-function task identifier or port sample time. LibGetGlobalTIDFromLocalSFcnTID allows you to use one function to determine a global TID, independent of port- or block-based sample times.

The input argument to LibGetGlobalTIDFromLocalSFcnTID should be one of the following:

- For block-based sample times (e.g., in S-function `mdlInitializeSizes`, `ssSetNumSampleTimes(S, N)` with  $N > 1$  was specified), `sfcnTID` is a nonnegative integer giving the corresponding local S-function sample time.
- For port-based sample times (e.g., in S-function `mdlInitializeSizes`, `ssSetNumSampleTimes(S, PORT_BASED_SAMPLE_TIMES)` was specified), `sfcnTID` is a string of the form "InputPortIdxI" or "OutputPortIdxI", where  $I$  is an integer ranging from 0 to the number of ports (e.g., "InputPortIdx0").

## Examples

### Multirate block.

```
%assign globalTID = LibGetGlobalTIDFromLocalSFcnTID(2)
```

or

```
%assign globalTID =  
LibGetGlobalTIDFromLocalSFcnTID("InputPortIdx4")  
%assign period =  
CompiledModel.SampleTime[globalTID].PeriodAndOffset[0]  
%assign offset =  
CompiledModel.SampleTime[globalTID].PeriodAndOffset[1]
```

### Inherited sample time block.

```
%switch (LibGetSFcnTIDType(0))  
%case "discrete"  
%case "continuous"  
%assign globalTID = LibGetGlobalTIDFromLocalSFcnTID(2)  
%assign period = ...  
    CompiledModel.SampleTime[globalTID].PeriodAndOffset[0]  
%assign offset = ...  
    CompiledModel.SampleTime[globalTID].PeriodAndOffset[1]  
%breaksw  
%case "triggered"  
%assign period = -1  
%assign offset = -1  
%breaksw  
%case "constant"  
%assign period = rtInf  
%assign offset = 0  
%breaksw  
%default  
%<LibBlockReportFatalError([], "Unknown tid type")>  
%endswitch
```

See `LibGetGlobalTIDFromLocalSFcnTID` in  
*matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/utillib.tlc*.

## **LibGetNumSFcnSamplTimes(block)**

Returns the number of S-function sample times for a block.

See function in *matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/utillib.tlc*.

## **LibGetSFcnTIDType(sfcnTID)**

Returns the type of the specified S-function's task identifier (sfcnTID).

Possible values are:

"continuous" — The specified sfcnTID is continuous.

"discrete" — The specified sfcnTID is discrete.

"triggered" — The specified sfcnTID is triggered.

"constant" — The specified sfcnTID is constant.

The format of sfcnTID must be the same as for LibIsSFcnSampleHit.

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**Note** This is useful primarily in the context of S-functions that specify an inherited sample time.

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See LibGetNumSFcnSamplTimes in  
*matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/utillib.tlc*.

## **LibGetTaskTime(tid)**

Returns a string to access the absolute time of the task. LibGetTaskTime is the TLC version of the SimStruct macro: "ssGetTaskTime(S,tid)".

See function in *matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/utillib.tlc*.

## **LibGetTaskTimeFromTID(block)**

Returns a string to access the absolute time of the task associated with the block.

If the code format is not Embedded-C, `LibGetTaskTimeFromTID` returns the string `"RTMGet("T")"` if the block is constant or the system is single rate, and `"RTMGetTaskTimeForTID(tid)"` otherwise.

If the code format is Embedded-C, `LibGetTaskTimeFromTID` returns `"RTMGetTaskTimeForTID(tid)"`.

If the block is constant or the system is single rate, this is the TLC version of the `SimStruct` macro: `"ssGetT(S)"` and `"ssGetTaskTime(S, tid)"` otherwise.

In both cases, `S` is the name of the `SimStruct`.

See `LibGetTaskTime` in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/utllib.tlc`.

## **LibIsContinuous(TID)**

Returns 1 if the specified task identifier (TID) is continuous, 0 otherwise. Note that task identifiers equal to "triggered" or "constant" are not continuous.

See `LibIsContinuous` in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/utllib.tlc`.

## **LibIsDiscrete(TID)**

Returns 1 if the specified task identifier (TID) is discrete, 0 otherwise. Note that task identifiers equal to "triggered" or "constant" are not discrete.

See `LibIsDiscrete` in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/utllib.tlc`.

## **LibIsSFcnSampleHit(sfcnTID)**

Returns 1 if a sample hit occurs for the specified local S-function task identifier (TID), 0 otherwise.

The input argument to `LibIsSFcnSampleHit` should be one of the following:

- `sfcnTID`: integer (e.g., 2)

For block-based sample times (e.g., in S-function `mdlInitializeSizes`, `ssSetNumSampleTimes(S,N)` with  $N > 1$  was specified), `sfcnTID` is an integer starting at 0 of the corresponding local S-function sample time.

- `sfcnTID`: "InputPortIdxI", or "OutputPortIdxI" (e.g., "InputPortIdx0")

For port-based sample times (e.g., in S-function `mdlInitializeSizes`, `ssSetNumSampleTimes(S,PORT_BASED_SAMPLE_TIMES)` was specified), `sfcnTID` is a string giving the input (or output) port index.

## Examples

- Consider a multirate S-function block with four block sample times. The call `LibIsSFcnSampleHit(2)` returns the code to check for a sample hit on the third S-function block sample time.
- Consider a multirate S-function block with three input and eight output sample times. The call `LibIsSFcnSampleHit("InputPortIdx0")` returns the code to check for a sample hit on the first input port. The call `LibIsSFcnSampleHit("OutputPortIdx7")` returns the code to check for a sample hit on the eighth output port.

See `LibIsSFcnSampleHit` in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/utllib.tlc`.

## LibIsSFcnSingleRate(block)

`LibIsSFcnSingleRate` returns a Boolean value (1 or 0) indicating whether the S-function is single rate (one sample time) or multirate (multiple sample times).

See `LibIsSFcnSingleRate` in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/utllib.tlc`.

## LibIsSFcnSpecialSampleHit(sfcnSTI, sfcnTID)

Returns the Simulink macro to promote a slow task (`sfcnSTI`) into a faster task (`sfcnTID`).

This advanced function is specifically intended for use in rate transition blocks. `LibIsSFcnSpecialSampleHit` determines the global TID from the S-function TID and calls `LibIsSpecialSampleHit` using the global TIDs for both the sample time index (`sti`) and the task ID (`tid`).

The input arguments to `LibIsSFcnSpecialSampleHit` are

- For multirate S-function blocks:
  - `sfcnSTI`: local S-function sample time index (`sti`) of the slow task that is to be promoted
  - `sfcnTID`: local S-function task ID (`tid`) of the fast task where the slow task is to run
- For single-rate S-function blocks using `SS_OPTION_RATE_TRANSITION`, `sfcnSTI` and `sfcnTID` are ignored and should be specified as "".

The format of `sfcnSTI` and `sfcnTID` must follow that of the argument to `LibIsSFcnSampleHit`.

## Examples

- A rate transition S-function (one sample time with `SS_OPTION_RATE_TRANSITION`)

```
if (%<LibIsSFcnSpecialSampleHit("", "")>) {
```
- A multirate S-function with port-based sample times where the output rate is slower than the input rate (e.g., a zero-order hold operation)

```
if (%<LibIsSFcnSpecialSampleHit("OutputPortIdx0", "InputPortIdx0")>) {
```

See `LibIsSFcnSpecialSampleHit` in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/utillib.tlc`.



## **LibIsSingleRateModel()**

Returns true if model is single rate, and false otherwise.

See `LibIsSingleRateModel` in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/mw/codetemplatelib.tlc`.

## **LibIsSpecialSampleHit(sti, tid)**

Returns the special sample hit macro indicated by arguments `sti` and `tid`.

S-function blocks should not use this function directly. They should instead use `LibIsSFcnSpecialSampleHit()`

For information about multi-tasking models, see “Models with Multiple Sample Rates” in the Real-Time Workshop documentation.

### **Arguments**

`sti` — Sample time index of block (relevant only for Zero-Order Hold and Unit Delay blocks). The sample time index is the index of the slower sample time.

`tid` — Task identifier (TID) of block. The TID is the index of the task with the faster sample time.

