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Summary by Version

This table provides quick access to what's new in each version. For clarification, see "Using Release Notes" on page 2.

Version (Release)	New Features and Changes	Version Compatibility Considerations	Fixed Bugs and Known Problems
Latest Version	Yes	Yes	Bug Reports
V3.4 (R2011b)	Details	Summary	Includes fixes
V3.3 (R2011a)	Yes Details	No	Bug Reports Includes fixes
V3.2 (R2010b)	Yes	Yes	Bug Reports
	Details	Summary	Includes fixes
V3.1 (R2010a)	Yes	Yes	Bug Reports
	Details	Summary	Includes fixes
V3.0 (R2009b)	Yes	Yes	Bug Reports
	Details	Summary	Includes fixes
V2.4 (R2009a)	Yes	Yes	Bug Reports
	Details	Summary	Includes fixes
V2.3 (R2008b)	Yes Details	No	Bug Reports Includes fixes
V2.2.1 (R2008a+)	No	No	Bug Reports Includes fixes
V2.2 (R2008a)	Yes Details	No	Bug Reports Includes fixes
V2.1.1 (R2007b+)	No	No	Bug Reports Includes fixes
V2.1 (R2007b)	Yes	Yes	Bug Reports
	Details	Summary	Includes fixes

Version (Release)	New Features and Changes	Version Compatibility Considerations	Fixed Bugs and Known Problems
V2.0 (R2007a)	Yes Details	Yes Summary	Bug Reports Includes fixes
V1.5 (R2006b)	Yes Details	No	Bug Reports Includes fixes
V1.4 (R2006a)	Yes Details	Yes Summary	Bug Reports Includes fixes
V1.3 (R14SP3)	Yes Details	Yes Summary	Bug Reports Includes fixes
V1.2 (R14SP2)	Yes Details	No	Bug Reports
V1.1 (R14SP1)	No	No	Yes Details
V1.0 (R14)	Yes Details	Not applicable	No bug fixes

Using Release Notes

Use release notes when upgrading to a newer version to learn about:

- New features
- Changes
- Potential impact on your existing files and practices

Review the release notes for other MathWorks® products required for this product (for example, MATLAB® or Simulink®). Determine if enhancements, bugs, or compatibility considerations in other products impact you.

If you are upgrading from a software version other than the most recent one, review the current release notes and all interim versions. For example, when you upgrade from V1.0 to V1.2, review the release notes for V1.1 and V1.2.

What Is in the Release Notes

New Features and Changes

- New functionality
- Changes to existing functionality

Version Compatibility Considerations

When a new feature or change introduces a reported incompatibility between versions, the **Compatibility Considerations** subsection explains the impact.

Compatibility issues reported after the product release appear under Bug Reports at the MathWorks Web site. Bug fixes can sometimes result in incompatibilities, so review the fixed bugs in Bug Reports for any compatibility impact.

Fixed Bugs and Known Problems

MathWorks offers a user-searchable Bug Reports database so you can view Bug Reports. The development team updates this database at release time and as more information becomes available. Bug Reports include provisions for any known workarounds or file replacements. Information is available for bugs existing in or fixed in Release 14SP2 or later. Information is not available for all bugs in earlier releases.

Access Bug Reports using your MathWorks Account.

Documentation on the MathWorks Web Site

Related documentation is available on mathworks.com for the latest release and for previous releases:

- Latest product documentation
- Archived documentation

Version 3.4 (R2011b) Fixed-Point Toolbox Software

This table summarizes what's new in Version 3.4 (R2011b):

New Features and Changes	Version Compatibility Considerations	Fixed Bugs and Known Problems
Yes	Yes	Bug Reports
Details below	Summary	Includes fixes

New features and changes introduced in this version are:

- "Support for fi in MATLAB Compiler" on page 4
- "New Instrumentation Functions" on page 4
- "New Quantizer Object" on page 5
- "Fixed-Point Input Support Added to MATLAB Functions" on page 5
- "New CORDIC-Based Fixed-Point Functions" on page 5
- "min and max Allow Different Fixed-Point Input Attributes" on page 6
- "fimath mpy Allows Double, Single, and Integer Inputs" on page 6
- "New Accumulator Functions" on page 6
- "New Aggregation Function" on page 6
- "New demos" on page 6
- "Conversion of Error and Warning Message Identifiers" on page 7
- "Functions Being Removed" on page 8

Support for fi in MATLAB Compiler

You can now compile code containing fixed-point fi objects using MATLAB® Compiler $^{\text{TM}}$ software.

New Instrumentation Functions

Three new instrumentation functions, plus a demo, that log minimum and maximum values have been added to the toolbox. Using these functions, you can view the minimum and maximum fixed-point values in MATLAB code

simulations. You can use these values to determine the word and fraction lengths for your fixed-point values. The new functions are:

- buildInstrumentedMex Generate a MEX function with logging instrumentation enabled
- showInstrumentationResults Show the results of an instrumented MEX function
- clearInstrumentationResults Clear the results of an instrumented MEX function

New Quantizer Object

A new fixed.Quantizer object that converts one fi to another fi has been added to the toolbox. It reduces or increases a quantity's word length and fraction length.

Fixed-Point Input Support Added to MATLAB Functions

The following MATLAB functions now support fixed-point fi inputs:

- atan2 Arctangent
- cos Cosine
- mod Modulus after division
- qr Orthogonal-triangular decomposition
- sin Sine

These functions are accurate to within the top 16 most significant bits of the input(s).

New CORDIC-Based Fixed-Point Functions

Four new CORDIC-based, fixed-point functions have been added to the toolbox:

- cordicabs Complex absolute value
- cordicangle Complex angle

- cordicatan2 Arctangent
- cordiccart2pol Cartesian to polar conversion

min and max Allow Different Fixed-Point Input Attributes

The input arguments to min and max, which you use with fi objects, can be fixed-point objects, integers, floating-point, or any combination of these data types. The inputs can also have different signedness, word lengths, and fraction lengths.

fimath mpy Allows Double, Single, and Integer Inputs

The elementwise multiplication function, mpy, which operates on fimath, allows inputs to be doubles, singles, or integers. In earlier releases only fi inputs were allowed.

New Accumulator Functions

Two new accumulator functions, fixed.accumpos and fixed.accumneg, have been added to the toolbox. These functions accumulate without causing the word length to increase. The fixed.accumpos function implements += behavior for fixed-point values. The fixed.accumneg function implements -= behavior for fixed-point values.

New Aggregation Function

The new fixed.aggregateType function returns the aggregate numerictype of two fixed-point inputs. The *aggregate* is the smallest binary point scaled numerictype that can represent both the full range and full precision of the inputs' numerictypes. The inputs must be integers, binary point scaled fixed-point fi objects or numerictype objects.

New demos

Two new demos have been added:

 Instrumentation of a Fixed-Point Filter demonstrates using the new instrumentation logging functions. • Fixed-Point Arithmetic demonstrates basic fixed-point arithmetic operations.

Conversion of Error and Warning Message Identifiers

For R2011b, error and warning message identifiers have changed in Fixed-Point ToolboxTM software.

Compatibility Considerations

If you have scripts or functions that use message identifiers that changed, you must update the code to use the new identifiers. Typically, message identifiers are used to turn off specific warning messages. You can also use them in code that uses a try/catch statement and performs an action based on a specific error identifier.

For example, the fi:constructor:invalidInput identifier has changed to fixed:fi:invalidConstructorInput. If your code checks for fi:constructor:invalidInput, you must update it to check for fixed:fi:invalidConstructorInput instead.

To determine the identifier for a warning, run the following command just after you see the warning:

```
[MSG,MSGID] = lastwarn;
```

This command saves the message identifier to the variable MSGID.

To determine the identifier for an error, run the following command just after you see the error:

```
exception = MException.last;
MSGID = exception.identifier;
```

Note Warning messages indicate a potential issue with your code. While you can turn off a warning, a suggested alternative is to change your code so it does not generate warnings.

