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Blocks

Chart

Implement control logic with finite state machine

Library: Stateflow



Description

A *finite state machine* is a representation of an event-driven (reactive) system. In an event-driven system, the system responds to an event by making a transition from one state (mode) to another. This transition occurs if the condition defining the change is true.

A Stateflow chart is a graphical representation of a finite state machine. *States* and *transitions* form the basic elements of the system. You can also represent stateless flow charts.

For example, you can use Stateflow charts to control a physical plant in response to events such as a temperature and pressure sensors, clocks, and user-driven events.

You can also use a state machine to represent the automatic transmission of a car. The transmission has these operating states: park, reverse, neutral, drive, and low. As the driver shifts from one position to another, the system makes a transition from one state to another, for example, from park to reverse.

A Stateflow chart can use MATLAB or C as the action language to implement control logic.

Ports

Input

Port_1 — Input port

scalar | vector | matrix

When you create input data in the **Symbols** pane, Stateflow creates input ports. The input data that you create has a corresponding input port that appears once you create data.

Data Types: single | double | int8 | int16 | int32 | int64 | uint8 | uint16 | uint32 | uint64 | Boolean | fixed point | enumerated | bus | string

Output

Port_1 — Output port

scalar | vector | matrix

When you create output data in the **Symbols** pane, Stateflow creates output ports. The output data that you create has a corresponding output port that appears once you create data.

Data Types: single | double | int8 | int16 | int32 | int64 | uint8 | uint16 | uint32 | uint64 | Boolean | fixed point | enumerated | bus | string

Parameters

Parameters on the Code Generation tab require Simulink® Coder™ or Embedded Coder®.

Main

Show port labels — Select how to display port labels

FromPortIcon (default) | none | FromPortBlockName | SignalName

Select how to display port labels on the Chart block icon.

none

Do not display port labels.

FromPortIcon

If the corresponding port icon displays a signal name, display the signal name on the Chart block. Otherwise, display the port block name.

FromPortBlockName

Display the name of the corresponding port block on the Chart block.

SignalName

If a signal name exists, display the name of the signal connected to the port on the Chart block. Otherwise, display the name of the corresponding port block.

Programmatic Use

Parameter: ShowPortLabels

Type: string scalar or character vector

Value: "none"|"FromPortIcon" | "FromPortBlockName" | "SignalName"

Default: "FromPortIcon"

Read/Write permissions — Select access to contents of chart

ReadWrite (default) | ReadOnly | NoReadOrWrite

Control user access to the contents of the chart.

ReadWrite

Enable opening and modification of chart contents.

ReadOnly

Enable opening but not modification of the chart. If the chart resides in a block library, you can create and open links to the chart and can make and modify local copies of the chart but you cannot change the permissions or modify the contents of the original library instance.

NoReadOrWrite

Disable opening or modification of chart. If the chart resides in a library, you can create links to the chart in a model but you cannot open, modify, change permissions, or create local copies of the chart.

Programmatic Use

Parameter: Permissions

Type: string scalar or character vector

Value: "ReadWrite" | "ReadOnly" | "NoReadOrWrite"

Default: "ReadWrite"

Minimize algebraic loop occurrences – Control elimination of algebraic loops

off (default) | on

 off

Do not try to eliminate any artificial algebraic loops that include the atomic subchart.

 on

Try to eliminate any artificial algebraic loops that include the atomic subchart.

Programmatic Use**Parameter:** MinAlgLoopOccurrences**Type:** string scalar or character vector**Value:** "off" | "on"**Default:** "off"**Sample time – Specify time interval**

-1 (default) | [Ts 0]

Specify whether all blocks in this chart must run at the same rate or can run at different rates.

- If the blocks in the chart can run at different rates, specify the chart sample time as inherited (-1).
- If all blocks must run at the same rate, specify the sample time corresponding to this rate as the value of the **Sample time** parameter.
- If any of the blocks in the chart specify a different sample time (other than -1 or inf), Simulink displays an error message when you update or simulate the model. For example, suppose all the blocks in the chart must run 5 times a second. To ensure this time, specify the sample time of the chart as 0.2. In this example, if any of the blocks in the chart specify a sample time other than 0.2, -1, or inf, Simulink displays an error when you update or simulate the model.

-1

Specify inherited sample time. If the blocks in the chart can run at different rates, use this sample time.

[Ts 0]

Specify periodic sample time.

Programmatic Use**Parameter:** SystemSampleTime**Type:** string scalar or character vector**Value:** "-1" | "[Ts 0]"**Default:** "-1"**Code Generation****Function packaging – Select code format**

Auto (default) | Inline | Nonreusable function | Reusable function

Select the generated code format for an atomic (nonvirtual) subchart.

Auto

Simulink Coder chooses the optimal format for your system based on the type and number of instances of the chart that exist in the model.

Inline

Simulink Coder inlines the chart unconditionally.

Nonreusable function

Simulink Coder explicitly generates a separate function in a separate file. Charts with this setting generate functions that might have arguments depending on the "Function interface" (Simulink) parameter setting. You can name the generated function and file using parameters "Function name" (Simulink) and "File name (no extension)" (Simulink). These functions are not reentrant.

Reusable function

Simulink Coder generates a function with arguments that allows reuse of chart code when a model includes multiple instances of the chart.

This option generates a function with arguments that allows chart code to be reused in the generated code of a model reference hierarchy that includes multiple instances of a chart across referenced models. In this case, the chart must be in a library.

Tips

- When you want multiple instances of a chart represented as one reusable function, you can designate each one of them as `Auto` or as `Reusable function`. It is best to use one because using both creates two reusable functions, one for each designation. The outcomes of these choices differ only when reuse is not possible. Selecting `Auto` does not allow for control of the function or file name for the chart code.
- The `Reusable function` and `Auto` options both determine whether multiple instances of a chart exist and the code can be reused. The options behave differently when it is impossible to reuse the code. In this case, `Auto` yields inlined code, or if circumstances prohibit inlining, separate functions for each chart instance.
- If you select the `Reusable function` while your generated code is under source control, set **File name options** to `Use subsystem name`, `Use function name`, or `User specified`. Otherwise, the names of your code files change whenever you modify your model, which prevents source control on your files.

Dependency

- This parameter requires Simulink Coder.
- Setting this parameter to `Nonreusable function` or `Reusable function` enables the following parameters:
 - **Function name options**
 - **File name options**
 - Memory section for initialize/terminate functions (requires Embedded Coder and an ERT-based system target file)
 - Memory section for execution functions (requires Embedded Coder and an ERT-based system target file)
- Setting this parameter to `Nonreusable function` enables **Function with separate data** (requires a license for Embedded Coder and an ERT-based system target file).

Programmatic Use

Parameter: `RTWSystemCode`

Type: string scalar or character vector

Value: `"Auto" | "Inline" | "Nonreusable function" | "Reusable function"`

Default: "Auto"

Extended Capabilities

C/C++ Code Generation

Generate C and C++ code using Simulink® Coder™.

HDL Code Generation

Generate Verilog and VHDL code for FPGA and ASIC designs using HDL Coder™.

HDL Coder™ provides additional configuration options that affect HDL implementation and synthesized logic.

HDL Architecture

This block has a single, default HDL architecture.

Active State Output

To generate an output port in the HDL code that shows the active state, in the Properties window of the chart, select **Create output for monitoring**. The output is an enumerated data type. See "Simplify Stateflow Charts by Incorporating Active State Output".

Registered Output

To insert an output register that delays the chart output by a simulation cycle, use the OutputPipeline (HDL Coder) block property.

HDL Block Properties

ConstMultiplierOptimization	Canonical signed digit (CSD) or factored CSD optimization. The default is none. See also "ConstMultiplierOptimization" (HDL Coder).
ConstrainedOutputPipeline	Number of registers to place at the outputs by moving existing delays within your design. Distributed pipelining does not redistribute these registers. The default is 0. For more details, see "ConstrainedOutputPipeline" (HDL Coder).
DistributedPipelining	Pipeline register distribution, or register retiming. The default is off. See also "DistributedPipelining" (HDL Coder).
InputPipeline	Number of input pipeline stages to insert in the generated code. Distributed pipelining and constrained output pipelining can move these registers. The default is 0. For more details, see "InputPipeline" (HDL Coder).
InstantiateFunctions	Generate a VHDL® entity or Verilog® module for each function. The default is off. See also "InstantiateFunctions" (HDL Coder).
LoopOptimization	Unroll, stream, or do not optimize loops. The default is none. See also "LoopOptimization" (HDL Coder).
MapPersistentVarsToRAM	Map persistent arrays to RAM. The default is off. See also "MapPersistentVarsToRAM" (HDL Coder).

OutputPipeline	Number of output pipeline stages to insert in the generated code. Distributed pipelining and constrained output pipelining can move these registers. The default is 0. For more details, see “OutputPipeline” (HDL Coder).
ResetType	Suppress reset logic generation. The default is <code>default</code> , which generates reset logic. See also “ResetType” (HDL Coder).
SharingFactor	Number of functionally equivalent resources to map to a single shared resource. The default is 0. See also “Resource Sharing” (HDL Coder).
VariablesToPipeline	<p>Warning <code>VariablesToPipeline</code> is not recommended. Use <code>coder.hdl.pipeline</code> instead.</p> <hr/> <p>Insert a pipeline register at the output of the specified MATLAB® variable or variables. Specify the list of variables as a character vector, with spaces separating the variables.</p>

Complex Data Support

This block supports code generation for complex signals.

Restrictions

To learn about restrictions of using charts, see “Introduction to Stateflow HDL Code Generation” (HDL Coder).

PLC Code Generation

Generate Structured Text code using Simulink® PLC Coder™.

Fixed-Point Conversion

Design and simulate fixed-point systems using Fixed-Point Designer™.

See Also

State Transition Table | Truth Table

Topics

“Construct and Run a Stateflow Chart”
“Specify Properties for Stateflow Charts”

Introduced before R2006a

Sequence Viewer

Display messages, events, states, transitions, and functions between blocks during simulation

Library: Simulink / Messages & Events
 Simulink Test
 SimEvents
 Stateflow



Description

The Sequence Viewer block displays messages, events, states, transitions, and functions between certain blocks during simulation. The blocks that you can display are called lifeline blocks and include:

- Subsystems
- Referenced models
- Blocks that contain messages, such as Stateflow charts
- Blocks that call functions or generate events, such as Function Caller, Function-Call Generator, and MATLAB Function blocks
- Blocks that contain functions, such as Function-Call Subsystem and Simulink Function blocks

To see states, transitions, and events for lifeline blocks in a referenced model, you must have a Sequence Viewer block in the referenced model. Without a Sequence Viewer block in the referenced model, you can see only messages and functions for lifeline blocks in the referenced model.

Note The Sequence Viewer block does not display function calls generated by MATLAB Function blocks and S-functions.

Parameters

Time Precision for Variable Step — Digits for time increment precision

3 (default) | scalar

Number of digits for time increment precision. When using a variable step solver, change this parameter to adjust the time precision for the sequence viewer. By default the block supports 3 digits of precision.

Suppose the block displays two events that occur at times 0.1215 and 0.1219. Displaying these two events precisely requires 4 digits of precision. If the precision is 3, then the block displays two events at time 0.121.

Programmatic Use

Block Parameter: VariableStepTimePrecision

Type: string scalar or character vector

Values: "3" | scalar

Default: "3"

History — Maximum number of previous events to display

5000 (default) | scalar

Total number of events before the last event to display.

For example, if **History** is 5 and there are 10 events in your simulation, then the block displays 6 events, including the last event and the five events prior the last event. Earlier events are not displayed. The time ruler is greyed to indicate the time between the beginning of the simulation and the time of the first displayed event.

Each send, receive, drop, or function call event is counted as one event, even if they occur at the same simulation time.

Programmatic Use

Block Parameter: History

Type: string scalar or character vector

Values: "1000" | scalar

Default: "1000"

Block Characteristics

Data Types	Boolean bus double enumerated fixed point integer single
Direct Feedthrough	no
Multidimensional Signals	yes
Variable-Size Signals	no
Zero-Crossing Detection	no

Extended Capabilities

C/C++ Code Generation

Generate C and C++ code using Simulink® Coder™.

This block can be used for visualizing message transitions during simulation, but is not included in the generated code.

HDL Code Generation

Generate Verilog and VHDL code for FPGA and ASIC designs using HDL Coder™.

This block displays messages during simulation when used in subsystems that generate HDL code, but it is not included in the hardware implementation.

See Also

“Use the Sequence Viewer to Visualize Messages, Events, and Entities” (SimEvents)

Introduced in R2015b

State Transition Table

Represent modal logic in tabular format

Library: Stateflow



Description

When you want to represent modal logic in tabular format, use this block. The State Transition Table block uses only MATLAB as the action language.

Using the State Transition Table Editor, you can:

- Add states and enter state actions.
- Add hierarchy among your states.
- Enter conditions and actions for state-to-state transitions.
- Specify default transitions, inner transitions, and self-loop transitions.
- Add input or output data and events.
- Set breakpoints for debugging.
- Run diagnostics to detect parser errors.
- View automatically generated content as you edit the table.

For more information about the State Transition Table Editor, see “State Transition Table Operations”.

Ports

Input

Port_1 — Input port

scalar | vector | matrix

When you create input data in the **Symbols** pane, Stateflow creates input ports. The input data that you create has a corresponding input port that appears once you create data.

Data Types: single | double | int8 | int16 | int32 | int64 | uint8 | uint16 | uint32 | uint64 | Boolean | fixed point | enumerated | bus | string

Output

Port_1 — Output port

scalar | vector | matrix

When you create output data in the **Symbols** pane, Stateflow creates output ports. The output data that you create has a corresponding output port that appears once you create data.

Data Types: `single` | `double` | `int8` | `int16` | `int32` | `int64` | `uint8` | `uint16` | `uint32` | `uint64` | `Boolean` | `fixed point` | `enumerated` | `bus` | `string`

Parameters

Parameters on the Code Generation tab require Simulink Coder or Embedded Coder.

Main

Show port labels — Select how to display port labels

`FromPortIcon` (default) | `none` | `FromPortBlockName` | `SignalName`

Select how to display port labels on the State Transition Table block icon.

`none`

Do not display port labels.

`FromPortIcon`

If the corresponding port icon displays a signal name, display the signal name on the State Transition Table block. Otherwise, display the port block name.

`FromPortBlockName`

Display the name of the corresponding port block on the State Transition Table block.

`SignalName`

If a signal name exists, display the name of the signal connected to the port on the State Transition Table block. Otherwise, display the name of the corresponding port block.

Programmatic Use

Parameter: `ShowPortLabels`

Type: string scalar or character vector

Value: `"none"` | `"FromPortIcon"` | `"FromPortBlockName"` | `"SignalName"`

Default: `"FromPortIcon"`

Read/Write permissions — Select access to contents of chart

`ReadWrite` (default) | `ReadOnly` | `NoReadOrWrite`

Control user access to the contents of the chart.

`ReadWrite`

Enable opening and modification of chart contents.

`ReadOnly`

Enable opening but not modification of the chart. If the chart resides in a block library, you can create and open links to the chart and can make and modify local copies of the chart but you cannot change the permissions or modify the contents of the original library instance.

`NoReadOrWrite`

Disable opening or modification of chart. If the chart resides in a library, you can create links to the chart in a model but you cannot open, modify, change permissions, or create local copies of the chart.

Programmatic Use

Parameter: `Permissions`

Type: string scalar or character vector

Value: "ReadWrite" | "ReadOnly" | "NoReadOrWrite"

Default: "ReadWrite"

Minimize algebraic loop occurrences — Control elimination of algebraic loops

off (default) | on

off

Do not try to eliminate any artificial algebraic loops that include the atomic subchart.

on

Try to eliminate any artificial algebraic loops that include the atomic subchart.

Programmatic Use

Parameter: MinAlgLoopOccurrences

Type: string scalar or character vector

Value: "off" | "on"

Default: "off"

Sample time — Specify time interval

-1 (default) | [Ts 0]

Specify whether all blocks in this chart must run at the same rate or can run at different rates.

- If the blocks in the chart can run at different rates, specify the chart sample time as inherited (-1).
- If all blocks must run at the same rate, specify the sample time corresponding to this rate as the value of the **Sample time** parameter.
- If any of the blocks in the chart specify a different sample time (other than -1 or `inf`), Simulink displays an error message when you update or simulate the model. For example, suppose all the blocks in the chart must run 5 times a second. To ensure this time, specify the sample time of the chart as 0.2. In this example, if any of the blocks in the chart specify a sample time other than 0.2, -1, or `inf`, Simulink displays an error when you update or simulate the model.

-1

Specify inherited sample time. If the blocks in the chart can run at different rates, use this sample time.

[Ts 0]

Specify periodic sample time.

Programmatic Use

Parameter: SystemSampleTime

Type: string scalar or character vector

Value: "-1" | "[Ts 0]"

Default: "-1"

Code Generation

Function packaging — Select code format

Auto (default) | Inline | Nonreusable function | Reusable function

Select the generated code format for an atomic (nonvirtual) subchart.

Auto

Simulink Coder chooses the optimal format for your system based on the type and number of instances of the chart that exist in the model.

Inline

Simulink Coder inlines the chart unconditionally.

Nonreusable function

Simulink Coder explicitly generates a separate function in a separate file. State transition tables with this setting generate functions that might have arguments depending on the “Function interface” (Simulink) parameter setting. You can name the generated function and file using parameters “Function name” (Simulink) and “File name (no extension)” (Simulink). These functions are not reentrant.

Reusable function

Simulink Coder generates a function with arguments that allows reuse of chart code when a model includes multiple instances of the chart.

This option generates a function with arguments that allows chart code to be reused in the generated code of a model reference hierarchy that includes multiple instances of a chart across referenced models. In this case, the chart must be in a library.

Tips

- When you want multiple instances of a chart represented as one reusable function, you can designate each one of them as `Auto` or as `Reusable function`. It is best to use one because using both creates two reusable functions, one for each designation. The outcomes of these choices differ only when reuse is not possible. Selecting `Auto` does not allow for control of the function or file name for the chart code.
- The `Reusable function` and `Auto` options both determine whether multiple instances of a chart exist and the code can be reused. The options behave differently when it is impossible to reuse the code. In this case, `Auto` yields inlined code, or if circumstances prohibit inlining, separate functions for each chart instance.
- If you select the `Reusable function` while your generated code is under source control, set **File name options** to `Use subsystem name`, `Use function name`, or `User specified`. Otherwise, the names of your code files change whenever you modify your model, which prevents source control on your files.

Dependency

- This parameter requires Simulink Coder.
- Setting this parameter to `Nonreusable function` or `Reusable function` enables the following parameters:
 - **Function name options**
 - **File name options**
 - Memory section for initialize/terminate functions (requires Embedded Coder and an ERT-based system target file)
 - Memory section for execution functions (requires Embedded Coder and an ERT-based system target file)
- Setting this parameter to `Nonreusable function` enables **Function with separate data** (requires a license for Embedded Coder and an ERT-based system target file).

Programmatic Use**Parameter:** RTWSystemCode**Type:** string scalar or character vector**Value:** "Auto" | "Inline" | "Nonreusable function" | "Reusable function"**Default:** "Auto"**Extended Capabilities****C/C++ Code Generation**

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HDL Coder provides additional configuration options that affect HDL implementation and synthesized logic.

Tunable Parameters

You can use a tunable parameter in a State Transition Table intended for HDL code generation. For details, see “Generate DUT Ports for Tunable Parameters” (HDL Coder).

HDL Architecture

This block has a single, default HDL architecture.

Active State Output

To generate an output port in the HDL code that shows the active state, in the Properties window of the chart, select **Create output for monitoring**. The output is an enumerated data type. See “Simplify Stateflow Charts by Incorporating Active State Output”.

HDL Block Properties

ConstMultiplierOptimization	Canonical signed digit (CSD) or factored CSD optimization. The default is none. See also “ConstMultiplierOptimization” (HDL Coder).
ConstrainedOutputPipeline	Number of registers to place at the outputs by moving existing delays within your design. Distributed pipelining does not redistribute these registers. The default is 0. For more details, see “ConstrainedOutputPipeline” (HDL Coder).
DistributedPipelining	Pipeline register distribution, or register retiming. The default is off. See also “DistributedPipelining” (HDL Coder).
InputPipeline	Number of input pipeline stages to insert in the generated code. Distributed pipelining and constrained output pipelining can move these registers. The default is 0. For more details, see “InputPipeline” (HDL Coder).
InstantiateFunctions	Generate a VHDL entity or Verilog module for each function. The default is off. See also “InstantiateFunctions” (HDL Coder).
LoopOptimization	Unroll, stream, or do not optimize loops. The default is none. See also “LoopOptimization” (HDL Coder).
MapPersistentVarsToRAM	Map persistent arrays to RAM. The default is off. See also “MapPersistentVarsToRAM” (HDL Coder).

OutputPipeline	Number of output pipeline stages to insert in the generated code. Distributed pipelining and constrained output pipelining can move these registers. The default is 0. For more details, see “OutputPipeline” (HDL Coder).
ResetType	Suppress reset logic generation. The default is <code>default</code> , which generates reset logic. See also “ResetType” (HDL Coder).
SharingFactor	Number of functionally equivalent resources to map to a single shared resource. The default is 0. See also “Resource Sharing” (HDL Coder).
VariablesToPipeline	<p>Warning <code>VariablesToPipeline</code> is not recommended. Use <code>coder.hdl.pipeline</code> instead.</p> <hr/> <p>Insert a pipeline register at the output of the specified MATLAB variable or variables. Specify the list of variables as a character vector, with spaces separating the variables.</p>

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See Also

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Topics

“State Transition Tables in Stateflow”

“State Transition Table Operations”

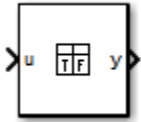
“Specify Properties for Stateflow Charts”

Introduced in R2012b

Truth Table

Represent logical decision-making behavior with conditions, decisions, and actions

Library: Stateflow



Description

The Truth Table block is a truth table function that uses MATLAB as the action language. When you want to use truth table logic directly in a Simulink model, use this block. This block requires Stateflow.

When you add a Truth Table block directly to a model instead of calling truth table functions from a Stateflow chart, these advantages apply:

- It is a more direct approach than creating a truth table within a Stateflow chart, especially if your model requires only a single truth table.
- You can define truth table inputs and outputs with inherited types and sizes.

The Truth Table block works with a subset of the MATLAB language that is optimized for generating embeddable C code. This block generates content as MATLAB code. As a result, you can take advantage of other tools to debug your Truth Table block during simulation.

If you double-click the Truth Table block, the Truth Table Editor opens to display its conditions, actions, and decisions.

Using the Truth Table Editor, you can:

- Enter and edit conditions, actions, and decisions.
- Add or modify Stateflow data and ports by using the **Symbols** pane and the **Property Inspector**.
- Run diagnostics to detect parser errors.
- View generated content after simulation.

For more information about the Truth Table Editor, see “Use Truth Tables to Model Combinatorial Logic”.

Ports

Input

u — Input port

scalar | vector | matrix

When you create input data in the **Symbols** pane, Stateflow creates input ports. The input data that you create has a corresponding input port that appears once you create data.

Data Types: `single` | `double` | `int8` | `int16` | `int32` | `int64` | `uint8` | `uint16` | `uint32` | `uint64` | `Boolean` | `fixed point` | `enumerated` | `bus` | `string`

Output

y – Output port

`scalar` | `vector` | `matrix`

When you create output data in the **Symbols** pane, Stateflow creates output ports. The output data that you create has a corresponding output port that appears once you create data.

Data Types: `single` | `double` | `int8` | `int16` | `int32` | `uint8` | `uint16` | `uint32` | `Boolean` | `fixed point` | `enumerated` | `bus` | `string`

Parameters

Parameters on the Code Generation tab require Simulink Coder or Embedded Coder.

Main

Show port labels – Select how to display port labels

`FromPortIcon` (default) | `none` | `FromPortBlockName` | `SignalName`

Select how to display port labels on the Truth Table block icon.

`none`

Do not display port labels.

`FromPortIcon`

If the corresponding port icon displays a signal name, display the signal name on the Truth Table block. Otherwise, display the port block name.

`FromPortBlockName`

Display the name of the corresponding port block on the Truth Table block.

`SignalName`

If a signal name exists, display the name of the signal connected to the port on the Truth Table block. Otherwise, display the name of the corresponding port block.

Programmatic Use

Parameter: `ShowPortLabels`

Type: string scalar or character vector

Value: `"none"` | `"FromPortIcon"` | `"FromPortBlockName"` | `"SignalName"`

Default: `"FromPortIcon"`

Read/Write permissions – Select access to contents of chart

`ReadWrite` (default) | `ReadOnly` | `NoReadOrWrite`

Control user access to the contents of the chart.

`ReadWrite`

Enable opening and modification of chart contents.

ReadOnly

Enable opening but not modification of the chart. If the chart resides in a block library, you can create and open links to the chart and can make and modify local copies of the chart but you cannot change the permissions or modify the contents of the original library instance.

NoReadOrWrite

Disable opening or modification of chart. If the chart resides in a library, you can create links to the chart in a model but you cannot open, modify, change permissions, or create local copies of the chart.

Programmatic Use

Parameter: Permissions

Type: string scalar or character vector

Value: "ReadWrite" | "ReadOnly" | "NoReadOrWrite"

Default: "ReadWrite"

Minimize algebraic loop occurrences — Control elimination of algebraic loops

off (default) | on

off

Do not try to eliminate any artificial algebraic loops that include the atomic subchart.

on

Try to eliminate any artificial algebraic loops that include the atomic subchart.

Programmatic Use

Parameter: MinAlgLoopOccurrences

Type: string scalar or character vector

Value: "off" | "on"

Default: "off"

Sample time — Specify time interval

-1 (default) | [Ts 0]

Specify whether all blocks in this chart must run at the same rate or can run at different rates.

- If the blocks in the chart can run at different rates, specify the chart sample time as inherited (-1).
- If all blocks must run at the same rate, specify the sample time corresponding to this rate as the value of the **Sample time** parameter.
- If any of the blocks in the chart specify a different sample time (other than -1 or `inf`), Simulink displays an error message when you update or simulate the model. For example, suppose all the blocks in the chart must run 5 times a second. To ensure this time, specify the sample time of the chart as 0.2. In this example, if any of the blocks in the chart specify a sample time other than 0.2, -1, or `inf`, Simulink displays an error when you update or simulate the model.

-1

Specify inherited sample time. If the blocks in the chart can run at different rates, use this sample time.

[Ts 0]

Specify periodic sample time.

Programmatic Use**Parameter:** SystemSampleTime**Type:** string scalar or character vector**Value:** "-1" | "[Ts 0]"**Default:** "-1"**Code Generation****Function packaging — Select code format**

Auto (default) | Inline | Nonreusable function | Reusable function

Select the generated code format for an atomic (nonvirtual) subchart.

Auto

Simulink Coder chooses the optimal format for your system based on the type and number of instances of the chart that exist in the model.

Inline

Simulink Coder inlines the chart unconditionally.

Nonreusable function

Simulink Coder explicitly generates a separate function in a separate file. Truth table blocks with this setting generate functions that might have arguments depending on the “Function interface” (Simulink) parameter setting. You can name the generated function and file using parameters “Function name” (Simulink) and “File name (no extension)” (Simulink). These functions are not reentrant.

Reusable function

Simulink Coder generates a function with arguments that allows reuse of chart code when a model includes multiple instances of the chart.

This option generates a function with arguments that allows chart code to be reused in the generated code of a model reference hierarchy that includes multiple instances of a chart across referenced models. In this case, the chart must be in a library.

Tips

- When you want multiple instances of a chart represented as one reusable function, you can designate each one of them as **Auto** or as **Reusable function**. It is best to use one because using both creates two reusable functions, one for each designation. The outcomes of these choices differ only when reuse is not possible. Selecting **Auto** does not allow for control of the function or file name for the chart code.
- The **Reusable function** and **Auto** options both determine whether multiple instances of a chart exist and the code can be reused. The options behave differently when it is impossible to reuse the code. In this case, **Auto** yields inlined code, or if circumstances prohibit inlining, separate functions for each chart instance.
- If you select the **Reusable function** while your generated code is under source control, set **File name options** to **Use subsystem name**, **Use function name**, or **User specified**. Otherwise, the names of your code files change whenever you modify your model, which prevents source control on your files.

Dependency

- This parameter requires Simulink Coder.

- Setting this parameter to `Nonreusable function` or `Reusable function` enables the following parameters:
 - **Function name options**
 - **File name options**
 - Memory section for initialize/terminate functions (requires Embedded Coder and an ERT-based system target file)
 - Memory section for execution functions (requires Embedded Coder and an ERT-based system target file)
- Setting this parameter to `Nonreusable function` enables **Function with separate data** (requires a license for Embedded Coder and an ERT-based system target file).

Programmatic Use

Parameter: `RTWSystemCode`

Type: string scalar or character vector

Value: `"Auto" | "Inline" | "Nonreusable function" | "Reusable function"`

Default: `"Auto"`

Extended Capabilities

C/C++ Code Generation

Generate C and C++ code using Simulink® Coder™.