### **Returns**

Non-ERT — `rtmIsSpecialSampleHit(rtm,a,b,tid)`

ERT — The appropriate rate interaction flag.

See `LibIsSpecialSampleHit` in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/syslib.tlc`.

## **LibNumAsynchronousSampleTimes()**

Returns the number of discrete sample times in the model.

See `LibNumAsynchronousSampleTimes` in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/mw/codetemplatelib.tlc`.

### **LibNumDiscreteSampleTimes()**

Returns the number of discrete sample times in the model.

See `LibNumDiscreteSampleTimes` in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/mw/codetemplatelib.tlc`.

### **LibPortBasedSampleTimeBlockIsTriggered(block)**

Determines whether the port-based S-function block is triggered.

See `LibPortBasedSampleTimeBlockIsTriggered` in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/blocklib.tlc`.

### **LibSetVarNextHitTime(block, tNext)**

Generates code to set the next variable hit time. Blocks with variable sample time must call `LibSetVarNextHitTime` in their output functions.

See `LibSetVarNextHitTime` in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/blocklib.tlc`.

### **LibTriggeredTID(tid)**

Returns whether this TID corresponds to a triggered rate.

See `LibTriggeredTID` in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/utillib.tlc`.

## Other Useful Functions

### **LibBlockExecuteFcnCall(sfcnBlock, callIdx)**

For use by inlined S-functions with function-call outputs. Returns a string to call the function-call subsystem with the appropriate number of arguments, or generates the subsystem's code in place (inlined). Calls `LibExecuteFcnCall`, but provides a simplified argument list. See `LibExecuteFcnCall` for more information.

#### **Example**

```
%foreach callIdx = NumSFcnSysOutputCalls
    %if LibIsEqual(SFcnSystemOutputCall[callIdx].BlockToCall,...
        "unconnected")
        %continue
    %endif
    %% call the downstream system
    %<LibBlockExecuteFcnCall(block, callIdx)>\
%endforeach
```

See `LibBlockExecuteFcnCall` in  
*matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/asynclib.tlc*.

### **LibCallFCSS(system, simObject, portEl, tidVal)**

For use by inlined S-functions with function-call outputs. Returns a string to call the function-call subsystem with the appropriate number of arguments, or generates the subsystem's code inline.

When used by inlined S-functions to make a function call, `LibCallFCSS` returns the call to the function-call subsystem with the appropriate number of arguments, or the inlined code.

An S-function can execute a function-call subsystem only via its first output port. The return string is determined by the current code format.

See the `SFcnSystemOutputCall` record in the *model.rtw* file.

## Example

This example is from

*matlabroot/toolbox/simulink/blocks/tlc\_c/fncallgen.tlc*

```
%foreach fcnCallIdx = NumSFcnSysOutputCalls
%% call the downstream system
%with SFcnSystemOutputCall[fcnCallIdx]
%% skip unconnected function call outputs
%if ISEQUAL(BlockToCall, "unconnected")
%continue
%endif
%assign sysIdx = BlockToCall[0]
%assign blkIdx = BlockToCall[1]
%assign ssBlock = System[sysIdx].Block[blkIdx]
%assign sysToCall = System[ssBlock.ParamSettings.SystemIdx]
%<LibCallFCSS(sysToCall, tSimStruct, FcnPortElement, ...
    ParamSettings.SampleTimesToSet[0][1])>\
%endwith
%endforeach
```

BlockToCall and FcnPortElement are elements of the SFcnSystemOutputCall record. System is a record within the global CompiledModel record.

See LibCallFCSS in *matlabroot /rtw/c/tlc/lib/syslib.tlc*.

## LibDisableFCSS(system, simObject, portEl, tidVal)

For use by inlined S-Functions with function-call outputs. Returns a string to call the disable method for the function-call subsystem, or generates the subsystem's disable code inline.

An S-function can execute a function-call subsystem only via its first output port. The return string is determined by the current code format.

See the SFcnSystemOutputCall record in the *model.rtw* file.

## Example

```
%foreach fcnCallIdx = NumSFcnSysOutputCalls
%% call the downstream system
%with SFcnSystemOutputCall[fcnCallIdx]
    %% skip unconnected function call outputs
    %if ISEQUAL(BlockToCall, "unconnected")
        %continue
    %endif
    %assign sysIdx = BlockToCall[0]
    %assign blkIdx = BlockToCall[1]
    %assign ssBlock = System[sysIdx].Block[blkIdx]
    %assign sysToCall = System[ssBlock.ParamSettings.SystemIdx]
    %<LibDisableFCSS(sysToCall, tSimStruct, FcnPortElement, ...
        ParamSettings.SampleTimesToSet[0][1])>\
%endwith
%endforeach
```

BlockToCall and FcnPortElement are elements of the SFcnSystemOutputCall record. System is a record within the global CompiledModel record.

See LibDisableFCSS in *matlabroot*/rtw/c/tlc/lib/syslib.tlc.

## LibEnableFCSS(system, simObject, portEl, tidVal)

For use by inlined S-Functions with function-call outputs. Returns a string to call the enable method for a function-call subsystem, or generates the subsystem's enable code inline (as well as initialize code if the subsystem resets states on reset).

An S-function can execute a function-call subsystem only via its first output port. The return string is determined by the current code format.

See the SFcnSystemOutputCall record in the *model*.rtw file.

## Example

```
%foreach fcnCallIdx = NumSFcnSysOutputCalls
%% call the downstream system
%with SFcnSystemOutputCall[fcnCallIdx]
```

```

%% skip unconnected function call outputs
%if ISEQUAL(BlockToCall, "unconnected")
    %continue
%endif
%assign sysIdx = BlockToCall[0]
%assign blkIdx = BlockToCall[1]
%assign ssBlock = System[sysIdx].Block[blkIdx]
%assign sysToCall = System[ssBlock.ParamSettings.SystemIdx]
%<LibEnableFCSS(sysToCall, tSimStruct, FcnPortElement, ...
    ParamSettings.SampleTimesToSet[0][1])>\
%endwith
%endforeach

```

BlockToCall and FcnPortElement are elements of the SFcnSystemOutputCall record. System is a record within the global CompiledModel record.

See LibEnableFCSS in *matlabroot*/rtw/c/tlc/lib/syslib.tlc.

## LibExecuteFcnCall(ssBlock, portEl, tidVal)

For use by inlined S-functions with function-call outputs. Returns a string to call the function-call subsystem with the appropriate number of arguments, or generates the subsystem's code in place (inlined).

### Example

This example is from

*matlabroot*/toolbox/simulink/blocks/tlc\_c/fncallgen.tlc

```

%foreach fcnCallIdx = NumSFcnSysOutputCalls
%% call the downstream system
%with SFcnSystemOutputCall[fcnCallIdx]
%% skip unconnected function call outputs
%if ISEQUAL(BlockToCall, "unconnected")
    %continue
%endif
%assign sysIdx = BlockToCall[0]
%assign blkIdx = BlockToCall[1]
%assign ssBlock = System[sysIdx].Block[blkIdx]
%<LibExecuteFcnCall(ssBlock, FcnPortElement, ...
    ParamSettings.SampleTimesToSet[0][1])>\

```

```

    %endwith
  %endforeach

```

BlockToCall and FcnPortElement are elements of the SFcnSystemOutputCall record.

See LibExecuteFcnCall in *matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/syslib.tlc*.

## LibExecuteFcnDisable(ssBlock, portEl, tidVal)

For use by inlined S-functions with function-call outputs. Returns a string to call the function-call subsystem with the appropriate number of arguments, or generates the subsystem's code in place (inlined).

### Example

This example is from

*matlabroot/toolbox/simulink/blocks/tlc\_c/fncallgen.tlc*

```

%foreach fcnCallIdx = NumSFcnSysOutputCalls
%% call the downstream system
  %with SFcnSystemOutputCall[fcnCallIdx]
%% skip unconnected function call outputs
  %if ISEQUAL(BlockToCall, "unconnected")
    %continue
  %endif
  %assign sysIdx = BlockToCall[0]
  %assign blkIdx = BlockToCall[1]
  %assign ssBlock = System[sysIdx].Block[blkIdx]
  %<LibExecuteFcnCall(ssBlock, FcnPortElement, ...
    ParamSettings.SampleTimesToSet[0][1])>\
  %endwith
%endforeach

```

BlockToCall and FcnPortElement are elements of the SFcnSystemOutputCall record.

