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Preface

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**Prerequisites (p. vi)**
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**Related Products (p. vii)**
Products required when using the Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder; also products that are especially relevant to the kinds of tasks you can perform with the Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder.

**Installing the Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder (p. ix)**
Installation information on the Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder.

**Typographical Conventions (p. xi)**
Formatting conventions used in this document.
Prerequisites

This document assumes you have basic familiarity with MATLAB®, Simulink®, and Real-Time Workshop®. Minimally, you should read and work through all tutorials in the Real-Time Workshop documentation.
The MathWorks provides several products that are especially relevant to the kinds of tasks you can perform with the Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder. They are listed in the table below.

The Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder requires these products:

- MATLAB 6.5 (Release 13)
- Simulink 5.0 (Release 13)
- Real-Time Workshop 5.0 (Release 13)

For more information about any of these products, see either:

- The online documentation for that product if it is installed or if you are reading the documentation from the CD
- The MathWorks Web site, at http://www.mathworks.com; see the “products” section

**Note** The toolboxes listed below all include functions that extend the capabilities of MATLAB. The blocksets all include blocks that extend the capabilities of Simulink.

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Installing the Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder

Your platform-specific MATLAB Installation Guide provides all of the information you need to install the Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder.

Prior to installing the Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder, you must obtain a License File or Personal License Password from The MathWorks. The License File or Personal License Password identifies the products you are permitted to install and use.

As the installation process proceeds, it displays a dialog box similar to the one below, letting you indicate which products to install.
The Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder has certain product prerequisites that must be met for proper installation and execution.

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If you experience installation difficulties and have Web access, connect to the MathWorks home page (http://www.mathworks.com). Look for the Installation Troubleshooting Wizard in the Support section.
## Typographical Conventions

This manual uses some or all of these conventions.

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Product Overview

This section contains the following topics:

- Introduction (p. 1-2)  
  Summary of the features of the Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder.

- Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder Demos and Examples (p. 1-4)  
  Summary of interactive demos and example code provided to help you learn about the Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder. If you are reading this document online in the MATLAB Help browser, you can run the demos from the table of demos.
Introduction

The Real-Time Workshop® Embedded Coder is a separate, add-on product for use with Real-Time Workshop.

The Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder provides a framework for the development of production code that is optimized for speed, memory usage, and simplicity. The Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder is intended for use in embedded systems.

Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder generates code that is easy to read, trace, and customize for your production environment.

The Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder generates code in the Embedded-C format. Optimizations inherent in the Embedded-C code format include:

- Use of *real-time model* data structure optimizes memory usage specifically for your model. (In many cases, this structure can be removed entirely from the generated code.)
- Simplified calling interface reduces overhead and lets you easily incorporate the generated code into hand-written application code. Model output and update functions are combined into a single routine.
- In-lined S-functions (required) reduce calling overhead and code size.
- Static memory allocation reduces overhead and promotes deterministic performance.

The Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder supports the following key features:

- Automatic generation of an example main program, with comments detailing how to deploy the code generated for a model with or without an operating system
- Automatic generation of a deterministic multirate scheduler for single- and multitasking environments (further simplifying code deployment)
- Single- and multiple instance code generation; both using static memory allocation
- Supports asynchronous interrupt-driven execution of models with either single or multiple sample rates
- Integer only code generation
• Floating-point code generation (ANSI or ISO C library calls supported)
• Automatic generation of S-function wrappers, allowing you to validate the generated code in Simulink (Software-in-the-loop)
• Detailed HTML report fully documents the generated code, including active hyperlinks that trace code segments back to the model. The report describes code modules and helps to identify code generation optimizations relevant to your program.
• Code generation options let you optimize performance of data initialization and reduce ROM usage.
• Custom storage classes give you precise control over data symbols in the generated code, allowing you to interface virtually any class of structured or unstructured data.
• Automatic generation of an ASAP2 data export file to interface with commercial automotive calibration systems.
• Full support for all features of Simulink external mode. (See the “External Mode” section of the Real-Time Workshop documentation.)