HDL Code Generation

Generate Verilog and VHDL code for FPGA and ASIC designs using HDL Coder™.

HDL Coder provides additional configuration options that affect HDL implementation and synthesized logic.

Tunable Parameters

You can use a tunable parameter in a Truth Table block intended for HDL code generation. For details, see “Generate DUT Ports for Tunable Parameters” (HDL Coder).

HDL Architecture

This block has a single, default HDL architecture.

HDL Block Properties

ConstMultiplierOptimization	Canonical signed digit (CSD) or factored CSD optimization. The default is none. See also “ConstMultiplierOptimization” (HDL Coder).
ConstrainedOutputPipeline	Number of registers to place at the outputs by moving existing delays within your design. Distributed pipelining does not redistribute these registers. The default is 0. For more details, see “ConstrainedOutputPipeline” (HDL Coder).
DistributedPipelining	Pipeline register distribution, or register retiming. The default is off. See also “DistributedPipelining” (HDL Coder).

InputPipeline	Number of input pipeline stages to insert in the generated code. Distributed pipelining and constrained output pipelining can move these registers. The default is 0. For more details, see “InputPipeline” (HDL Coder).
InstantiateFunctions	Generate a VHDL entity or Verilog module for each function. The default is off. See also “InstantiateFunctions” (HDL Coder).
LoopOptimization	Unroll, stream, or do not optimize loops. The default is none. See also “LoopOptimization” (HDL Coder).
MapPersistentVarsToRAM	Map persistent arrays to RAM. The default is off. See also “MapPersistentVarsToRAM” (HDL Coder).
OutputPipeline	Number of output pipeline stages to insert in the generated code. Distributed pipelining and constrained output pipelining can move these registers. The default is 0. For more details, see “OutputPipeline” (HDL Coder).
ResetType	Suppress reset logic generation. The default is default, which generates reset logic. See also “ResetType” (HDL Coder).
SharingFactor	Number of functionally equivalent resources to map to a single shared resource. The default is 0. See also “Resource Sharing” (HDL Coder).
VariablesToPipeline	<p>Warning VariablesToPipeline is not recommended. Use coder.hdl.pipeline instead.</p> <p>Insert a pipeline register at the output of the specified MATLAB variable or variables. Specify the list of variables as a character vector, with spaces separating the variables.</p>

PLC Code Generation

Generate Structured Text code using Simulink® PLC Coder™.

Fixed-Point Conversion

Design and simulate fixed-point systems using Fixed-Point Designer™.

See Also

Chart | State Transition Table

Topics

“Use Truth Tables to Model Combinatorial Logic”

“Program a Truth Table”

“Specify Properties for Stateflow Charts”

Introduced before R2006a

Functions

sfclipboard

Clipboard object

Syntax

```
clipboard = sfclipboard
```

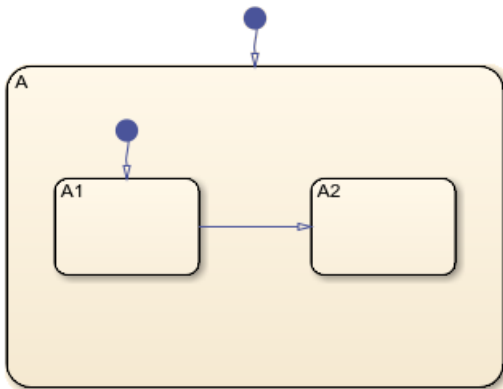
Description

`clipboard = sfclipboard` returns the `Stateflow.Clipboard` object. Use the `Clipboard` object to copy and paste objects within the same chart, between charts in the same Simulink model, or between charts in different models.

Examples

Copy and Paste by Grouping

Group state A and copy its contents to chart ch. When you group a state, box, or graphical function, you can copy and paste all the objects contained in the grouped object, as well as all the relationships among these objects. This method is the simplest way of copying and pasting objects programmatically. If a state is not grouped, copying the state does not copy any of its contents.



- 1 Find the `Stateflow.State` object named A in chart ch.

```
sA = find(ch, "-isa", "Stateflow.State", Name="A");
```

- 2 Group state A and its contents by setting the `IsGrouped` property for sA to true. Save the previous setting of this property so you can revert to it later.

```
prevGrouping = sA.IsGrouped;  
sA.IsGrouped = true;
```

- 3 Change the name of the state to `Copy_of_A`. Save the previous name so you can revert to it later.

```
prevName = sA.Name;
newName = "Copy_of_" + prevName;
sA.Name = newName;
```

- 4 Access the clipboard object.

```
cb = sfclipboard;
```

- 5 Copy the grouped state to the clipboard.

```
copy(cb, sA);
```

- 6 Restore the state properties to their original settings.

```
sA.IsGrouped = prevGrouping;
```

```
sA.Name = prevName;
```

- 7 Paste a copy of the objects from the clipboard to the chart.

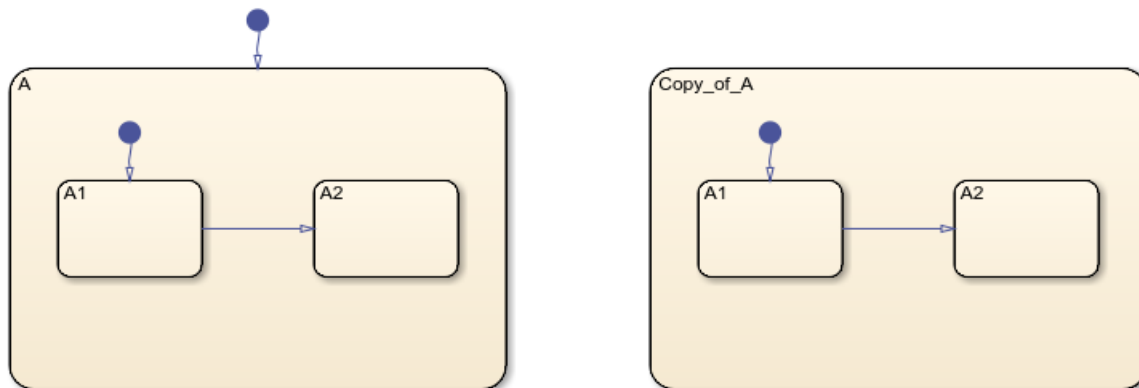
```
pasteTo(cb, ch);
```

- 8 Adjust the state properties of the new state.

```
sNew = find(ch, "-isa", "Stateflow.State", Name=newName);
```

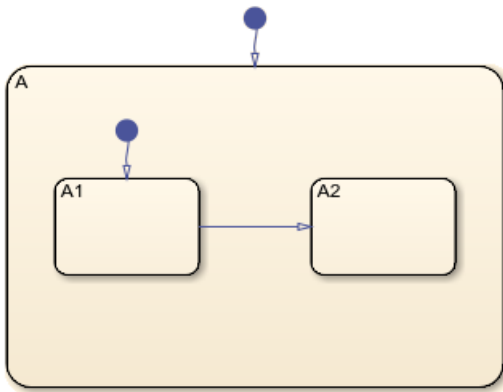
```
sNew.Position = sA.Position + [400 0 0 0];
```

```
sNew.IsGrouped = prevGrouping;
```



Copy and Paste Array of Objects

Copy states A1 and A2, along with the transition between them, to a new state in chart ch. To preserve transition connections and containment relationships between objects, copy all the connected objects at once.



- 1 Find the `Stateflow.State` object named A in chart ch.

```
sA = find(ch, "-isa", "Stateflow.State", Name="A");
```

- 2 Add a new state called B. To enable pasting of other objects inside B, convert the new state to a subchart.

```
sB = Stateflow.State(ch);
sB.Name = "B";
sB.Position = sA.Position + [400 0 0 0];
sB.IsSubchart = true;
```

- 3 Create an array called `objArray` that contains the states and transitions in state A. Use the function `setdiff` to remove state A from the array of objects to copy.

```
objArrayS = find(sA, "-isa", "Stateflow.State");
objArrayS = setdiff(objArrayS, sA);
objArrayT = find(sA, "-isa", "Stateflow.Transition");
objArray = [objArrayS objArrayT];
```

- 4 Access the clipboard object.

```
cb = sfclipboard;
```

- 5 Copy the objects in `objArray` and paste them in subchart B.

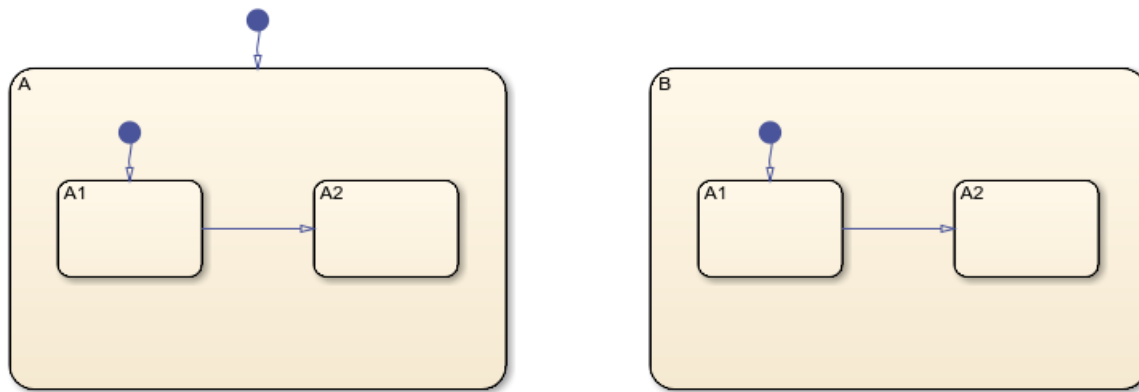
```
copy(cb, objArray);
pasteTo(cb, sB);
```

- 6 Revert B to a state.

```
sB.IsSubchart = false;
sB.IsGrouped = false;
```

- 7 Reposition the states and transitions in B.

```
newStates = find(sB, "-isa", "Stateflow.State");
newStates = setdiff(newStates, sB);
newTransitions = find(sB, "-isa", "Stateflow.Transition");
newOClocks = get(newTransitions, {"SourceOClock", "DestinationOClock"});
for i = 1:numel(newStates)
    newStates(i).Position = newStates(i).Position + [25 35 0 0];
end
set(newTransitions, {"SourceOClock", "DestinationOClock"}, newOClocks);
```

See Also

Functions

copy | find | pasteTo | setdiff

Objects

Stateflow.Clipboard | Stateflow.State

Topics

“Overview of the Stateflow API”

Introduced before R2006a

sfclose

Close Stateflow chart

Syntax

```
sfclose  
sfclose all  
sfclose chartName  
sfclose( ___ )
```

Description

`sfclose` closes the chart that was opened or modified most recently. Closing a chart in a Simulink model also closes the model.

`sfclose all` closes all open charts.

`sfclose chartName` closes all open charts called `chartName`.

`sfclose(___)` enables you to specify the input arguments in the previous syntaxes by using variables or strings. For example, you can enter `sfclose(var)` where `var` is a variable set to "My Chart" or "all".

Examples

Close Current Chart

Close the Stateflow chart that was opened or modified most recently.

```
sfclose
```

Close All Open Charts

Close all open Stateflow charts.

```
sfclose all
```

Close Specified Chart

Close all open Stateflow charts called `MyChart`.

```
sfclose MyChart
```

Specify Chart Name Using a Variable

Close the open Stateflow chart specified by the variable `chart`.

```
chart = "My Chart";  
sfclose(chart)
```

Input Arguments

chartName — Name of chart

string scalar | character vector

Name of Stateflow chart to close, specified as a string scalar or character vector. If the name of the chart includes spaces, enclose the chart name in quotes. To specify the name of the chart using a variable or a string, call `sfclose` with its input argument enclosed in parentheses.

Example: `sfclose MyChart`

Example: `sfclose("My Chart")`

Data Types: `char` | `string`

See Also

`sfnew` | `sfopen` | `sflib` | `sfsave`

Introduced in R2006a

sfdebugger

Open Breakpoints and Watch window

Syntax

sfdebugger

Description

sfdebugger opens the Stateflow Breakpoints and Watch window. In this window, you can manage the breakpoints in a chart and view the current data and message values while the simulation is paused at a breakpoint.

- To see a list of all of the breakpoints and their associated conditions, select the **Breakpoints** tab. For more information, see “Manage Breakpoints Through the Breakpoints and Watch Window”.
- To inspect data and message values, select the **Watch** tab. For more information, see “View Data in the Breakpoints and Watch Window”.

See Also

sfnew | sfopen | sflib | sfexplr

Topics

“Set Breakpoints to Debug Charts”

“Inspect and Modify Data and Messages While Debugging”

Introduced in R2006a

sfexplr

Open Model Explorer

Syntax

```
sfexplr
```

Description

sfexplr opens the Model Explorer. If the Model Explorer is already open, but not visible, then sfexplr brings it to the foreground. A Simulink model does not need to be open.

See Also

Tools

Model Explorer

Functions

sfnew | sfopen | sflib | sfdebugger

Topics

“Use the Model Explorer with Stateflow Objects”

Introduced in R2006a

sfgco

Selected objects in chart

Syntax

```
objects = sfgco
```

Description

`objects = sfgco` returns a handle or vector of handles to the most recently selected Stateflow objects. If more than one chart is open, the function searches the last chart with which you interacted that is still open.

Examples

Zoom in on Selected State

In the Stateflow Editor, select a state by clicking on it.

Access the `Stateflow.State` object.

```
myState = sfgco;
```

Zoom in on the selected state.

```
fitToView(myState)
```

Display Names of Selected States

In the Stateflow Editor, simultaneously select several states by clicking each state while pressing the **Shift** key.

Access the `Stateflow.State` objects.

```
myStates = sfgco;
```

Display the names of the selected states.

```
get(myStates, "Name")
```

Output Arguments

objects — Selected graphical objects

handle | vector of handles

Selected graphical objects, returned as a handle or vector of handles to Stateflow API objects. This table describes the format and content of the output of the function, depending on your selection.

Value	Description
Empty matrix	You have not opened or edited any charts.
Handle to the chart most recently clicked	You clicked in a chart, but did not select any objects.
Handle to the selected object	You selected one object in a chart.
Vector of handles to the selected objects	You selected multiple objects in a chart.
Vector of handles to the most recently selected objects in the most recently selected chart	You selected multiple objects in multiple charts.

See Also

Functions

`find` | `fitToView`

Objects

`Stateflow.State`

Topics

“Overview of the Stateflow API”

“Access Objects in Your Stateflow Chart”

“Create Charts by Using the Stateflow API”

Introduced before R2006a

sfhelp

Open Stateflow documentation in Help browser

Syntax

`sfhelp`

Description

`sfhelp` opens the Stateflow documentation in the MATLAB Help browser.

See Also

`doc` | `docsearch` | `help` | `lookfor`

Introduced before R2006a

sflib

Open Stateflow block library

Syntax

sflib

Description

sflib opens the Stateflow block library. From this library, you can drag Stateflow charts, State Transition Table blocks, Truth Table blocks, and Sequence Viewer blocks into Simulink models.

See Also

Blocks

Chart | State Transition Table | Truth Table | Sequence Viewer

Functions

sfnew | sfopen | sfdebugger | sfexplr

Introduced in R2006a

sfnew

Create Simulink model that contains an empty Stateflow block

Syntax

```
sfnew
sfnew chartType
sfnew modelName
sfnew chartType modelName
sfnew( ___ )
```

Description

`sfnew` creates an untitled Simulink model that contains an empty Stateflow chart.

`sfnew chartType` creates an untitled model that contains an empty block of type `chartType`.

`sfnew modelName` creates a model called `modelName` that contains an empty chart.

`sfnew chartType modelName` creates a model called `modelName` that contains an empty block of type `chartType`.

`sfnew(___)` enables you to specify the input arguments in the previous syntaxes by using variables or strings. For example, you can enter `sfnew(var1,var2)` where `var1` is a variable set to "-C" and `var2` is a variable set to "MyModel".

Examples

Create Untitled Model with Chart

Create an untitled model that contains an empty Stateflow chart that uses the default action language for new charts.

```
sfnew
```

For more information, see “Modify the Action Language for a Chart”.

Create Untitled Model with Truth Table

Create an untitled model called `MyModel` that contains an empty Truth Table block.

```
sfnew -TT
```

Create Named Model with Chart

Create a model called `MyModel` that contains an empty Stateflow chart that uses MATLAB as the action language.

```
sfnew MyModel
```

Create Named Model with Moore Chart

Create a model called `MyModel` that contains an empty Stateflow chart that uses Moore semantics.

```
sfnew -Moore MyModel
```

Specify Chart Type Using a Variable

Create an untitled model that contains an empty Stateflow chart of the type specified by the variable `type`.

```
type = "-C";
sfnew(type)
```

Input Arguments

chartType — Type of block

-MATLAB (default) | -M | -C | -Mealy | -Moore | -STT | -TT

Type of Stateflow block to add to empty model, specified as one of these options:

- -MATLAB or -M — Chart that uses MATLAB as the action language
- -C — Chart that uses C as the action language
- -Mealy — Chart that supports Mealy machine semantics
- -Moore — Chart that supports Moore machine semantics
- -STT — State Transition Table
- -TT — Truth Table

To specify the type of the block using a variable or a string, call `sfnew` with its input arguments enclosed in parentheses.

Example: `sfnew -MATLAB`

Example: `sfnew("-MATLAB")`

modelName — Name of model

string scalar | character vector

Name of the Simulink model, specified as a string scalar or character vector. To specify the name of the model using a variable or a string, call `sfnew` with its input arguments enclosed in parentheses.

Example: `sfnew MyModel`

Example: `sfnew("MyModel")`

Data Types: `char` | `string`

Tips

- The default action language for new charts is MATLAB. To change the default action language, use the `sfpref` function. For example, to change the default action language to C, enter:

```
sfpref(ActionLanguage="C")
```

For more information, see “Modify the Action Language for a Chart”.

- To create a standalone chart that you can execute as a MATLAB object, use the `edit` function. For example, in the MATLAB Command Window, enter:

```
edit chart.sfx
```

For more information, see “Create Stateflow Charts for Execution as MATLAB Objects”.

See Also

Blocks

Chart | State Transition Table | Truth Table

Functions

sfopen | sfclose | sflib | sfpref

Topics

“Differences Between MATLAB and C as Action Language Syntax”

“Overview of Mealy and Moore Machines”

“Use Truth Tables to Model Combinatorial Logic”

“State Transition Tables in Stateflow”

Introduced before R2006a

sfopen

Open Simulink model

Syntax

```
sfopen
```

Description

sfopen prompts you to select a Simulink model file and opens the model.

Tips

To open a standalone chart in MATLAB, use the `edit` function. For example, in the MATLAB Command Window, enter:

```
edit chart.sfx
```

For more information, see “Create Stateflow Charts for Execution as MATLAB Objects”.

See Also

`sfnew` | `sflib` | `sfclose`

Introduced in R2006a

sfpref

Set preferences for Stateflow charts

Syntax

```
allSettings = sfpref
```

```
setting = sfpref(preference)
```

```
setting = sfpref(ActionLanguage=actionLanguage)
```

```
setting = sfpref(PatternWizardCustomDir=customPatternFolder)
```

```
setting = sfpref(EnableLabelAutoCorrectionForMAL=autoCorrection)
```

```
setting = sfpref(ShowTransitionLabelOwner=transitionLabelLines)
```

Description

`allSettings = sfpref` returns the Stateflow preferences and settings.

`setting = sfpref(preference)` returns the setting for the specified preference.

`setting = sfpref(ActionLanguage=actionLanguage)` sets the default action language used by new Stateflow charts and state transition tables. For more information, see “Change the Default Action Language”.

`setting = sfpref(PatternWizardCustomDir=customPatternFolder)` sets the custom pattern folder used by the Pattern Wizard. For more information, see “Save Custom Flow Chart Patterns”.

`setting = sfpref(EnableLabelAutoCorrectionForMAL=autoCorrection)` enables or disables automatic correction of common C constructs in Stateflow charts that use MATLAB as the action language. For more information, see “Auto Correction When Using MATLAB as the Action Language”.

`setting = sfpref(ShowTransitionLabelOwner=transitionLabelLines)` enables or disables indicator lines between transitions and associated labels.

Examples

Display Settings for All Preferences

Display the settings for all Stateflow preferences.

```
sfpref
```

```
ans =
```

```
    struct with fields:
```

```
                ActionLanguage: 'MATLAB'  
    EnableLabelAutoCorrectionForMAL: 1
```

```
PatternWizardCustomDir: ''  
ShowTransitionLabelOwner: 0
```

Display Default Action Language

Display the default action language used by new Stateflow charts and state transition tables.

```
sfpref("ActionLanguage")
```

```
ans =  
    'MATLAB'
```

Change Default Action Language

Change the default action language used by new Stateflow charts and state transition tables to C.

```
sfpref(ActionLanguage="C")
```

```
ans =  
    'C'
```

Set Custom Pattern Folder

Set the custom pattern folder used by the Pattern Wizard to C:\patterns.

```
sfpref(PatternWizardCustomDir=fullfile("C:", "patterns"))
```

```
ans =  
    'C:\patterns'
```

Disable Automatic Correction of C Constructs

Disable automatic correction of common C constructs in charts that use MATLAB as the action language.

```
sfpref(EnableLabelAutoCorrectionForMAL=false)
```

```
ans =  
    0
```

Display Indicator Lines Between Transitions and Labels

Display an indicator line between every transition and the associated label.

```
sfpref(ShowTransitionLabelOwner=true)
```

```
ans =  
    1
```

Input Arguments

preference — Stateflow preference to return

"ActionLanguage" | "PatternWizardCustomDir" | "EnableLabelAutoCorrectionForMAL" | "ShowTransitionLabelOwner"

Stateflow preference to return, specified as one of these values:

- "ActionLanguage" — Default action language used by new Stateflow charts and state transition tables
- "PatternWizardCustomDir" — Custom pattern folder used by the Pattern Wizard
- "EnableLabelAutoCorrectionForMAL" — Whether Stateflow charts that use MATLAB as the action language automatically correct common C constructs
- "ShowTransitionLabelOwner" — Whether indicator lines appear between transitions and associated labels

actionLanguage — Default action language

"MATLAB" (default) | "C"

Default action language used by new Stateflow charts and state transition tables, specified as "MATLAB" or "C".

customPatternFolder — Custom pattern folder

"" (default) | string scalar | character vector

Custom pattern folder used by the Pattern Wizard, specified as a string scalar or character vector.

Data Types: string | char

autoCorrection — Whether to enable automatic correction of C constructs

true or 1 (default) | false or 0

Whether to enable automatic correction of common C constructs in Stateflow charts that use MATLAB as the action language, specified as a numeric or logical 1 (true) or 0 (false).

transitionLabelLines — Whether to display indicator lines between transitions and labels

false or 0 (default) | true or 1

Whether to display the indicator lines between transitions and associated labels, specified as a numeric or logical 1 (true) or 0 (false), where:

- true — Displays indicator lines for every transition
- false — Displays indicator lines only when label ownership is unclear

Output Arguments

allSettings — Settings for all preferences

structure

Settings for all Stateflow preferences, returned as a structure with these fields:

- `ActionLanguage` — Default action language used by new Stateflow charts and state transition tables, returned as 'MATLAB' or 'C'
- `PatternWizardCustomDir` — Custom pattern folder used by the Pattern Wizard, returned as a character vector
- `EnableLabelAutoCorrectionForMAL` — Whether Stateflow charts that use MATLAB as the action language automatically correct common C constructs, returned as 1 or 0 of data type `double`
- `ShowTransitionLabelOwner` — Whether indicator lines appear between transitions and associated labels, returned as 1 or 0 of data type `double`

setting — Setting for specified preference

any data type, depending on the preference

Setting for specified preference, returned in the format determined by the preference:

- `ActionLanguage` — 'MATLAB' or 'C'
- `PatternWizardCustomDir` — character vector
- `EnableLabelAutoCorrectionForMAL` — 1 or 0 of data type `double`
- `ShowTransitionLabelOwner` — 1 or 0 of data type `double`

Data Types: `char` | `double`

See Also

`sfnew` | `sfclose` | `sflib` | `sfopen` | `stateflow`

Topics

“Modify the Action Language for a Chart”

“Create Flow Charts by Using Pattern Wizard”

Introduced before R2006a

sfprint

Print Stateflow charts

Syntax

```
sfprint
sfprint(source)
sfprint(source,format)
sfprint(source,format,destination)
sfprint(source,format,destination,wholeChart)
```

Description

`sfprint` prints the current chart to the default printer.

`sfprint(source)` prints all charts specified by `source` to the default printer.

`sfprint(source,format)` prints charts by using the specified `format` to output files. Each output file name matches the name of the chart and the file extension matches the `format`.

`sfprint(source,format,destination)` prints charts to the specified `destination`.

`sfprint(source,format,destination,wholeChart)` specifies whether to print the complete or current view of the charts.

Examples

Print open chart

```
sfprint
```

Prints the current chart to the default printer.

Print all charts specified in path

```
sfprint("sf_car/shift_logic");
```

Prints the chart with the path `sf_car/shift_logic` to the default printer.

Print chart specified in path to a JPG file format.

```
sfprint("sf_car/shift_logic","jpg")
```

Prints the chart `sf_car/shift_logic` in JPG format to the file `sf_car_shift_logic.jpg`.

Print chart in TIFF format to the clipboard.

```
sfprint(gcs, "tiff", "clipboard")
```

Prints the chart in the current system to the clipboard in TIFF format.

Print the current view of a chart.

```
sfprint("sf_car/shift_logic", "png", "file", 0)
```

Prints the current view of `sf_car/shift_logic` in a PNG format to the file `sf_car_shift_logic.png`.

Input Arguments**source — Source of charts to print**

string scalar | character vector | vector of string scalars | cell array of character vectors

Source of charts to print, specified as a string scalar or character vector that contains the path of a chart, model, subsystem, or block. To specify multiple paths, use a vector of string scalars or cell array of character vectors. To specify the current block or system of the model, use `gcb` or `gcs`.

Example: `sfprint(gcs)` prints all the charts in the current system to the default printer.

Example: `sfprint("sf_pool/Pool")` prints the chart `sf_pool/Pool` to the default printer.

Data Types: string | char

format — Output format

"bitmap" | "jpg" | "meta" | "pdf" | "png" | "svg" | "tiff"

Output format of the printed charts specified as one of these values:

- "bitmap" — Save the chart image to the clipboard as a bitmap (for Windows® operating systems only).
- "jpg" — Generate a JPEG file.
- "meta" — Save the chart image to the clipboard as an enhanced metafile (for Windows operating systems only).
- "pdf" — Generate a PDF file.
- "png" — Generate a PNG file.
- "svg" — Generate an SVG file.
- "tiff" — Generate a TIFF file

Example: `sfprint("sf_car/shift_logic", "jpg")` prints the chart `sf_car/shift_logic` to a JPEG file named `sf_car_shift_logic.jpg` in the current folder.

Example: `sfprint("sf_bounce/BouncingBall", "meta", "myImage")` prints the chart `sf_bounce/BouncingBall` as an enhanced metafile named `myImage.emf` in the current folder.

destination — Destination for printed charts

"file" (default) | "clipboard" | "printer" | "promptForFile" | string scalar | character vector

Destination for printed charts, specified as one of these values:

- "file" — Send output to a file with the default name *chart_name.file_extension*, where the file name is the name of the chart and the file extension that matches the output format.
- "clipboard" — Copy output to the clipboard.
- "printer" — Send output to the default printer. Use only with "ps" or "eps" formats.
- "promptForFile" — Prompt for path and file name.

Alternatively, you can specify the name of the output file by using a string scalar or character vector.

Example: `sfprint("sf_car/shift_logic","png","myFile")` prints the chart `sf_car/shift_logic` to a PNG file named `myFile.png` in the current folder.

Example: `sfprint(gcf,"pdf","promptForFile")` prints all charts in the current block of the model in PDF format. A dialog box prompts you for the path and name of the output file for each chart.

Data Types: `string` | `char`

wholeChart — Whether to print complete charts

`true` or `1` (default) | `false` or `0`

Whether to print the complete charts, specified as a numeric or logical `1` (`true`) or `0` (`false`).

- `true` — Print the complete views of the specified charts.
- `false` — Print the current views of the specified charts.

Example: `sfprint(gcf,"png","file",0)` prints the current view of the charts in the current system in PNG format using default file names.

Data Types: `single` | `double` | `int8` | `int16` | `int32` | `int64` | `uint8` | `uint16` | `uint32` | `uint64` | `logical`

See Also

`gcb` | `gcs` | `sfhelp` | `sfnew` | `sfsave` | `stateflow`

Introduced before R2006a

sfroot

Root of Stateflow hierarchy

Syntax

```
root = sfroot
```

Description

`root = sfroot` returns the `Simulink.Root` object at the top level of the Stateflow hierarchy of objects. Use the `Root` object to access all other API objects in your charts. For more information, see “Access Objects in Your Stateflow Chart”.