Functions Being Removed

Function Name	What Happens When You Use the Function?	Use This Instead	Compatibility Considerations
globalfimath	Still runs	fixed.Quantizer fixed.accumpos fixed.accumneg	Using globalfimath affects code portability. Use the default globalfimath values, or if you are using non-default values for globalfimath, use • fixed.Quantizer • fixed.accumpos • fixed.accumpos to implement the desired behavior. See the Fixed-Point Arithmetic demo for an example.

Version 3.3 (R2011a) Fixed-Point Toolbox Software

This table summarizes what's new in Version 3.3 (R2011a):

New Features and Changes	Version Compatibility Considerations	Fixed Bugs and Known Problems
Yes Details below	No	Bug Reports Includes fixes

New features and changes introduced in this version are:

- "New CORDIC Functions" on page 9
- "CORDIC Functions Allow Unsigned Theta" on page 9
- "CORDIC Number of Iterations Argument Now Optional" on page 10
- "New fiaccel Function to Accelerate Fixed-Point Code" on page 10
- "New Signedness Syntax Shortcut" on page 10
- "New DataTypeOverride Property Added to numerictype Object" on page 10
- "New DataTypeOverrideAppliesTo Property Added to fipref Object" on page 11
- "Improved Display Updates for the NumericTypeScope" on page 11

New CORDIC Functions

Two new CORDIC functions, cordicpol2cart and cordicrotate, have been added to the toolbox. cordicpol2cart converts polar coordinates to Cartesian coordinates. cordicrotate rotates a complex input. Each of these functions uses efficient CORDIC-based approximations to perform the conversion and rotation, respectively.

CORDIC Functions Allow Unsigned Theta

All CORDIC functions now allow the data type of theta to be either signed or unsigned. This change expands the usability of these functions.

CORDIC Number of Iterations Argument Now Optional

The number of iterations (niters) input argument is now an optional input to all CORDIC functions. If you do not specify the number of iterations or if you specify a value that is too large for the word length, the maximum reasonable number of iterations is used automatically.

New fiaccel Function to Accelerate Fixed-Point Code

A new fiaccel function has been added to the toolbox. fiaccel generates a MEX function and accelerates fixed-point code. These associated functions have also been added: coder.ArrayType, coder.Constant, coder.EnumType, coder.FiType, coder.newtype, coder.PrimitiveType, coder.resize, coder.StructType, coder.Type, and coder.typeof.

New Signedness Syntax Shortcut

The following new signedness shortcuts have been added to the numerictype object syntax.

```
[] = 'Signedness', 'Auto'0 = 'Signedness', 'Unsigned'
```

• 1 = 'Signedness', 'Signed'

For example, numerictype ([],24,20) is a numerictype object with auto signedness, a word length of 24, and a fraction length of 20.

New DataTypeOverride Property Added to numerictype Object

A new DataTypeOverride property has been added to the numerictype object. The numerictype DataTypeOverride property controls how fipref data type settings are applied to fi objects. This property allows you to conveniently ignore a global fipref setting or to turn fixed-point settings on or off without having to change every fi object.

If you set the numerictype DataTypeOverride property to 'off', the fi object uses the numerictype data type settings and ignores the fipref settings.

If you set the numerictype DataTypeOverride property to Inherit, which is the default, the fi object uses the fipref DataTypeOverride setting. Valid settings are ForceOffScaledDoubles, TrueDoubles, and TrueSingles.

By default, this property is not visible until you create a numerictype object and then explicitly set the desired value. See example in the "New DataTypeOverrideAppliesTo Property Added to fipref Object" on page 11 section.

New DataTypeOverrideAppliesTo Property Added to fipref Object

When you set the fipref DataTypeOverride property to any value other than ForceOff, the new DataTypeOverrideAppliesTo displays. DataTypeOverrideAppliesTo controls the data types to which the fipref DataTypeOverride property applies. Valid values of DataTypeOverrideAppliesTo are AllNumericTypes, Fixed-point, and Floating-point.

By default, this property is not visible until you create a numerictype or fipref object and then explicitly set the desired values. For example,

```
T = numerictype
P = fipref
% Change DataTypeOverride from its default
T.DataTypeOverride = 'Off';
% Set fipref DataTypeOverride and
% DataTypeOverrideAppliesTo
P.DataTypeOverride = 'TrueDoubles';
P.DataTypeOverrideAppliesTo = 'FixedPoint;
```

Improved Display Updates for the NumericTypeScope

R2011a introduces the capability to improve the performance of the NumericTypeScope by reducing the frequency with which the display updates. You can now choose between this new enhanced performance mode and the

Version 3.2 (R2010b) Fixed-Point Toolbox Software

This table summarizes what's new in Version 3.2 (R2010b):

New Features and Changes	Version Compatibility Considerations	Fixed Bugs and Known Problems
Yes	Yes	Bug Reports
Details below	Summary	Includes fixes

New features and changes introduced in this version are:

- "Enhanced NumericTypeScope for Selecting Fixed-Point Data Types" on page 13
- "Input Angle Range Extended for CORDIC Trigonometric Functions" on page 14
- "Floating-Point Support Added for bitsll Function" on page 14
- "Enhanced Compilation Report for emlc and emlmex" on page 14
- "Changes to the DataTypeMode Property of the numerictype Object" on page 14
- "New fi and numerictype Object Functions" on page 15
- "New and Updated Demos" on page 15
- "fi Objects with Boolean Data Type No Longer Obey Data Type Override" on page 16
- "Functions Being Removed" on page 16

Enhanced NumericTypeScope for Selecting Fixed-Point Data Types

The Fixed-Point Toolbox NumericTypeScope has been enhanced for R2010b. The scope now recommends data types based on the criteria you specify in the tool. The scope also allows you to switch into an interactive mode where you can adjust the word and fraction lengths of the data type. When you are working in the interactive mode, you can drag the vertical bars that indicate the representable range of the data type.

Input Angle Range Extended for CORDIC Trigonometric Functions

The following CORDIC trigonometric functions now accept input angles in the range $[-2\pi \ 2\pi)$:

- cordiccexp
- cordiccos
- cordicsin
- cordicsincos

Floating-Point Support Added for bitsll Function

The Fixed-Point Toolbox bitsl1 function now supports floating-point inputs. You can now use the bitsl1 function with fixed-point, built-in or floating-point data types.

Enhanced Compilation Report for emlc and emlmex

The **Variables** tab of the compilation report now has an **Order** column. This new column allows you to sort the display of the variables according to the order in which they appear in your code.

Changes to the DataTypeMode Property of the numerictype Object

The capitalization of the following DataTypeMode property values has changed for R2010b:

R2010a Property Value	R2010b Property Value	
boolean	Boolean	
double	Double	
single	Single	

Compatibility Consideration

As of R2010b, the DataTypeMode property of the numerictype object returns the property values Boolean, Double and Single with the first letter

capitalized. If your code performs any case-sensitive operations on the DataTypeMode property of a numerictype object, you must update that code.

If you query the DataTypeMode property of a numerictype object in R2010b, MATLAB throws a warning. To workaround this warning, try using one or more of the following numerictype object functions:

- isboolean
- isdouble
- isfixed
- isscaleddouble
- isscalingbinarypoint
- isscalingslopebias
- isscalingunspecified
- issingle

New fi and numerictype Object Functions

R2010b adds the following fi and numerictype object functions:

- isscalingbinarypoint Determine whether input has binary point scaling
- isscalingslopebias Determine whether input has nontrivial slope and bias scaling
- isscalingunspecified Determine whether input has unspecified scaling

These functions provide you with the ability to query the scaling of a fi or numerictype object.

New and Updated Demos

This release adds the Data Type Independent Code for CORDIC QR Factorization demo. The demo provides an example of how to write your algorithms using data type independent code. By writing your algorithms

using data type independent code, you can run both floating- and fixed-point simulations using the same algorithm.

The Fixed-Point Algorithm Development demo has been updated to use the enhanced NumericTypeScope object.

fi Objects with Boolean Data Type No Longer Obey Data Type Override

In previous releases, fi objects with a boolean data type participated in data type override. When you set the DataTypeOverride property of the fipref object to ScaledDoubles, TrueDoubles, or TrueSingles, fi objects with a boolean data type were overridden with the specified data type.