This document describes the components of the Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder provided with Real-Time Workshop. It also describes options for optimizing your generated code, and for automatically generating an S-function wrapper that calls your Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder generated code from Simulink. In addition, certain restrictions that apply to the use of the Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder are discussed.

We assume you have read “Program Architecture” and “Models with Multiple Sample Rates” in the Real-Time Workshop documentation. Those sections give a general overview of the architecture and execution of programs generated by Real-Time Workshop.
Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder Demos and Examples

**Demos**

We have provided a number of demos to help you become familiar with features of the Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder and to inspect generated code. These demos illustrate features specific to the Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder as well as general Real-Time Workshop features as used with the Embedded Coder.

If you are reading this document online in the MATLAB Help browser, you can run the demos by clicking on the links in the **Command** column of the following table.

Alternatively, you can access the demo suite by typing commands from the **Command** column of the table at the MATLAB command prompt, as in this example:

```
ecoderdemos
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**ECRobot Target Example**

The ECRobot (Embedded Coder Robot) target is a simple example of a custom target based on the Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder.

Programs generated by the ECRobot target run on the Robot Command System (RCX™) module of the LEGO® MINDSTORMS™ Robotics Invention System2.0™.

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1. MINDSTORMS, RCX, Robotics Invention System 2.0, and LEGO are registered trademarks of The LEGO Group.
This platform affords an inexpensive and simple way to study concepts and techniques essential to developing a custom embedded target, and to develop, run and observe generated programs. The files included with the target illustrate typical approaches to problems encountered in custom target development, including

- Interfacing a Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder generated program to an external real-time operating system (RTOS) or kernel.
- Implementing device drivers, via wrapper S-functions, for use in simulation and inlined code generation.
- Customizing a system target file by adding code generation options and adding the target to the System Target File Browser.
- Customizing a template makefile to use a target specific cross-compiler and download generated code to the target hardware.

The ECRobot target, originally developed as a training class example and demonstration, is now available to all Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder users. The ECRobot target files are automatically installed with the Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder. Source code files, control files, demonstration models, and documentation for the target are installed in the directory `matlabroot/toolbox/rtw/targets/ECRobot`.

**Note** The ECRobot target requires an operating system kernel, a cross-compiler and support utilities that are available on the Web. For instructions on how to obtain and install these utilities, see the file `readme.html` in the `matlabroot/toolbox/rtw/targets/ECRobot/documentation` directory.
Data Structures and Program Execution

This section describes the main data structures of the code generated by Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder. It also summarizes the code modules and header files that make up a Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder program, and describes where to find them. In addition, this section describes how Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder generated programs execute, from the top level down to timer interrupt level. This section contains the following topics:

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Data Structures and Code Modules

Real-Time Model Data Structure

The Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder encapsulates information about the root model in the real-time model data structure. We refer to the real-time model data structure as \( rtm \).

To reduce memory requirements, \( rtm \) contains only information required by your model. For example, the fields related to data logging are generated only if the model has the MAT-file logging code generation option enabled. \( rtm \) may also contain model-specific \( rtm \) information related to timing, solvers, and model data such as inputs, outputs, states, and parameters.

By default, \( rtm \) contains an error status field that your code can monitor or set. If you do not need to log or monitor error status in your application, select the Suppress error status in real-time model data structure option. This will further reduce memory usage. Selecting this option may also cause \( rtm \) to disappear completely from the generated code.

The symbol definitions for \( rtm \) in generated code are as follows:

- Structure definition (in `model.h`):
  ```
  struct _RT_MODEL_model_Tag {
  ...
  }
  ```

- Forward declaration typedef (in `model_types.h`):
  ```
  typedef struct _RT_MODEL_model_Tag RT_MODEL_model;
  ```

- Variable and pointer declarations (in `model.c`):
  ```
  RT_MODEL_model model_M;
  RT_MODEL_model *model_M = &model_M;
  ```

- Variable export declaration (in `model.h`):
  ```
  extern RT_MODEL_model *model_M;
  ```

Accessor Macros

To enable you to interface your code to \( rtm \), the Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder provides accessor macros. Your code can use the macros, and access the fields they reference, via `model.h`. 