Examples

Zoom in on State in Chart

Open a Simulink model called `myModel`. Suppose that the model contains a Stateflow chart with a state named A.

```
open_system("myModel")
```

Find the state named A.

```
st = find(sfroot, "-isa", "Stateflow.State", Name="A");
```

Zoom in on the state in the Stateflow Editor.

```
fitToView(st);
```

See Also

Functions

`find` | `fitToView` | `open_system`

Objects

`Stateflow.State`

Topics

“Overview of the Stateflow API”

“Access Objects in Your Stateflow Chart”

“Create Charts by Using the Stateflow API”

Introduced before R2006a

sfsave

Save Simulink model

Syntax

```
sfsave  
sfsave modelName  
sfsave modelName newName  
sfsave( ___ )
```

Description

`sfsave` saves the current model in the current folder. The current folder must be writable.

`sfsave modelName` saves the specified model in the current folder. The specified model must be open and the current folder must be writable.

`sfsave modelName newName` saves the specified model using a new model name. The specified model must be open and the current folder must be writable.

`sfsave(___)` enables you to specify the input arguments in the previous syntaxes by using variables or strings. For example, you can enter `sfsave(var1,var2)` where `var1` is a variable set to "OldModel" and `var2` is a variable set to "NewModel".

Examples

Save Current Model

Save the model that is currently open.

```
sfsave
```

Save Specified Model

Save an open model called MyModel.

```
sfsave MyModel
```

Rename Model

Save a model called MyModel using the name MyNewModel.

```
sfsave MyModel MyNewModel
```

Specify Model Name Using a Variable

Save the model whose name is specified by the variable `model`.

```
model = "MyModel";  
sfsave(model)
```

Input Arguments

modelName — Name of model

string scalar | character vector

Name of the Simulink model, specified as a string scalar or character vector. To specify the name of the model using a variable or a string, call `sfnew` with its input arguments enclosed in parentheses.

Example: `sfsave MyModel`

Example: `sfsave("MyModel")`

Data Types: `char` | `string`

newmodelName — Name of new model

string scalar | character vector

Name of the new Simulink model, specified as a string scalar or character vector. To specify the name of the new model using a variable or a string, call `sfnew` with its input arguments enclosed in parentheses.

Example: `sfsave MyModel MyNewModel`

Example: `sfsave("MyModel", "MyNewModel")`

Data Types: `char` | `string`

See Also

`sfnew` | `sfopen` | `sfclose`

Topics

“Create Charts by Using the Stateflow API”

“Create Charts by Using a MATLAB Script”

Introduced before R2006a

Simulink.sdi.compareRuns

Package: Simulink.sdi

Compare data in two simulation runs

Syntax

```
diffResult = Simulink.sdi.compareRuns(runID1,runID2)
diffResult = Simulink.sdi.compareRuns(runID1,runID2,Name=Value)
```

Description

`diffResult = Simulink.sdi.compareRuns(runID1,runID2)` compares the data in the runs that correspond to `runID1` and `runID2` and returns the result in the `Simulink.sdi.DiffRunResult` object `diffResult`. For more information about the comparison algorithm, see “How the Simulation Data Inspector Compares Data” (Simulink).

`diffResult = Simulink.sdi.compareRuns(runID1,runID2,Name=Value)` compares the simulation runs that correspond to `runID1` and `runID2` using the options specified by one or more name-value arguments. For more information about comparison options, see “How the Simulation Data Inspector Compares Data” (Simulink).

Examples

Compare Runs with Global Tolerance

You can specify global tolerance values to use when comparing two simulation runs. Global tolerance values are applied to all signals within the run. This example shows how to specify global tolerance values for a run comparison and how to analyze and save the comparison results.

First, load the session file that contains the data to compare. The session file contains data for four simulations of an aircraft longitudinal controller. This example compares data from two runs that use different input filter time constants.

```
Simulink.sdi.load('AircraftExample.mldatx');
```

To access the run data to compare, use the `Simulink.sdi.getAllRunIDs` (Simulink) function to get the run IDs that correspond to the last two simulation runs.

```
runIDs = Simulink.sdi.getAllRunIDs;
runID1 = runIDs(end - 1);
runID2 = runIDs(end);
```

Use the `Simulink.sdi.compareRuns` (Simulink) function to compare the runs. Specify a global relative tolerance value of 0.2 and a global time tolerance value of 0.5.

```
runResult = Simulink.sdi.compareRuns(runID1,runID2,'reltol',0.2,'timetol',0.5);
```

Check the `Summary` property of the returned `Simulink.sdi.DiffRunResult` object to see whether signals were within the tolerance values or out of tolerance.


```
runResult.Summary
ans = struct with fields:
    OutOfTolerance: 0
    WithinTolerance: 3
    Unaligned: 0
    UnitsMismatch: 0
    Empty: 0
    Canceled: 0
    EmptySynced: 0
    DataTypeMismatch: 0
    TimeMismatch: 0
    StartStopMismatch: 0
    Unsupported: 0
```

All three signal comparison results fell within the specified global tolerance.

You can save the comparison results to an MLDATX file using the `saveResult` (Simulink) function.

```
saveResult(runResult, 'InputFilterComparison');
```

Analyze Simulation Data Using Signal Tolerances

You can programmatically specify signal tolerance values to use in comparisons performed using the Simulation Data Inspector. In this example, you compare data collected by simulating a model of an aircraft longitudinal flight control system. Each simulation uses a different value for the input filter time constant and logs the input and output signals. You analyze the effect of the time constant change by comparing results using the Simulation Data Inspector and signal tolerances.

First, load the session file that contains the simulation data.

```
Simulink.sdi.load('AircraftExample.mldatx');
```

The session file contains four runs. In this example, you compare data from the first two runs in the file. Access the `Simulink.sdi.Run` objects for the first two runs loaded from the file.

```
runIDs = Simulink.sdi.getAllRunIDs;
runIDTs1 = runIDs(end-3);
runIDTs2 = runIDs(end-2);
```

Now, compare the two runs without specifying any tolerances.

```
noTolDiffResult = Simulink.sdi.compareRuns(runIDTs1, runIDTs2);
```

Use the `getResultByIndex` function to access the comparison results for the `q` and `alpha` signals.

```
qResult = getResultByIndex(noTolDiffResult, 1);
alphaResult = getResultByIndex(noTolDiffResult, 2);
```

Check the `Status` of each signal result to see whether the comparison result fell within our out of tolerance.

```
qResult.Status
ans =
    ComparisonSignalStatus enumeration
```

```
OutOfTolerance
```

```
alphaResult.Status
```

```
ans =  
  ComparisonSignalStatus enumeration  
  
  OutOfTolerance
```

The comparison used a value of 0 for all tolerances, so the `OutOfTolerance` result means the signals are not identical.

You can further analyze the effect of the time constant by specifying tolerance values for the signals. Specify the tolerances by setting the properties for the `Simulink.sdi.Signal` objects that correspond to the signals being compared. Comparisons use tolerances specified for the baseline signals. This example specifies a time tolerance and an absolute tolerance.

To specify a tolerance, first access the `Signal` objects from the baseline run.

```
runTs1 = Simulink.sdi.getRun(runIDTs1);  
qSig = getSignalsByName(runTs1, 'q, rad/sec');  
alphaSig = getSignalsByName(runTs1, 'alpha, rad');
```

Specify an absolute tolerance of 0.1 and a time tolerance of 0.6 for the `q` signal using the `AbsTol` and `TimeTol` properties.

```
qSig.AbsTol = 0.1;  
qSig.TimeTol = 0.6;
```

Specify an absolute tolerance of 0.2 and a time tolerance of 0.8 for the `alpha` signal.

```
alphaSig.AbsTol = 0.2;  
alphaSig.TimeTol = 0.8;
```

Compare the results again. Access the results from the comparison and check the `Status` property for each signal.

```
tolDiffResult = Simulink.sdi.compareRuns(runIDTs1, runIDTs2);  
qResult2 = getResultByIndex(tolDiffResult, 1);  
alphaResult2 = getResultByIndex(tolDiffResult, 2);
```

```
qResult2.Status
```

```
ans =  
  ComparisonSignalStatus enumeration  
  
  WithinTolerance
```

```
alphaResult2.Status
```

```
ans =  
  ComparisonSignalStatus enumeration  
  
  WithinTolerance
```

Configure Comparisons to Check Metadata

You can use the `Simulink.sdi.compareRuns` function to compare signal data and metadata, including data type and start and stop times. A single comparison may check for mismatches in one or more pieces of metadata. When you check for mismatches in signal metadata, the `Summary` property of the `Simulink.sdi.DiffRunResult` object may differ from a basic comparison because the `Status` property for a `Simulink.sdi.DiffSignalResult` object can indicate the metadata mismatch. You can configure comparisons using the `Simulink.sdi.compareRuns` function for imported data and for data logged from a simulation.

This example configures a comparison of runs created from workspace data three ways to show how the `Summary` of the `DiffSignalResult` object can provide specific information about signal mismatches.

Create Workspace Data

The `Simulink.sdi.compareRuns` function compares time series data. Create data for a sine wave to use as the baseline signal, using the `timeseries` format. Give the `timeseries` the name `Wave Data`.

```
time = 0:0.1:20;
sig1vals = sin(2*pi/5*time);
sig1_ts = timeseries(sig1vals,time);
sig1_ts.Name = 'Wave Data';
```

Create a second sine wave to compare against the baseline signal. Use a slightly different time vector and attenuate the signal so the two signals are not identical. Cast the signal data to the `single` data type. Also name this `timeseries` object `Wave Data`. The Simulation Data Inspector comparison algorithm will align these signals for comparison using the name.

```
time2 = 0:0.1:22;
sig2vals = single(0.98*sin(2*pi/5*time2));
sig2_ts = timeseries(sig2vals,time2);
sig2_ts.Name = 'Wave Data';
```

Create and Compare Runs in the Simulation Data Inspector

The `Simulink.sdi.compareRuns` function compares data contained in `Simulink.sdi.Run` objects. Use the `Simulink.sdi.createRun` function to create runs in the Simulation Data Inspector for the data. The `Simulink.sdi.createRun` function returns the run ID for each created run.

```
runID1 = Simulink.sdi.createRun('Baseline Run','vars',sig1_ts);
runID2 = Simulink.sdi.createRun('Compare to Run','vars',sig2_ts);
```

You can use the `Simulink.sdi.compareRuns` function to compare the runs. The comparison algorithm converts the signal data to the `double` data type and synchronizes the signal data before computing the difference signal.

```
basic_DRR = Simulink.sdi.compareRuns(runID1,runID2);
```

Check the `Summary` property of the returned `Simulink.sdi.DiffRunResult` object to see the result of the comparison.

```
basic_DRR.Summary
ans = struct with fields:
    OutOfTolerance: 1
    WithinTolerance: 0
        Unaligned: 0
    UnitsMismatch: 0
        Empty: 0
        Canceled: 0
    EmptySynced: 0
    DataTypeMismatch: 0
        TimeMismatch: 0
    StartStopMismatch: 0
        Unsupported: 0
```

The difference between the signals is out of tolerance.

Compare Runs and Check for Data Type Match

Depending on your system requirements, you may want the data types for signals you compare to match. You can use the `Simulink.sdi.compareRuns` function to configure the comparison algorithm to check for and report data type mismatches.

```
dataType_DRR = Simulink.sdi.compareRuns(runID1,runID2,'DataType','MustMatch');
dataType_DRR.Summary
```

```
ans = struct with fields:
    OutOfTolerance: 0
    WithinTolerance: 0
        Unaligned: 0
    UnitsMismatch: 0
        Empty: 0
        Canceled: 0
    EmptySynced: 0
    DataTypeMismatch: 1
        TimeMismatch: 0
    StartStopMismatch: 0
        Unsupported: 0
```

The result of the signal comparison is now `DataTypeMismatch` because the data for the baseline signal is double data type, while the data for the signal compared to the baseline is single data type.

Compare Runs and Check for Start and Stop Time Match

You can use the `Simulink.sdi.compareRuns` function to configure the comparison algorithm to check whether the aligned signals have the same start and stop times.

```
startStop_DRR = Simulink.sdi.compareRuns(runID1,runID2,'StartStop','MustMatch');
startStop_DRR.Summary
```

```
ans = struct with fields:
    OutOfTolerance: 0
    WithinTolerance: 0
        Unaligned: 0
    UnitsMismatch: 0
```

```

        Empty: 0
        Canceled: 0
        EmptySynced: 0
        DataTypeMismatch: 0
        TimeMismatch: 0
        StartStopMismatch: 1
        Unsupported: 0

```

The signal comparison result is now `StartStopMismatch` because the signals created in the workspace have different stop times.

Compare Runs with Alignment Criteria

When you compare runs using the Simulation Data Inspector, you can specify alignment criteria that determine how signals are paired with each other for comparison. This example compares data from simulations of a model of an aircraft longitudinal control system. The simulations used a square wave input. The first simulation used an input filter time constant of `0.1s` and the second simulation used an input filter time constant of `0.5s`.

First, load the simulation data from the session file that contains the data for this example.

```
Simulink.sdi.load('AircraftExample.mldatx');
```

The session file contains data for four simulations. This example compares data from the first two runs. Access the run IDs for the first two runs loaded from the session file.

```
runIDs = Simulink.sdi.getAllRunIDs;
runIDTs1 = runIDs(end-3);
runIDTs2 = runIDs(end-2);
```

Before running the comparison, define how you want the Simulation Data Inspector to align the signals between the runs. This example aligns signals by their name, then by their block path, and then by their Simulink identifier.

```
alignMethods = [Simulink.sdi.AlignType.SignalName
                Simulink.sdi.AlignType.BlockPath
                Simulink.sdi.AlignType.SID];
```

Compare the simulation data in your two runs, using the alignment criteria you specified. The comparison uses a small time tolerance to account for the effect of differences in the step size used by the solver on the transition of the square wave input.

```
diffResults = Simulink.sdi.compareRuns(runIDTs1,runIDTs2,'align',alignMethods,...
    'timetol',0.005);
```

You can use the `getResultByIndex` function to access the comparison results for the aligned signals in the runs you compared. You can use the `Count` property of the `Simulink.sdi.DiffRunResult` object to set up a `for` loop to check the `Status` property for each `Simulink.sdi.DiffSignalResult` object.

```
numComparisons = diffResults.count;
for k = 1:numComparisons
    resultAtIdx = getResultByIndex(diffResults,k);
```

```

sigID1 = resultAtIdx.signalID1;
sigID2 = resultAtIdx.signalID2;

sig1 = Simulink.sdi.getSignal(sigID1);
sig2 = Simulink.sdi.getSignal(sigID2);

displayStr = 'Signals %s and %s: %s \n';
fprintf(displayStr,sig1.Name,sig2.Name,resultAtIdx.Status);
end

```

```

Signals q, rad/sec and q, rad/sec: OutOfTolerance
Signals alpha, rad and alpha, rad: OutOfTolerance
Signals Stick and Stick: WithinTolerance

```

Input Arguments

runID1 — Baseline run identifier

integer

Numeric identifier for the baseline run in the comparison, specified as a run ID that corresponds to a run in the Simulation Data Inspector. The Simulation Data Inspector assigns run IDs when runs are created. You can get the run ID for a run by using the ID property of the `Simulink.sdi.Run` object, the `Simulink.sdi.getAllRunIDs` function, or the `Simulink.sdi.getRunIDByIndex` function.

runID2 — Identifier for run to compare

integer

Numeric identifier for the run to compare, specified as a run ID that corresponds to a run in the Simulation Data Inspector. The Simulation Data Inspector assigns run IDs when runs are created. You can get the run ID for a run by using the ID property of the `Simulink.sdi.Run` object, the `Simulink.sdi.getAllRunIDs` function, or the `Simulink.sdi.getRunIDByIndex` function.

Name-Value Pair Arguments

Specify optional pairs of arguments as `Name1=Value1, ..., NameN=ValueN`, where `Name` is the argument name and `Value` is the corresponding value. Name-value arguments must appear after other arguments, but the order of the pairs does not matter.

Before R2021a, use commas to separate each name and value, and enclose Name in quotes.

Example: `AbsTol=x,Align=alignOpts`

Align — Signal alignment options

`Simulink.sdi.AlignType` scalar | `Simulink.sdi.AlignType` vector

Signal alignment options, specified as a `Simulink.sdi.AlignType` scalar or vector. The `Simulink.sdi.AlignType` enumeration includes a value for each option available for pairing each signal in the baseline run with a signal in the comparison run. You can specify one or more alignment options for the comparison. To use more than one alignment option, specify an array. When you specify multiple alignment options, the Simulation Data Inspector aligns signals first by the option in the first element of the array, then by the option in the second element array, and so on. For more information, see “Signal Alignment” (Simulink).

Value	Aligns By
<code>Simulink.sdi.AlignType.BlockPath</code>	Path to the source block for the signal
<code>Simulink.sdi.AlignType.SID</code>	Simulink identifier For more information, see “Simulink Identifiers” (Simulink).
<code>Simulink.sdi.AlignType.SignalName</code>	Signal name
<code>Simulink.sdi.AlignType.DataSource</code>	Path of the variable in the MATLAB workspace

Example: `[Simulink.sdi.AlignType.SignalName, Simulink.sdi.AlignType.BlockPath]` specifies signal alignment by signal name and then by block path.

AbsTol — Global absolute tolerance for comparison

0 (default) | positive-valued scalar

Global absolute tolerance for comparison, specified as a positive-valued scalar.

Global tolerances apply to all signals in the run comparison. To use a different tolerance value for a signal in the comparison, specify the tolerance you want to use on the `Simulink.sdi.Signal` object in the baseline run and set the `OverrideGlobalTol` property for that signal to `true`.

For more information about how tolerances are used in comparisons, see “Tolerance Specification” (Simulink).

Example: `0.5`

Data Types: `double`

RelTol — Global relative tolerance for comparison

0 (default) | positive-valued scalar

Global relative tolerance for comparison, specified as a positive-valued scalar. The relative tolerance is expressed as a fractional multiplier. For example, `0.1` specifies a 10 percent tolerance.

Global tolerances apply to all signals in the run comparison. To use a different tolerance value for a signal in the comparison, specify the tolerance you want to use on the `Simulink.sdi.Signal` object in the baseline run and set the `OverrideGlobalTol` property for that signal to `true`.

For more information about how tolerances are used in comparisons, see “Tolerance Specification” (Simulink).

Example: `0.1`

Data Types: `double`

TimeTol — Global time tolerance for comparison

0 (default) | positive-valued scalar

Global time tolerance for comparison, specified as a positive-valued scalar, using units of seconds.

Global tolerances apply to all signals in the run comparison. To use a different tolerance value for a signal in the comparison, specify the tolerance you want to use on the `Simulink.sdi.Signal` object in the baseline run and set the `OverrideGlobalTol` property for that signal to `true`.

For more information about tolerances in the Simulation Data Inspector, see “Tolerance Specification” (Simulink).

Example: 0.2

Data Types: double

Data Type — Comparison sensitivity to signal data types

"MustMatch"

Comparison sensitivity to signal data types, specified as "MustMatch". Specify `DataType="MustMatch"` when you want the comparison to be sensitive to data type mismatches in compared signals. When you specify this name-value argument, the algorithm compares the data types for aligned signals before synchronizing and comparing the signal data.

When signal data types do not match, the `Status` property of the `Simulink.sdi.DiffSignalResult` object for the result is set to `DataTypeMismatch`.

The `Simulink.sdi.compareRuns` function does not compare the data types of aligned signals unless you specify this name-value argument. When you do not specify this name-value argument, the comparison does compute results for signals with different data types.

When you specify that data types must match and configure the comparison to stop on the first mismatch, a data type mismatch stops the comparison. A stopped comparison may not compute results for all signals.

Time — Comparison sensitivity to signal time vectors

"MustMatch"

Comparison sensitivity to signal time vectors, specified as "MustMatch". Specify `Time="MustMatch"` when you want the comparison to be sensitive to mismatches in the time vectors of compared signals. When you specify this name-value argument, the algorithm compares the time vectors of aligned signals before synchronizing and comparing the signal data.

When the time vectors for signals do not match, the `Status` property of the `Simulink.sdi.DiffSignalResult` object for the result is set to `TimeMismatch`.

Comparisons are not sensitive to differences in signal time vectors unless you specify this name-value argument. For comparisons that are not sensitive to differences in the time vectors, the comparison algorithm synchronizes the signals prior to the comparison. For more information about how synchronization works, see “How the Simulation Data Inspector Compares Data” (Simulink).

When you specify that time vectors must match and configure the comparison to stop on the first mismatch, a time vector mismatch stops the comparison. A stopped comparison may not compute results for all signals.

StartStop — Comparison sensitivity to signal start and stop times

"MustMatch"

Comparison sensitivity to signal start and stop times, specified as "MustMatch". Specify `StartStop="MustMatch"` when you want the comparison to be sensitive to mismatches in signal start and stop times. When you specify this name-value argument, the algorithm compares the start and stop times for aligned signals before synchronizing and comparing the signal data.

When the start times and stop times do not match, the `Status` property of the `Simulink.sdi.DiffSignalResult` object for the result is set to `StartStopMismatch`.

When you specify that start and stop times must match and configure the comparison to stop on the first mismatch, a start or stop time mismatch stops the comparison. A stopped comparison may not compute results for all signals.

StopOnFirstMismatch — Whether comparison stops on first detected mismatch

"Metadata" | "Any"

Whether comparison stops on first detected mismatch without comparing remaining signals, specified as "Metadata" or "Any". A stopped comparison may not compute results for all signals, and can return a mismatched result more quickly.

- **Metadata** — A mismatch in metadata for aligned signals causes the comparison to stop. Metadata comparisons happen before comparing signal data.

The Simulation Data Inspector always aligns signals and compares signal units. When you configure the comparison to stop on the first mismatch, an unaligned signal or mismatched units always causes the comparison to stop. You can specify additional name-value arguments to configure the comparison to check and stop on the first mismatch for additional metadata, such as signal data type, start and stop times, and time vectors.

- **Any** — A mismatch in metadata or signal data for aligned signals causes the comparison to stop.

ExpandChannels — Whether to compute comparison results for each channel in multidimensional signals

true or 1 (default) | false or 0

Whether to compute comparison results for each channel in multidimensional signals, specified as logical true (1) or false (0).

- **true or 1** — Comparison expands multidimensional signals represented as a single signal with nonscalar sample values to a set of signals with scalar sample values and computes a comparison result for each of these signals.

The representation of the multidimensional signal in the Simulation Data Inspector as a single signal with nonscalar sample values does not change.

- **false or 0** — Comparison does not compute results for multidimensional signals represented as a single signal with nonscalar sample values.

Output Arguments

diffResult — Comparison results

Simulink.sdi.DiffRunResult object

Comparison results, returned as a Simulink.sdi.DiffRunResult object.

Limitations

The Simulation Data Inspector does not support comparing:

- Signals of data types int64 or uint64.
- Variable-size signals.

See Also

Functions

`Simulink.sdi.compareSignals` | `Simulink.sdi.getRunIDByIndex` |
`Simulink.sdi.getRunCount` | `getResultByIndex`

Objects

`Simulink.sdi.DiffRunResult` | `Simulink.sdi.DiffSignalResult`

Topics

“Inspect and Compare Data Programmatically” (Simulink)

“Compare Simulation Data” (Simulink)

“How the Simulation Data Inspector Compares Data” (Simulink)

Introduced in R2011b

stateflow

Open Stateflow block library and create Simulink model that contains an empty chart

Syntax

```
stateflow
```

Description

`stateflow` creates an untitled Simulink model that contains an empty Stateflow chart. The function also opens the Stateflow block library. From this library, you can drag Stateflow blocks into models.

Tips

- To only create a Simulink model that contains an empty Stateflow block, use the `sfnew` function.
- To only open the Stateflow block library, use the `sflib` function.
- To create a standalone chart that you can execute as a MATLAB object, open the Stateflow editor by using the `edit` function. For example, at the MATLAB Command Window, enter:

```
edit chart.sfx
```

For more information, see “Create Stateflow Charts for Execution as MATLAB Objects”.

Compatibility Considerations

Opening Stateflow

Behavior change in future release

The behavior of the `stateflow` function will change in a future release. Use `sfnew` and `sflib` instead.

See Also

`edit` | `sflib` | `sfnew`

Introduced before R2006a

Stateflow.exportAsClass

Export MATLAB class for standalone chart

Syntax

```
Stateflow.exportAsClass(source)  
Stateflow.exportAsClass(source,destination)
```

Description

`Stateflow.exportAsClass(source)` saves a standalone Stateflow chart as a MATLAB class file in the current folder. The saved file has the same name as the chart. For example, if `source` is `chart.sfx`, the function saves the MATLAB class in the file `chart.m`.

`Stateflow.exportAsClass(source,destination)` saves the chart as a MATLAB class file in the folder `destination`.

Note The MATLAB class produced by `Stateflow.exportAsClass` is intended for debugging purposes only, and not for production use or manual modification. For more information, see “Tips” on page 2-41.

Examples

Export Chart in Current Folder

Save Stateflow chart `chart.sfx` as the MATLAB class file `chart.m` in the current folder.

```
Stateflow.exportAsClass("chart.sfx");
```

Export Chart in Folder Specified by Path

Save Stateflow chart `chart.sfx`, which is located in folder `dir1`, as the MATLAB class file `chart.m` in the current folder.

```
Stateflow.exportAsClass(fullfile("dir1","chart.sfx"));
```

Export Chart to MATLAB Class in Another Folder

Save Stateflow chart `chart.sfx`, which is located in the current folder, as the MATLAB class file `chart.m` in the folder `dir2`.

```
Stateflow.exportAsClass("chart.sfx","dir2");
```

Input Arguments

source — Path and file name of standalone Stateflow chart

string scalar | character vector

Path and file name of a standalone chart, specified as a string scalar or character vector. You can use the absolute path from the root folder or the relative path from the current folder. Standalone charts have the extension `.sfx`.

Data Types: `char` | `string`

destination — Path of destination folder for MATLAB class file

string scalar | character vector

Path of the destination folder for the MATLAB class file, specified as a string scalar or character vector. You can use the absolute path from the root folder or the relative path from the current folder. If not specified, the function saves the MATLAB script file in the current folder.

Data Types: `char` | `string`

Tips

- Use the code produced by `Stateflow.exportAsClass` to debug run-time errors that are otherwise difficult to diagnose. For example, suppose that you encounter an error while executing a Stateflow chart that controls a MATLAB application. If you export the chart as a MATLAB class file, you can replace the chart with the class in your application and diagnose the error by using the MATLAB debugger.

Note Error messages produced by the MATLAB class point to different line numbers than the corresponding error messages produced by the Stateflow chart.

- When you execute the MATLAB class produced by `Stateflow.exportAsClass`, the Stateflow Editor does not animate the original chart.

See Also

`fullfile`

Topics

“Create Stateflow Charts for Execution as MATLAB Objects”

Introduced in R2019b

Stateflow.exportToVersion

Export standalone chart for use in previous version of Stateflow

Syntax

```
exported_file = Stateflow.exportToVersion(source, file_name, version)
```

Description

`exported_file = Stateflow.exportToVersion(source, file_name, version)` exports the chart `source` to a file named `file_name` in a format that the specified previous Stateflow version can load. You can only export to R2019a and later releases.

Examples

Export Chart to an Earlier Version of MATLAB

To complete the export process, you need access to the versions of Stateflow from which and to which you are exporting.

Using the later version of Stateflow, convert the standalone chart `chart.sfx`.

```
edit chart.sfx
Stateflow.exportToVersion("chart", "chart_19a.sfx", "R2019a")
```

Using the earlier version of Stateflow, open and resave the exported chart.

```
edit chart_19a.sfx
sfsave chart_19a
```

Input Arguments

source — Chart to export

string scalar | character vector

Chart to export, specified as a string scalar or character vector, without any file extension. The chart must be open in the Stateflow Editor and have no unsaved changes.

Example: "chart"

Data Types: char | string

file_name — Exported file name

string scalar | character vector

Exported file name, specified as a string scalar or character vector. The exported file must not have the same name as the source chart.

Example: "chart_19a.sfx"

Data Types: char | string

version — MATLAB release name`"R2019a" | "R2019b" | "R2020a" | ...`

MATLAB release name, specified as a string scalar or character vector. Release names are case sensitive. You can only export to R2019a and later releases.

Output Arguments**exported_file — Absolute path to exported file**

character vector

Absolute path to exported file, returned as a character vector.

Tips

Attempting to execute an exported chart before resaving it will result in an error.

See Also`edit` | `sfsave`**Topics**

“Create Stateflow Charts for Execution as MATLAB Objects”

Introduced in R2020a

Stateflow.findMatchingPort

Package: Stateflow

Identify matching entry or exit port

Syntax

```
matchingPort = Stateflow.findMatchingPort(port)
```

Description

`matchingPort = Stateflow.findMatchingPort(port)` returns a `Stateflow.Port` object that matches the specified port or junction.

Note Typically, `Stateflow.findMatchingPort` returns a single `Stateflow.Port` object. However, when an entry or exit junction is located in the top level of a linked atomic subchart, `Stateflow.findMatchingPort` returns an array that contains a separate `Stateflow.Port` object for each instance of the atomic subchart that is open.