As of R2010b, fi objects with a boolean data type no longer participate in data type override. fi objects with a DataType of boolean (or a DataTypeMode of Boolean) now remain boolean fi objects, regardless of the current DataTypeOverride setting.

Functions Being Removed

Function Name	What Happens When You Use the Function?	Use This Instead	Compatibility Considerations
removedefaultfimathpref	Still runs	removeglobalfimathpref	Replace all instances of removedefaultfimathpref with removeglobalfimathpref.
resetdefaultfimath	Still runs	resetglobalfimath	Replace all instances of resetdefaultfimath with resetglobalfimath.

Function Name	What Happens When You Use the Function?	Use This Instead	Compatibility Considerations
savedefaultfimathpref	Still runs	saveglobalfimathpref	Replace all instances of savedefaultfimathpref with saveglobalfimathpref.
setdefaultfimath	Still runs	globalfimath	Replace all instances of setdefaultfimath with globalfimath.

Version 3.1 (R2010a) Fixed-Point Toolbox Software

This table summarizes what's new in Version 3.1 (R2010a):

New Features and Changes	Version Compatibility Considerations	Fixed Bugs and Known Problems
Yes	Yes	Bug Reports
Details below	Summary	Includes fixes

New features and changes introduced in this version are:

- "New Handle Object for the Global fimath" on page 18
- "New Global fimath Functions" on page 18
- "New NumericTypeScope for Selecting Fixed-Point Data Types" on page 19
- "New CORDIC Trigonometric Functions" on page 19
- "Fixed-Point Support Added for filter, mean, and median Functions" on page 19
- "Fixed-Point Support Added for mpower (^) and power (.^) Functions" on page 20
- "CastBeforeSum Property Hidden on fimath Objects with a SumMode of FullPrecision" on page 20
- "New and Updated Demos" on page 20
- "Functions Being Removed" on page 21

New Handle Object for the Global fimath

You can now configure the global fimath and return a handle object to it using the globalfimath function. Doing so makes it easier to change the properties of the global fimath, whether you are working at the MATLAB command line or in a file. See the "Functions Being Removed" on page 21 release note for information about the function that globalfimath replaces.

New Global fimath Functions

The following global fimath functions are new in R2010a:

- removeglobalfimathpref
- resetglobalfimath
- saveglobalfimathpref

For information about the functions they replace, see the "Functions Being Removed" on page 21 release note.

New NumericTypeScope for Selecting Fixed-Point Data Types

Fixed-Point Toolbox software now offers a NumericTypeScope object that can perform a dynamic range analysis on your data. You can use the results of the dynamic range analysis to help you select appropriate numerictype properties for your data.

New CORDIC Trigonometric Functions

Fixed-Point Toolbox software now offers the following CORDIC-based approximation functions:

- cordiccexp
- cordiccos
- cordicsin
- cordicsincos

These functions allow you to compute the sine, cosine, and complex exponential of fixed-point data using the CORDIC approximation method.

Fixed-Point Support Added for filter, mean, and median Functions

Fixed-Point Toolbox software now provides support for the following functions:

- filter
- mean
- median

Fixed-Point Support Added for mpower (^) and power (.^) Functions

Fixed-Point Toolbox software now provides support for the mpower (^) and power (.^) functions.

CastBeforeSum Property Hidden on fimath Objects with a SumMode of FullPrecision

The setting of the CastBeforeSum property does not affect full-precision sums, so effective this release, it is hidden for fimath objects that have a SumMode of FullPrecision. In previous releases, you could not generate code with the Embedded MATLAB® subset when the CastBeforeSum property of a fimath object was set to False, even if you were only computing full-precision sums.

This change ensures that you can always generate code for full-precision sums using emlmex, emlc, or the Embedded MATLAB Function block. A CastBeforeSum property setting of False no longer causes an error if you are working with full-precision sums.

New and Updated Demos

This release adds the Fixed-Point Sine and Cosine Calculation demo. This demo shows you how to compute the sine and cosine of fixed-point data using the new CORDIC-based approximation functions.

Demos with significant updates this release include the following:

- Fixed-Point Basics This demo now highlights the functionality of recently added features, including the new handle object for the global fimath.
- Fixed-Point Algorithm Development This demo now uses the NumericTypeScope object to help select appropriate fixed-point data types.

Functions Being Removed

Function Name	What Happens When You Use the Function?	Use This Instead	Compatibility Considerations
removedefaultfimathpref	Still runs	removeglobalfimathpref	Replace all instances of removedefaultfimathpref with removeglobalfimathpref.
resetdefaultfimath	Still runs	resetglobalfimath	Replace all instances of resetdefaultfimath with resetglobalfimath.
savedefaultfimathpref	Still runs	saveglobalfimathpref	Replace all instances of savedefaultfimathpref with saveglobalfimathpref.
setdefaultfimath	Still runs	globalfimath	Replace all instances of setdefaultfimath with globalfimath.

Version 3.0 (R2009b) Fixed-Point Toolbox Software

This table summarizes what's new in Version 3.0 (R2009b):

New Features and Changes	Version Compatibility Considerations	Fixed Bugs and Known Problems
Yes	Yes	Bug Reports
Details below	Summary	Includes fixes

New features and changes introduced in this version are:

- "New Relationship Between fi Objects and a Global fimath Simplifies Fixed-Point Arithmetic" on page 22
- "New sfi and ufi Constructors for Creating fi Objects" on page 25
- "New conv Function for Fixed-Point Inputs" on page 26
- "Built-in Integer and Floating-Point Support Added for Bitshift Operations" on page 26
- "Embedded MATLAB Support for Variable-Size Arrays and Matrices" on page 26
- "New Compilation Report for Embedded MATLAB Function Blocks" on page 27

New Relationship Between fi Objects and a Global fimath Simplifies Fixed-Point Arithmetic

In previous versions of Fixed-Point Toolbox software, all fi objects had an attached fimath object property. The attached fimath object determined how the fi object performed fixed-point arithmetic operations. This format made it more cumbersome to create fi objects, sometimes resulting in "mismatched fimath" errors.

In R2009b, the behavior of the fi object has been changed. A fi object no longer needs to have its own attached fimath object property. Rather than each fi object having its own set of fimath object properties, you can now associate fi objects with the global fimath. See "Working with the Global fimath" for more information.

When you create a fi object in R2009b without specifying any fimath object properties in the constructor, MATLAB returns a fi object that associates itself with the global fimath. If you change the global fimath, all fi objects that are associated with the global fimath automatically pick up the new fimath properties.

You can still use the fi object constructor function to specify a particular fimath object for a fi object.

In general, fixed-point arithmetic operations use the following rules:

- If either fi object in a binary operation has its own fimath object, the operation uses that fimath object.
- If both fi objects in a binary operation use the global fimath, the operation uses the global fimath.

For more information on fixed-point arithmetic rules, see "fimath Rules for Fixed-Point Arithmetic".

This feature also includes several new functions:

- isfimathlocal Use this function to find out whether a fi object has its own explicitly attached fimath object. Any fi object that does not have its own fimath object is instead associated with the global fimath.
- sfi, ufi Use these constructors to create signed and unsigned fi objects that associate themselves with the global fimath. See "New sfi and ufi Constructors for Creating fi Objects" on page 25 for more information.
- removedefaultfimathpref Use this function to remove a user-configured global fimath from your MATLAB preferences. See "Working with the Global fimath" in the *Fixed-Point Toolbox User's Guide* for more information.

Compatibility Consideration

The new relationship between fi objects and the global fimath results in the following incompatibilities:

Construction of fi Objects. To create fi objects with Fixed-Point Toolbox software, the fi constructor must know which RoundMode and OverflowMode properties to use. You can specify these fimath object properties in a fi object constructor. In this case, the constructor uses the RoundMode and OverflowMode properties you specify to create the fi object.

The new relationship between fi objects and the global fimath state introduces a compatibility consideration. This compatibility issue relates to the construction of fi objects from a floating-point value when you do not specify any fimath object properties in the fi object constructor. When you constructed fi objects in such a way in R2008b and R2009a, the fi constructor used the RoundMode and OverflowMode properties of the old default fimath object.