If you are interfacing your code to a single model, you should refer to its rtM generically as \texttt{model\_M}, and use the macros to access \texttt{model\_M}, as in the following code fragment.

\begin{verbatim}
#include "model.h"
const char *errStatus = rtMGetErrorStatus(model_M);
\end{verbatim}

To interface your code to rtMs of more than one model, simply include the *headers for each model, as in the following code fragment.

\begin{verbatim}
#include "modelA.h" /* Make model A entry points visible */
#include "modelB.h" /* Make model B entry points visible */

void myHandWrittenFunction(void)
{
    const char_T *errStatus;
    modelA_initialize(1); /* Call model A initializer */
    modelB_initialize(1); /* Call model B initializer */
    /* Refer to model A's rtM */
    errStatus = rtmGetErrorStatus(modelA_M);
    /* Refer to model B's rtM */
    errStatus = rtmGetErrorStatus(modelB_M);
}
\end{verbatim}

Table 2-1 summarizes the rtM error status macros. To view other rtM related macros that are applicable to your specific model, generate code with a code generation report (See “Generating a Code Generation Report” on page 3–10); then view \texttt{model.h} via the hyperlink in the report.
This section summarizes the code modules and header files that make up a Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder program, and describes where to find them.

Note that in most cases, the easiest way to locate and examine the generated code files is to use the Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder code generation report. The code generation report provides a table of hyperlinks that let you view the generated code in the MATLAB Help browser. See “Generating a Code Generation Report” on page 3–10 for further information.

**Code Modules**

This section summarizes the code modules and header files that make up a Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder program, and describes where to find them.

Note that in most cases, the easiest way to locate and examine the generated code files is to use the Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder code generation report. The code generation report provides a table of hyperlinks that let you view the generated code in the MATLAB Help browser. See “Generating a Code Generation Report” on page 3–10 for further information.

**Generated Code Modules**

The Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder creates a build directory in your working directory to store generated source code. The build directory also contains object files, a makefile, and other files created during the code generation process. The default name of the build directory is `model_ert_rtw`.

Table 2-2 summarizes the structure of source code generated by the Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder.

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### Table 2-1: rtM Error Status Macros

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<th>Return Type</th>
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<tr>
<td><code>rtmGetErrorStatus(rtm)</code></td>
<td><code>rtm</code>: reference to real-time model struct</td>
<td>char *</td>
<td>Returns most recent error status string.</td>
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</table>
| `rtmSetErrorStatus(rtm,val)` | `rtm`: reference to real-time model struct  
val: C string | N/A         | Set error status field of real-time model struct to the string `val`. |

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Note  The file packaging of the Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder differs slightly (but significantly) from the file packaging employed by the GRT, GRT malloc, and other non-embedded targets. See the Real-Time Workshop documentation for further information.

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<td><code>model.c</code></td>
<td>Contains entry points for all code implementing the model algorithm (<code>model_step</code>, <code>model_initialize</code>, <code>model_terminate</code>, <code>model_SetEventsForThisBaseStep</code>).</td>
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<tr>
<td><code>model_private.h</code></td>
<td>Contains local macros and local data that are required by the model and subsystems. This file is included by the generated source files in the model. You do not need to include <code>model_private.h</code> when interfacing hand-written code to a model.</td>
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<tr>
<td><code>model.h</code></td>
<td>Declares model data structures and a public interface to the model entry points and data structures. Also provides an interface to the real-time model data structure (<code>model_rtm</code>) via accessor macros. <code>model.h</code> is included by subsystem <code>.c</code> files in the model. If you are interfacing your hand-written code to generated code for one or more models, you should include <code>model.h</code> for each model to which you want to interface.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>model_data.c</code></td>
<td><code>model_data.c</code> is conditionally generated. It contains the declarations for the parameters data structure and the constant block I/O data structure. If these data structures are not used in the model, <code>model_data.c</code> is not generated. Note that these structures are declared <code>extern</code> in <code>model.h</code>.</td>
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<tr>
<td><code>model_types.h</code></td>
<td>Provides forward declarations for the real-time model data structure and the parameters data structure. These may be needed by function declarations of reusable functions. <code>model_types.h</code> is included by all the generated header files in the model.</td>