See LibExecuteFcnDisable in *matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/syslib.tlc*.

## LibExecuteFcnEnable(ssBlock, portEl, tidVal)

For use by inlined S-functions with function-call outputs. Returns a string to call the function-call subsystem with the appropriate number of arguments, or generates the subsystem's code in place (inlined).

### Example

This example is from

*matlabroot/toolbox/simulink/blocks/tlc\_c/fncallgen.tlc*

```
%foreach fcnCallIdx = NumSFcnSysOutputCalls
%% call the downstream system
    %with SFcnSystemOutputCall[fcnCallIdx]
%% skip unconnected function call outputs
    %if ISEQUAL(BlockToCall, "unconnected")
        %continue
    %endif
    %assign sysIdx = BlockToCall[0]
    %assign blkIdx = BlockToCall[1]
    %assign ssBlock = System[sysIdx].Block[blkIdx]
    %<LibExecuteFcnCall(ssBlock, FcnPortElement, ...
        ParamSettings.SampleTimesToSet[0][1])>\
    %endwith
%endforeach
```

BlockToCall and FcnPortElement are elements of the SFcnSystemOutputCall record.

See LibExecuteFcnEnable in *matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/syslib.tlc*.

## LibGenConstVectWithInit(data, typeId, varId)

Returns an initialized static constant variable string of form:

```
static const typeName varId[] = { data };
```

The typeName is generated from typeId, which can be one of

```
tSS_DOUBLE, tSS_SINGLE, tSS_BOOLEAN, tSS_INT8, tSS_UINT8,
tSS_INT16, tSS_UINT16, tSS_INT32, tSS_UINT32
```



The data input argument must be a numeric scalar or vector and must be finite (no Inf, -Inf, or NaN values).

See `LibGenConstVectWithInit` in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/utillib.tlc`.

## **LibGetBlockAttribute(block, attr)**

Get a field value inside a block record.

### **Syntax**

```
%if LibIsEqual(LibGetBlockAttribute(ssBlock,"MaskType"), ...
    "Task Block")
    %assign isTaskBlock = 1
%endif
```

### **Returns**

Returns the value of the attribute (field) or an empty string if it does not exist.

See `LibGetBlockAttribute` in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/asynclib.tlc`.

## **LibGetCallerClockTickCounter(sfcnBlock)**

For use by asynchronous S-functions with function call outputs. Asynchronous tasks can manage their own time. `LibGetCallerClockTickCounter` is used to access an upstream asynchronous task's time counter. This is preferred when being driven by another asynchronous rate (e.g., an Interrupt block driving a Task block) because the time the interrupt occurred is used, rather than the time the task is allowed to run.

### **Returns**

Returns a string for the counter variable for the upstream asynchronous task.

See `LibGetCallerClockTickCounter` in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/asynclib.tlc`.

## **LibGetCallerClockTickCounterHighWord (sfcnBlock)**

For use by asynchronous S-functions with function-call outputs. Asynchronous tasks can manage their own time. `LibGetCallerClockTickCounterHighWord` is used to access the high word of an upstream asynchronous task's time counter. This is preferred when being driven by another asynchronous rate (for example, an Interrupt block driving a Task block) because the time the interrupt occurred is used rather than the time the Task is allowed to run.

### **Returns**

Returns a string for the high word of the counter variable for the upstream asynchronous task.

See `LibGetCallerClockTickCounterHigh` in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/async.lib.tlc`.

## **LibGetDataComplexNameFromId(id)**

Returns the name of the complex data type corresponding to a data type ID. For example, if `id==tSS_DOUBLE` then `LibGetDataComplexNameFromId` returns "creal\_T".

See `LibGetDataComplexNameFromId` in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/dtypelib.tlc`.

## **LibGetDataTypeEnumFromId(id)**

Returns the data type enum corresponding to a data type ID. For example, if `id==tSS_DOUBLE`, then enum is "SS\_DOUBLE". If `id` does not correspond to a built-in data type, `LibGetDataTypeEnumFromId` returns "".

See `LibGetDataTypeEnumFromId` in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/dtypelib.tlc`.

## **LibGetDataTypeIdAliasedThruToFromId(id)**

Returns the data type `IdAliasedThruTo` that corresponds to a data type ID.

See `LibGetDataTypeIdAliasedThruToFromId` in  
*matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/dtypelib.tlc*.

## **LibGetDataTypeIdAliasedToFromId(id)**

Returns the data type `IdAliasedTo` that corresponds to a data type ID.

See `LibGetDataTypeIdAliasedToFromId` in  
*matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/dtypelib.tlc*.

## **LibGetDataTypeIdResolvesToFromId(id)**

Returns the data type `IdResolvesTo` that corresponds to a data type ID.

See `LibGetDataTypeIdResolvesToFromId` in  
*matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/dtypelib.tlc*.

## **LibGetDataTypeNameFromId(id)**

Returns the data type name that corresponds to a data type ID.

See `LibGetDataTypeNameFromId` in  
*matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/dtypelib.tlc*.

## **LibGetDataTypeIdStorageIdFromId(id)**

Returns the data type `StorageId` corresponding to a data type ID.

See `LibGetDataTypeIdStorageIdFromId` in  
*matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/dtypelib.tlc*.

### **LibGetRecordDataTypeID(rec)**

Returns the data type identifier of the specified record as an integer.

See `LibGetRecordDataTypeID` in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/dtypelib.tlc`.

### **LibGetRecordDimensions(rec)**

Returns the dimensions of the specified record as a vector of integers.

See `LibGetRecordDimensions` in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/dtypelib.tlc`.

### **LibGetRecordIsComplex(rec)**

Returns the value 1 if the specified record is complex, and zero otherwise.

See `LibGetRecordIsComplex` in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/dtypelib.tlc`.

### **LibGetRecordWidth(rec)**

Returns the width of the specified record as an integer.

See `LibGetRecordWidth` in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/dtypelib.tlc`.

### **LibGetT()**

Returns a string to access the absolute time. You should use `LibGetT` to access time only.

`LibGetT` is the TLC version of the `SimStruct` macro `ssGetT`.

See `LibGetT` in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/utllib.tlc`.

### **LibIsComplex(arg)**

Returns 1 if the argument passed in is complex, 0 otherwise.

See `LibIsComplex` in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/utllib.tlc`.

## **LibIsFirstInitCond()**

`LibIsFirstInitCond` returns generated code intended for placement in the initialization function. This code determines, during run-time, whether the initialization function is being called for the first time.

`LibIsFirstInitCond` also sets a flag that tells Real-Time Workshop if it needs to declare and maintain the `first-initialize-condition` flag.

`LibIsFirstInitCond` is the TLC version of the SimStruct macro `ssIsFirstInitCond`.

See `LibIsFirstInitCond` in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/syslib.tlc`.

## **LibIsMajorTimeStep()**

Returns a string to access whether the current simulation step is a major time step.

`LibIsMajorTimeStep` is the TLC version of the SimStruct macro `ssIsMajorTimeStep`.

See `LibIsMajorTimeStep` in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/utllib.tlc`.

## **LibIsMinorTimeStep()**

Returns a string to access whether the current simulation step is a minor time step.

`LibIsMinorTimeStep` is the TLC version of the SimStruct macro `ssIsMinorTimeStep`.

See `LibIsMinorTimeStep` in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/utllib.tlc`.

## **LibMaxIntValue(dtype)**

For a built-in integer data type, `LibMaxIntValue` returns the formatted maximum value of that data type.

See `LibMaxIntValue` in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/dtypelib.tlc`.

## LibMinIntValue(dtype)

For a built-in integer data type, LibMinIntValue returns the formatted minimum value of that data type.

See LibMinIntValue in *matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/dtypelib.tlc*.

## LibNeedAsyncCounter(sfcnBlock, callIdx)

For use by asynchronous S-functions with function-call outputs. Asynchronous tasks can manage their own time, and use LibNeedAsyncCounter to determine whether a need exists for an asynchronous counter.

### Example

```
%if LibNeedAsyncCounter(block,0)
    %<LibSetAsyncCounter(block,0), "tickGet()">
```

### Returns

Returns TLC\_TRUE if an asynchronous counter is needed, otherwise TLC\_FALSE.

See LibNeedAsyncCounter in *matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/asynclib.tlc*.