When you create a fi object in this way in R2009b, you may get different results. As of this release, the fi constructor creates the fi object using a RoundMode of nearest and an OverflowMode of saturate. Thus, the setting of the RoundMode and OverflowMode properties of the global fimath are not used to create fi objects from floating-point values.

You can still create a fi object from a floating-point value in R2009b with a RoundMode and OverflowMode other than nearest and saturate. To do so, specify your desired RoundMode and OverflowMode properties in the fi constructor.

Behavior change for add, mpy and sub Functions. In previous releases, the output of the fimath object functions add, mpy and sub was assigned the fimath object specified in the function call. For example, the syntax c = add(F,a,b) where F is a fimath object, resulted in a fi object c being created and assigned the fimath object F.

In R2009b, the output fi object c is always associated with the global fimath. It no longer gets assigned the fimath object F.

Specifying fimath Properties in the Embedded MATLAB Function Block. This release removes the FIMATH for fixed-point input signals and FIMATH for fi and fimath constructors parameters from the Embedded MATLAB Function Block. You now use the Embedded MATLAB function block fimath radio buttons to set the following:

- The fimath properties to be associated with fixed-point inputs
- The fimath properties to be associated with all fi and fimath objects constructed in the block

You can choose one of the following options for the **Embedded MATLAB** function block fimath parameter:

- Same as MATLAB When you select this option, the block uses the same fimath properties as the current global fimath.
- **Specify other** When you select this option, you can specify your own set of fimath object properties. These properties get associated with all fixed-point block inputs and all fi and fimath objects constructed in the block.

Run a model that had the **FIMATH** for fi and fimath constructors parameter set to Same as MATLAB factory default in R2009b. You may notice different results. This difference occurs because all fi and fimath objects constructed in the Embedded MATLAB function block now use the **Embedded MATLAB function block fimath**.

To achieve the same results as previous releases, set the **Embedded MATLAB function block fimath** to the MATLAB factory default when you run your model in R2009b. Otherwise, all fi and fimath objects constructed within your Embedded MATLAB function blocks may be associated with different fimath object properties.

To inform you of this change in behavior, the block issues a warning at the MATLAB command line. To turn off the warning, run slupdate on your model.

New sfi and ufi Constructors for Creating fi Objects

Fixed-Point Toolbox software now supports two new fi object constructor functions:

- sfi Construct signed fixed-point numeric object
- ufi Construct unsigned fixed-point numeric object

These new constructors simplify the construction of fi objects. You no longer need to specify the signedness and fimath object properties of the fi object in the constructor. All fi objects you construct with one of these functions are automatically associated with the global fimath. They do not have a fimath object of their own. For more information on the global fimath and how it can help you simplify arithmetic with fi objects, see:

"New Relationship Between fi Objects and a Global fimath Simplifies Fixed-Point Arithmetic" on page 22

New conv Function for Fixed-Point Inputs

Fixed-Point Toolbox software now provides support for the conv function.

Built-in Integer and Floating-Point Support Added for Bitshift Operations

The following Fixed-Point Toolbox functions now support built-in integers:

- bitsll
- bitsrl
- reinterpretcast

The following Fixed-Point Toolbox function now supports both built-in integers and floating-point data types:

bitsra

Embedded MATLAB Support for Variable-Size Arrays and Matrices

The Embedded MATLAB subset now supports variable-size arrays and matrices with known upper bounds. With this feature, you can define inputs, outputs, and local variables in Embedded MATLAB functions to represent data that varies in size at runtime. You can use variable-size data in:

- Embedded MATLAB Function blocks in Simulink
- Embedded MATLAB functions in Stateflow® charts

 Embedded MATLAB compliant M functions, from which you can generate MEX code with emlmex and C code with emlc (requiresReal-Time Workshop® software)

For more information, see "How Working with Variable-Size Data Is Different for Code Generation" in the *Embedded MATLAB User's Guide*.

New Compilation Report for Embedded MATLAB Function Blocks

The new compilation report provides compile-time type information for the variables and expressions in your Embedded MATLAB functions. This information helps you find the sources of error messages and understand type propagation issues, particularly for fixed-point data types.

Compatibility Consideration

The new compilation report is not supported by the MATLAB internal browser on SunTM SolarisTM 64-bit platforms. To view the compilation report, you must have your MATLAB Web preferences configured to use an external browser, for example, Mozilla® Firefox. To learn how to configure your MATLAB Web preferences, see Web Preferences in the MATLAB documentation.

Version 2.4 (R2009a) Fixed-Point Toolbox Software

This table summarizes what's new in Version 2.4 (R2009a):

New Features and Changes	Version Compatibility Considerations	Fixed Bugs and Known Problems
Yes	Yes	Bug Reports
Details below	Summary	Includes fixes

New features and changes introduced in this version are:

- "Support Added for numerictype Objects with Unspecified Sign" on page 28
- "New Fixed-Point Menu Options in the MATLAB Editor" on page 29
- "New mrdivide and rdivide Functions for Fixed-Point Inputs" on page 29
- "New Compilation Report for emlc and emlmex" on page 29
- "New and Updated Demos" on page 30
- "Complex fi Objects with Nontrivial Slope and Bias Scaling Are No Longer Supported" on page 30

Support Added for numerictype Objects with Unspecified Sign

A new Signedness property has been added to the numerictype object. This new Signedness property allows you to set the Signedness of a numerictype object to Signed, Unsigned, or Auto. By setting the Signedness property to Auto, you can create numerictype objects that have an unspecified sign.

Although you can create numerictype objects with an unspecified sign (Signedness: Auto), all fi objects must have a Signedness of Signed or Unsigned. If you use a numerictype object with Signedness: Auto to construct a fi object, the Signedness property defaults to Signed at fi object creation.

The toolbox still supports the Signed property of the numerictype object. For more information about the Signedness property, see "numerictype Object Properties" in the Fixed-Point Toolbox documentation.

New Fixed-Point Menu Options in the MATLAB Editor

A new **Tools > Fixed-Point Toolbox** menu option in the MATLAB Editor allows you to build fi, fimath, and numerictype object constructors in a GUI and insert them directly into your file. For more information, see the following sections:

- "Constructing fi Objects"
- "Constructing fimath Objects"
- "Constructing numerictype Objects"

New mrdivide and rdivide Functions for Fixed-Point Inputs

Fixed-Point Toolbox software now provides the following fi object functions for division:

- mrdivide Forward slash (/) or right-matrix division
- rdivide Right-array division (./)

New Compilation Report for emlc and emlmex

A new compilation report is now available for emlc and emlmex. The new report provides compile-time type information for the variables and expressions in your MATLAB code. This information simplifies finding sources of error messages and aids understanding of type propagation rules, particularly for fixed-point data types. To generate the report, you must specify the -report option after the emlc or emlmex command. To learn more about the compilation report, see the following sections:

- For information about using the report to view fixed-point data types, see Working with Fixed-Point Compilation Reports in the Fixed-Point Toolbox documentation.
- For more information about using the report with emlmex, see Working with Compilation Reports in the Embedded MATLAB subset documentation.
- For more information about using the report with emlc, see Working with Compilation Reports in the Real-Time Workshop documentation.

Compatibility Consideration

The following internal and external browsers do not support the new compilation report:

- MATLAB internal browser (on 64-bit UNIX® platforms only)
- MACI internal browser
- Microsoft Internet Explorer® 6

To view the new compilation report when your internal browser does not support it, you must configure your MATLAB Web preferences to use an external browser, for example, Mozilla Firefox. To learn how to configure your MATLAB Web preferences, see "Specify the System Browser for UNIX Platforms" in the MATLAB documentation.

New and Updated Demos

The Fixed-Point ATAN2 Calculation demo is new for this release. This new demo uses the CORDIC algorithm and polynomial approximation to perform a fixed-point calculation of the four quadrant inverse tangent. To run this demo, type fixpt_atan2_demo at the MATLAB command line.

The Fixed-Point Data Type Override, Min/Max Logging, and Scaling demo has been updated for this release. The updated demo uses the emlc and emlmex functions to generate code and demonstrates the Embedded MATLAB subset's ability to generate code beyond 32-bits. To run this demo type fi_datatype_override_demo at the MATLAB command line.