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You can also control generation of code at the subsystem level, for any nonvirtual subsystem. You can instruct Real-Time Workshop to generate separate functions, within separate code files, for any nonvirtual subsystems. You can control both the names of the functions and of the code files generated from nonvirtual subsystems. See “Nonvirtual Subsystem Code Generation” in the Real-Time Workshop documentation for further information. Also, you can use custom storage classes to partition generated data structures. See “Custom Storage Classes” on page 4-1 for further information.
User-Written Code Modules

Code that you write to interface with generated model code usually includes a customized main module (based on a main program provided by the Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder), and may also include interrupt handlers, device driver blocks and other S-functions, and other supervisory or supporting code.

We recommend that you establish a working directory for your own code modules. Your working directory should be on the MATLAB path. You must also modify the Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder template makefile and system target file so that the build process can find your source and object files. See “Targeting Real-Time Systems” in the Real-Time Workshop documentation for information.

Generating the Main Program

The Generate an example main program option controls whether or not ert_main.c is generated. This option is located in the ERT code generation options (3) category of the Real-Time Workshop pane of the Simulation Parameters dialog box, as shown in this figure.

![Figure 2-1: Options for Generating a Main Program](image)

By default, Generate an example main program is on. When Generate an example main program is selected, the Target operating system pop-up menu is enabled. This menu lets you choose the following options:
• **BareBoardExample**: Generate a bare-board main program designed to run under control of a real-time clock, without a real-time operating system.

• **VxWorksExample**: Generate a fully commented example showing how to deploy the code under the VxWorks real-time operating system.

Regardless of which **Target operating system** you select, `ert_main.c` includes:

• The `main()` function for the generated program

• Task scheduling code that determines how and when block computations execute on each time step of the model

The operation of the main program and the scheduling algorithm employed depend primarily upon whether your model is single-rate or multi-rate, and also upon your model’s solver mode (**SingleTasking** vs. **MultiTasking**). These are described in detail in “Program Execution” on page 2-9.

If you turn the **Generate an example main program** option off, the Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder provides the module `ert_main.c` as a basis for your custom modifications (see “The Static Main Program Module” on page 2-23).

**Note** Once you have generated and customized the main program, you should take care to turn **Generate an example main program** off to prevent regenerating the main module and overwriting your customized version.
Program Execution

The following sections describe how programs generated by Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder execute, from the top level down to timer interrupt level:

- “Stand-Alone Program Execution” on page 2-10 describes the operation of self-sufficient example programs that do not require an external real-time executive or operating system.
- “VxWorks Example Main Program Execution” on page 2-18 describes the operation of example programs designed for deployment under the VxWorks real-time operating system.
- “Model Entry Points” on page 2-20 describes the model functions that are generated for both stand-alone and VxWorks example programs.
Stand-Alone Program Execution

By default, the Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder generates self-sufficient programs that do not require an external real-time executive or operating system. We refer to such programs as stand-alone programs. A stand-alone program requires some minimal modification to be adapted to the target hardware; these modifications are described in the following sections. The stand-alone program architecture supports execution of models with either single or multiple sample rates.

To generate a stand-alone program:

1. In the ERT code generation options (3) category of the Real-Time Workshop tab of the Simulation Parameters dialog box, select the Generate an example main program option (this option is on by default).

2. When Generate an example main program is selected, the Target operating system pop-up menu is enabled. Select BareBoardExample from this menu (this option is the default selection).

The core of a stand-alone program is the main loop. On each iteration, the main loop executes a background or null task and checks for a termination condition.

The main loop is periodically interrupted by a timer. The Real-Time Workshop function rt_OneStep is either installed as a timer interrupt service routine (ISR), or called from a timer ISR at each clock step.

The execution driver, rt_OneStep, sequences calls to the model_step function. The operation of rt_OneStep differs depending on whether the generating model is single-rate or multi-rate. In a single-rate model, rt_OneStep simply calls the model_step function. In a multi-rate model, rt_OneStep prioritizes and schedules execution of blocks according to the rates at which they run.

If your model includes device driver blocks, the model_step function will incorporate your inlined driver code to perform I/O functions such as reading inputs from an analog-digital converter (ADC) or writing computed outputs to a digital-analog converter (DAC).
Main Program

Overview of Operation
The following pseudocode shows the execution of a Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder main program.