## LibSetAsyncClockTicks(sfcnBlock, callIdx, buf1, buf2)

For use by asynchronous S-functions with function-call outputs. Asynchronous tasks can manage their own time. Use LibSetAsyncClockTicks to return code that sets clockTick counters that are to be maintained by the asynchronous task. If the data type of a clockTick counter maintained by the asynchronous task is tSS\_TIMER\_UINT32\_PAIR, the low and high word of the clockTick counter are set.

### Arguments

buf1 — Code that reads the low word of the hardware counter

buf2 — Code that reads the high word of the hardware counter. Leave buf2 empty if hardware counter length is less than 32 bits.

## Returns

Returns code that sets `clockTick` counters that are to be maintained by the asynchronous task.

## Example

```
%if LibNeedAsyncCounter(block, callIdx)
%<LibSetAsyncCounter(block, 0, buf1, buf2)>
%endif
```

See `LibSetAsyncClockTicks` in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/asynclib.tlc`.

## LibSetAsyncCounter(sfcnBlock, callIdx, buf)

For use by asynchronous S-functions with function-call outputs. Asynchronous tasks can manage their own time. Use `LibSetAsyncCounter` to return code that sets a counter variable that is to be maintained by the asynchronous task.

## Returns

Returns code that sets the counter variable that is to be maintained by the asynchronous task.

## Example

```
%if LibNeedAsyncCounter(block,0)
%<LibSetAsyncCounter(block,0, "tickGet()")>
%endif
```

See `LibSetAsyncCounter` in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/asynclib.tlc`.

## LibSetAsyncCounterHighWord(sfcnBlock, callIdx, buf)

For use by asynchronous S-functions with function-call outputs. Asynchronous tasks can manage their own time. Use `LibSetAsyncCounterHighWord` to return code that sets the higher word of the counter variable that is to be maintained by the asynchronous task.

**Returns**

Returns code that sets the higher word of the counter variable that is to be maintained by the asynchronous task.

**Example**

```
%if LibNeedAsyncCounter(block,0)
%<LibSetAsyncCounterHighWord(block,0, "hightTickGet()")>
%endif
```

See `LibSetAsyncCounterHighWord` in  
*matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/asynclib.tlc*.



## Advanced Functions

### **LibBlockInputSignalBufferDstPort(portIdx)**

Returns the output port corresponding to input port (portIdx) that share the same memory, otherwise (-1) is returned. You will need to use LibBlockInputSignalBufferDstPort when you specify `ssSetInputPortOverWritable(S,portIdx,TRUE)` in your S-function.

If an input port and some output port of a block are

- Not test points, and
- The input port is overwritable

then the output port might reuse the same buffer as the input port. In this case, LibBlockInputSignalBufferDstPort returns the index of the output port that reuses the specified input port's buffer. If none of the block's output ports reuse the specified input port buffer, then LibBlockInputSignalBufferDstPort returns -1.

LibBlockInputSignalBufferDstPort is the TLC version of the Simulink macro `ssGetInputPortBufferDstPort`.

### **Example**

Assume you have a block that has two input ports, both of which receive a complex number in 2-wide vectors. The block outputs the product of the two complex numbers.

```
%assign u1r = LibBlockInputSignal (0, "", "", 0)
%assign u1i = LibBlockInputSignal (0, "", "", 1)
%assign u2r = LibBlockInputSignal (1, "", "", 0)
%assign u2i = LibBlockInputSignal (1, "", "", 1)
%assign yr  = LibBlockOutputSignal (0, "", "", 0)
%assign yi  = LibBlockOutputSignal (0, "", "", 1)
```

```
%if (LibBlockInputSignalBufferDstPort(0) != -1)
    %% The first input is going to be overwritten by yr so
    %% we need to save the real part in a temporary variable.
    {
        real_T tmpRe = %<u1r>;
    %assign u1r = "tmpRe";
    %endif
    %<yr> = %<u1r> * %<u2r> - %<u1i> * %<u2i>;
    %<yi> = %<u1r> * %<u2i> + %<u1i> * %<u2r>;
    %if (LibBlockInputSignalBufferDstPort(0) != -1)
        }
    %endif
```

Note that, because only one output port exists, this example could have used `(LibBlockInputSignalBufferDstPort(0) == 0)` as the Boolean condition for the `%if` statements.

See `LibBlockInputSignalBufferDstPort` in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/blkiolib.tlc`.

### **LibBlockInputSignalStorageClass(portIdx, idx)**

Returns the storage class of the specified block input port signal. The storage class can be "Auto", "ExportedSignal", "ImportedExtern", or "ImportedExternPointer".

See `LibBlockInputSignalStorageClass` in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/blkiolib.tlc`.

### **LibBlockInputSignalStorageTypeQualifier(portIdx, idx)**

Returns the storage type qualifier of the specified block input port signal. The type qualifier can be anything entered by the user, such as `const`. The default type qualifier is "Auto", which means do the default action.

See `LibBlockInputSignalStorageTypeQualifier` in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/blkiolib.tlc`.

## **LibBlockOutputSignalIsGlobal(portIdx)**

Returns 1 if the specified block output port signal is declared in the global scope, otherwise returns 0.

If `LibBlockOutputSignalIsGlobal` returns 1, then the variable holding this signal is accessible from anywhere in generated code. For example, `LibBlockOutputSignalIsGlobal` returns 1 for signals that are test points, external, or invariant.

See `LibBlockOutputSignalIsGlobal` in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/blkio.lib.tlc`.

## **LibBlockOutputSignalIsInBlockIO(portIdx)**

Returns 1 if the specified block output port exists in the global block I/O data structure. You might need to use this if you specify `ssSetOutputPortReusable(S, portIdx, TRUE)` in your S-function.

See `matlabroot/toolbox/simulink/blocks/tlc_c/sfun_multiport.tlc`.

See `LibBlockOutputSignalIsInBlockIO` in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/blkio.lib.tlc`.

## **LibBlockOutputSignalIsValidLValue(portIdx)**

Returns 1 if the specified block output port signal can be used as a valid left-side argument (`lvalue`) in an assignment expression, otherwise returns 0. For example, `LibBlockOutputSignalIsValidLValue` returns 1 if the block output port signal is in read/write memory.

See `LibBlockOutputSignalIsValidLValue` in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/blkio.lib.tlc`.

## LibBlockOutputSignalStorageClass(portIdx)

Returns the storage class of the block's specified output signal. The storage class can be "Auto", "ExportedSignal", "ImportedExtern", or "ImportedExternPointer".

See LibBlockOutputSignalStorageClass in *matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/blklib.tlc*.

## LibBlockOutputSignalStorageTypeQualifier(portIdx)

Returns the storage type qualifier of the block's specified output signal. The type qualifier can be anything entered by the user, such as `const`. The default type qualifier is `Auto`, which means do the default action.

See LibBlockOutputSignalStorageType in *matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/blklib.tlc*.

## LibBlockSrcSignalBlock(portIdx, idx)

Returns a reference to the block that is the source of the specified block input port element. The return argument is one of the following:

[systemIdx, blockIdx]	If the block output or state is unique
"ExternalInput"	If external input (root inport)
"Ground"	If unconnected or connected to ground
"FcnCall"	If function-call output
0	If not unique (i.e., source for a Merge block or a signal reused because of block I/O optimization)

## Example

The following code fragment finds the block that drives the second input on the first port of the current block, then assigns the input signal of this source block to the variable `y`:

```
%assign srcBlock = LibBlockSrcSignalBlock(0, 1)
%% Make sure that the source is a block
%if TYPE(srcBlock) == "Vector"
    %assign sys = srcBlock[0]
    %assign blk = srcBlock[1]
    %assign block = CompiledModel.System[sys].Block[blk]
    %with block
        %assign u = LibBlockInputSignal(0, "", "", 0)
        y = %<u>;
    %endwith
%endif
```

See `LibBlockSrcSignalBlock` in  
*matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/blkio.lib.tlc*.

## **LibBlockSrcSignalIsDiscrete(portIdx, idx)**

Returns 1 if the source signal corresponding to the specified block input port element is discrete, otherwise returns 0.

Note that `LibBlockSrcSignalIsDiscrete` also returns 0 if the driving block cannot be uniquely determined to be a merged or reused signal (i.e., the source is a Merge block or the signal has been reused because of optimization).