Complex fi Objects with Nontrivial Slope and Bias Scaling Are No Longer Supported

Fixed-Point Toolbox operations that result in the creation of a complex fi object with nontrivial slope and bias scaling are no longer supported. All complex fi objects must now have an integer power-of-two slope and a bias of 0 (binary-point scaling).

Compatibility Consideration

In prior releases, Fixed-Point Toolbox software supported complex fi objects with nontrivial slope and bias scaling. As of R2009a, all complex fi objects

must have an integer power-of-two slope and a bias of 0. Operations that result in the creation of a fi object with nontrivial slope and bias scaling will error out.

Version 2.3 (R2008b) Fixed-Point Toolbox Software

This table summarizes what's new in Version 2.3 (R2008b):

New Features and Changes	Version Compatibility Considerations	Fixed Bugs and Known Problems
Yes Details below	No	Bug Reports Includes fixes

New features and changes introduced in this version are:

- "The Default fimath Object is Now User-Configurable" on page 32
- "Embedded MATLAB Subset Support for Data up to 128 Bits" on page 32
- "round and convergent Rounding Mode Support Added to the Embedded MATLAB Subset" on page 33
- "New reinterpretcast Function" on page 33
- "New sort Function for Fixed-Point Inputs" on page 33

The Default fimath Object is Now User-Configurable

When you create a fi object in MATLAB code or the Embedded MATLAB Function block without providing any fimath attributes in the constructor call, a default fimath object is assigned to the fi object you create. Previously, this default fimath object could not be user-configured, and the only way to assign a different fimath to your fi objects was to specify the desired fimath object in every constructor call.

In R2008b, the default fimath object used in the fi and fimath constructors can be user-configured. For more information, see "Working with the Global fimath" in the *Fixed-Point Toolbox User's Guide*.

Embedded MATLAB Subset Support for Data up to 128 Bits

The Embedded MATLAB subset now supports fixed-point word lengths up to 128 bits. This includes:

- Acceleration of fixed-point algorithm execution with the emlmex function.
- C code production with the emlc function.
- Model simulation and C code production with the MATLAB Function block.

round and convergent Rounding Mode Support Added to the Embedded MATLAB Subset

The Embedded MATLAB subset now supports two additional rounding modes:

- round Rounds to the closest representable number. In the case of a tie, the round method rounds positive numbers to the closest representable number in the direction of positive infinity, and rounds negative numbers to the closest representable number in the direction of negative infinity.
- convergent Rounds to the closest representable number. In the case of a tie, convergent rounds to the nearest even number.

New reinterpretcast Function

Fixed-Point Toolbox software now provides a reinterpretcast function to convert fixed-point data types without changing the underlying data.

New sort Function for Fixed-Point Inputs

Fixed-Point Toolbox software now provides support for the MATLAB sort function.

Version 2.2.1 (R2008a+) Fixed-Point Toolbox Software

This table summarizes what's new in Version 2.2.1 (R2008a+)

New Features and Changes	Version Compatibility Considerations	Fixed Bugs and Known Problems
No	No	Bug Reports Includes fixes

There were no new features or changes in this version.

Version 2.2 (R2008a) Fixed-Point Toolbox Software

This table summarizes what's new in Version 2.2 (R2008a):

New Features and Changes	Version Compatibility Considerations	Fixed Bugs and Known Problems	
Yes Details below	No	Bug Reports Includes fixes	

New features and changes introduced in this version are:

- "Enhanced Memory Management" on page 35
- "New Rounding Functions for fi Objects" on page 36
- "New Bitwise Operator bitreplicate" on page 36
- "New Syntax for Bitwise Operator bitconcat" on page 36
- "ndgrid Function Support for Fixed-Point Inputs" on page 36
- "New fi Constructor Syntax" on page 37

Enhanced Memory Management

The memory management of the fi object has been improved, and generating large multidimensional arrays should no longer hang the MATLAB environment.

When performing computations with fi objects from the MATLAB command line, the memory usage in bits for the fi variable a is on the order of

 $\max(64, a.\text{wordlength})*numberofelements(a)$

The formula computes the number of bits used to store each element of an array, but does not include the overhead for each instance of the object. Similar to built-in mxArrays, there is additional overhead for each array. This overhead is used to store information about data type, fimath properties, and other settings that do not depend on the size of the array.

If you are concerned with memory usage, try compiling with emlmex or emlc. The compiled code uses the smallest C integer type that contains the word

length of the variables. For example, if the fi variable a is 8-bit, then the compiled code will use approximately 8*numberofelements(a) bits of memory. The current maximum fixed-point word length in the Embedded MATLAB subset is 32 bits.

New Rounding Functions for fi Objects

Fixed-Point Toolbox software now provides the following fi object functions:

- ceil Round toward positive infinity
- convergent Round toward nearest integer with ties rounding to nearest even integer
- fix Round toward zero
- floor Round toward negative infinity
- nearest Round toward nearest integer with ties rounding toward positive infinity
- round Round toward nearest integer with ties rounding to nearest integer with greater absolute value

These functions are also supported by the Embedded MATLAB subset.

New Bitwise Operator bitreplicate

Fixed-Point Toolbox software now provides the bitreplicate function to replicate and concatenate the bits of a fi object.

bitreplicate is also supported by the Embedded MATLAB subset.

New Syntax for Bitwise Operator bitconcat

The Fixed-Point Toolbox function bitconcat has new syntax.

For more information see the bitconcat reference page.

ndgrid Function Support for Fixed-Point Inputs

Fixed-Point Toolbox software now provides support for the ndgrid function.

New fi Constructor Syntax

Fixed-Point Toolbox software has added a new syntax for the fi constructor. The syntax a = fi(V, F, T) is now defined, and is equivalent to the existing syntax a = fi(V, T, F).

See the fi function reference page for more information.

Version 2.1.1 (R2007b+) Fixed-Point Toolbox Software

This table summarizes what's new in Version 2.1.1 (R2007b+)

New Features and Changes	Version Compatibility Considerations	Fixed Bugs and Known Problems
No	No	Bug Reports Includes fixes

There were no new features or changes in this version.

Version 2.1 (R2007b) Fixed-Point Toolbox Software

This table summarizes what's new in Version 2.1 (R2007b):

New Features and Changes	Version Compatibility Considerations	Fixed Bugs and Known Problems
Yes Details below	Yes—Details labeled as Compatibility Considerations, below. See also Summary.	Bug Reports Includes fixes

New features and changes introduced in this version are:

- "Support for Data Type Override" on page 39
- "New Bitwise Operator Functions" on page 39
- "bitget Function Updated" on page 40
- "abs Function Supports Complex Inputs" on page 40
- "divide Function Updated" on page 41
- "fi Constructor Applies Property/Value Pairs After Numeric Value" on page 41

Support for Data Type Override

Fixed-Point Toolbox software now supports data type override in Embedded MATLAB subset. This facilitates fixed-point design and enables a single source for fixed- and floating-point code generation.

New Bitwise Operator Functions

Fixed-Point Toolbox software now provides the following functions:

- bitandreduce Bitwise AND of consecutive range of bits
- bitconcat Concatenate bits of two fi objects
- bitorreduce Bitwise OR of consecutive range of bits
- bitrol Bitwise rotate left

- bitror Bitwise rotate right
- bitsliceget Consecutive slice of bits
- bitsl1 Bit shift left logical
- bitsra Bit shift right arithmetic
- bitsrl Bit shift right logical
- bitxorreduce Bitwise exclusive OR of consecutive range of bits
- get1sb Least significant bit
- getmsb Most significant bit

Embedded MATLAB subset also supports these functions.

bitget Function Updated

The bitget function now behaves as follows:

- bitget returns a u1,0.
- bitget supports variable indexing. This means that the position of the bit to get can be a variable instead of a constant.
- The input fi object and the position of the bit to get can be vectors or scalars.

For more information, see the bitget reference page.

Compatibility Consideration

In prior releases, this function returned a uint8. The function now returns a u1,0. To get a uint8, use the uint8 function on the bitget output.

abs Function Supports Complex Inputs

You can now use the abs function to compute the absolute value of a complex fi object.

For more information, see the abs reference page.

divide Function Updated

The divide function now obeys the DataTypeOverride settings of the fipref object.