```c
main()
{
    Initialization (including installation of rt_OneStep as an interrupt service routine for a real-time clock)
    Initialize and start timer hardware
    Enable interrupts
    While(not Error) and (time < final time)
        Background task
    EndWhile
    Disable interrupts (Disable rt_OneStep from executing)
    Complete any background tasks
    Shutdown
}
```

The pseudocode is a design for a harness program to drive your model. The `ert_main.c` program only partially implements this design. You must modify it according to your specifications.

Guidelines for Modifying the Main Program
This section describes the minimal modifications you should make in your production version of `ert_main.c` to implement your harness program.

- After calling `model_initialize`:
  - Initialize target-specific data structures and hardware such as ADCs or DACs.
  - Install `rt_OneStep` as a timer ISR.
  - Initialize timer hardware.
  - Enable timer interrupts and start the timer.
rtM is not in a valid state until `model_initialize` has been called. Servicing of timer interrupts should not begin until `model_initialize` has been called.

- Optionally, insert background task calls in the main loop.
- On termination of main loop (if applicable):
  - Disable timer interrupts.
  - Perform target-specific cleanup such as zeroing DACs.
  - Detect and handle errors. Note that even if your program is designed to run indefinitely, you may need to handle severe error conditions such as timer interrupt overruns.
    You can use the macros `rtMGetErrorStatus` and `rtMSetErrorStatus` to detect and signal errors.

**rt_OneStep**

**Overview of Operation**
The operation of `rt_OneStep` depends upon

- Whether your model is single-rate or multi-rate. In a single-rate model, the sample times of all blocks in the model, and the model's fixed step size, are the same. Any model in which the sample times and step size do not meet these conditions is termed multi-rate.
- Your model's solver mode (`SingleTasking` vs. `MultiTasking`)

Table 2-3 summarizes the permitted solver modes for single-rate and multi-rate models. Note that for a single-rate model, only `SingleTasking` solver mode is allowed.
The generated code for \texttt{rt\_OneStep} (and associated timing data structures and support functions) is tailored to the number of rates in the model and to the solver mode. The following sections discuss each possible case.

\textbf{Single-Rate Singletasking Operation.} Since by definition the only legal solver mode for a single-rate model is \texttt{SingleTasking}, we refer to this case simply as "single-rate" operation.

The following pseudocode shows the design of \texttt{rt\_OneStep} in a single-rate program.

\begin{verbatim}
rt_OneStep()
{
    Check for interrupt overflow or other error
    Enable "rt\_OneStep" (timer) interrupt
    ModelStep-- Time step combines output, logging, update
}
\end{verbatim}

Single-rate \texttt{rt\_OneStep} is designed to execute \texttt{model\_step} within a single clock period. To enforce this timing constraint, \texttt{rt\_OneStep} maintains and checks a timer overrun flag. On entry, timer interrupts are disabled until the overrun flag and other error conditions have been checked. If the overrun flag is clear, \texttt{rt\_OneStep} sets the flag, and proceeds with timer interrupts enabled.

The overrun flag is cleared only upon successful return from \texttt{model\_step}. Therefore, if \texttt{rt\_OneStep} is reinterrupted before completing \texttt{model\_step}, the reinterrupt will be detected through the overrun flag.

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<td>\texttt{SingleTasking}</td>
<td>Allowed</td>
<td>Allowed</td>
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<tr>
<td>\texttt{MultiTasking}</td>
<td>Disallowed</td>
<td>Allowed</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>\texttt{Auto}</td>
<td>Allowed (defaults to \texttt{SingleTasking})</td>
<td>Allowed (defaults to \texttt{MultiTasking})</td>
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Table 2-3: Permitted Solver Modes for Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder Targeted Models
Reinterruption of rt_OneStep by the timer is an error condition. If this condition is detected rt_OneStep signals an error and returns immediately. (Note that you can change this behavior if you want to handle the condition differently.)

Note that the design of rt_OneStep assumes that interrupts are disabled before rt_OneStep is called. rt_OneStep should be noninterruptible until the interrupt overflow flag has been checked.

**Multi-Rate MultiTasking Operation.** The following pseudocode shows the design of rt_OneStep in a multi-rate multitasking program.