Examples

Add Exit Port and Junction to Atomic Subchart

Find the `Stateflow.AtomicSubchart` object that corresponds to the atomic subchart A in the chart `ch`.

```
atomicSubchart = find(ch, "-isa", "Stateflow.AtomicSubchart", Name="A");
```

Add an exit junction to the atomic subchart. Use the `Subchart` property of the atomic subchart as the parent of the exit junction. Display the value of the `PortType` property of the exit junction.

```
exitJunction = Stateflow.Port(atomicSubchart.Subchart, "ExitJunction");
exitJunction.PortType
```

```
ans =
```

```
    'ExitJunction'
```

Set the label of the exit junction to "exit".

```
exitJunction.labelString = "exit";
```

Find the `Stateflow.Port` object for the matching exit port. Display the value of the `PortType` property of the exit port.

```
exitPort = Stateflow.findMatchingPort(exitJunction);
exitPort.PortType
```



```
ans =  
    'ExitPort'
```

Display the label of the exit port.

```
exitPort.labelString
```

```
ans =  
    'exit'
```

Input Arguments

port — Port or junction

Stateflow.Port object

Port or junction, specified as a Stateflow.Port object.

Tips

- If you move an entry or exit junction to a different parent, Stateflow deletes the Stateflow.Port object for the matching port and creates a Stateflow.Port object on the new parent. To identify the new matching port, use the Stateflow.findMatchingPort function.

See Also

Functions

find

Objects

Stateflow.AtomicSubchart | Stateflow.Port

Topics

“Overview of the Stateflow API”

“Create Entry and Exit Connections Across State Boundaries”

Introduced in R2021b

Operators

after

Execute chart after event broadcast or specified time

Syntax

```
after(n,E)
after(n,tick)
after(n,time_unit)
```

Description

`after(n,E)` returns `true` if the event `E` has occurred at least `n` times since the associated state became active. Otherwise, the operator returns `false`.

`after(n,tick)` returns `true` if the chart has woken up at least `n` times since the associated state became active. Otherwise, the operator returns `false`.

The implicit event `tick` is not supported when a Stateflow chart in a Simulink model has input events.

`after(n,time_unit)` returns `true` if at least `n` units of time have elapsed since the associated state became active. Otherwise, the operator returns `false`.

In charts in a Simulink model, specify `time_unit` as seconds (`sec`), milliseconds (`msec`), or microseconds (`usec`). If you specify `n` as an expression, the chart adjusts the temporal delay as the expression changes value during the simulation.

In standalone charts in MATLAB, specify `n` with a value greater than or equal to `0.001` and `time_unit` as seconds (`sec`). The operator creates a MATLAB `timer` object that generates an implicit event to wake up the chart. MATLAB `timer` objects are limited to 1 millisecond precision. For more information, see “Events in Standalone Charts”.

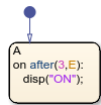
- The `timer` object is created when the chart finishes executing the `entry` actions of the associated state and its substates. If you specify `n` as an expression whose value changes during chart execution, the chart does not adjust the temporal delay of the `timer` object.
- The `timer` object starts running at the end of the chart step when the associated state becomes active. This step can include the execution of other parallel states in the chart.
- If the chart is processing another operation when it receives the implicit event from the `timer` object, the chart queues the event. When the current step is completed, the chart processes the event.
- If the state associated with the temporal logic operator becomes inactive before the chart processes the implicit event, the event does not wake up the chart.

Examples

Execute State Action on Event Broadcast

Display a status message when the chart processes a broadcast of the event E, starting on the third broadcast of E after the state became active.

```
on after(3,E):
    disp("ON");
```



Trigger Transition on Event Broadcast

Transition out of the associated state when the chart processes a broadcast of the event E, starting on the fifth broadcast of E after the state became active.

```
after(5,E)
```



Guard Transition with Temporal Condition

Transition out of the associated state if the state has been active for at least five broadcasts of the event E.

In charts in a Simulink model, enter:

```
[after(5,E)]
```



Conditional notation for temporal logic operators is not supported in standalone charts in MATLAB.

Trigger Transition on Chart Execution

Transition out of the associated state when the chart wakes up for at least the seventh time since the state became active, but only if the variable temp is greater than 98.6.

```
after(7,tick)[temp > 98.6]
```



Execute State Action After Specified Time

Set the temp variable to LOW every time that the chart wakes up, starting when the associated state is active for at least 12.3 seconds.

```
on after(12.3,sec):
    temp = LOW;
```



Tips

- You can use quotation marks to enclose the keywords 'tick', 'sec', 'msec', and 'usec'. For example, `after(5, 'tick')` is equivalent to `after(5,tick)`.
- The Stateflow chart resets the counter used by the `after` operator each time the associated state reactivates.
- The timing for absolute-time temporal logic operators depends on the type of Stateflow chart:
 - Charts in a Simulink model define absolute-time temporal logic in terms of simulation time.
 - Standalone charts in MATLAB define absolute-time temporal logic in terms of wall-clock time, which is limited to 1 millisecond precision.

The difference in timing can affect the behavior of a chart. For example, suppose that this chart is executing the `during` action of state A.



- In a Simulink model, the function call to `f` executes in a single time step and does not contribute to the simulation time. The transition from state A to state B occurs the first time the chart wakes up and state A has been active for at least 2 seconds. The value displayed by the entry action in state B depends only on the step size used by the Simulink solver.

- In a standalone chart, the function call to `f` can take several seconds of wall-clock time to complete. If the call lasts more than two seconds, the chart queues the implicit event associated with the `after` operator. The transition from state A to state B occurs when the function `f` finishes executing. The value displayed by the `entry` action in state B depends on the time the function call to `f` takes to complete.

See Also

`at` | `before` | `every` | `timer`

Topics

“Control Chart Execution by Using Temporal Logic”

“Use Events to Execute Charts”

“Control Chart Behavior by Using Implicit Events”

Introduced in R2014b

ascii2str

Convert array of type `uint8` to string

Syntax

```
dest = ascii2str(A)
```

Description

`dest = ascii2str(A)` converts ASCII values in array `A` of type `uint8` to a string.

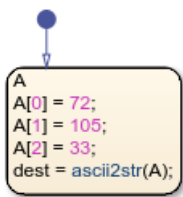
Note The operator `ascii2str` is supported only in Stateflow charts that use C as the action language.

Examples

Array of Type `uint8` to String

Return string "Hi!".

```
A[0] = 72;  
A[1] = 105;  
A[2] = 33;  
dest = ascii2str(A);
```



See Also

`str2ascii` | `strcpy`

Topics

“Manage Textual Information by Using Strings”
“Share String Data with Custom C Code”

Introduced in R2018b

at

Execute chart at event broadcast or specified time

Syntax

```
at(n,E)
at(n,tick)
at(n,sec)
```

Description

`at(n,E)` returns `true` if the event `E` has occurred exactly `n` times since the associated state became active. Otherwise, the operator returns `false`.

`at(n,tick)` returns `true` if the chart has woken up exactly `n` times since the associated state became active. Otherwise, the operator returns `false`.

The implicit event `tick` is not supported when a Stateflow chart in a Simulink model has input events.

`at(n,sec)` returns `true` if exactly `n` seconds have elapsed since the associated state became active. Otherwise, the operator returns `false`.

In standalone charts in MATLAB, specify `n` with a value greater than or equal to `0.001`. The operator creates a MATLAB `timer` object that generates an implicit event to wake up the chart. MATLAB `timer` objects are limited to 1 millisecond precision. For more information, see “Events in Standalone Charts”.

- The `timer` object is created when the chart finishes executing the entry actions of the associated state and its substates. If you specify `n` as an expression whose value changes during chart execution, the chart does not adjust the temporal delay of the `timer` object.
- The `timer` object starts running at the end of the chart step when the associated state becomes active. This step can include the execution of other parallel states in the chart.
- If the chart is processing another operation when it receives the implicit event from the `timer` object, the chart queues the event. When the current step is completed, the chart processes the event.
- If the state associated with the temporal logic operator becomes inactive before the chart processes the implicit event, the event does not wake up the chart.

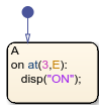
Note Using `at` as an absolute-time temporal logic operator is supported only in standalone charts in MATLAB. For charts in Simulink models, use the `after` operator instead. For more information, see “Do Not Use `at` for Absolute-Time Temporal Logic in Charts in Simulink Models”.

Examples

Execute State Action on Event Broadcast

Display a status message when the chart processes the third broadcast of the event E after the state became active.

```
on at(3,E):
    disp("ON");
```



Trigger Transition on Event Broadcast

Transition out of the associated state when the chart processes the fifth broadcast of the event E after the state became active.

```
at(5,E)
```



Guard Transition with Temporal Condition

Transition out of the associated state if the state has been active for exactly five broadcasts of the event E.

In charts in a Simulink model, enter:

```
[at(5,E)]
```



Conditional notation for temporal logic operators is not supported in standalone charts in MATLAB.

Trigger Transition on Chart Execution

Transition out of the associated state when the chart wakes up for the seventh time since the state became active, but only if the variable temp is greater than 98.6.

```
at(7,tick)[temp > 98.6]
```

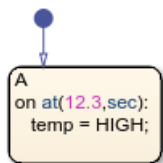


Execute State Action at Specified Time

Set the `temp` variable to `HIGH` if the state has been active for exactly 12.3 seconds.

In standalone charts in MATLAB, enter:

```
on at(12.3,sec):
    temp = HIGH;
```



Using `every` as an absolute-time temporal logic operator is not supported in charts in Simulink models.

Tips

- You can use quotation marks to enclose the keywords `'tick'` and `'sec'`. For example, `at(5, 'tick')` is equivalent to `at(5,tick)`.
- The Stateflow chart resets the counter used by the `at` operator each time the associated state reactivates.
- Standalone charts in MATLAB define absolute-time temporal logic in terms of wall-clock time, which is limited to 1 millisecond precision.

See Also

`after` | `before` | `every` | `timer`

Topics

“Control Chart Execution by Using Temporal Logic”

“Use Events to Execute Charts”

“Control Chart Behavior by Using Implicit Events”

Introduced in R2014b

before

Execute chart before event broadcast or specified time

Syntax

```
before(n,E)
before(n,tick)
before(n,time_unit)
```

Description

`before(n,E)` returns `true` if the event `E` has occurred fewer than `n` times since the associated state became active. Otherwise, the operator returns `false`.

`before(n,tick)` returns `true` if the chart has woken up fewer than `n` times since the associated state became active. Otherwise, the operator returns `false`.

The implicit event `tick` is not supported when a Stateflow chart in a Simulink model has input events.

`before(n,time_unit)` returns `true` if fewer than `n` units of time have elapsed since the associated state became active. Otherwise, the operator returns `false`.

Specify `time_unit` as seconds (`sec`), milliseconds (`msec`), or microseconds (`usec`). If you specify `n` as an expression, the chart adjusts the temporal delay as the expression changes value during the simulation.

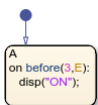
Note The temporal logic operator `before` is supported only in Stateflow charts in Simulink models.

Examples

Execute State Action on Event Broadcast

Display a status message when the chart processes the first and second broadcasts of the event `E` after the state became active.

```
on before(3,E):
    disp("ON");
```



Trigger Transition on Event Broadcast

Transition out of the associated state when the chart processes a broadcast of the event E, but only if the state has been active for fewer than five broadcasts of E.

```
before(5,E)
```



Guard Transition with Temporal Condition

Transition out of the associated state if the state has been active for fewer than five broadcasts of the event E.

```
[before(5,E)]
```



Trigger Transition on Chart Execution

Transition out of the associated state when the chart wakes up, but only if the variable `temp` is greater than 98.6 and the chart has woken up fewer than seven times since the state became active.

```
before(7,tick)[temp > 98.6]
```



Execute State Action Before Specified Time

Set the `temp` variable to `MED` every time that the chart wakes up, but only if the associated state has been active for fewer 12.3 seconds.

```
on before(12.3,sec):
    temp = MED;
```



Tips

- You can use quotation marks to enclose the keywords 'tick', 'sec', 'msec', and 'usec'. For example, `before(5, 'tick')` is equivalent to `before(5, tick)`.
- The Stateflow chart resets the counter used by the `before` operator each time the associated state reactivates.

See Also

`after` | `at` | `every`

Topics

“Control Chart Execution by Using Temporal Logic”

Introduced in R2014b

blanks

Create a character array of blanks

Syntax

```
blkspc = string(blanks(n))
```

Description

`blkspc = string(blanks(n))` returns a 1-by-n array of space characters. Character arrays are not supported in Stateflow, but they can be used in combination with the `string` operator to create a string type value.

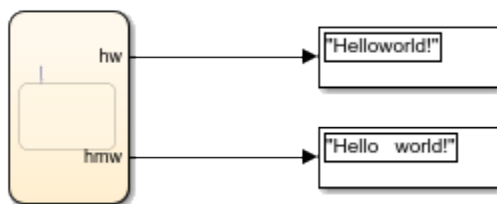
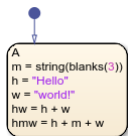
Note The operator `blanks` is supported only in Stateflow charts that use MATLAB as the action language.

Examples

Blank Character Array

Return a 1-by-3 blank array.

```
m = string(blanks(3))
h = "Hello"
w = "world!"
hw = h + w
hmw = h + m + w
```



See Also

[string](#) | [isstring](#)

Topics

“Manage Textual Information by Using Strings”

“Share String Data with Custom C Code”

Introduced in R2021b

change, chg

Generate implicit event when data changes value

Syntax

```
change(data_name)
chg(data_name)
```

Description

`change(data_name)` generates an implicit local event when the chart sets the value of the variable `data_name`. If more than one data object has the same name, use dot notation to specify the name of the data object. For more information, see “Identify Data by Using Dot Notation”.

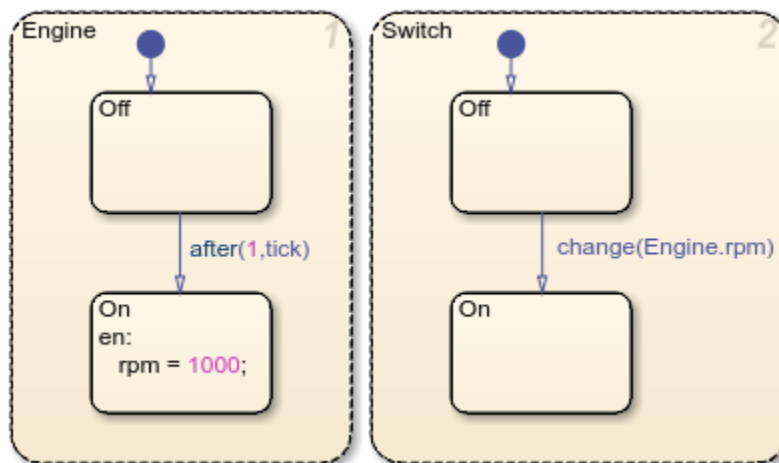
`chg(data_name)` is an alternative way to execute `change(data_name)`.

Examples

Implicit Event When Data Changes Value

Define an implicit local event when a state or transition action writes a value to the variable `Engine.rpm`.

```
change(Engine.rpm)
```



Tips

- The change operator is supported only in Stateflow charts in Simulink models.
- The change operator only works with data at the chart level or lower in the chart hierarchy. To determine when the value of machine-parented data changes, use change detection operators. For more information, see “Detect Changes in Data and Expression Values”.

See Also

hasChanged | hasChangedFrom | hasChangedTo

Topics

“Control Chart Behavior by Using Implicit Events”

“Use Events to Execute Charts”

“Detect Changes in Data and Expression Values”

Introduced before R2006a

contains

Determine if pattern is in a string

Syntax

```
tf = contains(str,pat)
```

Description

`tf = contains(str,pat)` returns 1 (true) if `str` contains the specified pattern, and returns 0 (false) otherwise.

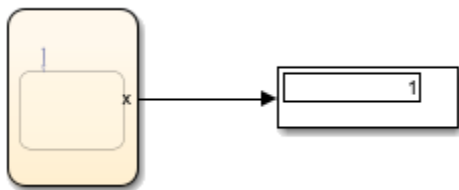
Note The operator `contains` is supported only in Stateflow charts that use MATLAB as the action language.

Examples

Determine a Pattern in a String Array

Return a 1 (true) if the string contains the pattern.

```
h = "Hello, world!"
pat = "world"
x = contains(h,pat)
```



Limitations

- This operator is not supported for use with structures. For more information about structures in Stateflow, see "Access Bus Signals Through Stateflow Structures".

See Also

string | isstring

Topics

“Manage Textual Information by Using Strings”

“Share String Data with Custom C Code”

Introduced in R2021b

count

Chart executions during which condition is valid

Syntax

`count(C)`

Description

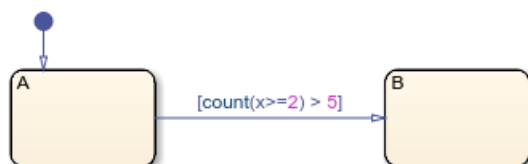
`count(C)` returns the number of times that the chart has woken up since the conditional expression `C` became `true` and the associated state became active.

Examples

Guard Transition with Temporal Condition

Transition out of the associated state when the variable `x` has been greater than or equal to 2 for longer than five chart executions.

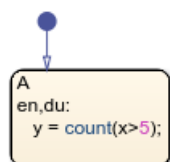
`[count(x>=2) > 5]`



Determine Number of Chart Executions

Store the number of chart executions since the variable `x` became greater than 5.

en,du:
`y = count(x>5);`



Tips

- The Stateflow chart resets the value of the `count` operator if the conditional expression becomes `false` or if the associated state becomes inactive.

- When a chart in a Simulink model does not have input events, the value of `count` depends on the step size. Changing the solver or step size for the model affects the results produced by the `count` operator.
- To ensure that your Stateflow chart simulates without error, do not use `count` in these objects:
 - Continuous time charts
 - Graphical, MATLAB, or Simulink functions
 - Simulink based states
 - Transitions that can be reached from multiple states
 - Default transitions

See Also

[duration](#) | [elapsed](#) | [temporalCount](#)

Topics

[“Control Chart Execution by Using Temporal Logic”](#)

Introduced in R2019a

crossing

Detect rising or falling edge in data since last time step

Syntax

```
tf = crossing(expression)
```

Description

`tf = crossing(expression)` returns 1 (true) if:

- The previous value of `expression` was positive and its current value is zero or negative.
- The previous value of `expression` was zero and its current value is nonzero.
- The previous value of `expression` was negative and its current value is zero or positive.

Otherwise, the operator returns 0 (false). If `expression` changes value from positive to zero to negative or from negative to zero to positive at three consecutive time steps, the operator detects a single edge when the value of `expression` becomes zero.

The argument `expression`:

- Must be a scalar-valued expression
- Can combine chart input data, constants, nontunable parameters, continuous-time local data, and state data from Simulink based states
- Can include addition, subtraction, and multiplication of scalar variables, elements of a matrix, fields in a structure, or any valid combination of structure fields and matrix elements

Index elements of a matrix by using numbers or expressions that evaluate to a constant integer.

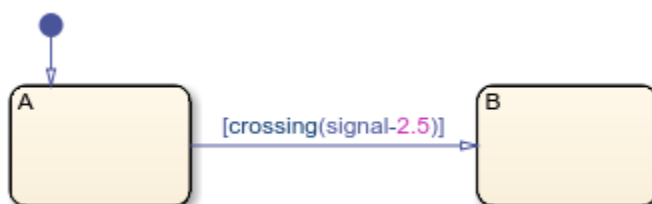
Note Edge detection is supported only in Stateflow charts in Simulink models.

Examples

Detect Signal Crossing Threshold

Transition out of state if the value of the input data `signal` crosses a threshold of 2.5.

```
[crossing(signal-2.5)]
```



The edge is detected when the value of the expression `signal - 2.5` becomes zero or changes sign.

Tips

- The operator `crossing` imitates the behavior of a Trigger block with **Trigger Type** set to `either`.
- Edge detection for continuous-time local data and state data from Simulink based states is supported only in transition conditions.
- In atomic subcharts, map all input data that you use in edge detection expressions to input data or nontunable parameters in the main chart. Mapping these input data to output data, local data, or tunable parameters can result in undefined behavior.

See Also

`falling` | `rising` | `Trigger`

Topics

“Detect Changes in Data and Expression Values”

“Supported Operations for Vectors and Matrices”

“Index and Assign Values to Stateflow Structures”

Introduced in R2021b

discard

Discard message

Syntax

```
discard(message_name)
```

Description

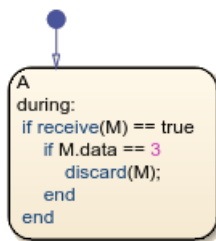
`discard(message_name)` discards a valid input or local message. After a chart discards a message, it can remove another message from the queue in the same time step. A chart cannot access the data of a discarded message.

Examples

Discard Message in State Action

Check the queue for message M. If a message is present, remove it from the queue. If the message has a data value equal to 3, discard the message.

```
during:  
  if receive(M) == true  
    if M.data == 3  
      discard(M);  
    end  
  end  
end
```



See Also

receive

Topics

“Control Message Activity in Stateflow Charts”

Introduced in R2015b

double

Convert string to double precision value

Syntax

```
X = double(str)
```

Description

`X = double(str)` converts the text in string `str` to a double-precision value.

`str` contains text that represents a number. Text that represents a number can contain:

- Digits
- A decimal point
- A leading + or - sign
- An e preceding a power of 10 scale factor

If `double` cannot convert the text to a number, it returns a NaN value.

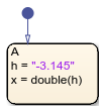
Note Only Stateflow charts that use MATLAB as the action language support the `double` operator.

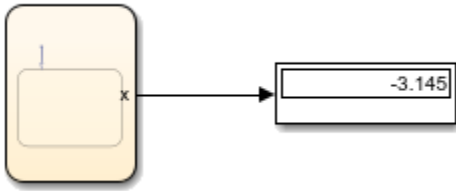
Examples

Create a Double from a String

Return a value of -3.145.

```
h = "-3.145"  
x = double(h)
```





Limitations

- This operator does not support structures. For more information about structures in Stateflow, see “Access Bus Signals Through Stateflow Structures”.

See Also

str2double | string | isstring

Topics

“Manage Textual Information by Using Strings”

“Share String Data with Custom C Code”

Introduced in R2021b

duration

Time during which condition is valid

Syntax

```
duration(C,time_unit)
duration(C)
```

Description

`duration(C,time_unit)` returns the length of time that has elapsed since the conditional expression `C` became `true` and the associated state became active. Specify time in seconds (`sec`), milliseconds (`msec`), or microseconds (`usec`).

`duration(C)` is an alternative way to execute `duration(C,sec)`.

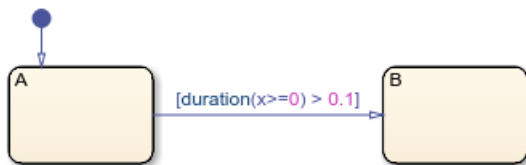
Note The temporal logic operator `duration` is not supported in standalone charts in MATLAB.

Examples

Guard Transition with Temporal Condition

Transition out of the state when the variable `x` has been greater than or equal to 0 for longer than 0.1 seconds.

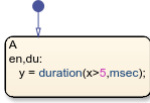
```
[duration(x>=0) > 0.1]
```



Determine Elapsed Time

Store the number of milliseconds since the variable `x` became greater than 5 and the state became active.

```
en,du:
    y = duration(x>5,msec);
```



Tips

- You can use quotation marks to enclose the keywords 'sec', 'msec', and 'usec'. For example, `duration('sec')` is equivalent to `duration(sec)`.
- The Stateflow chart resets the value of the `duration` operator if the conditional expression `C` becomes `false` or if the associated state becomes inactive.
- The `duration` operator does not support conditions that depend on local or output structures. For more information, see “Access Bus Signals Through Stateflow Structures”.

See Also

`count` | `elapsed` | `temporalCount`

Topics

“Control Chart Execution by Using Temporal Logic”

“Control Oscillations by Using the duration Operator”

“Reduce Transient Signals by Using Debouncing Logic”

“Implement an Automatic Transmission Gear System by Using the duration Operator”

Introduced in R2017a

elapsed, et

Time since state became active

Syntax

```
elapsed(sec)  
et
```

Description

`elapsed(sec)` returns the length of time that has elapsed since the associated state became active.

`et` is an alternative way to execute `elapsed(sec)`.

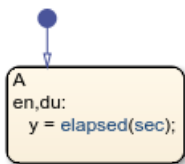
Note The expressions `elapsed(sec)` and `et` are equivalent to `temporalCount(sec)`.

Examples

Determine Time of State Activity

Store the number of seconds since the state became active.

```
en,du:  
  y = elapsed(sec);
```



Display Elapsed Time

When the chart processes a broadcast of the event E, transition out of the associated state and display the elapsed time since the state became active.

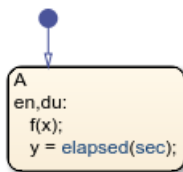
```
E{disp(et);}
```



Tips

- In state and transition actions, you can use quotation marks to enclose the keyword 'sec'. For example, `elapsed('sec')` is equivalent to `elapsed(sec)`.
- The Stateflow chart resets the counter used by the `elapsed` operator each time the associated state reactivates.
- The timing for absolute-time temporal logic operators depends on the type of Stateflow chart:
 - Charts in a Simulink model define temporal logic in terms of simulation time.
 - Standalone charts in MATLAB define temporal logic in terms of wall-clock time.

The difference in timing can affect the behavior of a chart. For example, suppose that this chart is executing the entry action of state A.



- In a Simulink model, the function call to `f` executes in a single time step and does not contribute to the simulation time. After calling the function `f`, the chart assigns a value of zero to `y`.
- In a standalone chart, the function call to `f` can take several seconds of wall-clock time to complete. After calling the function `f`, the chart assigns the nonzero time that has elapsed since state A became active to `y`.

See Also

[count](#) | [duration](#) | [temporalCount](#)

Topics

“Control Chart Execution by Using Temporal Logic”

Introduced in R2017a

endsWith

Determine if strings end with pattern

Syntax

```
tf = endsWith(str,pat)
tf = endsWith(str,pat,IgnoreCase=true)
```

Description

`tf = endsWith(str,pat)` returns 1 (true) if `str` ends with the specified pattern, and returns 0 (false) otherwise.

`tf = endsWith(str,pat,IgnoreCase=true)` ignores case when determining if `str` ends with `pat`.

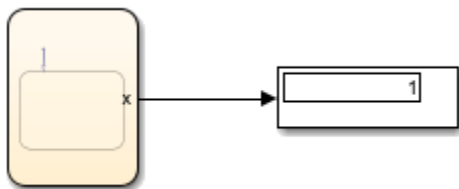
Note Only Stateflow charts that use MATLAB as the action language support the `startsWith` operator.

Examples

Detect Pattern at End of String

Return 1 (true) when the string ends with the specified pattern.

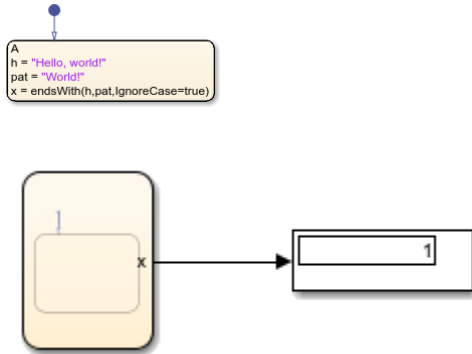
```
h = "Hello, world!"
pat = "world!"
x = endsWith(h,pat)
```



Detect Case-Insensitive Pattern at End of String

Return 1 (true) when the string ends with the specified pattern, regardless of case.


```
h = "Hello, world!"  
pat = "World!"  
x = endsWith(h,pat,IgnoreCase=true)
```



Limitations

- This operator is not supported for use with structures. For more information about structures in Stateflow, see “Access Bus Signals Through Stateflow Structures”.

See Also

string | isstring

Topics

“Manage Textual Information by Using Strings”

“Share String Data with Custom C Code”

Introduced in R2021b

enter, en

Generate implicit event when state becomes active

Syntax

```
enter(state_name)
en(state_name)
```

Description

`enter(state_name)` generates an implicit local event when the chart execution enters the state `state_name`. If more than one state has the same name, use dot notation to specify the name of the state. For more information, see “Identify Data by Using Dot Notation”.

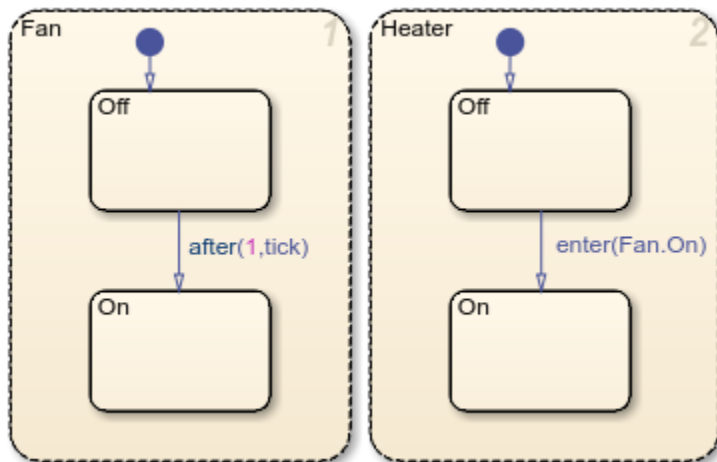
`en(state_name)` is an alternative way to execute `enter(state_name)`.

