

ConfigurationDesk/RTI

Compatibility with Toolboxes and Blocksets Provided by MathWorks

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Introduction

The compatibility information in this document covers dSPACE Releases 7.1 and MATLAB releases R2007b or higher.

For information on which dSPACE releases support which MATLAB releases, see: <http://www.dspace.com/goto?Versions>

Compatibility of MathWorks blocksets and toolboxes with Configuration Desk/ RTI

In addition to MATLAB and Simulink, MathWorks offers a wide range of blocksets and toolboxes which are extensions to the basic MATLAB and Simulink software packages.

Blocksets and toolboxes provide additional Simulink blocks. To be used with ConfigurationDesk or RTI, these blocks must support code generation with Simulink Coder / Real-Time Workshop ¹.



Only known compatibility issues specific to ConfigurationDesk / RTI are listed in this document. For detailed information on which blocks do or do not support code generation with Simulink Coder / Real-Time Workshop, refer to the MATLAB help² or contact MathWorks.

We test the compatibility of blocksets and toolboxes that provide Simulink blocks with selected demo models taken from the MATLAB installation or with our own test models designed especially for this purpose. These tests do not cover the complete functionality range of the blocksets. The complexity resulting from the number of blocks and their possible parameterizations is far too large to guarantee tests with 100% coverage.



As a result, problems might occur even when we state that a certain blockset or toolbox is supported by ConfigurationDesk / RTI. For information on the known problems, see the blockset- or toolbox-specific chapters below or contact support@dspace.de.

¹ As of R2011a, Real-Time Workshop and Stateflow Coder have been merged into Simulink Coder.

² A list of blocksets that support code generation can be found under "Tools for Algorithm Development" in the Real-Time Workshop help (R2008b to R2010b) or "Related Products" in the Simulink Coder help (R2011a).

Blocksets and toolboxes not listed in this document

Blocksets and toolboxes that provide Simulink blocks but are not listed in this document have not been tested with ConfigurationDesk / RTI. Therefore we cannot make any compatibility statements concerning these blocksets and toolboxes.

Compatibility of blocksets and toolboxes not from MathWorks

We cannot make any statement on the compatibility of blocksets and toolboxes that were not developed by MathWorks.

Overview

Legend

Supported The toolbox or blockset is supported (general limitations for use with Simulink Coder / Real-Time Workshop to be taken into account).

Not supported The toolbox or blockset is not supported.

Supported, but known issues The toolbox or blockset is supported, but there are restrictions or known problems specific to RTI or ConfigurationDesk. Click the blockset or toolbox hyperlink to get more information.

Blockset (Product Names as of R2011a)	Description
Aerospace Blockset	Supported
Communications System Toolbox ³	Supported
Control System Toolbox	Supported
DSP System Toolbox ⁴	Supported, but known issue. See DSP System Toolbox
Fixed-Point Blockset / Simulink Fixed-Point	Supported
Fuzzy Logic Toolbox	Supported
Neural Network Toolbox	Supported
Parallel Computing Toolbox	Supported, but known issue. See Parallel Computing Toolbox / MATLAB Distributed Computing Server
MATLAB Distributed Computing Server	Not supported. See Parallel Computing Toolbox / MATLAB Distributed Computing Server
Simscape, SimElectronics, SimDriveline, SimHydraulics and SimMechanics	Supported, but known issue. See Simscape, SimElectronics, SimDriveline, SimHydraulics and SimMechanics
SimPowerSystems	Supported, but known issue. See SimPowerSystems
Simulink Control Design	Supported
Stateflow	Supported, but known issue. See Stateflow
System Identification Toolbox	Not supported

³ As of R2011a, Communications Blockset and Communications Toolbox have been merged into Communications System Toolbox.

⁴ As of R2011a, Signal Processing Blockset and Filter Design Toolbox have been merged into DSP System Toolbox.

Supported Blocksets with Known Issues

Parallel Computing Toolbox / MATLAB Distributed Computing Server

Parallel building of model reference hierarchies

Relevance

- MATLAB Releases: R2009a to R2011a
- dSPACE Platforms: All
- dSPACE Releases: Release 7.1
- ConfigurationDesk, RTI and RTI-MP

Description Simulink Coder can accelerate code generation for models containing large model reference hierarchies by building referenced models in parallel whenever possible. This parallel build feature was introduced with Real-Time Workshop R2009a and requires the Parallel Computing Toolbox. It is supported by ConfigurationDesk, RTI and RTI-MP.

The parallel building of model reference hierarchies using MATLAB Distributed Computing Server is not supported.

For details on the parallel build feature refer to the RTI Implementation Guide and the Simulink Coder User's Guide from MathWorks.

DSP System Toolbox



In MATLAB R2011a, the DSP System Toolbox replaces the Signal Processing Blockset and the Filter Design Toolbox.

General limitations

Relevance

- MATLAB Releases: R2010a to R2011a
- dSPACE Platforms: All
- dSPACE Releases: Release 7.1
- ConfigurationDesk, RTI and RTI-MP

Description The UDP Send and UDP Receive blocks introduced with MATLAB R2010a are not supported by ConfigurationDesk / RTI. These blocks need access to Windows-dependent compiler library files, which are not available for dSPACE systems.

Trying to build a model containing UDP Send and UDP Receive blocks with a dSPACE target file will result in a compiler error.

Variable description file issues

Block parameter access via variable description file

Relevance

- MATLAB Releases: R2007b to R2011a
- dSPACE Platforms: All
- dSPACE Releases: Release 7.1
- ConfigurationDesk, RTI and RTI-MP

Description Depending on the MATLAB release in use, it is possible that some block parameters are not accessible from the variable description file.