```plaintext
rt_OneStep()
{
  Check for base-rate interrupt overflow
  Enable "rt_OneStep" interrupt
  Determine which rates need to run this time step

  ModelStep(tid=0)  --base-rate time step

  For i=1:NumTasks  -- iterate over sub-rate tasks
    Check for sub-rate interrupt overflow
    If (sub-rate task i is scheduled)
      ModelStep(tid=i)  --sub-rate time step
    EndIf
  EndFor
}
```

In a multi-rate multitasking system, the Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder uses a prioritized, preemptive multitasking scheme to execute the different sample rates in your model.

The execution of blocks having different sample rates is broken into tasks. Each block that executes at a given sample rate is assigned a *task identifier* (tid), which associates it with a task that executes at that rate. Where there are NumTasks tasks in the system, the range of task identifiers is 0..NumTasks-1.

Tasks are prioritized, in descending order, by rate. The base-rate task is the task that runs at the fastest rate in the system (the hardware clock rate). The base-rate task has highest priority (tid 0). The next fastest task (tid 1) has the next highest priority, and so on down to the slowest, lowest priority task (tid NumTasks-1).
The slower tasks, running at submultiples of the base rate, are called sub-rate tasks.

On each invocation, rt_OneStep makes one or more calls to model_step, passing in the appropriate tid. The tid informs model_step that all blocks having that tid should execute. rt_OneStep always calls model_step(tid = 0) because the base-rate task must execute on every clock step.

On each clock tick, rt_OneStep and model_step maintain scheduling counters and event flags for each sub-rate task. Both the counters and the event flags are implemented as arrays, indexed on tid.

The scheduling counters are maintained by the rate_monotonic_scheduler function, which is called by model_step. The counters are, in effect, clock rate dividers that count up the sample period associated with each sub-rate task.

The event flags indicate whether or not a given task is scheduled for execution. rt_OneStep maintains the event flags via the model_SetEventsForThisBaseStep function. When a counter indicates that a task's sample period has elapsed, model_SetEventsForThisBaseStep sets the event flag for that task.

After updating its scheduling data structures and stepping the base-rate task, rt_OneStep iterates over the scheduling flags in tid order, calling model_step(tid) for any task whose flag is set. This ensures that tasks are executed in order of priority.

The event flag array and loop variables used by rt_OneStep are stored as local (stack) variables. This ensures that rt_OneStep is reentrant. If rt_OneStep is reinterrupted, higher priority tasks will preempt lower priority tasks. Upon return from interrupt, lower priority tasks will resume in the previously scheduled order.

Multi-rate rt_OneStep also maintains an array of timer overrun flags. rt_OneStep detects timer overrun, per task, by the same logic as single-rate rt_OneStep.

Note that the design of rt_OneStep assumes that interrupts are disabled before rt_OneStep is called. rt_OneStep should be noninterruptible until the base-rate interrupt overflow flag has been checked (see pseudocode above).

Multi-Rate Singletasking Operation. In a multi-rate singletasking program, by definition, all sample times in the model must be an integer multiple of the model's fixed-step size.
In a multi-rate singletasking program, blocks execute at different rates, but under the same task identifier. The operation of `rt_OneStep`, in this case, is a simplified version of multi-rate multitasking operation. The only task is the base-rate task. On each clock tick, `rt_OneStep` checks the overrun flag and calls `model_step`, passing in `tid 0`.

The generated `model_step` code maintains scheduling counters on each clock tick, via the `rate_monotonic_scheduler` function. There is one counter for each sample rate in the model. The counters are implemented as an array (`model_M.cTaskTicks[]`) within `rtM`.