Examples

Implicit Event When State Becomes Active

Define an implicit local event when the chart execution enters the state `Fan.On`.

```
enter(Fan.On)
```



Tips

The `enter` operator is supported only in Stateflow charts in Simulink models.

See Also

`exit` | `in`

Topics

“Control Chart Behavior by Using Implicit Events”

“Use Events to Execute Charts”

“Check State Activity by Using the in Operator”

Introduced before R2006a

erase

Delete substrings within strings

Syntax

```
newStr = erase(str,match)
```

Description

`newStr = erase(str,match)` deletes all occurrences of `match` in `str` and returns the remaining text as `newStr`.

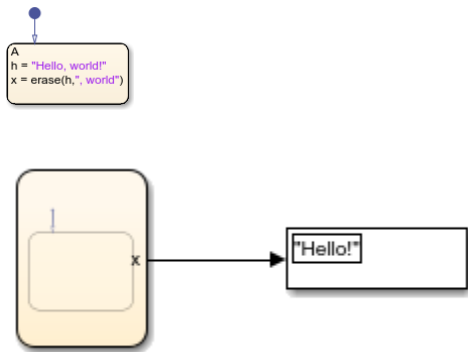
Note Only Stateflow charts that use MATLAB as the action language support the `erase` operator.

Examples

Erase Substring from a String

Delete a substring from Hello, world!

```
h = "Hello, world!"  
x = erase(h, ", world")
```



Limitations

- This operator does not support structures. For more information about structures in Stateflow, see “Access Bus Signals Through Stateflow Structures”.

See Also

string | isstring

Topics

“Manage Textual Information by Using Strings”

“Share String Data with Custom C Code”

Introduced in R2021b

eraseBetween

Delete substring between start and end points

Syntax

```
newStr = eraseBetween(str, startPat, endPat)
newStr = eraseBetween(str, startPos, endPos)
newStr = eraseBetween( ____, Boundaries=bounds)
```

Description

`newStr = eraseBetween(str, startPat, endPat)` deletes all characters from `str` that occur between the substrings `startPat` and `endPat`, but does not delete `startPat` and `endPat` themselves. `eraseBetween` returns the remaining text as `newStr`.

`newStr = eraseBetween(str, startPos, endPos)` deletes all characters from `str` that occur between the positions `startPos` and `endPos`, including the characters at those positions.

`newStr = eraseBetween(____, Boundaries=bounds)` forces the starts and ends specified in any of the previous syntaxes to be either inclusive when `bounds` is "inclusive", and exclusive when `bounds` is "exclusive". For example, `eraseBetween(str, startPat, endPat, Boundaries="inclusive")` deletes `startPat`, `endPat`, and all the text between them.

Note Only Stateflow charts that use MATLAB as the action language support the `eraseBetween` operator.

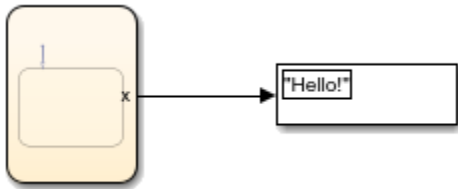
Examples

Erase Text Between Two Patterns

Delete the substring that is between Hello and !.

```
h = "Hello, world!"
startPat = "Hello"
endPat = "!"
x = eraseBetween(h, startPat, endPat)
```

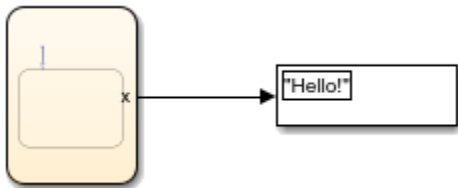




Erase Text Between Start and End Positions

Delete the substring that is between positions 6 and 12.

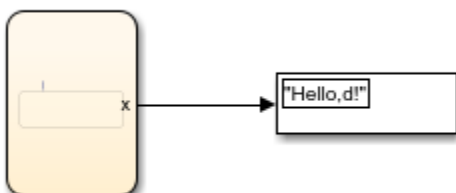
```
h = "Hello, world!"
x = eraseBetween(h,6,12)
```



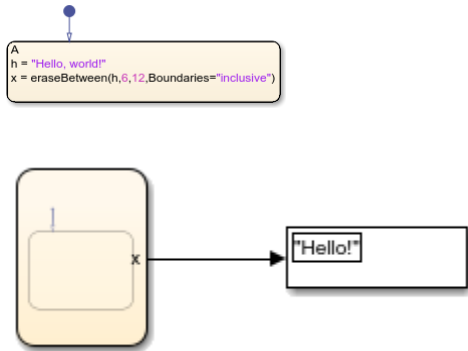
Erase Text with Inclusive and Exclusive Boundaries

Delete text from string arrays with inclusive or exclusive boundaries.

```
h = "Hello, world!"
x = eraseBetween(h,6,12,Boundaries="exclusive")
```



```
h = "Hello, world!"  
x = eraseBetween(h,6,12,Boundaries="inclusive")
```



Limitations

- This operator does not support structures. For more information about structures in Stateflow, see “Access Bus Signals Through Stateflow Structures”.

See Also

string | isstring

Topics

“Manage Textual Information by Using Strings”

“Share String Data with Custom C Code”

Introduced in R2021b

every

Execute chart at regular intervals

Syntax

```
every(n,E)
every(n,tick)
every(n,sec)
```

Description

`every(n,E)` returns `true` at every n^{th} occurrence of the event `E` since the associated state became active. Otherwise, the operator returns `false`.

`every(n,tick)` returns `true` at every n^{th} time that the chart wakes up since the associated state became active. Otherwise, the operator returns `false`.

The implicit event `tick` is not supported when a Stateflow chart in a Simulink model has input events.

`every(n,sec)` returns `true` every n seconds since the associated state became active. Otherwise, the operator returns `false`.

In standalone charts in MATLAB, specify n with a value greater than or equal to `0.001`. The operator creates a MATLAB timer object that generates an implicit event to wake up the chart. MATLAB timer objects are limited to 1 millisecond precision. For more information, see “Events in Standalone Charts”.

- The timer object is created when the chart finishes executing the entry actions of the associated state and its substates. For subsequent iterations, the timer object is reset when the chart finishes executing the during actions of the associated state and its substates. If you specify n as an expression whose value changes during chart execution, the chart adjusts the temporal delay only when the timer object is reset.
- The timer object starts running at the end of the chart step when the associated state becomes active. This step can include the execution of other parallel states in the chart.
- If the chart is processing another operation when it receives the implicit event from the timer object, the chart queues the event. When the current step is completed, the chart processes the event and resets the timer object for the next iteration.
- If the state associated with the temporal logic operator becomes inactive before the chart processes the implicit event, the event does not wake up the chart.

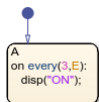
Note Using `every` as an absolute-time temporal logic operator is supported only in standalone charts in MATLAB. In charts in Simulink models, use an outer self-loop transition with the `after` operator instead. For more information, see “Do Not Use `every` for Absolute-Time Temporal Logic in Charts in Simulink Models”.

Examples

Execute State Action on Event Broadcast

Display a status message when the chart processes every third broadcast of the event E after the state became active.

```
on every(3,E):
    disp("ON");
```



Trigger Transition on Event Broadcast

Transition out of the associated state when the chart processes every fifth broadcast of the event E after the state became active.

```
every(5,E)
```



Trigger Transition on Chart Execution

Transition out of the associated state every seventh tick event since the state became active, but only if the variable temp is greater than 98.6.

```
every(7,tick)[temp > 98.6]
```



Execute State Action at Specified Time

Increment the temp variable by 5 every 12.3 seconds that the state is active.

In standalone charts in MATLAB, enter:

```
on every(12.3,sec):  
    temp = temp+5;
```



Using `every` as an absolute-time temporal logic operator is not supported in charts in Simulink models.

Tips

- You can use quotation marks to enclose the keywords `'tick'` and `'sec'`. For example, `every(5, 'tick')` is equivalent to `every(5, tick)`.
- The Stateflow chart resets the counter used by the `every` operator each time the associated state reactivates.
- Standalone charts in MATLAB define absolute-time temporal logic in terms of wall-clock time, which is limited to 1 millisecond precision.

See Also

`after` | `at` | `before` | `timer`

Topics

“Control Chart Execution by Using Temporal Logic”

“Use Events to Execute Charts”

“Control Chart Behavior by Using Implicit Events”

Introduced in R2014b

exit, ex

Generate implicit event when state becomes inactive

Syntax

```
exit(state_name)
ex(state_name)
```

Description

`exit(state_name)` generates an implicit local event when the chart execution exits the state `state_name`. If more than one state has the same name, use dot notation to specify the name of the state. For more information, see “Identify Data by Using Dot Notation”.

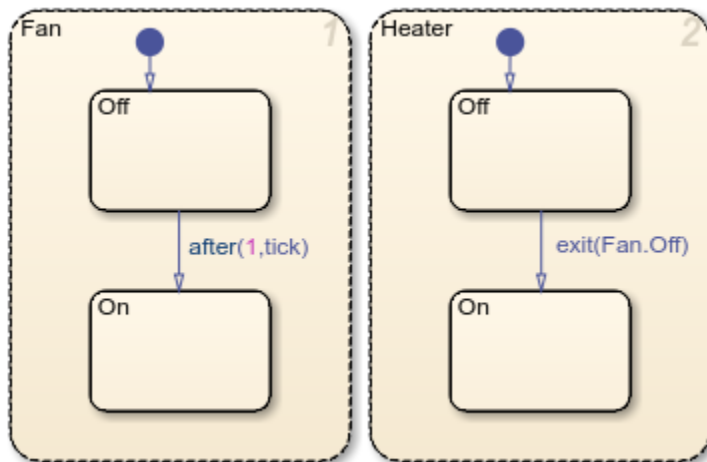
`ex(state_name)` is an alternative way to execute `exit(state_name)`.

Examples

Implicit Event When State Becomes Inactive

Define an implicit local event when the chart execution exits the state `Fan.Off`.

```
exit(Fan.Off)
```



Tips

The `exit` operator is supported only in Stateflow charts in Simulink models.

See Also

`enter` | `in`

Topics

“Control Chart Behavior by Using Implicit Events”

“Use Events to Execute Charts”

“Check State Activity by Using the in Operator”

Introduced before R2006a

extractAfter

Extract substring after specified positions

Syntax

```
newStr = extractAfter(str,pat)
newStr = extractAfter(str,pos)
```

Description

`newStr = extractAfter(str,pat)` extracts the substring that begins after the substring specified by `pat` and ends with the last character of `str`. If `pat` occurs multiple times in `str`, then `newStr` is `str` from the first occurrence of `pat` to the end.

`newStr = extractAfter(str,pos)` extracts the substring that begins after the position specified by `pos` and ends with the last character of `str`.

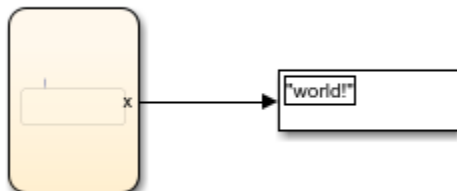
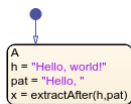
Note Only Stateflow charts that use MATLAB as the action language support the `extractAfter` operator.

Examples

Select Text After Substring

Select the text that occurs after a substring.

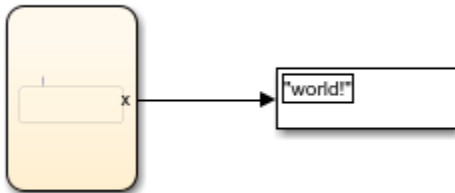
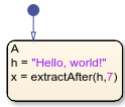
```
h = "Hello, world!"
pat = "Hello, "
x = extractAfter(h,pat)
```



Select Text After a Position

Select the text that occurs after a position.

```
h = "Hello, world!"  
x = extractAfter(h,7)
```



Limitations

- This operator does not support structures. For more information about structures in Stateflow, see “Access Bus Signals Through Stateflow Structures”.

See Also

string | isstring

Topics

“Manage Textual Information by Using Strings”
“Share String Data with Custom C Code”

Introduced in R2021b

extractBefore

Extract substring before specified positions

Syntax

```
newStr = extractBefore(str,pat)
newStr = extractBefore(str,pos)
```

Description

`newStr = extractBefore(str,pat)` extracts the substring that begins with the first character of `str` and ends before the substring specified by `pat`. If `pat` occurs multiple times in `str`, then `newStr` is `str` from the start of `str` up to the first occurrence of `pat`.

`newStr = extractBefore(str,pos)` extracts the substring that begins with the first character of `str` and ends before the position specified by `pos`.

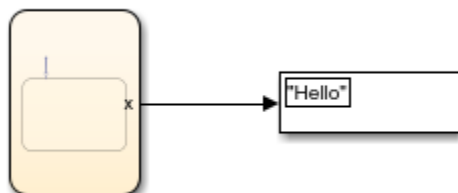
Note Only Stateflow charts that use MATLAB as the action language support the `extractBefore` operator.

Examples

Select Text Before Substring

Select the text that occurs before a substring.

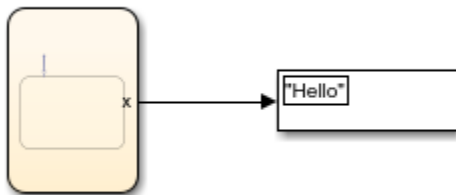
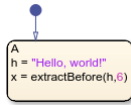
```
h = "Hello, world!"
pat = ","
x = extractBefore(h,pat)
```



Select Text Before a Position

Select the text that occurs before a position.

```
h = "Hello, world!"  
x = extractBefore(h,6)
```



Limitations

- This operator does not support structures. For more information about structures in Stateflow, see “Access Bus Signals Through Stateflow Structures”.

See Also

string | isstring

Topics

“Manage Textual Information by Using Strings”

“Share String Data with Custom C Code”

Introduced in R2021b

falling

Detect falling edge in data since last time step

Syntax

```
tf = falling(expression)
```

Description

`tf = falling(expression)` returns 1 (true) if:

- The previous value of `expression` was positive and its current value is zero or negative.
- The previous value of `expression` was zero and its current value is negative.

Otherwise, the operator returns 0 (false). If `expression` changes value from positive to zero to negative at three consecutive time steps, the operator detects a single edge when the value of `expression` becomes zero.

The argument `expression`:

- Must be a scalar-valued expression
- Can combine chart input data, constants, nontunable parameters, continuous-time local data, and state data from Simulink based states
- Can include addition, subtraction, and multiplication of scalar variables, elements of a matrix, fields in a structure, or any valid combination of structure fields and matrix elements

Index elements of a matrix by using numbers or expressions that evaluate to a constant integer.

Note Edge detection is supported only in Stateflow charts in Simulink models.

Examples

Detect Falling Edge

Transition out of state if the value of the input data `signal` falls below a threshold of 2.5.

```
[falling(signal-2.5)]
```



The falling edge is detected when the value of the expression `signal-2.5` becomes zero or negative.

Tips

- The operator `falling` imitates the behavior of a Trigger block with **Trigger Type** set to `falling`.
- Edge detection for continuous-time local data and state data from Simulink based states is supported only in transition conditions.
- In atomic subcharts, map all input data that you use in edge detection expressions to input data or nontunable parameters in the main chart. Mapping these input data to output data, local data, or tunable parameters can result in undefined behavior.

See Also

`crossing` | `rising` | `Trigger`

Topics

“Detect Changes in Data and Expression Values”

“Supported Operations for Vectors and Matrices”

“Index and Assign Values to Stateflow Structures”

Introduced in R2021b

forward

Forward message

Syntax

```
forward(message_in_name,message_out_name)
```

Description

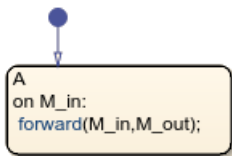
`forward(message_in_name,message_out_name)` forwards a valid input or local message to a local queue or an output port. After a chart forwards a message, it can remove another message from the queue in the same time step.

Examples

Forward an Input Message

Check the input queue for message `M_in`. If a message is present, remove the message from the queue and forward it to the output port `M_out`.

```
on M_in:
  forward(M_in,M_out);
```



Forward a Local Message

Check the local queue for message `M_local`. If a message is present, transition from state A to state B. Remove the message from the `M_local` message queue and forward it to the output port `M_out`.

```
M_local{forward(M_local,M_out)}
```



See Also

receive

Topics

“Control Message Activity in Stateflow Charts”

Introduced in R2015b

hasChanged

Detect change in data since last time step

Syntax

```
tf = hasChanged(data_name)
```

Description

`tf = hasChanged(data_name)` returns 1 (`true`) if the value of `data_name` at the beginning of the current time step is different from the value of `data_name` at the beginning of the previous time step. Otherwise, the operator returns 0 (`false`).

The argument `data_name` can be:

- A scalar variable.
- A matrix or an element of a matrix.
 - If `data_name` is a matrix, the operator returns `true` when it detects a change in any element of `data_name`.
 - Index elements of a matrix by using numbers or expressions that evaluate to a constant integer. See “Supported Operations for Vectors and Matrices”.
- A structure or a field in a structure.
 - If `data_name` is a structure, the change detection operator returns `true` when it detects a change in any field of `data_name`.
 - Index fields in a structure by using dot notation. See “Index and Assign Values to Stateflow Structures”.
- Any valid combination of structure fields or matrix elements.

The argument `data_name` cannot be a nontrivial expression or a custom code variable.

Note Standalone charts in MATLAB do not support change detection on an element of a matrix or a field in a structure.

Examples

Detect Change in Matrix

Transition out of state if any element of the matrix `M` has changed value since the last time step or input event.

```
[hasChanged(M)]
```



Detect Change in Matrix Element

Transition out of state if the element in row 1 and column 3 of the matrix `M` has changed value since the last time step or input event.

In charts that use MATLAB as the action language, use:

```
[hasChanged(M(1,3))]
```



In charts that use C as the action language, use:

```
[hasChanged(M[0][2])]
```



Detect Change in Structure

Transition out of state if any field of the structure `struct` has changed value since the last time step or input event.

```
[hasChanged(struct)]
```



Detect Change in Structure Field

Transition out of state if the field `struct.field` has changed value since the last time step or input event.

`[hasChanged(struct.field)]`



Tips

- If multiple input events occur in the same time step, the `hasChanged` operator can detect changes in data value between input events.
- If the chart writes to the data object but does not change the data value, the `hasChanged` operator returns `false`.
- The type of Stateflow chart determines the scope of the data supported by the change detection operators:
 - Standalone Stateflow charts in MATLAB: `Local` only
 - In Simulink models, charts that use MATLAB as the action language: `Input` only
 - In Simulink models, charts that use C as the action language: `Input`, `Output`, `Local`, or `Data Store Memory`
- In a standalone chart in MATLAB, a change detection operator can detect changes in data specified in a call to the `step` function because these changes occur before the start of the current time step. For example, if `x` is equal to zero, the expression `hasChanged(x)` returns `true` when you execute the chart `ch` with the command:

```
step(ch,x=1);
```

In contrast, a change detection operator cannot detect changes in data caused by assignments in state or transition actions in the same time step. Instead, the operator detects the change in value at the start of the next time step.

- In a chart in a Simulink model, if you enable the chart option **Initialize Outputs Every Time Chart Wakes Up**, using an output as the argument of the `hasChanged` operator always returns `false`. For more information, see “Initialize outputs every time chart wakes up”.

- When row-major array layout is enabled in charts that use `hasChanged`, code generation produces an error. Before generating code in charts that use `hasChanged`, enable column-major array layout. See “Select Array Layout for Matrices in Generated Code”.

See Also

`hasChangedFrom` | `hasChangedTo`

Topics

“Detect Changes in Data and Expression Values”

“Supported Operations for Vectors and Matrices”

“Index and Assign Values to Stateflow Structures”

“Assign Values to All Elements of a Matrix”

Introduced in R2007a

hasChangedFrom

Detect change in data from specified value

Syntax

```
tf = hasChangedFrom(data_name,value)
```

Description

`tf = hasChangedFrom(data_name,value)` returns 1 (`true`) if the value of `data_name` was equal to the specified `value` at the beginning of the previous time step and is a different value at the beginning of the current time step. Otherwise, the operator returns 0 (`false`).

The argument `data_name` can be:

- A scalar variable.
- A matrix or an element of a matrix.
 - If `data_name` is a matrix, the operator returns `true` when it detects a change in any element of `data_name` and the previous value of `data_name` was equal to `value`.
 - Index elements of a matrix by using numbers or expressions that evaluate to a constant integer. See “Supported Operations for Vectors and Matrices”.
- A structure or a field in a structure.
 - If `data_name` is a structure, the change detection operator returns `true` when it detects a change in any element of `data_name` and the previous value of `data_name` was equal to `value`.
 - Index fields in a structure by using dot notation. See “Index and Assign Values to Stateflow Structures”.
- Any valid combination of structure fields or matrix elements.

The argument `data_name` cannot be a nontrivial expression or a custom code variable.

Note Standalone charts in MATLAB do not support change detection on an element of a matrix or a field in a structure.

The argument `value` can be any expression that resolves to a value that is comparable with `data_name`:

- If `data_name` is a scalar, then `value` must resolve to a scalar value.
- If `data_name` is a matrix, then `value` must resolve to a matrix value with the same dimensions as `data_name`.

Alternatively, in a chart that uses `C` as the action language, `value` can resolve to a scalar value. The chart uses scalar expansion to compare `data_name` to a matrix whose elements are all equal to the value specified by `value`. See “Assign Values to All Elements of a Matrix”.

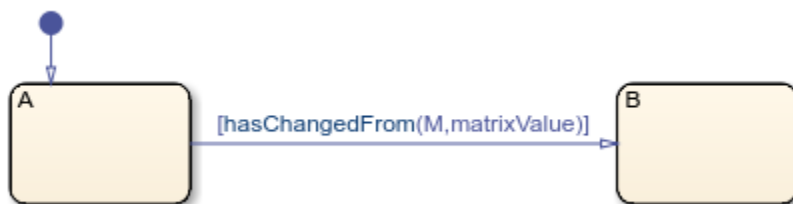
- If `data_name` is a structure, then `value` must resolve to a structure value whose field specification matches `data_name` exactly.

Examples

Detect Change in Matrix

Transition out of state if the previous value of the matrix `M` was equal to `matrixValue` and any element of `M` has changed value since the last time step or input event.

`[hasChangedFrom(M, matrixValue)]`



Detect Change in Matrix Element

Transition out of state if the element in row 1 and column 3 of the matrix `M` has changed from the value 7 since the last time step or input event.

In charts that use MATLAB as the action language, use:

`[hasChangedFrom(M(1,3), 7)]`



In charts that use C as the action language, use:

`[hasChangedFrom(M[0][2], 7)]`



Detect Change in Structure

Transition out of state if the previous value of the structure `struct` was equal to `structValue` and any field of `struct` has changed value since the last time step or input event.

```
[hasChangedFrom(struct,structValue)]
```



Detect Change in Structure Field

Transition out of state if the field `struct.field` has changed from the value 5 since the last time step or input event.

```
[hasChangedFrom(struct.field,5)]
```



Tips

- If multiple input events occur in the same time step, the `hasChangedFrom` operator can detect changes in data value between input events.
- If the chart writes to the data object but does not change the data value, the `hasChangedFrom` operator returns `false`.
- The type of Stateflow chart determines the scope of the data supported by the change detection operators:
 - Standalone Stateflow charts in MATLAB: `Local` only
 - In Simulink models, charts that use MATLAB as the action language: `Input` only
 - In Simulink models, charts that use C as the action language: `Input`, `Output`, `Local`, or `Data Store Memory`
- In a standalone chart in MATLAB, a change detection operator can detect changes in data specified in a call to the `step` function because these changes occur before the start of the current time step. For example, if `x` is equal to zero, the expression `hasChangedFrom(x,0)` returns `true` when you execute the chart `ch` with the command:

```
step(ch,x=1);
```

In contrast, a change detection operator cannot detect changes in data caused by assignments in state or transition actions in the same time step. Instead, the operator detects the change in value at the start of the next time step.

- In a chart in a Simulink model, if you enable the chart option **Initialize Outputs Every Time Chart Wakes Up**, using an output as the argument of the `hasChanged` operator always returns `false`. For more information, see “Initialize outputs every time chart wakes up”.
- When row-major array layout is enabled in charts that use `hasChangedFrom`, code generation produces an error. Before generating code in charts that use `hasChangedFrom`, enable column-major array layout. See “Select Array Layout for Matrices in Generated Code”.

See Also

`hasChanged` | `hasChangedTo`

Topics

“Detect Changes in Data and Expression Values”

“Supported Operations for Vectors and Matrices”

“Index and Assign Values to Stateflow Structures”

“Assign Values to All Elements of a Matrix”

Introduced in R2007a

hasChangedTo

Detect change in data to specified value

Syntax

```
tf = hasChangedTo(data_name,value)
```

Description

`tf = hasChangedTo(data_name,value)` returns 1 (`true`) if the value of `data_name` was not equal to the specified `value` at the beginning of the previous time step and is equal to `value` at the beginning of the current time step. Otherwise, the operator returns 0 (`false`).

The argument `data_name` can be:

- A scalar variable.
- A matrix or an element of a matrix.
 - If `data_name` is a matrix, the operator returns `true` when it detects a change in any element of `data_name` and the new value of `data_name` is equal to `value`.
 - Index elements of a matrix by using numbers or expressions that evaluate to a constant integer. See “Supported Operations for Vectors and Matrices”.
- A structure or a field in a structure.
 - If `data_name` is a structure, the change detection operator returns `true` when it detects a change in any element of `data_name` and the new value of `data_name` is equal to `value`.
 - Index fields in a structure by using dot notation. See “Index and Assign Values to Stateflow Structures”.
- Any valid combination of structure fields or matrix elements.

The argument `data_name` cannot be a nontrivial expression or a custom code variable.

Note Standalone charts in MATLAB do not support change detection on an element of a matrix or a field in a structure.

The argument `value` can be any expression that resolves to a value that is comparable with `data_name`:

- If `data_name` is a scalar, then `value` must resolve to a scalar value.
- If `data_name` is a matrix, then `value` must resolve to a matrix value with the same dimensions as `data_name`.

Alternatively, in a chart that uses C as the action language, `value` can resolve to a scalar value. The chart uses scalar expansion to compare `data_name` to a matrix whose elements are all equal to the value specified by `value`. See “Assign Values to All Elements of a Matrix”.

- If `data_name` is a structure, then `value` must resolve to a structure value whose field specification matches `data_name` exactly.

Examples

Detect Change in Matrix

Transition out of state if any element of M has changed value since the last time step or input event and the current value of the matrix M is equal to `matrixValue`.

`[hasChangedTo(M,matrixValue)]`



Detect Change in Matrix Element

Transition out of state if the element in row 1 and column 3 of the matrix M has changed to the value 7 since the last time step or input event.

In charts that use MATLAB as the action language, use:

`[hasChangedTo(M(1,3),7)]`



In charts that use C as the action language, use:

`[hasChangedTo(M[0][2],7)]`



Detect Change in Structure

Transition out of state if any field of the structure `struct` has changed value since the last time step or input event and the current value of `struct` is equal to `structValue`.

```
[hasChangedTo(struct,structValue)]
```



Detect Change in Structure Field

Transition out of state if the field `struct.field` has changed to the value 5 since the last time step or input event.

```
[hasChangedTo(struct.field,5)]
```



Tips

- If multiple input events occur in the same time step, the `hasChangedTo` operator can detect changes in data value between input events.
- If the chart writes to the data object but does not change the data value, the `hasChangedTo` operator returns `false`.
- The type of Stateflow chart determines the scope of the data supported by the change detection operators:
 - Standalone Stateflow charts in MATLAB: `Local` only
 - In Simulink models, charts that use MATLAB as the action language: `Input` only
 - In Simulink models, charts that use C as the action language: `Input`, `Output`, `Local`, or `Data Store Memory`
- In a standalone chart in MATLAB, a change detection operator can detect changes in data specified in a call to the `step` function because these changes occur before the start of the current time step. For example, if `x` is equal to zero, the expression `hasChangedTo(x,1)` returns `true` when you execute the chart `ch` with the command:

```
step(ch,x=1);
```


In contrast, a change detection operator cannot detect changes in data caused by assignments in state or transition actions in the same time step. Instead, the operator detects the change in value at the start of the next time step.

- In a chart in a Simulink model, if you enable the chart option **Initialize Outputs Every Time Chart Wakes Up**, using an output as the argument of the `hasChanged` operator always returns `false`. For more information, see “Initialize outputs every time chart wakes up”.
- When row-major array layout is enabled in charts that use `hasChangedTo`, code generation produces an error. Before generating code in charts that use `hasChangedTo`, enable column-major array layout. See “Select Array Layout for Matrices in Generated Code”.