For more information, see the divide reference page.

Compatibility Consideration

In prior releases, this function did not obey the DataTypeOverride settings of the fipref object. For example, if the input was fi ScaledDouble, but the input numerictype object was fi Fixed, the output was fi Fixed. The output is now fi ScaledDouble.

fi Constructor Applies Property/Value Pairs After Numeric Value

When you call the fi constructor with both a numeric value and one or more property/value pairs that change the numeric value of the fi object, the fi constructor applies the property/value pairs after it sets the numeric value of the fi object.

For more information, see the fi reference page.

Compatibility Consideration

In prior releases, the fi constructor applied the property/value pairs before it set the numeric value. For example, the following code used to produce a fi object with a value of 0:

```
a = fi(0,1,16,13,'hex','6488')
```

This code now produces a fi object with a value of pi.

Version 2.0 (R2007a) Fixed-Point Toolbox Software

This table summarizes what's new in Version 2.0 (R2007a):

New Features and Changes	Version Compatibility Considerations	Fixed Bugs and Known Problems
Yes Details below	Yes—Details labeled as Compatibility Considerations, below. See also Summary.	Bug Reports Includes fixes

New features and changes introduced in this version are

- "Fast Execution for Fixed-Point Algorithms in MATLAB" on page 42
- "New fi Syntaxes that Have fimath as an Argument" on page 43
- "Increased Support for Fixed-Point Toolbox Software Features in the Embedded MATLAB Subset" on page 43
- "Embedded MATLAB Subset Enhanced to Support N-Dimensional Arrays and Function Handles" on page 43
- "get Function Must be Declared Extrinsic in Embedded MATLAB Subset" on page 44
- "Embedded MATLAB Subset Does Not Support & and | Operators" on page 44
- "New Demo" on page 44

Fast Execution for Fixed-Point Algorithms in MATLAB

The new Embedded MATLAB MEX functionality converts MATLAB code to C-MEX functions. These C-MEX functions contain Embedded MATLAB subset optimizations for automatically accelerating fixed-point algorithms to compiled C code speed in MATLAB. For more information, refer to Working with Embedded MATLAB MEX in the Embedded MATLAB subset documentation.

New fi Syntaxes that Have fimath as an Argument

The following syntaxes have been added to the fi object:

```
a = fi(v,F)
a = fi(v,s,F)
a = fi(v,s,w,F)
a = fi(v,s,w,f,F)
a = fi(v,s,w,slope,bias,F)
a = fi(v,s,w,slopeadjustmentfactor,fixedexponent,bias,F)
```

where v is value, s is signedness, w is word length, f is fraction length, and F is a fimath object. Refer to "Working with fi Objects" or the fi reference page for more information.

Increased Support for Fixed-Point Toolbox Software Features in the Embedded MATLAB Subset

The following Fixed-Point Toolbox software features are now supported by the Embedded MATLAB subset:

- Dot notation for getting the values of fimath properties
- get function for fi and fimath objects
- diag, permute, tril, and triu functions

For a complete list of the Fixed-Point Toolbox features supported by the Embedded MATLAB subset, refer to "Functions Supported for Code Acceleration and Code Generation from MATLAB".

Embedded MATLAB Subset Enhanced to Support N-Dimensional Arrays and Function Handles

Embedded MATLAB subset now supports N-dimensional arrays and function handles.

get Function Must be Declared Extrinsic in Embedded MATLAB Subset

There is a change to how you must use the get function in Embedded MATLAB subset to call properties of any object other than fi objects.

Compatibility Consideration

To get properties of non-fi objects in Embedded MATLAB subset, you must first declare get to be an extrinsic function. As of this release, if you do not do so, your code will error. For more information, refer to "Calling MATLAB Functions" in the Embedded MATLAB subset documentation.

Embedded MATLAB Subset Does Not Support & and | Operators

Embedded MATLAB subset no longer supports & and | operators in if and while conditional statements.

Compatibility Consideration

In prior releases, these operators compiled without error, but their short-circuiting behavior was not implemented correctly. Substitute && and | | operators instead.

New Demo

The "Fixed-Point Lowpass Filtering Using Embedded MATLAB MEX" demo is new in this release. This demo steps you through generating a C-MEX function from MATLAB code, running the generated C-MEX function, and displaying the results.

Version 1.5 (R2006b) Fixed-Point Toolbox Software

This table summarizes what's new in Version 1.5 (R2006b):

New Features and Changes	Version Compatibility Considerations	Fixed Bugs and Known Problems	
Yes Details below	No	Bug Reports Includes fixes	

New features and changes introduced in this version are

- "Licensing Changes" on page 45
- "Fixed-Point Square Root Support" on page 45
- "Limited Dot Notation Support Added to Fixed-Point Embedded MATLAB Subset" on page 46
- "get Function Support Added to Fixed-Point Embedded MATLAB Subset" on page 46
- "New Default Syntax for fi Object" on page 46

Licensing Changes

You now can use fi objects with the DataType property set to double *without* a Fixed-Point Toolbox license when the fipref LoggingMode property is set to off. For details about the Fixed-Point Toolbox licensing model, refer to "Licensing" in the product documentation.

Fixed-Point Square Root Support

In this release, fixed-point square root support has been added to

- Fixed-Point Toolbox software, via the sqrt function
- Embedded MATLAB subset, via support for the Fixed-Point Toolbox sqrt function
- Simulink, via fixed-point support for the sqrt mode of the Math Function block

These products use the same bisection algorithm to implement their fixed-point square root functionality and yield identical results.

Limited Dot Notation Support Added to Fixed-Point Embedded MATLAB Subset

Dot notation is now supported in Embedded MATLAB subset for getting the values of numerictype object properties. Dot notation is not supported for fi or fimath objects, and it is not supported for setting properties.

get Function Support Added to Fixed-Point Embedded MATLAB Subset

The Fixed-Point Toolbox get function is now supported for use with Embedded MATLAB subset with the following limitations:

- Only supported for use with numeric type objects
- The syntax structure = get(o) is not supported

New Default Syntax for fi Object

You can now use the syntax fi without any input arguments to return a default fi object with no value, 16-bit word length, and 15-bit fraction length.

Version 1.4 (R2006a) Fixed-Point Toolbox Software

This table summarizes what's new in Version 1.4 (R2006a):

New Features and Changes	Version Compatibility Considerations	Fixed Bugs and Known Problems
Yes Details below	Yes—Details labeled as Compatibility Considerations, below. See also Summary.	Bug Reports Includes fixes

New features and changes introduced in this version are

- "[Slope Bias] Math Support Added" on page 47
- "Scaled Double Data Type Support Added to the fi Object" on page 48
- "Global DataTypeOverride Property Added to the fipref Object" on page 48
- "Embedded MATLAB Subset Supports More Fixed-Point Toolbox Functions" on page 49
- "Embedded MATLAB Subset Does Not Support a CastBeforeSum Value of 'false'" on page 49
- "'round' Value Added to the fimath Object RoundMode Property" on page 50
- "numerictype Object Syntax Change" on page 50
- "Minimums and Maximums Now Logged After Quantization" on page 51

[Slope Bias] Math Support Added

Arithmetic using the +,-, .*, and * operators is now supported for objects with [Slope Bias] scaling. Refer to "[Slope Bias] Arithmetic" in the product documentation for more information.

In support of this feature, the following properties have been added to the fimath object:

• ProductBias — Bias of the product data type

- ProductFixedExponent Fixed exponent of the product data type
- ProductSlope Slope of the product data type
- ProductSlopeAdjustmentFactor Slope adjustment factor of the product data type
- SumBias Bias of the sum data type
- SumFixedExponent Fixed exponent of the sum data type
- SumSlope Slope of the sum data type
- SumSlopeAdjustmentFactor Slope adjustment factor of the sum data type

Refer to "Property Reference" in the product reference documentation for more information.

Scaled Double Data Type Support Added to the fi Object

The fi object now supports the scaled double data type. The value ScaledDouble has been added to the DataType property of the numerictype object. The following values have also been added to the DataTypeMode property of the numerictype object:

Scaled double: binary point scaling
Scaled double: slope and bias scaling
Scaled double: unspecified scaling

Math operations are supported for fi objects with data type ScaledDouble.