See `LibBlockSrcSignalIsDiscrete` in  
*matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/blkio.lib.tlc*.

## **LibBlockSrcSignalIsGlobalAndModifiable (portIdx, idx)**

`LibBlockSrcSignalIsGlobalAndModifiable` returns 1 if the source signal corresponding to the specified block input port element satisfies the following three conditions:

- It is readable everywhere in the generated code.
- It can be referenced by its address.
- Its value can change (i.e., it is not declared as a `const`).

Otherwise, `LibBlockSrcSignalIsGlobalAndModifiable` returns 0.

See `LibBlockSrcSignalIsGlobalAndModifiable` in  
*matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/blkio.lib.tlc*.

## **LibBlockSrcSignalIsInvariant(portIdx, idx)**

Returns 1 if the source signal corresponding to the specified block input port element is invariant (i.e., the signal does not change).

For example, a source block with a constant TID (or equivalently, an infinite sample time) would output an invariant signal.

See `LibBlockSrcSignalIsInvariant` in  
*matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/blkio.lib.tlc*.

## **LibCreateHomogMathFcnRec(FcnName, FcnTypeIdx)**

See `LibCreateHomogMathFcnRec` in  
*matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/mathlib.tlc*.

**LibGetMathConstant(ConstName, ioTypeId)**

Returns a valid math constant expression with the proper data type.

LibGetMathConstant can only be called after `funclib.tlc` is included.

See LibGetMathConstant in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/mathlib.tlc`.

**LibMathFcnExists(RTWFcnName, RTWFcnTypeId)**

Returns whether or not an implementation function exists for a given generic operation (function), given the specified function prototype.

See LibMathFcnExists in `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/mathlib.tlc`.

**LibSetMathFcnRecArgExpr(FcnRec, idx, argStr)**

See LibSetMathFcnRecArgExpr in  
`matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc/lib/mathlib.tlc`.





# TLC Error Handling

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Alphabetical list of error messages

TLC Function Library Error Messages (p. A-32)

Messages are sufficiently self-descriptive so that they do not need additional explanation

## Generating Errors from TLC Files

To generate errors from TLC files, you can use the `%exit` directive, but The MathWorks recommends using one of the library functions described below that calls `%exit` for you. The two types of errors are

Usage errors	These can be caused by incorrect models.
Internal coding errors	These <i>cannot</i> be caused by incorrect models.

### Usage Errors

Usage errors are errors resulting from incorrect models or attributes defined on a model. For example, suppose you have an S-Function block and an inline TLC file for a specific D/A device. If a model can contain only one copy of this S-function, then an error needs to be generated for a model that contains two copies of this S-Function block.

### Using Library Functions

To generate usage errors related to a specific block, use the library function

```
LibBlockReportError(block, "error string")
```

The `block` argument is the block record if it isn't scoped. If the block is currently scoped, then you can specify `block` as `[]`.

To generate general usage errors that are not related to a specific block, use

```
LibReportError("error string")
```

These library functions prefix the string `Real-Time Workshop Error` to the message you provide when reporting the error.

For a usage example of these functions, refer to `gensfun.tlc` for block errors and `commonsetup.tlc` for common errors. There are other files that use these functions in the TLC source directories within `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc`.

## Fatal (Internal) TLC Coding Errors

Suppose you have an S-function that has a local function that can accept only numerical numbers. You might want to add an *assert* requiring that the inputs be only numerical numbers. These asserts indicate fatal coding errors in that the user has no way of building a model or specifying attributes that can cause the error to occur.

### Using Library Functions

The two available library functions are

```
LibBlockReportFatalError(block,"fatal coding error message")
```

where *block* is the offending block record (or [] if the block is already scoped), and

```
LibReportFatalError("fatal coding error message")
```

for error messages that are not block specific. For example, to add assert code you could use

```
%if TYPE(argument) != "Number"
  %<LibBlockReportFatalError(block,"unexpected argument type")
%endif
```

These library functions prefix the string Real-Time Workshop Fatal to the message you provide and display the call stack when reporting the error.

For a usage example of these functions, refer to `gensfun.tlc` for block errors and `commonsetup.tlc` for common errors. There are other files that use these functions in the directory `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc`.

### Using %exit

You can call `%exit` to generate fatal error messages. However, The MathWorks suggests that you use one of the previously discussed library functions. If you do use `%exit`, take care when generating an error string containing newlines. See “Formatting Error Messages” on page A-4.

When generating fatal error messages directly with `%exit`, it is good practice to give a stack trace with the error message. This lets you see the call chain

of functions that caused the error. To generate a stack trace, generate the message using the format

```
%setcommandswitch "-v1"  
%exit RTW Fatal: error string
```

## Formatting Error Messages

You should be careful when formatting error message strings. For example, suppose you create a local variable (called `message`) that contains text that has newlines.

```
%openfile message  
My message text  
with newlines  
%closefile message
```

If you then want to create another variable and prefix this message with the text "RTW Error:", you need to use

```
%openfile errorMessage  
RTW Error: %<message>  
%closefile errorMessage
```

or

```
%assign errorMessage = "RTW Error:" + message
```

The statement

```
%assign errorMessage = "RTW Error: %<message>"
```

will cause a syntax error during TLC execution and your message will not be displayed. This should be avoided. Use the function `LibBlockReportError` to help prevent this type of run-time syntax error. The syntax error occurs because TLC evaluates the message, which causes newlines to appear in the assignment statement that appear as unterminated text strings (i.e., the trailing quote is missing).

After formatting your error message, use `LibBlockReportError`, a similar function, or `%exit` to report your error when it occurs.

## **Testing Error Messages**

It is strongly suggested that you test your error messages before releasing your new TLC code. To test your error messages, copy the relevant code into a `test.tlc` file and run

```
tlc test.tlc
```

at the MATLAB prompt.

## TLC Error Messages

This section lists and describes error messages generated by the Target Language Compiler. Use this reference to

- Confirm that an error has been reported
- Determine possible causes for an error
- Determine possible ways to correct an error

### Alphabetical List of Error Messages

#### **%closefile or %selectfile or %flushfile argument must be a valid open file**

In %closefile or %selectfile or %flushfile, the argument must be a valid file variable opened with %openfile.

#### **%define no longer supported, use %function instead**

Macros are no longer supported. You must rewrite all macros as functions or inline them in your code.

#### **%error directive: text**

Code containing the %error directive generates this message. It normally indicates some condition that the code was unable to handle and displays the text following the %error directive.

#### **%exit directive: text**

Code containing the %exit directive causes this message. It typically indicates some condition that the code was unable to handle and displays the text following the %exit directive. Note that this directive causes the Target Language Compiler to terminate regardless of the -mnumber command-line option.

#### **%filescope has already been used in this file**

The user attempted to use the %filescope directive more than once in a file.

**%trace directive: text**

The %trace directive produces this error message and displays the text following the %trace directive. Trace directives are reported only when the -v option (verbose mode) appears on the command line. Note that %trace directives are not considered errors and do not cause the Target Language Compiler to stop processing.

**%warning directive: text**

The %warning directive produces this error message and displays the text following the %warning directive. Note that %warning directives are not considered errors and do not cause the Target Language Compiler to stop processing.

**A %implements directive must appear within a block template file and must match the %language and type specified**

A block template file was found, but it did not contain an %implements directive. An %implements directive is required to ensure that the correct language and type are implemented by this block template file. See “Object-Oriented Facility for Generating Target Code” on page 5-35 for more information.

**A %switch statement can only have one %default**

The user has written a %switch statement with multiple %default cases, as in the following example:

```
%switch expr
  %case 1
    code...
    %break
  %default

more code...
  %break
  %default %% error
  even more code...
  %break
%endswitch
```

**A language choice must be made using the %language directive prior to using GENERATE or GENERATE\_TYPE**

To use the GENERATE or GENERATE\_TYPE built-in functions, the Target Language Compiler requires that you first specify the language being generated. It does this to ensure that the block-level target file implements the same language and type as specified in the %language directive.

**A non-homogeneous vector was passed to GENERATE\_FORMATTED\_VALUE**

The built-in GENERATE\_FORMATTED\_VALUE can process only vectors that have homogeneous elements (that is, vectors in which all the elements have the same type).