See Also

`hasChanged` | `hasChangedFrom`

Topics

“Detect Changes in Data and Expression Values”

“Supported Operations for Vectors and Matrices”

“Index and Assign Values to Stateflow Structures”

“Assign Values to All Elements of a Matrix”

Introduced in R2007a

in

Check state activity in Stateflow

Syntax

```
in(state_name)
```

Description

`in(state_name)` returns 1 (true) if the state `state_name` is active. Otherwise, the operator returns 0 (false).

Examples

Synchronize Substate Activity Between Parallel States

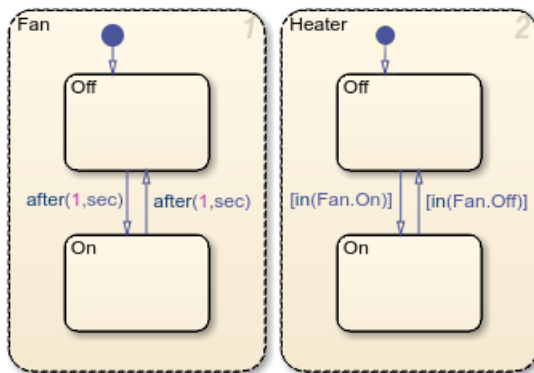
Check the substate activity in state Fan to keep the substates of state Heater synchronized.

When Fan.On becomes active, transition from Heater.Off to Heater.On.

```
[in(Fan.On)]
```

When Fan.Off becomes active, transition from Heater.On to Heater.Off.

```
[in(Fan.Off)]
```

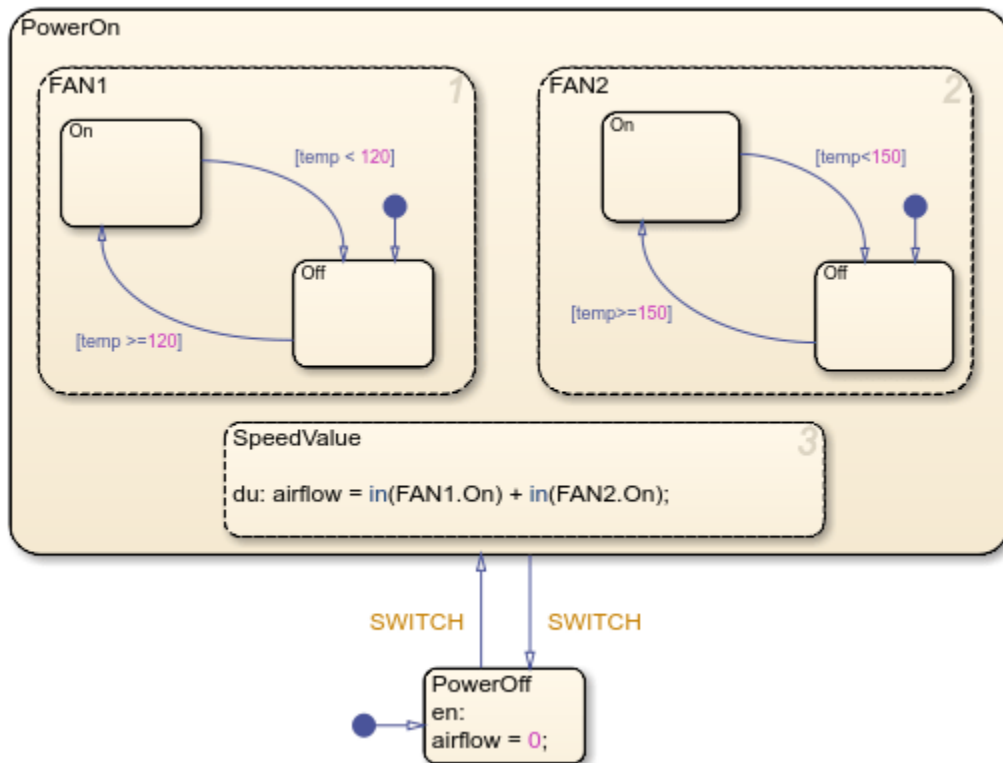


A change of active substate in Fan causes a corresponding change of active substate in Heater.

Find Number of Active Subcomponents

Set the value of `airflow` to the number of fans that are turned on.

```
airflow = in(FAN1.On) + in(FAN2.On);
```



Tips

To determine the state activity, a Stateflow chart performs a localized search of the state hierarchy. The chart does not perform an exhaustive search for all states and does not stop after finding the first match. To improve the chances of finding a unique search result:

- Use dot notation to qualify the name of the state.
- Give states unique names.
- Use states and boxes as enclosures to limit the scope of the path resolution search.

Additionally, a chart cannot use the `in` condition to trigger actions based on the activity of states in other charts.

For more information, see “Resolution of State Activity”.

See Also

enter | exit

Topics

“Check State Activity by Using the `in` Operator”

Introduced before R2006a

insertAfter

Insert string after specified substring

Syntax

```
newStr = insertAfter(str,pat,newText)
newStr = insertAfter(str,pos,newText)
```

Description

`newStr = insertAfter(str,pat,newText)` inserts `newText` into `str` after the substring specified by `pat` and returns the result as `newStr`. If `pat` occurs multiple times in `str`, then `insertAfter` inserts `newText` after every occurrence of `pat`.

`newStr = insertAfter(str,pos,newText)` inserts the text specified by `newText` into `str` after the position specified by `pos`.

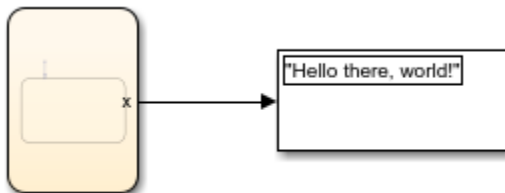
Note The operator `insertafter` is supported only in Stateflow charts that use MATLAB as the action language.

Examples

Insert Text After Substring

Insert the text `there` after a substring.

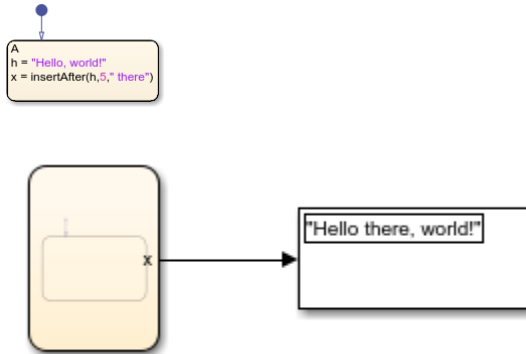
```
h = "Hello, world!"
pat = "Hello"
x = insertAfter(h,pat," there")
```



Insert Text After Position

Insert text there after a position.

```
h = "Hello, world!"  
x = insertAfter(h,5," there")
```



Limitations

- This operator does not support structures. For more information about structures in Stateflow, see “Access Bus Signals Through Stateflow Structures”.

See Also

string | isstring

Topics

“Manage Textual Information by Using Strings”

“Share String Data with Custom C Code”

Introduced in R2021b

insertBefore

Insert string before specified substring

Syntax

```
newStr = insertBefore(str,pat,newText)
newStr = insertBefore(str,pos,newText)
```

Description

`newStr = insertBefore(str,pat,newText)` inserts `newText` into `str` before the substring specified by `pat` and returns the result as `newStr`. If `pat` occurs multiple times in `str`, then `insertBefore` inserts `newText` before every occurrence of `pat`.

`newStr = insertBefore(str,pos,newText)` inserts the text specified by `newText` into `str` before the position specified by `pos`.

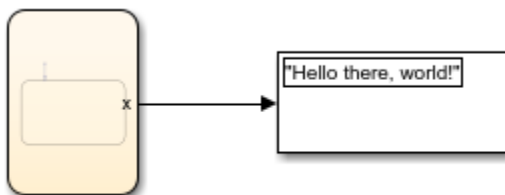
Note Only Stateflow charts that use MATLAB as the action language support the `insertBefore` operator.

Examples

Insert Text Before Substring

Insert the text there before a substring.

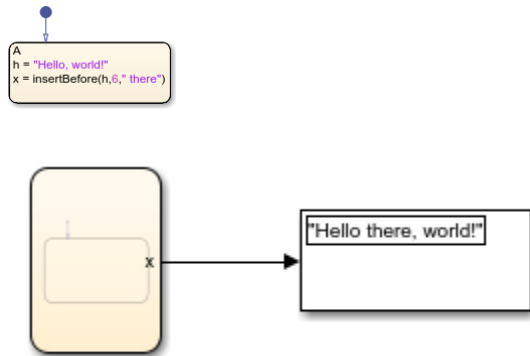
```
h = "Hello, world!"
pat = ","
x = insertBefore(h,pat," there")
```



Insert Text Before Position

Insert text there before a position.

```
h = "Hello, world!"  
x = insertAfter(h,6," there")
```



Limitations

- This operator does not support structures. For more information about structures in Stateflow, see “Access Bus Signals Through Stateflow Structures”.

See Also

string | isstring

Topics

“Manage Textual Information by Using Strings”

“Share String Data with Custom C Code”

Introduced in R2021b

isletter

Determine which characters are letters

Syntax

```
tf = isletter(A)
```

Description

`tf = isletter(A)` returns a logical array where the elements are logical 1 (true) where the corresponding characters in A are letters, and logical 0 (false) where the characters are not letters.

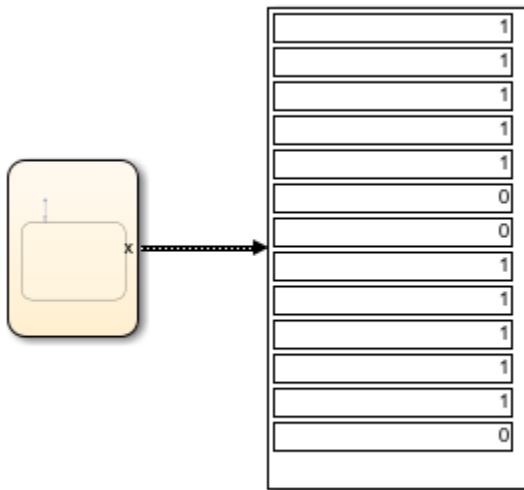
Note Only Stateflow charts that use MATLAB as the action language support the `isletter` operator.

Examples

Determine Which Elements of a String Are Letters

```
h = "Hello, world!"  
x = isletter(h)
```





Limitations

- This operator does not support structures. For more information about structures in Stateflow, see “Access Bus Signals Through Stateflow Structures”.

See Also

string | isstring

Topics

“Manage Textual Information by Using Strings”

“Share String Data with Custom C Code”

Introduced in R2021b

isspace

Determine which characters are space characters

Syntax

```
tf = isspace(A)
```

Description

`tf = isspace(A)` returns a logical array `tf`. If `A` is a string, then the elements of `tf` are logical 1 (`true`) where corresponding characters in `A` are space characters, and logical 0 (`false`) elsewhere.

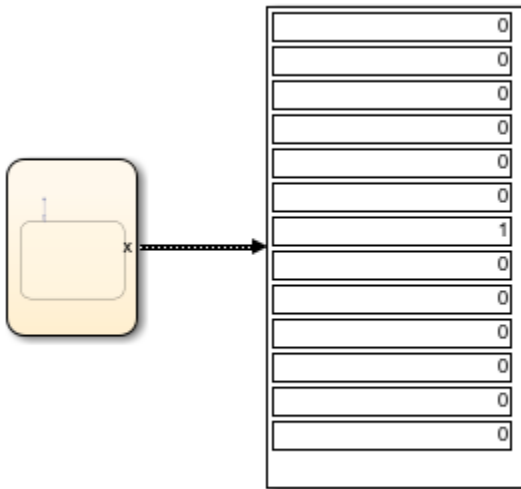
Note The operator `isspace` is supported only in Stateflow charts that use MATLAB as the action language.

Examples

Determine Which Elements of a String Are Spaces

```
h = "Hello, world!"  
x = isspace(h)
```





Limitations

- This operator is not supported for use with structures. For more information about structures in Stateflow, see “Access Bus Signals Through Stateflow Structures”.

See Also

string | isstring

Topics

“Manage Textual Information by Using Strings”

“Share String Data with Custom C Code”

Introduced in R2021b

isstring

Determine if input is string

Syntax

```
tf = isstring(A)
```

Description

`tf = isstring(A)` returns 1 (true) if `A` is a string array. Otherwise, it returns 0 (false).

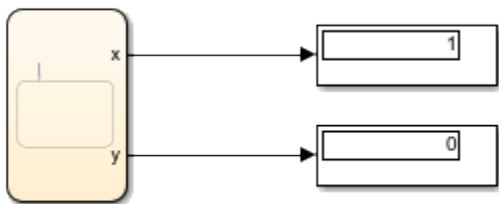
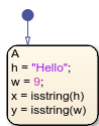
Note Only Stateflow charts that use MATLAB as the action language support the `isstring` operator.

Examples

Check Whether an Input Argument is a String Array

Return a 1 if the argument is a string or a 0 if the argument is not a string.

```
h = "Hello";
w = 9;
x = isstring(h)
y = isstring(w)
```



See Also

string | isletter

Topics

“Manage Textual Information by Using Strings”
 “Share String Data with Custom C Code”

Introduced in R2021b

isvalid

Determine if message is valid

Syntax

```
isvalid(message_name)
```

Description

`isvalid(message_name)` checks if an input or local message is valid. A message is valid if the chart has removed it from the queue and has not forwarded or discarded it.

Examples

Check Message in State Action

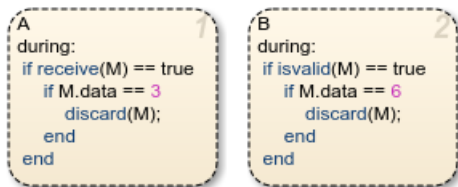
When state A is active, receive message M. If the message has a data value equal to 3, discard the message. Then, when state B is active, check that the message M is still valid. If the message is valid and has a data value equal to 6, discard the message.

In state A:

```
during:  
  if receive(M) == true  
    if M.data == 3  
      discard(M);  
    end  
  end
```

In state B:

```
during:  
  if isvalid(M) == true  
    if M.data == 6  
      discard(M);  
    end  
  end
```



See Also

[discard](#) | [forward](#) | [receive](#)

Topics

“Control Message Activity in Stateflow Charts”

Introduced in R2015b

length

Determine length of message queue

Syntax

```
length(message_name)
```

Description

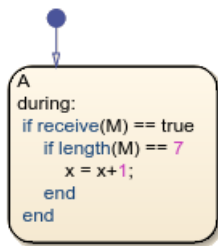
`length(message_name)` checks the number of messages in the internal receiving queue of an input or local message.

Examples

Check Queue Length in State Action

Check the queue for message M. If a message is present, remove it from the queue. If exactly seven messages remain in the queue, increment the value of x.

```
during:  
  if receive(M) == true  
    if length(M) == 7  
      x = x+1;  
    end  
  end  
end
```



Tips

- The length operator is not supported for input messages that use external receiving queues. To use the length operator, enable the **Use Internal Queue** property for this message.

See Also

receive

Topics

“Control Message Activity in Stateflow Charts”

Introduced in R2015b

lower

Convert string to lowercase

Syntax

```
newStr = lower(str)
```

Description

`newStr = lower(str)` converts all uppercase characters in `str` to the corresponding lowercase characters and leaves all other characters unchanged.

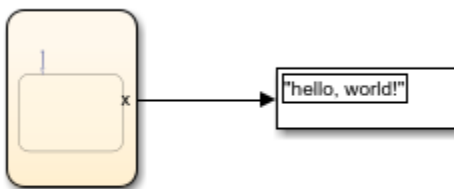
Note Only Stateflow charts that use MATLAB as the action language support the `lower` operator.

Examples

Convert String to Lowercase

Convert the uppercase characters in the text `Hello, world!` to lowercase characters.

```
h = "Hello, world!"  
x = lower(h)
```



Limitations

- This operator does not support structures. For more information about structures in Stateflow, see “Access Bus Signals Through Stateflow Structures”.

See Also

string | isstring

Topics

“Manage Textual Information by Using Strings”

“Share String Data with Custom C Code”

Introduced in R2021b

matches

Determine if pattern matches string

Syntax

```
tf = matches(str,pat)
tf = matches(str,pat,IgnoreCase=true)
```

Description

`tf = matches(str,pat)` returns 1 (true) if the specified pattern matches `str`, and returns 0 (false) otherwise.

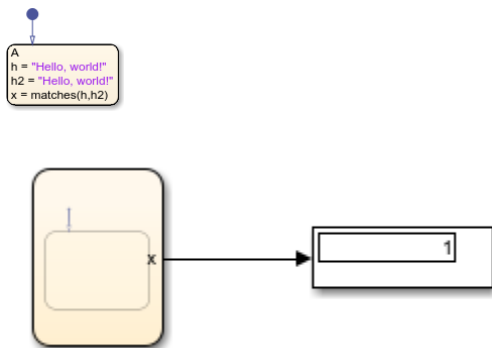
`tf = matches(str,pat,IgnoreCase=true)` ignores case when determining if `pat` matches `str`.

Note Only Stateflow charts that use MATLAB as the action language support the `matches` operator.

Examples

Check that Two Strings Match

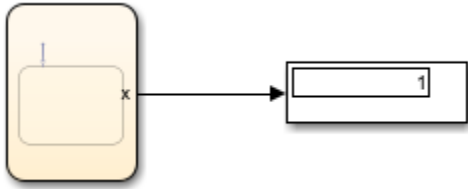
```
h = "Hello, world!"
h2 = "Hello, world!"
x = matches(h,h2)
```



Check that Two Strings Match While Ignoring Case

```
h = "Hello, world!"
h2 = "Hello, World!"
x = matches(h,h2,IgnoreCase=true)
```





Limitations

- This operator does not support structures. For more information about structures in Stateflow, see “Access Bus Signals Through Stateflow Structures”.

See Also

string | isstring

Topics

“Manage Textual Information by Using Strings”

“Share String Data with Custom C Code”

Introduced in R2021b

plus, +

Append strings

Syntax

```
C = plus(A,B)
```

Description

C = plus(A,B) appends two string arrays.

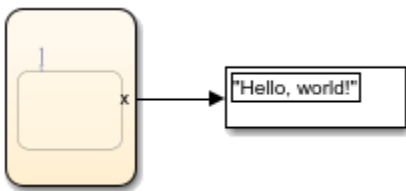
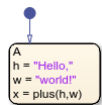
Note The operator plus is supported only in Stateflow charts that use MATLAB as the action language.

Examples

Append Two Strings

Use plus to append two strings.

```
h = "Hello,"  
w = " world!"  
x = plus(h,w)
```



You can also use + to append two strings.

```
h = "Hello,"  
w = " world!"  
x = h + w
```



Limitations

- This operator is not supported for use with structures. For more information about structures in Stateflow, see “Access Bus Signals Through Stateflow Structures”.

See Also

string | isstring

Topics

“Manage Textual Information by Using Strings”

“Share String Data with Custom C Code”

Introduced in R2021b

receive

Extract message from queue

Syntax

```
receive(message_name)
```

Description

`receive(message_name)` extracts an input or local message from its receiving queue. If a valid message exists, `receive` returns `true`. If a valid message does not exist but there is a message in the queue, the chart removes the message from the queue and `receive` returns `true`. If a valid message does not exist and there are no messages in the queue, `receive` returns `false`.

Examples

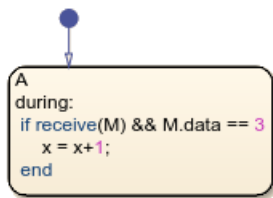
Extract Message in State Action

Check the queue for message M and increment the value of x if both of these conditions are true:

- A message is present in the queue.
- The data value of the message is equal to 3.

If a message is not present or if the data value is not equal to 3, then the value of x does not change. If a message is present, remove it from the queue regardless of the data value.

```
during:  
  if receive(M) && M.data == 3  
    x = x+1;  
  end
```



See Also

send

Topics

“Control Message Activity in Stateflow Charts”

Introduced in R2015b

replace

Find and replace one or more substring

Syntax

```
newStr = replace(str,old,new)
```

Description

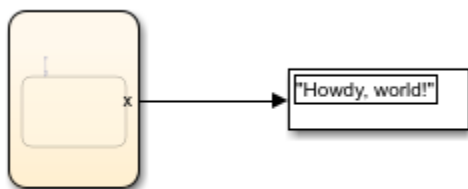
`newStr = replace(str,old,new)` replaces all occurrences of the substring `old` with `new`.

Note Only Stateflow charts that use MATLAB as the action language support the `replace` operator.

Examples

Replace a Substring with a New Substring

```
h = "Hello, world!"
old = "Hello"
new = "Howdy"
x = replace(h,old,new)
```



Limitations

- This operator does not support structures. For more information about structures in Stateflow, see "Access Bus Signals Through Stateflow Structures".

See Also

`string` | `isstring`

Topics

"Manage Textual Information by Using Strings"

“Share String Data with Custom C Code”

Introduced in R2021b

replaceBetween

Replace substrings between start and end points

Syntax

```
newStr = replaceBetween(str,startPat,endPat,newText)
newStr = replaceBetween(str,startPos,endPos,newText)
newStr = replaceBetween( ____,Boundaries=bounds)
```

Description

`newStr = replaceBetween(str,startPat,endPat,newText)` replaces the substring in `str` with the text in `newText`. `replaceBetween` does not replace `startPat` and `endPat` themselves. The `newText` argument can have a different number of characters than the substring it replaces.

`newStr = replaceBetween(str,startPos,endPos,newText)` replaces the substring in `str`, including the characters at those positions.

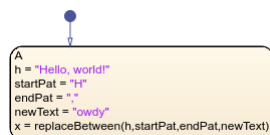
`newStr = replaceBetween(____,Boundaries=bounds)` forces the boundaries specified in the previous syntaxes to be inclusive or exclusive. The boundaries are inclusive when `bounds` is "inclusive", and exclusive when `bounds` is "exclusive". For example, `replaceBetween(str,startPat,endPat,newText,Boundaries="inclusive")` replaces `startPat`, `endPat`, and all the text between them with the text specified by `newText`.

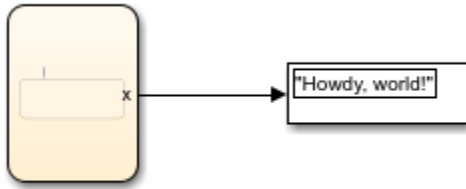
Note Only Stateflow charts that use MATLAB as the action language support the `replacebetween` operator.

Examples

Replace a Substring with a New Substring

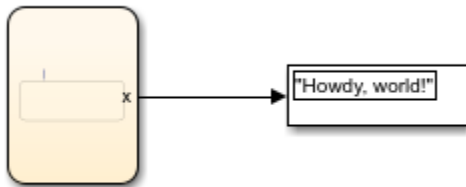
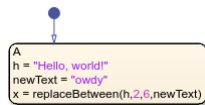
```
h = "Hello, world!"
startPat = "H"
endPat = ","
newText = "owdy"
x = replaceBetween(h,startPat,endPat,newText)
```





Replace a Substring Between Start and End Positions

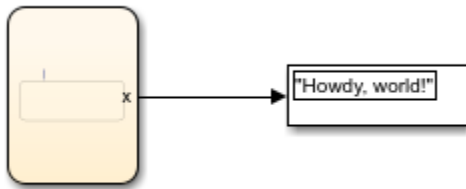
```
h = "Hello, world!"  
newText = "owdy"  
x = replaceBetween(h,2,6,newText)
```



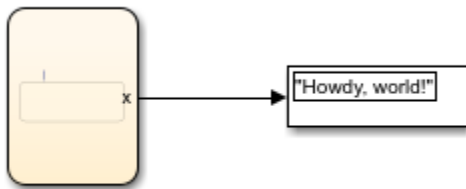
Replace a Substring and Specify Inclusive or Exclusive Boundaries

```
h = "Hello, world!"  
startPat = "H"  
endPat = "o"  
newText = "Howdy"  
x = replaceBetween(h,startPat,endPat,newText,Boundaries="inclusive")
```





```
h = "Hello, world!"
startPat = "H"
endPat = ","
newText = "owdy"
x = replaceBetween(h, startPat, endPat, newText, Boundaries="exclusive")
```



Limitations

- This operator does not support structures. For more information about structures in Stateflow, see “Access Bus Signals Through Stateflow Structures”.

See Also

string | isstring

Topics

“Manage Textual Information by Using Strings”
 “Share String Data with Custom C Code”

Introduced in R2021b

reverse

Reverse order of characters in strings

Syntax

```
newStr = reverse(str)
```

Description

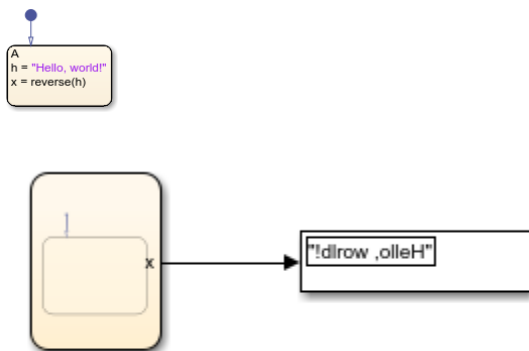
`newStr = reverse(str)` reverses the order of the characters in `str`.

Note Only Stateflow charts that use MATLAB as the action language support the `startsWith` operator.

Examples

Reverse String

```
h = "Hello, world!"  
x = reverse(h)
```



Limitations

- This operator is not supported for use with structures. For more information about structures in Stateflow, see “Access Bus Signals Through Stateflow Structures”.

See Also

`string` | `isstring`

Topics

“Manage Textual Information by Using Strings”

“Share String Data with Custom C Code”

Introduced in R2021b

rising

Detect rising edge in data since last time step

Syntax

```
tf = rising(expression)
```

Description

`tf = rising(expression)` returns 1 (true) if:

- The previous value of `expression` was negative and its current value is zero or positive.
- The previous value of `expression` was zero and its current value is positive.

Otherwise, the operator returns 0 (false). If `expression` changes value from negative to zero to positive at three consecutive time steps, the operator detects a single edge when the value of `expression` becomes zero.

The argument `expression`:

- Must be a scalar-valued expression
- Can combine chart input data, constants, nontunable parameters, continuous-time local data, and state data from Simulink based states
- Can include addition, subtraction, and multiplication of scalar variables, elements of a matrix, fields in a structure, or any valid combination of structure fields and matrix elements

Index elements of a matrix by using numbers or expressions that evaluate to a constant integer.

Note Edge detection is supported only in Stateflow charts in Simulink models.

Examples

Detect Rising Edge

Transition out of state if the value of the input data `signal` rises above a threshold of 2.5.

```
[rising(signal-2.5)]
```



The rising edge is detected when the value of the expression `signal - 2.5` becomes zero or positive.

Tips

- The operator `rising` imitates the behavior of a Trigger block with **Trigger Type** set to `rising`.
- Edge detection for continuous-time local data and state data from Simulink based states is supported only in transition conditions.
- In atomic subcharts, map all input data that you use in edge detection expressions to input data or nontunable parameters in the main chart. Mapping these input data to output data, local data, or tunable parameters can result in undefined behavior.

See Also

`crossing` | `falling` | `Trigger`

Topics

“Detect Changes in Data and Expression Values”

“Supported Operations for Vectors and Matrices”

“Index and Assign Values to Stateflow Structures”

Introduced in R2021b

send

Broadcast message or event

Syntax

```
send(message_name)
send(event_name)
send(local_event_name, state_name)
send(state_name.local_event_name)
```

Description

`send(message_name)` sends a local or output message.

`send(event_name)` sends a local or output event.

`send(local_event_name, state_name)` broadcasts a local event to `state_name` and any offspring of that state in the hierarchy.

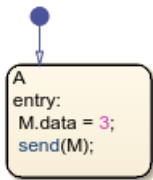
`send(state_name.local_event_name)` broadcasts a local event to its parent state `state_name` and any offspring of that state in the hierarchy.

Examples

Broadcast Message

Send a local or output message `M` with a data value of 3.

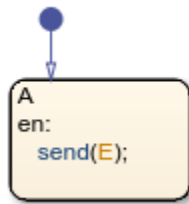
```
M.data = 3;
send(M);
```



Broadcast Output Event

Send an output event `E`.

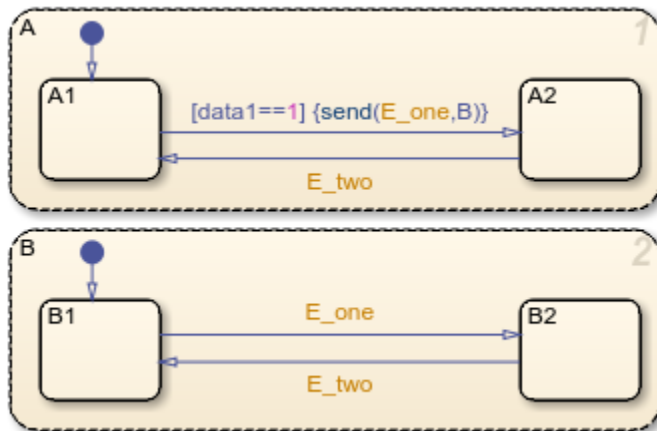
```
send(E);
```



Broadcast Directed Local Event

Send a local event E_one to state B and any of its substates.