Global DataTypeOverride Property Added to the fipref Object

The fipref object now has the property DataTypeOverride, which allows you to override fi objects with scaled doubles, singles, or doubles. Refer to "Using fipref Objects to Set Data Type Override Preferences" in the product documentation for more information.

Embedded MATLAB Subset Supports More Fixed-Point Toolbox Functions

The following Fixed-Point Toolbox functions are now supported by Embedded MATLAB subset:

- bitand
- bitcmp
- bitget
- bitor
- bitset
- bitshift
- bitxor
- rescale

Refer to "Functions Supported for Code Acceleration and Code Generation from MATLAB" in the product documentation for more information.

Embedded MATLAB Subset Does Not Support a CastBeforeSum Value of 'false'

You can no longer set the fimath object property CastBeforeSum to false or 0 in Embedded MATLAB Function blocks. The reason for this restriction is that Embedded MATLAB subset does not produce the same numerical results as MATLAB when CastBeforeSum is false.

Compatibility Considerations

In the previous release, CastBeforeSum was set to false for default fimath objects in Embedded MATLAB subset If you have existing models that contain Embedded MATLAB Function blocks in which CastBeforeSum is false, you will now get an error when you compile or update your model. To correct this issue, you must set CastBeforeSum to true. To automate this process, you can run the utility slupdate either from the Model Advisor or by typing the following command at the MATLAB command line:

slupdate ('modelname')

where 'modelname' is the name of the model containing the Embedded MATLAB Function block that generates the error. slupdate prompts you to update this property by selecting one of these options:

Option	Action
Yes	Updates the first occurrence of CastBeforeSum=false in Embedded MATLAB Function blocks in the model and then prompts you for each subsequent instance found in the model.
No	Does not update any occurrences of CastBeforeSum=false in the model.
All	Updates all occurrences of CastBeforeSum=false in the model.

Note slupdate detects CastBeforeSum=false only in *default* fimath objects defined for Simulink signals in Embedded MATLAB Function blocks. If you modified the fimath object in an Embedded MATLAB Function block, update CastBeforeSum manually in your model and fix the errors as they are reported.

'round' Value Added to the fimath Object RoundMode Property

The RoundMode property value round has been added to the fimath object. The behavior of this rounding mode is identical to the MATLAB round function. For more information refer to "RoundMode" in the product documentation.

numerictype Object Syntax Change

Previously, if you created a numerictype object without specifying a value for the FractionLength property, the fraction length would be automatically set to 15. Now however, if you do not set the FractionLength property when creating a numerictype object, the scaling will remain unspecified. For example:

```
T = numerictype(1, 16)
T =
```

Compatibility Considerations

Any instances of this syntax in your existing code will now return a different result.

Minimums and Maximums Now Logged After Quantization

Previously, the fi and quantizer objects logged minimums and maximums before quantization. They now log after quantization.

Compatibility Considerations

If your fixed-point data overflows and you want to log minimums and maximums for the full floating-point range, use the 'ScaledDoubles' or 'TrueDoubles' values of the fipref object DataTypeOverride property. For example, the following fixed-point variable overflows. The saturated minimum and maximum values are logged:

```
p = fipref;
p.LoggingMode = 'On';
p.DataTypeOverride = 'ForceOff';
```

```
a = fi(-2:2, true, 16, 15)
Warning: 3 overflows occurred in the fi assignment operation.
a =
          - 1
                        - 1
                                       0
                                               0.99997
                                                             0.99997
          DataTypeMode: Fixed-point: binary point scaling
                 Signed: true
            WordLength: 16
        FractionLength: 15
              RoundMode: nearest
          OverflowMode: saturate
           ProductMode: FullPrecision
  MaxProductWordLength: 128
                SumMode: FullPrecision
      MaxSumWordLength: 128
         CastBeforeSum: true
logreport(a)
     minlog
                                                       nunderflows
               maxlog
                      lowerbound
                                 upperbound
                                            noverflows
            0.9999695
                                  0.9999695
                             - 1
```

Now set DataTypeOverride to 'ScaledDoubles'. Note that overflows are reported, but the data is not quantized. The minimum and maximum logs show the full possible range of the data without quantization:

DataTypeMode: Scaled double: binary point scaling

Signed: true WordLength: 16 FractionLength: 15

RoundMode: nearest OverflowMode: saturate

ProductMode: FullPrecision

MaxProductWordLength: 128

SumMode: FullPrecision

MaxSumWordLength: 128
CastBeforeSum: true

logreport(b)

minlog maxlog lowerbound upperbound noverflows nunderflows
b -2 2 -1 0.9999695 3 0

For an in-depth example of using logging and data type override to help set appropriate scalings for fixed-point quantities, see the Fixed-Point Toolbox demo "Fixed-Point Data Type Override, Min/Max Logging, and Scaling".

Version 1.3 (R14SP3) Fixed-Point Toolbox Software

This table summarizes what's new in Version 1.3 (R14SP3):

New Features and Changes	Version Compatibility Considerations	Fixed Bugs and Known Problems
Yes Details below	Yes—Details labeled as Compatibility Considerations, below. See also Summary.	Bug Reports Includes fixes

New features and changes introduced in this version are

- "Fixed-Point Toolbox Function Support Added to Embedded MATLAB Subset" on page 54
- "Double, Single, and Boolean Data Type Support Added to the fi Object" on page 55
- "Fixed-Point Doubles Override, Min/Max Logging, and Scaling Demo" on page 55
- "Helper Functions Added for Accessing Logged Information" on page 56
- "RoundMode Property Value 'round' Now Called 'nearest" on page 56

Fixed-Point Toolbox Function Support Added to Embedded MATLAB Subset

The MATLAB Function block lets you compose a MATLAB language function in a Simulink model that generates embeddable code using the Embedded MATLAB subset. When you simulate the model or generate code for a target environment, a function in an Embedded MATLAB Function block generates efficient C code. This code meets the strict memory and data type requirements of embedded target environments. In this way, Embedded MATLAB Function blocks bring the power of MATLAB for the embedded environment into Simulink.

For more information about the Embedded MATLAB Function block and the Embedded MATLAB subset, refer to the following documentation:

- MATLAB Function block reference page in the Simulink documentation
- "Using the MATLAB Function Block" in the Simulink documentation
- "About Code Generation from MATLAB Algorithms" in the Embedded MATLAB subset documentation

You can now use a significant number of Fixed-Point Toolbox functions with Embedded MATLAB subset. Refer to "Functions Supported for Code Acceleration and Code Generation from MATLAB" in the Using Fixed-Point Toolbox documentation.

Note To simulate models using fixed-point data types in Simulink, including when using the Embedded MATLAB Function block, you must have a Simulink® Fixed PointTM license.

Double, Single, and Boolean Data Type Support Added to the fi Object

The fi object now supports double, single, and boolean data types. The values double, single, and boolean have been added to the DataType and DataTypeMode properties of the numerictype object. Math operations are supported for fi objects with data type single or double, but not boolean.

Fixed-Point Doubles Override, Min/Max Logging, and Scaling Demo

Since floating-point data types are now supported in Fixed-Point Toolbox software, it is possible to use doubles override and min/max scaling to help you choose the appropriate scalings for fixed-point variables in your algorithms. This is especially helpful when converting a floating-point algorithm to fixed point. A new demo "Fixed-Point Doubles Override, Min/Max Logging, and Scaling" leads you through an example of this process. You can access this demo from the **Demos** pane of the Help browser under Toolboxes > Fixed-Point.

Helper Functions Added for Accessing Logged Information

In the previous release it became possible to log overflows and underflows as warnings for all assignment, plus, minus, and multiplication operations when the fipref LoggingMode property is set to on. Now when LoggingMode is on, you can also use the following helper functions to return logged information to you at the MATLAB command line:

- maxlog Returns the maximum real-world value
- minlog Returns the minimum real-world value
- noperations Returns the number of quantized operations
- noverflows Returns the number of overflows
- nunderflows Returns the number of underflows

To clear the log, use the function resetlog.