**Ambiguous reference to *identifier* — must use array index to refer to one of multiple scopes**

In a repeated scope identifier from a database file, you must specify an index to disambiguate the reference. For example

```
Database file:
block
{
  Name      "Abc2"
  Parameter {
    Name    "foo"
    Value   2
  }
}
block
{
  Name      "Abc3"
  Parameter {
    Name    "foo"
    Value   3
  }
}
TLC file:
%<GETFIELD(block, "Name")>
```



In the preceding example, the reference to `block` is ambiguous because multiple repeated scopes named `block` appear in the database file. Use an index to disambiguate the references, as in:

```
%<GETFIELD(block[0], "Name")>
```

### **An %if statement can only have one %else**

The user has written an %if statement with multiple %else blocks, as in the following example:

```
%if expr
  code...
%else
  more code...
%else      %% error
  even mode code...
%endif
```

### **Argument to *identifier* must be a string**

The following built-in functions expect a string and report this error if the argument passed is not a string.

CAST	GENERATE_FILENAME
EXISTS	GENERATE_FUNCTION_EXISTS
FEVAL	GENERATE_TYPE
FILE_EXISTS	GET_COMMAND_SWITCH
FORMAT	IDNUM
GENERATE	SYSNAME

**Arguments to *directive* must be records**

Arguments to %mergerecord and %copyrecord must be records. Also, the first argument to the following built-in functions must be a record:

- ISALIAS
- REMOVEFIELD
- FIELDNAMES
- ISFIELD
- GETFIELD
- SETFIELD

**Arguments to TLC from the MATLAB command line must be strings**

An attempt was made to invoke the Target Language Compiler from MATLAB, but some of the arguments that were passed were not strings.

**Assertion failed**

An expression in an %assert statement evaluated to false.

**Assignment to scope *identifier* is only allowed when using the + operator to add members**

Scope assignment must be scope = scope + variable.

**Attempt to define a function *identifier* on top of an existing variable or function**

A function cannot be defined twice. Make sure that you don't have the same function defined in separate TLC files.

**Attempt to divide by zero**

The Target Language Compiler does not allow division by zero.

**Bad cast - unable to cast this expression to type**

The Target Language Compiler cannot cast this expression from its current type to the specified type. For example, the Target Language Compiler cannot cast a string to a number, as in

```
%assign x = "1234"  
%assign y = CAST("Number", x );
```

**Bad directory (*dirname*) in O: *filename***

The -O option did not specify a valid directory.

***builtin* was expecting expression of type *type*, got one of *type type***

A built-in was passed an expression of incorrect type.

**Cannot %undef any builtin functions or variables**

User is not allowed to undefine any TLC built-ins or variables. For example

```
%undef FORMAT %% error
```

**Cannot convert string *your\_string* to a number**

Cannot convert the string to a number.

**Changing value of *identifier* from the RTW file**

You have overwritten the value that appeared in the .rtw file.

**Error opening *filename***

The Target Language Compiler could not open the file specified on the command line.

**Error writing to file *error***

There was an error while writing to the current output stream; error contains the system specific error message.

### **Errors occurred – aborting**

This error message is always the last error to be reported. It occurs when either

- The number of error messages exceeds the error message threshold (5 by default).
- Processing completes and errors have occurred.

### **Expansion directives %<> cannot be nested**

It is illegal to nest expansion directives. For example,

```
%<foo(%<expr>)>
```

Instead, do the following:

```
%assign tmp = %<expr>  
%<foo(tmp)>
```

### **Expansion directives %<> cannot span multiple lines; use \ at end of line**

An expansion directive cannot span multiple lines. To work around this restriction, use the \ line continuation character. For example,

```
%<CompiledModel.System[SysIdx].Block[BlkIdx].Name +  
"Hello">
```

is illegal, whereas

```
%<CompiledModel.System[SysIdx].Block[BlkIdx].Name + \  
"Hello">
```

is correct.

### **Extra arguments to the *function-name* built-in function were ignored (Warning)**

The following built-in functions report this warning when too many arguments are passed to them:

CAST	NUMTLCFILES
EXISTS	OUTPUT_LINES
FILE_EXISTS	SIZE
FORMAT	STRING
GENERATE_FILENAME	STRINGOF
GENERATE_FUNCTION_EXISTS	SYSNAME
IDNUM	TLCFILES
ISFINITE	TYPE
ISINF	WHITE_SPACE
ISNAN	WILL_ROLL

### **File name too long (directory =*dirname*, name =*filename*)**

The specified *filename* was too long. The default limits are 256 characters for *filename* and 1024 characters for *dirname*, but the limits can be larger, depending on the platform.

### ***format* is not a legal format value**

The specified format was not legal for the %realformat directive. Valid format strings are "EXPONENTIAL" and "CONCISE".

### **Function argument mismatch; function *function\_name* expects *number* arguments**

When calling a function, too many or too few arguments were passed to it.

**Function reached the end and did not return a value**

Functions that are not declared as void or Output must return a value. If a return value is not desired, declare the function as void, otherwise ensure that it always returns a value.

**Function values are not allowed**

Attempt to use a TLC function as a variable.

**Identifier *identifier* multiply defined. Second and succeeding definitions ignored.**

The user is attempting to add the same field to a record more than once, as in the following code.

```
%createrecord err { foo 1; rec { val 2 } }  
%addtorecord err foo 2                %% error
```

**Identifier *identifier* used on a %foreach statement was already in scope (Warning)**

The argument to a %foreach statement cannot be defined prior to entering the %foreach.

**Illegal use of eval (i.e., %<...>)**

It is illegal to use evals in .rtw files. There are also some places where evals are not allowed in directives. For example:

```
%function %<foo>(a, b, c) void %% error  
%endfunction
```

**Indices may not be negative**

An index used in a [ ] expression must be a nonnegative integer.

**Indices must be constant integral numbers**

An index used in a [ ] expression must be an integer number.

**Invalid handle**

An invalid handle was passed to the Target Language Compiler server mode.

**Invalid identifier range, the leading strings *string1* and *string2* must match**

In a range of signals, for example, `u1:u10`, the identifier in the first argument did not match the identifier in the second.

**Invalid identifier range, the lower bound (*bound*) must be less than the upper bound (*bound*)**

In a range of signals, for example, `u1:u10`, the lower bound was higher than the upper bound.

**Invalid type for unary operator**

Unary operators `&` and `+` require numeric types. Unary operator `&` requires an integral type. Unary operator `!` requires a numeric type.

**Invalid type type**

An invalid type was passed to a built-in function.

**It is illegal to return a function from a function**

A function value cannot be returned from a function call.

**Named value *identifier* already exists within this scope-*identifier*; use %assign to change the value**

You cannot use the block addition operator `+` to add a value that is already a member of the indicated block. Use `%assign` to change the value of an existing value. This example produces this error:

```
%assign x = BLK { a 1; b 2 }
%assign a = 3
%assign x = x + a
```

Use this instead:

```
%assign x.a = 3
```

### **No %case statement(s) seen yet, statement ignored**

Statements that appear inside a %switch statement but precede any %case statements are ignored, as in the following code:

```
%switch expr
%assign x = 2 %% this statement will be ignored
  %case 1
    code
  %break
%endswitch
```

### **Only double and character arrays can be converted from MATLAB to TLC. This can occur if the MATLAB function does not return a value (see %matlab)**

Only double and character arrays can be converted from MATLAB to the Target Language Compiler. This error can occur if the MATLAB function does not return a value (see %matlab). For example,

```
%assign a = FEVAL("int8",3)
%matlab disp(a)
```

### **Only one output is allowed from the TLC**

An attempt was made to receive multiple outputs from the MATLAB version of the Target Language Compiler.

### **Only strings of length 1 can be assigned using the [ ] notation**

The right-hand side of a string assignment using the [ ] operator must be a string of length 1. You can replace only a single character using this notation.



**Only strings or cells of strings may be used as the argument to Query and ExecString**

A cell containing nonstring data was passed as the third argument to Query or ExecString in server mode.

**Only vectors of the same length as the existing vector value can be assigned using the [ ] notation**

In the [ ] notation to replace a row of a matrix, the row must be a vector of the same length as the existing rows.

**Output file *identifier* opened with %openfile was not closed**

Output files opened with %openfile must be closed with %closefile. The *identifier* is the name of the variable specified in the %openfile directive.