Simscape, SimElectronics, SimDriveline, SimHydraulics and SimMechanics

General limitations

SimElectronics, SimDriveline, SimHydraulics, SimMechanics, Simscape's Foundation Library Blocks.

Relevance

- MATLAB Releases: R2007b to R2008a
- dSPACE Platforms: All
- dSPACE Releases: Release 7.1
- ConfigurationDesk, RTI and RTI-MP

Description Simscape's Foundation Library blocks and blocks from SimElectronics and SimHydraulics are not supported up to MATLAB R2008a.

RTI-MP limitation

Relevance

- MATLAB Releases: R2007b to R2011a
- dSPACE Platforms: RTI1005 RTI1006
- dSPACE Releases: Release 7.1
- RTI-MP

Description For RTI-MP, the following limitation applies:

Simscape, SimDriveline, SimElectronics, SimHydraulics and SimMechanics blocks must not be inserted at the root level of a model. Otherwise one of the following problems will occur:

- The RTI-MP Multiprocessor Setup dialog cannot be opened.
- Connection lines are not copied during model separation.
- Model separation is aborted with an error message.

No problems occur if these blocks are contained in subsystems.

Variable description file issues

Special ports and parameters not available in the variable description file.

Relevance

- MATLAB Releases: R2007b to R2011a
- dSPACE Platforms: All
- dSPACE Releases: Release 7.1
- ConfigurationDesk, RTI and RTI-MP

Description Most Simscape, SimDriveline, SimElectronics, SimHydraulics and SimMechanics blocks are not connected by regular Simulink signals but by physical connection lines. These signals are not available in the variable description file.

For models containing blocks from Simscape, SimDriveline, SimElectronics, SimHydraulics or SimMechanics, the RTI variable description file option "Include mask and workspace parameters" is not supported.

Compiler issues

PPC compiler warnings

Relevance

- MATLAB Releases: R2007b to R2011a
- dSPACE Platforms: RTI1005 RTI1006 RTI1104 RTI1401
- dSPACE Releases: Release 7.1
- RTI and RTI-MP

Description Applications with Simscape blocks can be built for dSPACE platforms based on a PowerPC processor. Even though the Microtec PowerPC compiler issues some warnings, the application can be loaded to the real-time hardware.

SimPowerSystems

General limitations

Multiprocessor limitations

Relevance

- MATLAB Releases: R2007b to R2011a
- dSPACE Platforms: RTI1005 RTI1006
- dSPACE Releases: Release 7.1
- RTI-MP

Description The equivalent systems that are generated into Measurement blocks of the Power System Blockset make extensive use of From and Goto tags with global scope to exchange simulation data. The use of these blocks can circumvent the multiprocessor data exchange mechanism implemented by interprocessor communication (IPC) blocks of the RTI-MP Blockset. This is why all parts of a multiprocessor Simulink model using the Power System Blockset should be assigned to one single processor.

SimPowerSystems blocks must not be inserted at the root level of an RTI-MP model

Relevance

- MATLAB Releases: R2007b to R2011a
- dSPACE Platforms: RTI1005 RTI1006
- dSPACE Releases: Release 7.1
- RTI-MP

Description SimPowerSystems blocks must not be inserted at the root level of an RTI-MP model. Otherwise one of the following problems will occur:

- The RTI-MP Multiprocessor Setup dialog cannot be opened.
- Connection lines are not copied during model separation.
- Model separation is aborted with an error message.

No problems occur if the SimPowerSystems blocks are contained in subsystems.

Variable description file issues

Special ports and parameters not available in variable description file

Relevance

- MATLAB Releases: R2007b to R2011a
- dSPACE Platforms: All
- dSPACE Releases: Release 7.1
- ConfigurationDesk, RTI and RTI-MP

Description SimPowerSystems uses Physical Modeling ports and connection lines. As a result, the output variables of most SimPowerSystems blocks are not available in the variable description file.

The RTI variable description file option "Include mask and workspace parameters" is not supported for models containing blocks from SimPowerSystems.

Run-time issues**Parameter access****Relevance**

- MATLAB Releases: R2007b to R2011a
- dSPACE Platforms: All
- dSPACE Releases: Release 7.1
- ConfigurationDesk, RTI and RTI-MP

Description Due to the structure of SimPowerSystems blocks, they cannot be treated like standard Simulink blocks with respect to instrument layouts in ControlDesk. SimPowerSystems blocks do not contain visible functional information. The actual information is generated into Measurement blocks in the form of State-Space blocks.

Stateflow**General limitations****Using RTLib functions with Stateflow****Relevance**

- MATLAB Releases: R2007b to R2011a
- dSPACE Platforms: All
- dSPACE Releases: Release 7.1
- RTI and RTI-MP

Description Calling RTLib functions (e.g. I/O access) in states and transitions of a Stateflow chart is not recommended. If I/O access is required from within a state chart, we recommend handling this via S-functions that are placed in function-call subsystems, and triggering these subsystems by event outputs of the state charts.

Variable description file issues**Accessible variables via variable description file****Relevance**

- MATLAB Releases: R2007b to R2011a
- dSPACE Platforms: All
- dSPACE Releases: Release 7.1
- ConfigurationDesk, RTI and RTI-MP

Description Block groups for Stateflow charts contain the outputs to Simulink, Stateflow test points and parameters.

The following limitations apply:

- Parameters cannot be resolved by their parameter names but are serially numbered (P1, P2, ...).
- The states of Stateflow charts are not accessible via the variable description file. If you need to trace the state activity for a state chart, you can use the Output State Activity option for the states you need to observe.

Global data of all Stateflow charts is available in the State Machine Data group.