RoundMode Property Value 'round' Now Called 'nearest'

The RoundMode property value round is now nearest. This is a reflection of the fact that this rounding mode is identical to the Simulink rounding mode round toward nearest, and different from the behavior of the MATLAB round function.

Compatibility Considerations

For this release, any code using the RoundMode property value round will still work as it did in previous releases. However, you should update each instance of the property value round to nearest because in a later release, the property value round will give a different answer.

Version 1.2 (R14SP2) Fixed-Point Toolbox Software

This table summarizes what's new in Version 1.2 (R14SP2):

New Features and Changes	Version Compatibility Considerations	Fixed Bugs and Known Problems	
Yes Details below	No	Bug Reports	

New features and changes introduced in this version are

- "Overflow and Underflow Logging" on page 57
- "New Functions" on page 57

Overflow and Underflow Logging

Fixed-Point Toolbox software now allows you to log overflows and underflows as warnings for all assignment, plus, minus, and multiplication operations. Refer to "Using fipref Objects to Set Logging Preferences" in the Fixed-Point Toolbox documentation for more information.

New Functions

The following functions are new in version 1.2 of Fixed-Point Toolbox software:

abs	all	and	any	area
bar	barh	buffer	clabel	comet
comet3	compass	coneplot	contour	contour3
contourc	contourf	diag	end	errorbar
etreeplot	ezcontour	ezcontourf	ezmesh	ezplot
ezplot3	ezpolar	ezsurf	ezsurfc	feather
fplot	gplot	hankel	hist	histc
intmin	ipermute	isnumeric	isobject	line
logical	lowerbound	mesh	meshc	meshz
not	numberofelements	or	patch	pcolor

permute	plot3	plotmatrix	plotyy	polar
pow2	quiver	quiver3	rgbplot	ribbon
rose	scatter	scatter3	sdec	sign
slice	spy	stairs	stem	stem3
streamribbon	streamslice	streamtube	sum	surf
surfc	surfl	surfnorm	text	toeplitz
treeplot	tril	trimesh	triplot	trisurf
triu	uplus	upperbound	voronoi	voronoin
waterfall	xlim	ylim	zlim	

Version 1.1 (R14SP1) Fixed-Point Toolbox Software

This table summarizes what's new in Version 1.1 (R14SP1):

New Features and Changes	Version Compatibility Considerations	Fixed Bugs and Known Problems
No	No	Yes Details below

The particularly important bug fixes in this version are

Bitwise Operators Return Correct Answers for [Slope Bias] Signals

In the previous release, bitwise functions such as bitshift might have given wrong answers for [Slope Bias] fixed-point signals. This has been corrected in this release.

fi Object Operations with an Empty Array Work Properly

In the previous release, a segmentation violation occurred for any operation with the format

a op e

where a is a fi object, e is an empty array, and op is any operator such as +, -, *, <, >, etc. This has been corrected in this release.

ispropequal Returns Correct Answers for fimath Objects

The ispropequal function has been updated to work properly in this release.

Version 1.0 (R14) Fixed-Point Toolbox Software

This table summarizes what's new in Version 1.0 (R14):

New Features and Changes	Version Compatibility Considerations	Fixed Bugs and Known Problems
Yes Details below	No	No bug fixes

Fixed-Point Toolbox software provides fixed-point data types in MATLAB and enables algorithm development by providing fixed-point arithmetic. The toolbox enables you to create the following types of objects:

- fi Defines a fixed-point numeric object in the MATLAB workspace. Each
 fi object is composed of value data, a fimath object, and a numerictype
 object
- fimath Governs how overloaded arithmetic operators work with fi objects
- fipref Defines the display attributes for fi objects
- numerictype Defines the data type and scaling attributes of fi objects
- quantizer Quantizes data sets

Features

Fixed-Point Toolbox software provides you with

- The ability to define fixed-point data types, scaling, and rounding and overflow methods in the MATLAB workspace
- Bit-true real and complex simulation
- Basic fixed-point arithmetic with binary point-only signals
 - Arithmetic operators +, -, *, .*
 - Division using the divide function
- Arbitrary word length up to intmax('uint16')
- Relational, logical, and bitwise operators

- Data visualization via the plot function
- Statistics functions such as abs, max, and min
- Conversions between binary, hex, double, and built-in integers
- Interoperability with Simulink, Signal Processing BlocksetTM software, and Filter Design ToolboxTM software
- Compatibility with the Simulink To Workspace and From Workspace blocks

Getting Help

This section tells you how to get help for Fixed-Point Toolbox software in this document and at the MATLAB command line.

Getting Help in the Fixed-Point Toolbox User's Guide

Fixed-Point Toolbox objects are discussed in the following chapters:

- "Working with fi Objects"
- "Working with fimath Objects"
- "Working with fipref Objects"
- "Working with numerictype Objects"
- "Working with quantizer Objects"

To get in-depth information about the properties of these objects, refer to "Property Reference".

To get in-depth information about the functions of these objects, refer to Function Reference.

Getting Help at the MATLAB Command Line

To get command-line help for Fixed-Point Toolbox objects, type

help objectname

For example:

help fi

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help fimath
help fipref
help numerictype
help quantizer
```

To invoke Help Browser documentation for Fixed-Point Toolbox functions from the MATLAB command line, type

doc fixedpoint/functionname

For example:

```
doc fixedpoint/int
doc fixedpoint/add
doc fixedpoint/savefipref
doc fixedpoint/quantize
```

Compatibility Summary for Fixed-Point Toolbox Software

This table summarizes new features and changes that might cause incompatibilities when you upgrade from an earlier version, or when you use files on multiple versions. Details are provided in the description of the new feature or change.

Version (Release)	New Features and Changes with Version Compatibility Impact
Latest Version V3.4 (R2011b)	See the Compatibility Considerations subheading for this new feature or change: • "Conversion of Error and Warning Message Identifiers" on page 7
V3.3 (R2011a)	None
V3.2 (R2010b)	See the Compatibility Considerations subheading for these new features or changes: • "Changes to the DataTypeMode Property of the numerictype Object" on page 14 • "Functions Being Removed" on page 16
V3.1 (R2010a)	See the Compatibility Considerations subheading for this new feature or change: • "Functions Being Removed" on page 21

Version (Release)	New Features and Changes with Version Compatibility Impact
V3.0 (R2009b)	See the Compatibility Considerations subheading for this new feature or change: • "New Relationship Between fi Objects and a Global fimath Simplifies Fixed-Point Arithmetic" on page 22
	"New Compilation Report for Embedded MATLAB Function Blocks" on page 27
V2.4 (R2009a)	See the Compatibility Considerations subheading for these new features or changes: • "New Compilation Report for emlc and emlmex" on page 29 • "Complex fi Objects with Nontrivial Slope and Bias Scaling Are No Longer Supported" on page 30
V2.3 (R2008b)	None
V2.2 (R2008a)	None
V2.1.1 (R2007b+)	None

Version (Release)	New Features and Changes with Version Compatibility Impact
V2.1 (R2007b)	See the Compatibility Considerations subheading for each of these new features or changes:
	• "bitget Function Updated" on page 40
	• "divide Function Updated" on page 41
	"fi Constructor Applies Property/Value Pairs After Numeric Value" on page 41
V2.0 (R2007a)	See the Compatibility Considerations subheading for each of these new features or changes:
	• "get Function Must be Declared Extrinsic in Embedded MATLAB Subset" on page 44
	• "Embedded MATLAB Subset Does Not Support & and Operators" on page 44
V1.5 (R2006b)	None

Version (Release)	New Features and Changes with Version Compatibility Impact
V1.4 (R2006a)	See the Compatibility Considerations subheading for each of these new features or changes:
	"Embedded MATLAB Subset Does Not Support a CastBeforeSum Value of 'false'" on page 49
	• "numerictype Object Syntax Change" on page 50
	"Minimums and Maximums Now Logged After Quantization" on page 51
V1.3 (R14SP3)	See the Compatibility Considerations subheading for this new feature or change:
	"RoundMode Property Value 'round' Now Called 'nearest'" on page 56
V1.2 (R14SP2)	None
V1.1 (R14SP1)	None
V1.0 (R14)	Not applicable