---

**Note** This might also occur if there is a syntax error in your code section between an openfile and closefile, or if you try to assign the output of a function of type void or Output to a variable.

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**Ranges, identifier ranges, and repeat values cannot be repeated**

You cannot repeat a range, identifier range, or repeat value. This prevents things like [1@2@3].

**String cannot modify the setting for the command line switch '-switch'**

%setcommandswitch does not recognize the specified switch, or cannot modify it (e.g., -r cannot be modified).

***string* is not a recognized user defined property of this handle**

The query performed on a TLC server mode handle is looking for an undefined property.

**Syntax error**

The indicated line contains a syntax error, See Chapter 5, “Directives and Built-In Functions” for information on the syntax.

**The %break directive can only appear within a %foreach, %for, %roll, or %switch statement**

The %break directive can be used only in a %foreach, %for, %roll, or %switch statement.

**The %case and %default directives can only be used within the %switch statement**

A %case or %default directive can appear only within a %switch statement.

**The %continue directive can only appear within a %foreach, %for, or %roll statement**

The %continue directive can be used only in a %foreach, %for, or %roll statement.

**The %foreach statement expects a constant numeric argument**

The argument of a %foreach must be a numeric type. For example:

```
%foreach Index = [ 1 2 3 4 ]  
...  
%endforeach
```

%foreach cannot accept a vector as input.

**The %if statement expects a constant numeric argument**

The argument of an %if statement must be a numeric type. For example,

```
%if [ 1 2 3 ]  
...  
%endif
```

%if cannot accept a vector as input.

**The %implements directive expects a string or string vector as the list of languages**

You can use the %implements directive to specify a string for the language being implemented, or to indicate that it implements multiple languages by using a vector of strings. You cannot specify any other argument type to the %implements directive.

**The %implements directive specifies type as the type where type was expected**

The type specified in the %implements directive must exactly match the type specified in the block or on the GENERATE\_TYPE directive. If you want to specify that the block accept multiple input types, use the %implements \* directive, as in

```
%implements * "C"    %% I accept any type and generate C code
```

**The %implements language does not match the language currently being generated (*language*)**

The language or languages specified in the %implements directive must exactly match the %language directive.

**The %return statement can only appear within the body of a function**

A %return statement can be only in the body of a function.

**The == and != operators can only be used to compare values of the same type**

The == and != operator arguments must be the same type. You can use the CAST() built-in function to change them into the same type.

**The argument for %openfile must be a valid string**

When you open an output file, the name specified for the file must be a valid string.

**The argument for %with must be a valid scope**

The argument to %with must be a valid scope identifier. For example,

```
%assign x = 1
%with x
...
%endwith
```

In this code, the %with statement argument is a number and produces this error message.

**The argument for an [ ] operation must be a repeated scope symbol, a vector, or a matrix**

When you use the [ ] operator to index, the expression on the left of the brackets must be a vector, matrix, string, numeric constant, or a repeated scope identifier. When you use array indexing on a scalar, the constant is automatically scalar expanded and the value of the scalar is returned. For example,

```
%openfile x
%assign y = x[0]
```

This example causes this error because x is a file and is not valid for indexing.

**The argument to %addincludepath must be a valid string**

The argument to %addincludepath must be a string.

**The argument to %include must be a valid string**

The argument to the input file control directive must be a valid string with the filename given in double quotation marks.

**The begin directive must be in the same file as the corresponding end directive.**

These Target Language Compiler begin directives must appear in the same file as their corresponding end directives: %function, %switch, %foreach, %roll, and %for. Place the construct entirely within one Target Language Compiler source file.

### The *begin* directive on this line has no matching *end* directive

For block-scoped directives, this error is produced if there is no matching end directive. This error can occur for the following block-scoped Target Language Compiler directives.

Begin Directive	End Directive	Description
<code>%if</code>	<code>%endif</code>	Conditional inclusion
<code>%for</code>	<code>%endfor</code>	Looping
<code>%foreach</code>	<code>%endforeach</code>	Looping
<code>%roll</code>	<code>%endroll</code>	Loop rolling
<code>%with</code>	<code>%endwith</code>	Scoping directive
<code>%switch</code>	<code>%endswitch</code>	Switch directive
<code>%function</code>	<code>%endfunction</code>	Function declaration directive
<code>{</code>	<code>}</code>	Record creation

The error is reported on the line that opens the scope and has no matching end scope.

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**Note** Nested scopes must be closed before their parent scopes. Failure to include an end for a nested scope often causes this error, as in

```
%if Block.Name == "Sin 3"
    %foreach idx = Block.Width %endif
%% Error reported here that the %foreach was not terminated
```

---

### The construct `%matlab function_name(...)` construct is illegal in standalone tlc

You cannot call MATLAB from stand-alone TLC.

**The FEVAL() function can accept only 2-dimensional arrays from MATLAB, not number dimensions**

Return values from MATLAB can have at most two dimensions.

**The FEVAL() function can accept vectors of numbers or strings only when calling MATLAB**

Vectors passed to MATLAB can be numbers or strings. See “FEVAL Function” on page 5-48.

**The FEVAL() function requires the name of a function to call**

FEVAL requires a function to call. This error appears only inside MATLAB.

**The final argument to %roll must be a valid block scope**

When you use %roll, the final argument (prior to extra user-specified arguments) must be a valid block scope. See “%roll” on page 5-32 for a complete description of this command.

**The first argument of a ? : operator must be a Boolean expression**

The ? : operator must have a Boolean expression as its first operand.

**The first argument to GENERATE or GENERATE\_TYPE must be a valid scope**

When you call GENERATE or GENERATE\_TYPE, the first argument must be a valid scope. See the “GENERATE and GENERATE\_TYPE Functions” on page 5-36 for more information and examples.

**The function *name* requires at least *number* arguments**

User is passing too few arguments to a function, as in the following code:

```
%function foo(a, b, c)
    %return a + b + c
%endfunction

%<foo(1, 2)> %% error
```

**The GENERATE function requires at least 2 arguments**

When you call the GENERATE built-in function, the first two arguments must be the block and the name of the function to call.

**The GENERATE\_TYPE function requires at least 3 arguments**

When you call the GENERATE\_TYPE built-in function, the first three arguments must be the block, the name of the function to call, and the type.

**The ISINF(), ISNAN(), ISFINITE(), REAL(), and IMAG() functions expect a real or complex valued argument**

These functions expect a Real or complex value as the input argument.

**The language being implemented cannot be changed within a block template file**

You cannot change the language using the %language directive within a block template file.

**The language being implemented has changed from *old-language* to *new-language* (Warning)**

The language being implemented should not be changed in midstream because GENERATE function calls that appear prior to the %language directive can cause generate functions to load for the prior language. Only one language directive should appear in a given file.

**The left-hand side of a . operator must be a valid scope identifier**

When you use the . operator, the left-hand side of the . operator must be a valid in-scope identifier. For example:

```
%assign x = 1
%assign y = x.y
```

In this code, the reference to `x.y` produces this error message because `x` is not defined as a scope.

### **The left-hand side of an assignment must be a simple expression comprised of `.`, `[ ]`, and identifiers**

Illegal left-hand side of assignment.

### **The number of columns specified (*specified-columns*) did not match the actual number of columns in all of the rows (*actual-columns*)**

When you specify a Target Language Compiler matrix, the number of columns specified must match the actual number of columns in the matrix. For example,

```
%assign mat = Matrix(2,1) [[1,2];[2,3]]
```

In this case, the number of columns in the declaration of the matrix (1) did not match the number of columns seen in the matrix (2). Either change the number of columns in the matrix, or change the matrix declaration.

### **The number of rows specified (*specified-rows*) did not match the actual number of rows seen in the matrix (*actual-rows*)**

When you specify a Target Language Compiler matrix, the number of rows must match the actual number of rows in the matrix. For example,

```
%assign mat = Matrix(1,2) [[1,2];[2,3]]
```

In this case, the number of rows in the declaration of the matrix (1) did not match the number of rows seen in the matrix (2). Either change the number of rows in the matrix or change the matrix declaration.

### **The *operator\_name* operator only works on Boolean arguments**

The `&&` and `||` operators work only on Boolean values.

### **The *operator\_name* operator only works on integral arguments**

The `&`, `^`, `|`, `<<`, `>>` and `%` operators work on numbers only.