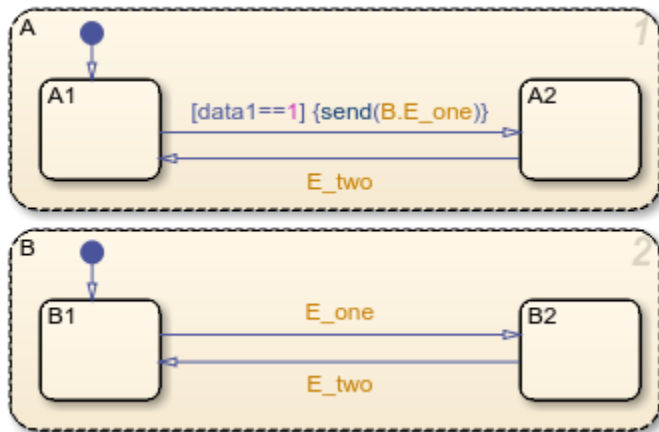
`send(E_one,B);`



Broadcast by Using Qualified Event Name

Send a local event E_one to its parent state B and any of its substates.

`send(B.E_one);`



Tips

- If a chart sends a message that exceeds the capacity of the receiving queue, a queue overflow occurs. The result of the queue overflow depends on the type of receiving queue.
 - When an overflow occurs in an internal queue, the Stateflow chart drops the new message. You can control the level of diagnostic action by setting the **Queue Overflow Diagnostic** property for the message. See “Queue Overflow Diagnostic”.
 - When an overflow occurs in an external queue, the Queue block either drops the new message or overwrites the oldest message in the queue, depending on the configuration of the block. See “Overwrite the oldest element if queue is full” (Simulink). An overflow in an external queue always results in a warning.
- Avoid using undirected local event broadcasts. Undirected local event broadcasts can cause unwanted recursive behavior in your chart. Instead, send local events by using directed broadcasts. For more information, see “Broadcast Local Events to Synchronize Parallel States”.
- Use the send operator to send events to the Schedule Editor. The Schedule Editor enables you to schedule the execution of aperiodic partitions. For more information on using the send operator with the Schedule Editor, see “Events in Schedule Editor” (Simulink).

See Also

receive

Topics

“Control Message Activity in Stateflow Charts”

“Activate a Simulink Block by Sending Output Events”

“Broadcast Local Events to Synchronize Parallel States”

Introduced before R2006a

startsWith

Determine if strings start with pattern

Syntax

```
tf = startsWith(str,pat)
tf = startsWith(str,pat,IgnoreCase=true)
```

Description

`tf = startsWith(str,pat)` returns 1 (true) if `str` starts with the specified pattern, and returns 0 (false) otherwise.

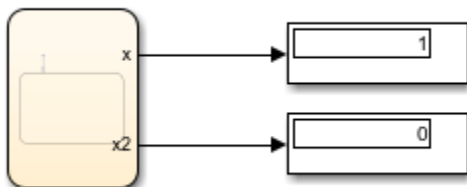
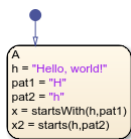
`tf = startsWith(str,pat,IgnoreCase=true)` ignores case when determining if `str` starts with `pat`.

Note Only Stateflow charts that use MATLAB as the action language support the `startsWith` operator.

Examples

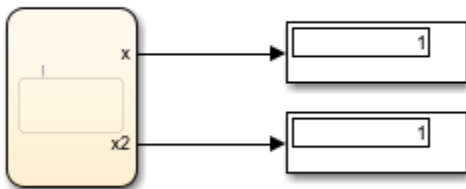
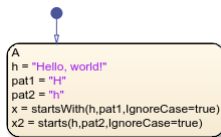
Detect Text at Beginning of String

```
h = "Hello, world!"
pat1 = "H"
pat2 = "h"
x = startsWith(h,pat1)
x2 = startsWith(h,pat2)
```



Detect Text at Start of String While Ignoring Case

```
h = "Hello, world!"  
pat1 = "H"  
pat2 = "h"  
x = startsWith(h,pat1,IgnoreCase=true)  
x2 = startsWith(h,pat2,IgnoreCase=true)
```



Limitations

- This operator does not support structures. For more information about structures in Stateflow, see “Access Bus Signals Through Stateflow Structures”.

See Also

string | isstring

Topics

“Manage Textual Information by Using Strings”

“Share String Data with Custom C Code”

Introduced in R2021b

str2ascii

Convert string to array of type uint8

Syntax

```
A = str2ascii(str,n)
```

Description

`A = str2ascii(str,n)` returns array of type `uint8` containing ASCII values for the first `n` characters in `str`, where `n` is a positive integer. If `str` has fewer than `n` characters, the remaining elements of `A` are set to `0`.

Use of variables or expressions for `n` is not supported.

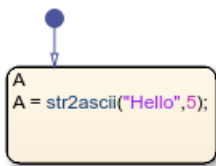
Note The operator `str2ascii` is supported only in Stateflow charts that use C as the action language.

Examples

String to ASCII Values

Return `uint8` array {72, 101, 108, 108, 111}.

```
A = str2ascii("Hello",5);
```



Tips

- Enclose literal strings with single or double quotes.

See Also

`ascii2str`

Topics

“Manage Textual Information by Using Strings”

“Share String Data with Custom C Code”

Introduced in R2018b

str2double

Convert string to double-precision value

Syntax

```
X = str2double(str)
```

Description

`X = str2double(str)` converts the text in string `str` to a double-precision value.

`str` contains text that represents a number, which can contain:

- Digits
- A decimal point
- A leading + or - sign
- An e preceding a power of 10 scale factor

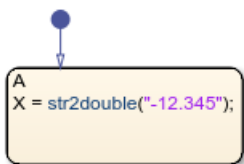
If `str2double` cannot convert text to a number, then it returns a NaN value.

Examples

Return a String That Contains a Decimal Notation

Return a value of -12.345.

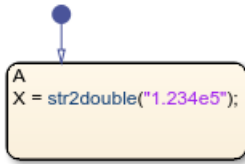
```
X = str2double("-12.345");
```



Return a String That Contains an Exponential Notation

Return a value of 123400.

```
X = str2double("1.234e5");
```

Limitations

- This operator does not support structures. For more information about structures in Stateflow, see “Access Bus Signals Through Stateflow Structures”.

See Also

tostring

Topics

“Manage Textual Information by Using Strings”

Introduced in R2018b

strcat

Concatenate strings

Syntax

```
dest = strcat(s1, ..., sN)
```

Description

`dest = strcat(s1, ..., sN)` concatenates strings `s1, ..., sN`.

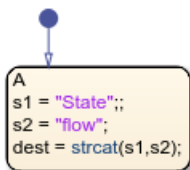
Note The operator `strcat` is supported only in Stateflow charts that use C as the action language.

Examples

Concatenation of Strings

Concatenate strings to form "Stateflow".

```
s1 = "State";  
s2 = "flow";  
dest = strcat(s1,s2);
```



Tips

Enclose literal strings with single or double quotes.

See Also

`strcpy` | `substr`

Topics

“Manage Textual Information by Using Strings”

Introduced in R2018b

strcmp

Compare strings

Syntax

```
tf = strcmp(s1,s2)
tf = strcmp(s1,s2,n)
```

Description

`tf = strcmp(s1,s2)` compares strings `s1` and `s2`.

When using MATLAB as the action language, `strcmp` returns 1 (true) if the two strings are identical. Otherwise, `strcmp` returns 0 (false).

When using C as the action language, `strcmp` returns 0 if the two strings are identical. Otherwise, `strcmp` returns a nonzero integer where:

- The sign of the output value depends on the lexicographic order of the input strings `s1` and `s2`.
- The magnitude of the output value depends on the compiler that you use. This value can differ in simulation and generated code.

Strings are considered identical when they have the same size and content. `strcmp` is case sensitive.

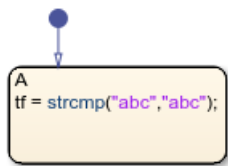
`tf = strcmp(s1,s2,n)` returns 0 if the first `n` characters in `s1` and `s2` are identical in charts that use C as the action language. For this functionality when using MATLAB as the action language, see `strncmp`.

Examples

Compare Strings in Charts that use MATLAB as the Action Language

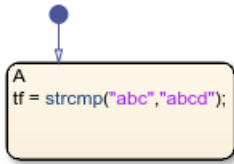
Return a value of 1 (true) if the strings are equal.

```
tf = strcmp("abc","abc");
```



Return a 0 (false) value if the strings are not equal.

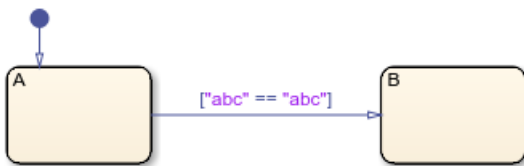
```
tf = strcmp("abc","abcd");
```



You can compare and sort string with relational operators.

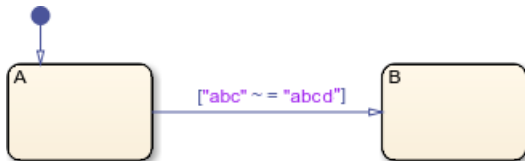
Use == to determine which elements of two string are equal. This is an alternative way to execute `strcmp("abc", "abc") == 1`.

`"abc" == "abc"`



Use ~= to determine which elements of two string are not equal. This is an alternative way to execute `strcmp("abc", "abc") ~= 1`.

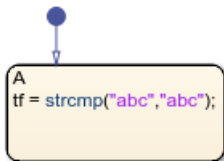
`"abc" ~= "abc"`



Compare Strings in Charts that use C as the Action Language

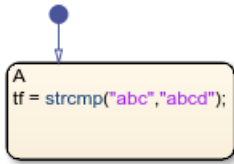
Return a value of 0 if the strings are equal.

`tf = strcmp("abc", "abc");`



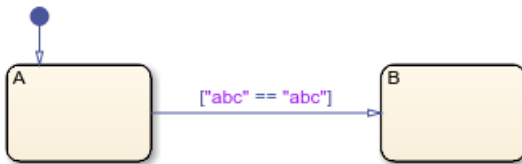
Return a nonzero value if the strings are not equal.

`tf = strcmp("abc", "abcd");`



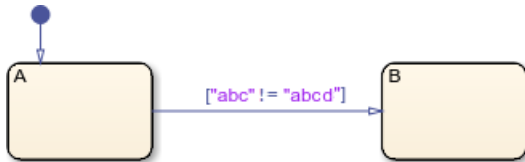
Use == to determine which elements of two strings are equal. This is an alternative way to execute `strcmp("abc", "abc") == 1`.

`"abc" == "abc"`



Use ~= to determine which elements of two strings are not equal. This is an alternative way to execute `strcmp("abc", "abc") != 1`.

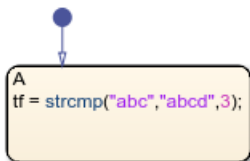
`"abc" != "abc"`



Comparison of Substrings

Return a value of 0 if the substrings are equal in charts that use C as the action language. To use this functionality when using MATLAB as the action language, see `strncmp`.

`tf = strcmp("abc", "abcd", 3);`



See Also

`substr`

Topics

“Manage Textual Information by Using Strings”

Introduced in R2018b

strcmpi

Compare strings (case insensitive)

Syntax

```
tf = strcmpi(s1,s2)
```

Description

`tf = strcmpi(s1,s2)` compares `s1` and `s2`, ignoring any differences in letter case. The function returns 1 (true) if the two are identical and 0 (false) otherwise. Text is considered identical if the size and content of each are the same, aside from case. The return result `tf` is of data type `logical`.

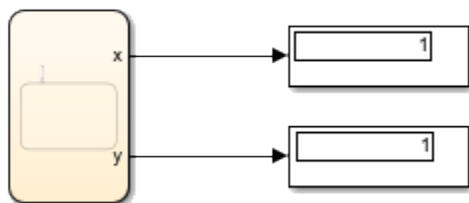
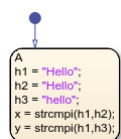
Note The operator `strcmpi` is supported only in Stateflow charts that use MATLAB as the action language.

Examples

Comparison by Using strcmpi

Return a value of 0 (strings are equal).

```
h1 = "Hello";
h2 = "Hello";
h3 = "hello";
x = strcmpi(h1,h2);
y = strcmpi(h1,h3);
```



Limitations

- This operator is not supported for use with structures. For more information about structures in Stateflow, see "Access Bus Signals Through Stateflow Structures".

See Also

substr

Topics

“Manage Textual Information by Using Strings”

Introduced in R2021b

strcpy

Assign string value

Syntax

```
strcpy(dest,src)  
dest = src
```

Description

strcpy(dest,src) assigns string src to dest.

dest = src is an alternative way to execute strcpy(dest,src).

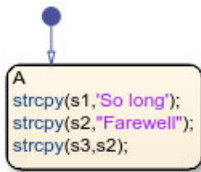
Note The operator strcpy is supported only in Stateflow charts that use C as the action language.

Examples

Assignment by Using strcpy

Assign string data to s1, s2, and s3.

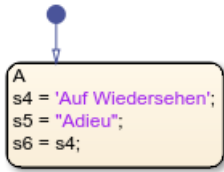
```
strcpy(s1,'So long');  
strcpy(s2,"Farewell");  
strcpy(s3,s2);
```



Assignment by Using =

Assign string data to s4, s5, and s6.

```
s4 = 'Auf Wiedersehen';  
s5 = "Adieu";  
s6 = s4;
```



```
A
s4 = 'Auf Wiedersehen';
s5 = "Adieu";
s6 = s4;
```

Tips

- Source and destination arguments must refer to different symbols.
- Enclose literal strings with single or double quotes.

See Also

Topics

“Manage Textual Information by Using Strings”

Introduced in R2018b

strfind

Find strings within other strings

Syntax

```
k = strfind(str,pat)
```

Description

`k = strfind(str,pat)` searches `str` for occurrences of `pat`. The output, `k`, indicates the starting index of each occurrence of `pat` in `str`. If `pat` is not found, then `strfind` returns an empty array, `[]`. The `strfind` function executes a case-sensitive search.

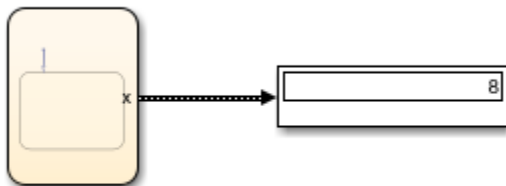
Note Only Stateflow charts that use MATLAB as the action language support the `startsWith` operator.

Examples

Find the Start of a Substring

Find the starting indices of substrings in a string.

```
h = "Hello, world!"
pat = "world"
x = strfind(h,pat)
```



Limitations

- This operator does not support structures. For more information about structures in Stateflow, see “Access Bus Signals Through Stateflow Structures”.

See Also

string | isstring

Topics

“Manage Textual Information by Using Strings”

“Share String Data with Custom C Code”

Introduced in R2021b

string

Create a string

Syntax

```
str = string(A)
```

Description

`str = string(A)` converts the input data to a string data. For instance, if `A` is numeric vector `29`, `str` is a string array of the same size, `"29"`.

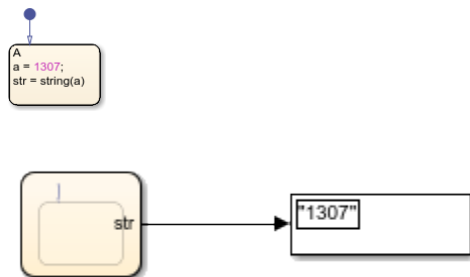
Note The operator `string` is supported only in Stateflow charts that use MATLAB as the action language.

Examples

Convert to String by Using `string`

Convert `1307` to a string and assign it to `str`.

```
a = 1307;  
str = string(a)
```



See Also

[str2double](#) | [isstring](#)

Topics

"Manage Textual Information by Using Strings"

Introduced in R2021b

strip

Remove leading and trailing characters from string

Syntax

```
newStr = strip(str)
newStr = strip(str,side)
```

Description

`newStr = strip(str)` removes all consecutive whitespace characters from the beginning and end of `str`, and returns the result as `newStr`.

`newStr = strip(str,side)` removes all consecutive white space characters from the side specified by `side`. The `side` argument can be "left", "right", or "both".

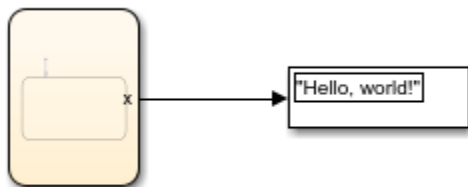
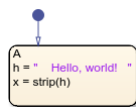
Note Only Stateflow charts that use MATLAB as the action language support the `strip` operator.

Examples

Strip Leading and Trailing Spaces from Strings

Delete the leading and trailing space characters in a string.

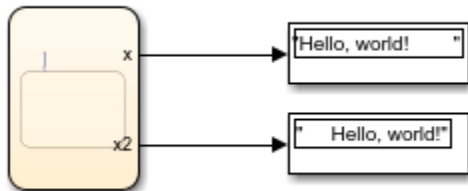
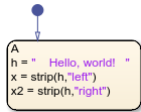
```
h = "   Hello, world!   "
x = strip(h)
```



Strip Spaces from Side of String

Delete the leading and trailing space characters from the left and right sides of a string.

```
h = "  Hello, world!  "
x = strip(h,"left")
x2 = strip(h,"right")
```



Limitations

- This operator does not support structures. For more information about structures in Stateflow, see "Access Bus Signals Through Stateflow Structures".

See Also

string | isstring

Topics

"Manage Textual Information by Using Strings"
 "Share String Data with Custom C Code"

Introduced in R2021b

strlen

Determine length of string

Syntax

```
L = strlen(str)
```

Description

L = strlen(str) returns the number of characters in the string str.

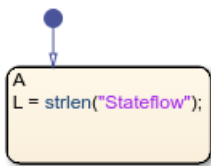
Note The operator strlen is supported only in Stateflow charts that use C as the action language.

Examples

Number of Characters in String

Return a value of 9.

```
L = strlen("Stateflow");
```



Tips

Enclose literal strings with single or double quotes.

See Also

Topics

“Manage Textual Information by Using Strings”

Introduced in R2018b

strlength

Length of string

Syntax

```
L = strlength(str)
```

Description

L = strlength(str) returns the number of characters in str.

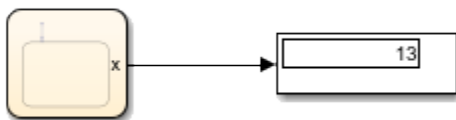
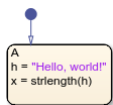
Note The operator `strlength` is supported only in Stateflow charts that use MATLAB as the action language.

Examples

Determine the Length of a String

Return the length of the string.

```
h = "Hello, world!"  
x = strlength(h)
```



See Also

string | contains

Topics

“Manage Textual Information by Using Strings”

Introduced in R2021b

strncmp

Compare first n characters of strings (case sensitive)

Syntax

```
tf = strncmp(s1,s2,n)
```

Description

`tf = strncmp(s1,s2,n)` compares up to n characters of `s1` and `s2`. The function returns `1` (true) if the two are identical and `0` (false) otherwise. Text is considered identical if the content of each is the same up to the end or the first n characters, whichever comes first.

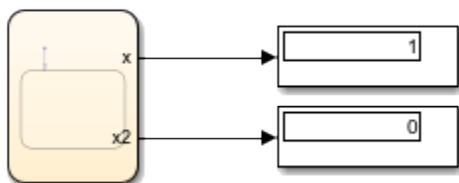
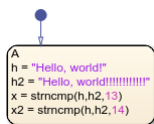
Note The operator `strncmp` is supported only in Stateflow charts that use MATLAB as the action language.

Examples

Comparison by Using strncmp

Return `1` (true) if the two strings are identical.

```
h = "Hello, world!"
h2 = "Hello, world!!!!!!!!!!!!!"
x = strncmp(h,h2,13)
x2 = strncmp(h,h2,14)
```



Limitations

- This operator is not supported for use with structures. For more information about structures in Stateflow, see "Access Bus Signals Through Stateflow Structures".

See Also

string | strcmp

Topics

“Manage Textual Information by Using Strings”

“Share String Data with Custom C Code”

Introduced in R2021b

strncmpi

Compare first n characters of strings (case insensitive)

Syntax

```
tf = strncmpi(s1,s2,n)
```

Description

`tf = strncmpi(s1,s2,n)` compares up to `n` characters of `s1` and `s2`, ignoring any differences in letter case. The function returns `1` (`true`) if the two are identical and `0` (`false`) otherwise. Text is considered identical if the content of each is the same up to the end or the first `n` characters, whichever comes first, ignoring case.

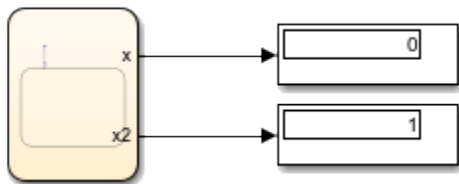
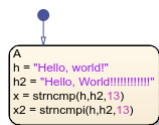
Note The operator `strncmpi` is supported only in Stateflow charts that use MATLAB as the action language.

Examples

Comparison by Using `strncmpi`

Return `1` (`true`) if the two strings are identical, ignoring case.

```
h = "Hello, world!"
h2 = "Hello, World!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!"
x = strcmp(h,h2,13)
x2 = strncmpi(h,h2,13)
```



Limitations

- This operator is not supported for use with structures. For more information about structures in Stateflow, see “Access Bus Signals Through Stateflow Structures”.

See Also

string | strcmp

Topics

“Manage Textual Information by Using Strings”

“Share String Data with Custom C Code”

Introduced in R2021b

strrep

Find and replace substrings

Syntax

```
newStr = strrep(str,old,new)
```

Description

`newStr = strrep(str,old,new)` replaces all occurrences of `old` in `str` with `new`.

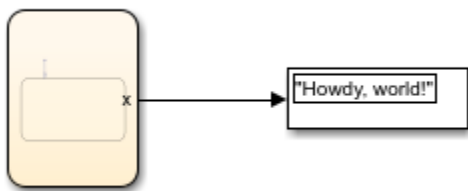
Note Only Stateflow charts that use MATLAB as the action language support the `strrep` operator.

Examples

Replace a Substring with `strrep`

Replace the substring `Hello` with `Howdy`.

```
h = "Hello, world!"
x = strrep(h,"Hello","Howdy")
```



Limitations

- This operator does not support structures. For more information about structures in Stateflow, see “Access Bus Signals Through Stateflow Structures”.

See Also

`string` | `isstring`

Topics

“Manage Textual Information by Using Strings”

“Share String Data with Custom C Code”

Introduced in R2021b

strtrim

Remove leading and trailing white space from a string

Syntax

```
newStr = strtrim(str)
```

Description

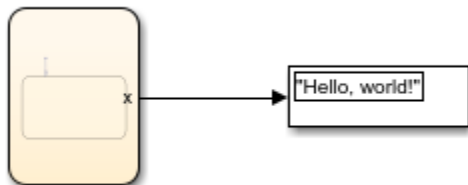
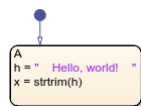
`newStr = strtrim(str)` removes leading and trailing whitespace characters from `str` and returns the result as `newStr`.

Note Only Stateflow charts that use MATLAB as the action language support the `strtrim` operator.

Examples

Remove Leading and Trailing Spaces from a String

```
h = "  Hello, world!  "  
x = strtrim(h)
```



Limitations

- This operator does not support structures. For more information about structures in Stateflow, see “Access Bus Signals Through Stateflow Structures”.

See Also

string | isstring

Topics

“Manage Textual Information by Using Strings”
“Share String Data with Custom C Code”

Introduced in R2021b

substr

Extract substring from string

Syntax

```
dest = substr(str,i,n)
```

Description

`dest = substr(str,i,n)` returns the substring of length `n` starting at the `i`-th character of string `str`. Use zero-based indexing.

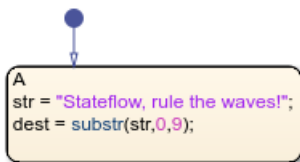
Note The operator `substr` is supported only in Stateflow charts that use C as the action language.

Examples

Extract Substring

Extract substring "Stateflow" from a longer string.

```
str = "Stateflow, rule the waves!";  
dest = substr(str,0,9);
```



Tips

- Use zero-based indexing.
- Enclose literal strings with single or double quotes.

See Also

`strcat` | `strcpy` | `strlen`

Topics

"Manage Textual Information by Using Strings"

Introduced in R2018b

temporalCount

Number of events, chart executions, or time since state became active

Syntax

```
temporalCount(E)
temporalCount(tick)
temporalCount(time_unit)
```

Description

`temporalCount(E)` returns the number of occurrences of the event `E` since the associated state became active.

`temporalCount(tick)` returns the number of times that the chart has woken up since the associated state became active.

The implicit event `tick` is not supported when a Stateflow chart in a Simulink model has input events.

`temporalCount(time_unit)` returns the length of time that has elapsed since the associated state became active. Specify `time_unit` as seconds (`sec`), milliseconds (`msec`), or microseconds (`usec`).

Note Standalone Stateflow charts in MATLAB support using `temporalCount` only as an absolute-time temporal logic operator.

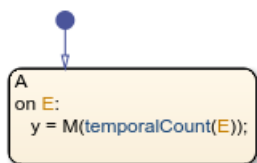
Examples

Perform Action on Event Broadcast

Access successive elements of the array `M` each time that the chart processes a broadcast of the event `E`.

In charts in a Simulink model, enter:

```
on E:
    y = M(temporalCount(E));
```



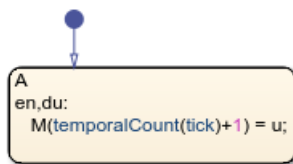
Using `temporalCount` as an event-based temporal logic operator is not supported in standalone charts in MATLAB.

Perform Action on Chart Execution

Store the value of the input data `u` in successive elements of the array `M`.

In charts in a Simulink model, enter:

```
en,du:  
M(temporalCount(tick)+1) = u;
```

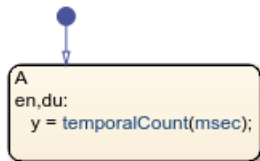


Using `temporalCount` as an event-based temporal logic operator is not supported in standalone charts in MATLAB.

Determine Time of State Activity

Store the number of milliseconds since the state became active.

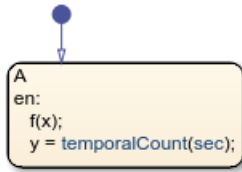
```
en,du:  
y = temporalCount(msec);
```



Tips

- You can use quotation marks to enclose the keywords `'tick'`, `'sec'`, `'msec'`, and `'usec'`. For example, `temporalCount('tick')` is equivalent to `temporalCount(tick)`.
- The Stateflow chart resets the counter used by the `temporalCount` operator each time the associated state reactivates.
- The timing for absolute-time temporal logic operators depends on the type of Stateflow chart:
 - Charts in a Simulink model define temporal logic in terms of simulation time.
 - Standalone charts in MATLAB define temporal logic in terms of wall-clock time.

The difference in timing can affect the behavior of a chart. For example, suppose that this chart is executing the entry action of state `A`.



- In a Simulink model, the function call to `f` executes in a single time step and does not contribute to the simulation time. After calling the function `f`, the chart assigns a value of zero to `y`.
- In a standalone chart, the function call to `f` can take several seconds of wall-clock time to complete. After calling the function `f`, the chart assigns the nonzero time that has elapsed since state `A` became active to `y`.

See Also

count | duration | elapsed

Topics

“Control Chart Execution by Using Temporal Logic”

“Count Events by Using the temporalCount Operator”

Introduced in R2008a

this

Access chart data during simulation

Syntax

this

Description

this provides external MATLAB code, such as functions and apps, access to chart data during simulation.

- For charts in Simulink models, external MATLAB code can access inputs, outputs, and local data.
- For standalone charts in MATLAB, external MATLAB code can access local data and call `step`, input event functions, and graphical and MATLAB functions in the chart. For more information, see “Execute a Standalone Chart”.

Note In charts in Simulink models, the keyword `this` is supported only as an argument to external MATLAB code. Any other use of the keyword in the chart results in a compile-time error.

Examples

Connect Chart to MATLAB App

Create a bidirectional connection between a Stateflow chart and a MATLAB app created in App Designer. Call the app as an extrinsic function using `this` as an argument to the constructor. In the app, create a custom property to interface with the chart during simulation. In the chart, store the value returned by the function call to the app as a local data object.

In a chart that uses MATLAB as the action language, enter:

```
coder.extrinsic(appConstructor);  
app = appConstructor(this);
```



In a chart that uses C as the action language, enter:

```
app = ml.appConstructor(this);
```



For additional examples that illustrate this workflow, see “Model a Power Window Controller” and “Simulate a Media Player”.

Change Data Value While Debugging Standalone Chart

Modify the value of the local data `x` while debugging a standalone Stateflow chart in MATLAB.

At the debugging prompt, enter:

```
this.x = 7
```

For more information, see “Examine and Change Values of Chart Data”.

Note When debugging a chart in a Simulink model, you can access all Stateflow data directly at the debugging prompt. For more information, see “View and Modify Data in the MATLAB Command Window”.

Tips

- Do not use the keyword `this` to access chart data after simulation has stopped.
- Calling an external function named `this` from a chart disables the keyword `this` throughout the chart. To use the keyword, rename the extrinsic function.

See Also

`coder.extrinsic`

Topics

“Model a Power Window Controller”

“Simulate a Media Player”

“Model a Fitness Tracker”

“Call Extrinsic MATLAB Functions in Stateflow Charts”

“Access MATLAB Functions and Workspace Data in C Charts”

“Debug a Standalone Stateflow Chart”

Introduced in R2020b

tostring

Convert numeric value to string

Syntax

```
dest = tostring(X)
```

Description

`dest = tostring(X)` converts numeric, Boolean, or enumerated data X to a string.

Note The operator `tostring` is supported only in Stateflow charts that use C as the action language.

Examples

Numeric Value to String

Convert numeric value to string "1.2345".

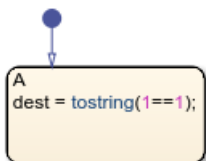
```
dest = tostring(1.2345);
```



Boolean Value to String

Convert Boolean value to string "true".

```
dest = tostring(1==1);
```



Enumerated Value to String

Convert enumerated value to string "RED".


```
dest = tostring(RED);
```



See Also

[str2double](#) | [strcpy](#)

Topics

“Manage Textual Information by Using Strings”

Introduced in R2018b

upper

Convert a string to uppercase

Syntax

```
newStr = upper(str)
```

Description

`newStr = upper(str)` converts the lowercase characters in `str` to uppercase characters and leaves all other characters unchanged.

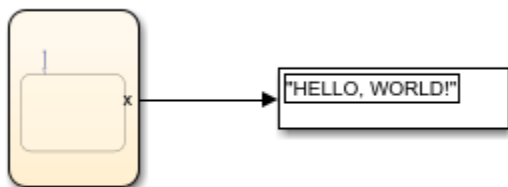
Note Only Stateflow charts that use MATLAB as the action language support the `upper` operator.

Examples

Convert String to Uppercase

Convert the lowercase text in `Hello, world!` to uppercase.

```
h = "Hello, world!"  
x = upper(h)
```



Limitations

- This operator does not support structures. For more information about structures in Stateflow, see “Access Bus Signals Through Stateflow Structures”.

See Also

`string` | `isstring`

Topics

“Manage Textual Information by Using Strings”

“Share String Data with Custom C Code”

Introduced in R2021b

Objects

Stateflow.SimulationData.Data

Data values during simulation

Description

Use `Stateflow.SimulationData.Data` to log the values of local and output data during simulation.

Creation

- 1 In the **Symbols** pane, select a local or output data object.
- 2 In the **Property Inspector**, under **Logging**, select the **Log signal data** check box.

Properties

Name — Logging name of data object

character array

Logging name of the data object, specified as a character array. By default, the logging name for a data object is the name of the data object. To assign another name to the data object, in the **Property Inspector**, under **Logging Name**, select **Custom** and enter a custom logging name.

Data Types: char

BlockPath — Block path for source block

`Simulink.SimulationData.BlockPath`

Block path for the source block, specified as a `Simulink.SimulationData.BlockPath` object.

Data Types: `Simulink.SimulationData.BlockPath`

Values — Logged data and time

timeseries

Logged data and time, specified as a `timeseries` object.

Data Types: `timeseries`

Object Functions

`plot` Plot simulation output data in the Simulation Data Inspector

Examples

Access Logged Data

- 1 Open the `sf_semantics_hotel_checkin` model.
`openExample("stateflow/SemanticsHotelCheckinExample")`

- 2 Open the Hotel chart.
- 3 Open the **Symbols** pane. In the **Simulation** tab, in **Prepare**, click **Symbols Pane**.
- 4 Open the **Property Inspector**. In the **Simulation** tab, in **Prepare**, click **Property Inspector**.
- 5 Configure the service local data for logging.
 - In the **Symbols** pane, select service.
 - In the **Property Inspector**, on the **Logging** tab, select the **Log signal data** check box.
- 6 Return to the Simulink model.
- 7 Simulate the model. After starting the simulation, check into the hotel by toggling the first switch and order room service multiple times by toggling the second switch. During simulation, Stateflow saves logged data in a `Simulink.SimulationData.Dataset` signal logging object. The default name of the signal logging object is `logsout`. For more information, see “Export Signal Data Using Signal Logging” (Simulink).
- 8 Stop the simulation.
- 9 To access the signal logging object, at the MATLAB command prompt, enter:

```
logsout
```

```
logsout =
```

```
Simulink.SimulationData.Dataset 'logsout' with 1 element
```

		Name	BlockPath
1	[1x1 Data]	service	sf_semantics_hotel_checkin/Hotel

- 10 To access logged element, use the `get` method.

```
serviceLog = logsout.get("service")
```

```
serviceLog =
```

```
Stateflow.SimulationData.Data  
Package: Stateflow.SimulationData
```

```
Properties:  
  Name: 'service'  
  BlockPath: [1x1 Simulink.SimulationData.BlockPath]  
  Values: [1x1 timeseries]
```

- 11 To access the logged data and time of each logged element, use the `Values.Data` and `Values.Time` properties. For example, arrange logged data in tabular form by using the `table` function.

```
T = table(serviceLog.Values.Time,serviceLog.Values.Data);  
T.Properties.VariableNames = ["Time" "Data"]
```

```
T =
```

```
6x2 table
```

Time	Data
1.7076e+06	0
1.8607e+06	1
1.9653e+06	2
1.9653e+06	3
1.9653e+06	4
2.2912e+06	5

See Also

Stateflow.SimulationData.State | Simulink.SimulationData.BlockPath | timeseries | plot

Topics

“Log Simulation Output for States and Data”
“Export Signal Data Using Signal Logging” (Simulink)

Introduced in R2017b

Stateflow.SimulationData.State

State activity during simulation

Description

Use `Stateflow.SimulationData.State` to log the activity of a state during simulation.

Creation

- 1 In the Stateflow Editor, select a state.
- 2 In the **Simulation** tab, in **Prepare**, select **Log Self Activity**. Alternatively, in the **Property Inspector**, under **Logging**, select the **Log self activity** check box.

Properties

Name — Logging name of state

character array

Logging name of the state, specified as a character array. By default, the logging name for a state is the hierarchical name using a period (.) to separate each level in the hierarchy of states. To assign a shorter name to the state, in the **Property Inspector**, set **Logging Name** to **Custom** and enter a custom logging name.

Data Types: char

BlockPath — Block path for source block

`Simulink.SimulationData.BlockPath`

Block path for the source block, specified as a `Simulink.SimulationData.BlockPath` object.

Data Types: `Simulink.SimulationData.BlockPath`

Values — State activity

timeseries

State activity, specified as a `timeseries` object. Data values represent whether the state is active (1) or not active (0). Time values correspond to simulation time.

Data Types: `timeseries`

Object Functions

`plot` Plot simulation output data in the Simulation Data Inspector

Examples

Access Logged State Activity

- 1 Open the `sf_semantics_hotel_checkin` model.

```
openExample("stateflow/SemanticsHotelCheckinExample")
```

- 2 Open the Hotel chart.
- 3 Open the **Symbols** pane. In the **Simulation** tab, in **Prepare**, click **Symbols Pane**.
- 4 Configure the `Dining_area` state for logging.

- In the Stateflow Editor, select the `Dining_area` state.
- In the **Simulation** tab, under **Prepare**, select **Log Self Activity**.

In the **Property Inspector**, under **Logging**, select the **Log self activity** check box.

- By default, the logging name for this state is the hierarchical signal name `Check_in.Checked_in.Executive_suite.Dining_area`. To assign a shorter name to the state, set **Logging Name** to Custom and enter `Dining Room`.
- 5 Return to the Simulink model.
 - 6 Simulate the model. After starting the simulation, check into the hotel by toggling the first switch and order room service multiple times by toggling the second switch. During simulation, Stateflow saves logged data in a `Simulink.SimulationData.Dataset` signal logging object. The default name of the signal logging object is `logsout`. For more information, see “Export Signal Data Using Signal Logging” (Simulink).
 - 7 Stop the simulation.
 - 8 To access the signal logging object, at the MATLAB command prompt, enter:

```
logsout
```

```
logsout =
```

```
Simulink.SimulationData.Dataset 'logsout' with 1 element
```

	Name	BlockPath
1 [1x1 State]	Dining Room	sf_semantics_hotel_checkin/Hotel

- 9 To access logged elements, use the `get` method.

```
diningLog = logsout.get("Dining Room")
```

```
diningLog =
```

```
Stateflow.SimulationData.State
Package: Stateflow.SimulationData
```

```
Properties:
```

```
    Name: 'Dining Room'
```

```
    BlockPath: [1x1 Simulink.SimulationData.BlockPath]
```

```
    Values: [1x1 timeseries]
```

- 10 To access the logged data and time of each logged element, use the `Values.Data` and `Values.Time` properties. For example, arrange logged data in tabular form by using the `table` function.

```
T = table(diningLog.Values.Time,diningLog.Values.Data);
```

```
T.Properties.VariableNames = ["Time" "Data"]
```

```
T =
```

6×2 `table`

Time	Data
0	0
1.8607e+06	1
1.9653e+06	0
1.9653e+06	1
1.9653e+06	0
2.2912e+06	1

See Also

`Stateflow.SimulationData.Data` | `Simulink.SimulationData.BlockPath` | `timeseries` | `plot`

Topics

“Log Simulation Output for States and Data”

“Export Signal Data Using Signal Logging” (Simulink)

Introduced in R2017b

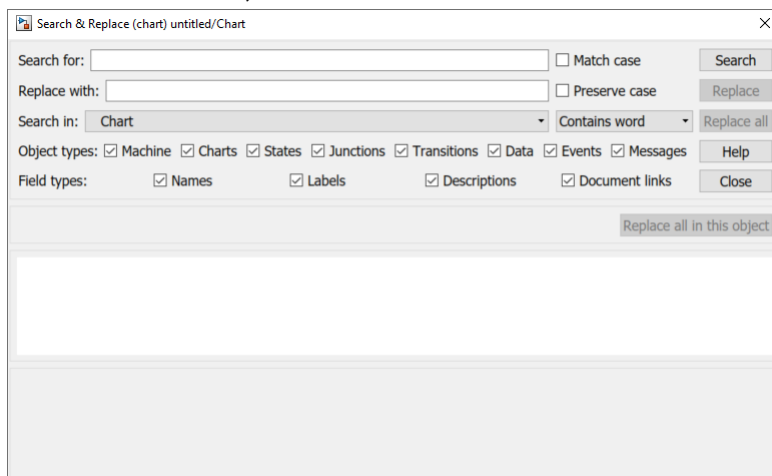
Tools

Search & Replace Tool

Find and replace text in Stateflow charts

Description

Use the **Search & Replace** tool to find and modify text in your Stateflow charts. Search an individual chart or all of the charts in a Simulink model. Modify the scope of your search by enabling case-sensitive searching, matching only whole words, using regular expressions to define search patterns, or filtering by object and field types. Enable case-preserving replacements for lowercase, uppercase, title case, or sentence case text.



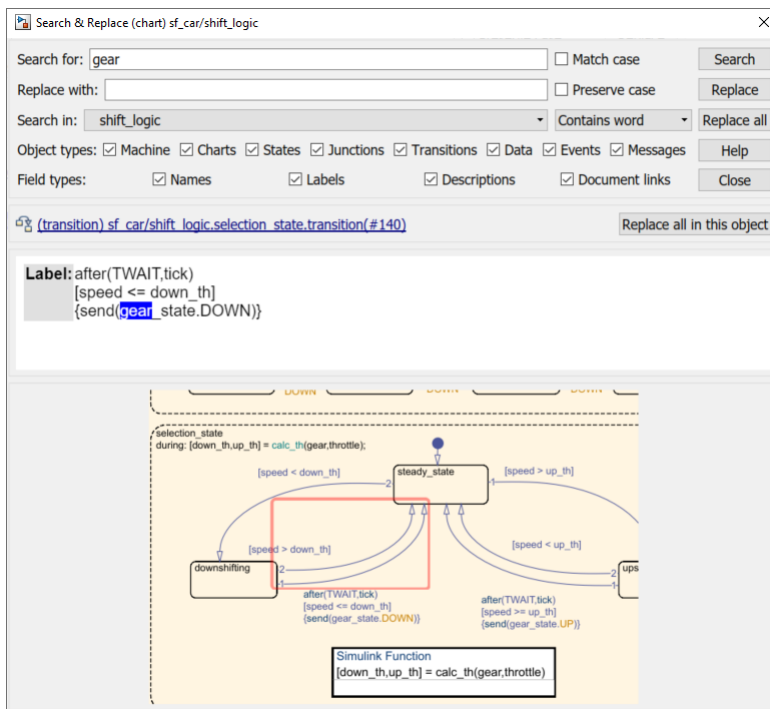
Open the Search & Replace Tool

- Open a Stateflow chart. Then, in the **Modeling** tab, select **Find > Find & Replace in Chart**.

Examples

Search for Text

- 1 In the **Search for** field, enter the text for which to search.
- 2 Modify the scope of your search results.
 - To enable case-sensitive searching, select **Match case**.
 - To specify the chart or model in which to search, use the **Search in** drop-down list.
 - To match only whole words or to define a search pattern by using a regular expression, use the drop-down list to the right of **Search in** on page 5-0 .
 - To filter your search targets by object and field type, select one or more check boxes under **Object types** or **Field types**.
- 3 Click **Search**. The Search & Replace tool displays the matching text in the center pane of the tool. If the matching text belongs to a graphical object such as a state or transition, the graphical object appears highlighted in the bottom pane of the tool.



- 4 To highlight to the object in the Stateflow Editor, double-click the bottom pane.
- 5 To find the next match, click **Search** again.

Replace Text

- 1 Search for the text to replace, as described in “Search for Text” on page 5-2.
- 2 In the **Replace with** field, enter the text with which to replace the text found by your search.
- 3 To enable case-preserving replacements, select **Preserve case**.
- 4 Click one of these buttons:
 - **Search** — Skip the current search result and search for the next match.
 - **Replace** — Replace the current search result with the replacement text and search for the next match.
 - **Replace all** — Replace all instances that match the search text. Replacement spans from the current search result to the end of the current Stateflow chart. The Search & Replace tool ignores any matches that you previously skipped by clicking the **Search** button.
 - **Replace all in this object** — Replace all instances that match the search text in the current Stateflow object. The Search & Replace tool replaces any matches that you previously skipped by clicking the **Search** button.

Parameters

Match case — Case-sensitive searching

off (default) | on

Select this parameter to enable case-sensitive searching.

- When you select this parameter, the Search & Replace tool finds only text that exactly matches the text in the **Search for** field.
- When you clear this parameter, the Search & Replace tool matches the character sequence in the **Search for** field, regardless of case. For example, the search text "gear" matches the text "gear", "Gear", or "GEAR".

Preserve case — Case-preserving replacement

off (default) | on

Select this parameter to enable case-preserving replacements. When you select this parameter, the Search & Replace tool replaces the matching text based on these conditions:

- If the matching text has only lowercase characters, the Search & Replace tool replaces the matching text entirely with the lowercase equivalent of all replacement characters. For example, if the replacement text is "AnDreW", the matching text "james" is replaced by "andrew".
- If the matching text has only uppercase characters, the Search & Replace tool replaces the matching text entirely with the uppercase equivalent of all replacement characters. For example, if the replacement text is "AnDreW", the matching text "JAMES" is replaced by "ANDREW".
- If the matching text uses title case, with uppercase characters in the first character position of each word, the Search & Replace tool replaces the matching text with the replacement text in title case. For example, if the replacement text is "AnDreW jAcksOn", the matching text "James Monroe" is replaced by "Andrew Jackson".
- If the matching text uses sentence case, with an uppercase character in the first character position of a sentence and all other sentence characters in lowercase, the Search & Replace tool replaces the matching text with the replacement text in sentence case. For example, if the replacement text is "AnDreW is TALL", the matching text "James is tall" is replaced by "Andrew is tall".

If the matching text does not follow any of these patterns, the Search & Replace tool replaces the matching text using the exact case specified by the replacement text.

Search in — Location to search

chart name (default) | model name

Specify the location to search. You can select an individual chart or all of the charts in a loaded Simulink model. By default, the Search & Replace tool searches only the chart in which you opened the tool.

Note The left drop-down list shows the charts in only one model at a time. To select a Stateflow chart in a different model, first select the model. Then open the drop-down list a second time and select the chart.

Style — Style of text for which to search

Contains word (default) | Match whole word | Regular expression

Use the drop-down list to the right of the **Search in** parameter to specify one of these options:

- **Contains word** — Search for text in any expression. For example, the search text "gear" matches the text "gear_state".

- **Match whole word** — Search for whole word expressions delimited by a blank space or a character that is not alphanumeric or an underscore character. For example, the search text "gear" does not match the text "gear_state".
- **Regular expression** — Treat the search text as a regular expression. For example, the search text "g\\w*_" matches any text that begins with the letter g and ends with an underscore. For more information, see "Regular Expressions".

Object types — Type of objects in which to search

[Machine](#) | [Charts](#) | [StatesJunctions](#) | [Transitions](#) | [Data](#) | [Events](#) | [Messages](#)

Specify the type of objects in which to search. You can limit your search to the Stateflow machine, charts, states, junctions, transitions, data, events, and messages. For more information, see "Overview of Stateflow Objects".

Field types — Type of fields in which to search

[Names](#) | [Labels](#) | [Descriptions](#) | [Document links](#)

Specify the type of fields in which to search. You can limit your search to names, labels, descriptions, and document links.

Note The Search & Replace tool looks for matching text anywhere in a state label regardless of whether you limit your search to names or labels.

Tips

- The Search & Replace tool does not search the names of Simulink models and Stateflow charts. To change the names of models and charts, use the Simulink model window.

See Also

Topics

"Stateflow Editor Operations"

"Overview of Stateflow Objects"

"Regular Expressions"

Introduced before R2006a

Sequence Viewer

Visualize messages, events, states, transitions, and functions

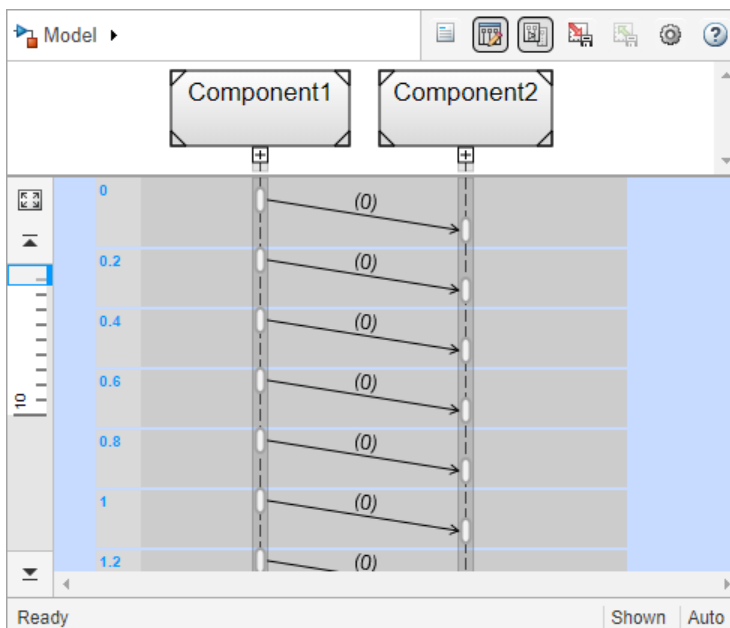
Description

The Sequence Viewer visualizes message flow, function calls, and state transitions.

Use the Sequence Viewer to see the interchange of messages, events, function calls in Simulink models, Simulink behavior models in System Composer™ and between Stateflow charts in Simulink models.

In the Sequence Viewer window, you can view event data related to Stateflow chart execution and the exchange of messages between Stateflow charts. The Sequence Viewer window shows messages as they are created, sent, forwarded, received, and destroyed at different times during model execution. The Sequence Viewer window also displays state activity, transitions, and function calls to Stateflow graphical functions, Simulink functions, and MATLAB functions. For more information, see “Use the Sequence Viewer to Visualize Messages, Events, and Entities” (Simulink).

Note The Sequence Viewer does not display function calls generated by MATLAB Function blocks and S-functions.



Open the Sequence Viewer

- Simulink Toolstrip: On the **Simulation** tab, in the **Review Results** section, click **Sequence Viewer**.

Examples

Using the Sequence Viewer Tool

- 1 To activate logging events, in the Simulink Toolstrip, under the **Simulation** tab, in the **Prepare** section, click **Log Events**.
 - 2 Simulate your model.
 - 3 To open the tool, in the Simulink Toolstrip, under the **Simulation** tab, in the **Review Results** section, click **Sequence Viewer**.
- “Use the Sequence Viewer to Visualize Messages, Events, and Entities” (Simulink)
 - “Simulink Messages Overview” (Simulink)

Parameters

Time Precision for Variable Step — Digits for time increment precision

3 (default) | scalar

Number of digits for time increment precision. When using a variable step solver, change this parameter to adjust the time precision for the sequence viewer. By default the block supports 3 digits of precision. Minimum and maximum precision are 1 and 16, respectively.

Suppose the block displays two events that occur at times 0.1215 and 0.1219. Displaying these two events precisely requires 4 digits of precision. If the precision is 3, then the block displays two events at time 0.121.

Programmatic Use

Block Parameter: SequenceViewerTimePrecision

Type: character vector

Values: '3' | scalar

Default: '3'

History — Maximum number of previous events to display

1000 (default) | scalar

Total number of events before the last event to display. Minimum and maximum number of events are 0 and 25000, respectively.

For example, if **History** is 5 and there are 10 events in your simulation, then the block displays 6 events, including the last event and the five events prior the last event. Earlier events are not displayed. The time ruler is greyed to indicate the time between the beginning of the simulation and the time of the first displayed event.

Each send, receive, drop, or function call event is counted as one event, even if they occur at the same simulation time.

Programmatic Use

Block Parameter: SequenceViewerHistory

Type: character vector

Values: '1000' | scalar

Default: '1000'

See Also

Topics

[“Use the Sequence Viewer to Visualize Messages, Events, and Entities” \(Simulink\)](#)

[“Simulink Messages Overview” \(Simulink\)](#)

Introduced in R2020b

Simulation Data Inspector

Inspect and compare data and simulation results to validate and iterate model designs

Description

The Simulation Data Inspector visualizes and compares multiple kinds of data.

Using the Simulation Data Inspector, you can inspect and compare time series data at multiple stages of your workflow. This example workflow shows how the Simulation Data Inspector supports all stages of the design cycle:

1 “View Data in the Simulation Data Inspector” (Simulink).

Run a simulation in a model configured to log data to the Simulation Data Inspector, or import data from the workspace or a MAT-file. You can view and verify model input data or inspect logged simulation data while iteratively modifying your model diagram, parameter values, or model configuration.

2 “Inspect Simulation Data” (Simulink).

Plot signals on multiple subplots, zoom in and out on specified plot axes, and use data cursors to understand and evaluate the data. “Create Plots Using the Simulation Data Inspector” (Simulink) to tell your story.

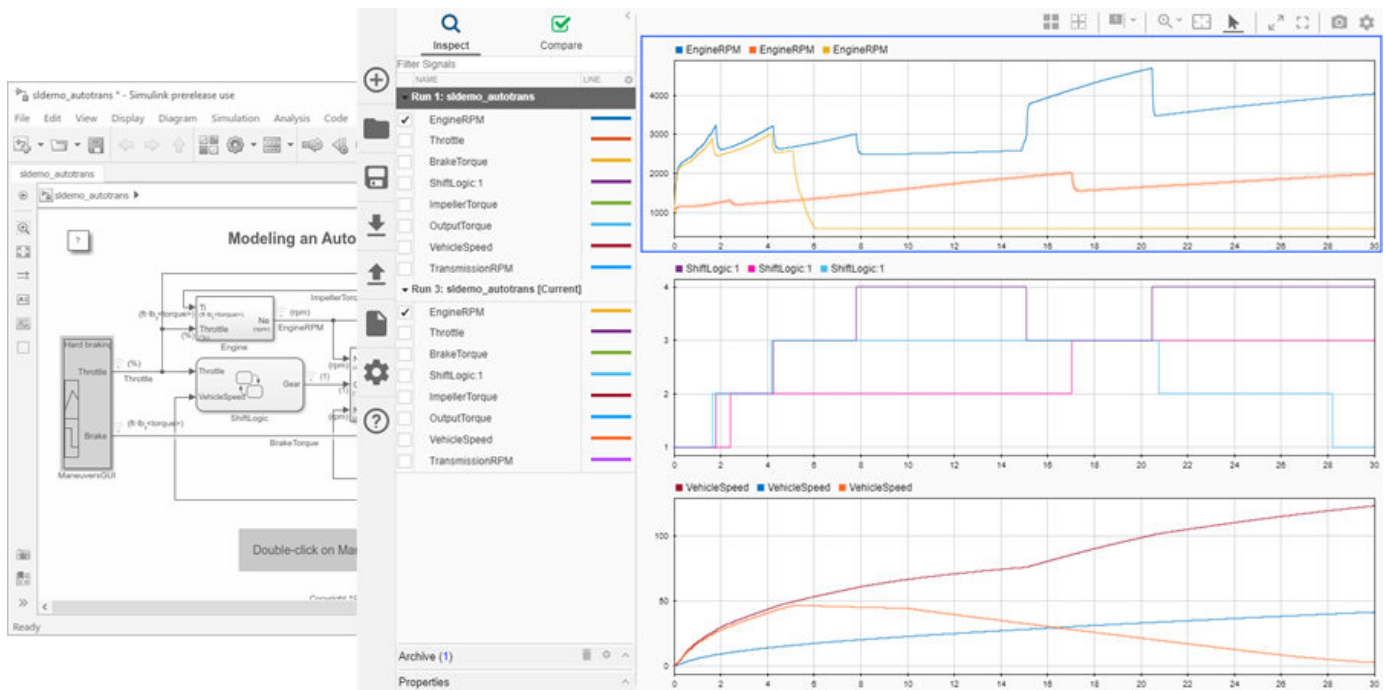
3 “Compare Simulation Data” (Simulink)

Compare individual signals or simulation runs and analyze your comparison results with relative, absolute, and time tolerances. The compare tools in the Simulation Data Inspector facilitate iterative design and allow you to highlight signals that do not meet your tolerance requirements. For more information about the comparison operation, see “How the Simulation Data Inspector Compares Data” (Simulink).

4 “Save and Share Simulation Data Inspector Data and Views” (Simulink).

Share your findings with others by saving Simulation Data Inspector data and views.

You can also harness the capabilities of the Simulation Data Inspector from the command line. For more information, see “Inspect and Compare Data Programmatically” (Simulink).



Open the Simulation Data Inspector

- Simulink Toolstrip: On the **Simulation** tab, under **Review Results**, click **Data Inspector**.
- Click the streaming badge on a signal to open the Simulation Data Inspector and plot the signal.
- MATLAB command prompt: Enter `Simulink.sdi.view`.

Examples

Apply a Tolerance to a Signal in Multiple Runs

You can use the Simulation Data Inspector programmatic interface to modify a parameter for the same signal in multiple runs. This example adds an absolute tolerance of 0.1 to a signal in all four runs of data.

First, clear the workspace and load the Simulation Data Inspector session with the data. The session includes logged data from four simulations of a Simulink® model of a longitudinal controller for an aircraft.

```
Simulink.sdi.clear
Simulink.sdi.load('AircraftExample.mldatx');
```

Use the `Simulink.sdi.getRunCount` function to get the number of runs in the Simulation Data Inspector. You can use this number as the index for a for loop that operates on each run.

```
count = Simulink.sdi.getRunCount;
```

Then, use a for loop to assign the absolute tolerance of 0.1 to the first signal in each run.

```
for a = 1:count
    runID = Simulink.sdi.getRunIDByIndex(a);
    aircraftRun = Simulink.sdi.getRun(runID);
    sig = getSignalByIndex(aircraftRun,1);
    sig.AbsTol = 0.1;
end
```

- “View Data in the Simulation Data Inspector” (Simulink)
- “Inspect Simulation Data” (Simulink)
- “Compare Simulation Data” (Simulink)
- “Iterate Model Design Using the Simulation Data Inspector” (Simulink)

Programmatic Use

`Simulink.sdi.view` opens the Simulation Data Inspector from the MATLAB command line.

See Also

Functions

`Simulink.sdi.clear` | `Simulink.sdi.clearPreferences` | `Simulink.sdi.snapshot`

Topics

“View Data in the Simulation Data Inspector” (Simulink)

“Inspect Simulation Data” (Simulink)

“Compare Simulation Data” (Simulink)

“Iterate Model Design Using the Simulation Data Inspector” (Simulink)

Introduced in R2010b