**The `operator_name` operator only works on numeric arguments**

The arguments to the following operators both must be either numeric or real: `<`, `<=`, `>`, `>=`, `-`, `*`, `/`. This error can also occur when you use `+` as a unary operator. In addition, the `FORMAT` built-in function expects either a numeric or real argument.

**The return value from the `RollHeader` function must be a string**

When you use `%roll`, the `RollHeader()` function specified in `Roller.tlc` must return a string value. See “`%roll`” on page 5-32 for a complete discussion of the `%roll` construct.

**The roll argument to `%roll` must be a nonempty vector of numbers or ranges**

When you use `%roll`, the `roll` vector cannot be empty and must contain numbers or ranges of numbers. See “`%roll`” on page 5-32 for a complete discussion of the `%roll` construct.

**The second value in a Range must be greater than the first value**

In a range, for example, `1:10`, the lower bound was higher than the upper bound.

**The specified index (*index*) was out of the range `0 - number-of-elements - 1`**

This error occurs when you index into any nonscalar beyond the end of the variable. For example:

```
%assign x = [1 2 3]
%assign y = x[3]
```

This example would cause this error. Remember, in the Target Language Compiler, array indices start at 0 and go to the number of elements minus 1.

**The STRINGOF built-in function expects a vector of numbers as its argument**

The STRINGOF function expects a vector of numbers. The function treats each number as the ASCII value of a valid character.

**The SYSNAME built-in function expects an input string of the form xxx/yyy**

The SYSNAME function takes a single string of the form xxx/yyy as it appears in the .rtw file and returns a vector of two strings, xxx and yyy. If the input argument does not match this format, SYSNAME returns this error.

**The threshold on a %roll statement must be a single number**

When you use %roll, the roll threshold specified must be a single number. See “%roll” on page 5-32 for a complete discussion of the %roll construct.

**The use of *feature* is being deprecated and will not be supported in future versions of TLC. See the TLC manual for alternatives.**

The %define and %generate directives are not recommended, as they are being replaced.

**The WILL\_ROLL built in function expects a range vector and an integer threshold**

The WILL\_ROLL function requires both arguments cited in the message.

**There are no more free contexts. Use tlc('close', HANDLE) to free up a context**

The global context table has filled up while the TLC server mode is in use.

## **There was no type associated with the given block for GENERATE**

The scope specified to GENERATE must include a Type parameter that indicates which template file should be used to generate code for the specified scope. For example:

```
%assign scope = block { Name "foo" }
%<GENERATE( scope, "Output" )>
```

This example produces the error message because the scope does not include the parameter Type. See the “GENERATE and GENERATE\_TYPE Functions” on page 5-36 for more information and examples.

## **This assignment would overwrite an identifier-value pair from the RTW file. To avoid this error either qualify the left-hand side, or choose another identifier.**

The user is trying to modify a field of a record in a %with block without qualifying the left-hand side, as in this example:

```
%createrecord foo { field 1 }
%with foo
    %assign field = 2 %% error
%endwith
```

The correct method is

```
%createrecord foo { field 1 }
%with foo
    %assign foo.field = 2
%endwith
```

## **TLC has leaked *number* symbols. You may have created a cyclic record. If this not the case then please report this leak to The MathWorks.**

There has been a memory leak while running TLC. The most common cause of this is having cyclic records.

**Unable to find *identifier* within the *scope-identifier* scope**

The given identifier was not found in the scope specified. For example,

```
%assign scope = ascope { x 5 }  
%assign y = scope.y
```

In this code, the reference to `scope.y` produces this error message.

**Unable to open %include file *filename***

The file included in an `%include` directive was not found on the path. Either move the file to a location on the current path, or use the `-I` command-line option or the `%addincludepath` directive to specify the directory that contains the file.

**Unable to open block template file *filename* from GENERATE or GENERATE\_TYPE**

You specified `GENERATE` but the given filename was not found on the Target Language Compiler path. You can

- Add the file to a directory on the path.
- Use the `%generatefile` directive to specify an alternative filename for this block type that is on the path.
- Add the directory in which this file appears to the search path using the `-I` command-line option or the `%addincludepath` directive.

**Unable to open output file *filename***

The specified output file could not be opened. Either an invalid filename was specified or the file was read only.

**Undefined identifier *identifier\_name***

The identifier specified in this expression was undefined.

**Unknown type *type* in CAST expression**

When you call the `CAST` built-in function, the type must be a valid Target Language Compiler type listed in the table .

**Unrecognized command line switch passed to string: *switch***

You queried the current state of a switch, but the switch specified was not recognized.

**Unrecognized directive *directive-name* seen**

An illegal % directive was encountered. The valid directives are shown below.

%addincludepath	%addtorecord
%assert	%assign
%break=	%case
%closefile	%continue
%copyrecord	%createrecord
%default	%define
%else	%elseif
%endbody	%endfor
%endforeach	%endfunction
%endif	%endroll
%endswitch	%endwith
%error	%exit
%filescope	%for
%foreach	%function
%generate	%generatefile
%if	%implements
%include	%language
%matlab	%mergerecord
%openfile	%realformat
%return	%roll
%selectfile	%setcommandswitch
%switch	%trace

`%undef``%warning``%with`

### **Unrecognized type *output-type* for function**

The function type modifier was not `Output` or `void`. For functions that do not produce output, the default without a type modifier indicates that the function should produce no output.

### **Unterminated multiline comment.**

A multiline comment (i.e., `/% %/`) has no terminator, as in the following code:

```
/% my comment

%assign x = 2
%assign y = x * 7
```

### **Unterminated string**

A string must be closed prior to the end of an expansion directive or the end of a line.

### **Usage: `tlc [options] file`**

A command-line problem has occurred. The error message contains a list of all of the available options.

### **Use of *feature* incurs a performance hit, please see TLC manual for possible workarounds.**

The `%undef` and expansion (i.e., `%<expr>`) features can degrade performance.

### **Value of *type type* cannot be compared**

Values of the specified *type* cannot be compared.

**Values of *specified\_type* type cannot be expanded**

The specified type cannot be used on an expansion directive. Files and scopes cannot be expanded. This error can also occur when you expand a function without any arguments. If you use

```
%<Function>
```

call it with the appropriate arguments.

**Values of type *Special, Macro Expansion, Function, File, Full Identifier, and Index* cannot be converted to MATLAB variables**

Values of the types listed in the message cannot be converted to MATLAB variables.

**When appending to a buffer stream, the variable must be a string**

You can specify the append option for a buffer stream only if the variable currently exists as a string. Do not use the append option if the variable does not exist or is not a string. This example produces this error.

```
%assign x = 1  
%openfile x , "a"  
%closefile x
```

## **TLC Function Library Error Messages**

The functions in the TLC function library can generate many error messages that are not documented. These messages are sufficiently self-descriptive so that they do not need additional explanation. However, if you encounter an error message that does not provide enough description to resolve your problem, contact our technical support staff.



# Using TLC with Emacs

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## The Emacs Editor

If you edit MATLAB or TLC files, you may want to use the Emacs text file editor. You can get a copy of Emacs from <http://www.gnu.org>.

MATLAB ships with files that describe using EmacsLink to connect MATLAB with Emacs, and implement Emacs editing modes for MATLAB and TLC files. These modes provide automatic indenting and color-coded syntax highlighting. The files that MATLAB provides are available in:

```
matlab/java/extern/EmacsLink/
```

The EmacsLink directory includes these and other resources:

```
install.html — Instructions for using EmacsLink  
lisp/matlab.el — Implements MATLAB editing mode  
lisp/tlc.el — Implements TLC editing mode
```

The `mlint` package, which comes with EmacsLink, checks for common M-file coding errors. The `mlint` package requires the `cedet` package, which is not included in the EmacsLink distribution. The `cedet` package is available at <http://cedet.sourceforge.net>.

## Creating a TAGS File

You can create an Emacs TAGS file for TLC files under UNIX or Windows.

### Creating a UNIX Tags File

Under UNIX, type:

```
etags --regex='/[ \t]*\%function[ \t]+.+' --language=none *.t1c
```

in the UNIX directory where your .t1c files are located. The etags command is located in the emacs\_root/bin directory.

### Creating a Windows Tags File

Under Windows, type:

```
etags "--regex=/[ \t]*\%function[ \t]+." --language=none *.t1c
```

in a DOS command window.



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