The counters are, in effect, clock rate dividers that count up the sample period associated with each sample rate in the model. When a counter indicates that a sample period for a given rate has elapsed, `rate_monotonic_scheduler` clears the counter. This condition indicates that all blocks running at that rate should execute on the next call to `model_step`.

`model_step` is responsible for checking the counters, using macros provided for the purpose (`rtmIsSampleHit` and `rtmIsSpecialSampleHit`).

**Guidelines for Modifying `rt_OneStep`**

`rt_OneStep` does not require extensive modification. The only required modification is to reenable interrupts after the overrun flag(s) and error conditions have been checked. If applicable, you should also

- Save and restore your FPU context on entry and exit to `rt_OneStep`.
- Set model inputs associated with the base rate before calling `model_step(0)`.
- Get model outputs associated with the base rate after calling `model_step(0)`.
- Set model inputs associated with sub-rates before calling `model_step(tid)` in the sub-rate loop.
- Get model outputs associated with sub-rates after calling `model_step(tid)` in the sub-rate loop.

Comments in `rt_OneStep` indicate the appropriate place to add your code.

In multi-rate `rt_OneStep`, you can improve performance by unrolling `for` and `while` loops.

In addition, you may choose to modify the overrun behavior to continue execution after error recovery is complete.
You should not modify the way in which the counters, event flags, or other timing data structures are set in `rt_OneStep`, or in functions called from `rt_OneStep`. The `rt_OneStep` timing data structures (including `rtM`) and logic are critical to correct operation of any Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder program.
**VxWorks Example Main Program Execution**

**Overview**

The Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder VxWorks example main program is provided as a template for the deployment of generated code in a real-time operating system (RTOS) environment. We strongly recommend that you read the preceding sections of this chapter as a prerequisite to working with the VxWorks example main program. An understanding of the Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder scheduling and tasking concepts and algorithms, described in “Stand-Alone Program Execution” on page 2–10, is essential to understanding how generated code is adapted to an RTOS.

In addition, an understanding of how tasks are managed under VxWorks is required. See your VxWorks documentation.

To generate a VxWorks example program:

1. In the ERT code generation options (3) category of the Real-Time Workshop tab of the Simulation Parameters dialog box, select the Generate an example main program option (this option is on by default).

2. When Generate an example main program is selected, the Target operating system pop-up menu is enabled. Select VxWorksExample from this menu.

Some modifications to the generated code are required; comments in the generated code identify the required modifications.

**Task Management**

In a VxWorks example program, the main program and the base rate and sub-rate tasks (if any) run as proritized tasks under VxWorks. The logic of a VxWorks example program parallels that of a stand-alone program; the main difference lies in the fact that base rate and sub-rate tasks are activated by clock semaphores managed by the operating system, rather than directly by timer interrupts.

Your application code must spawn model_main() as an independent VxWorks task. The task priority you specify is passed in to model_main().
As with a stand-alone program, the VxWorks example program architecture is tailored to the number of rates in the model and to the solver mode (see Table 2-3). The following sections discuss each possible case.

**Single-Rate Singletasking Operation**

In a single-rate, singletasking model, \texttt{model\_main()} spawns a base rate task, \texttt{tBaseRate}. In this case \texttt{tBaseRate} is the functional equivalent to \texttt{rtOneStep}. The base rate task is activated by a clock semaphore provided by VxWorks, rather than by a timer interrupt. On each activation, \texttt{tBaseRate} calls \texttt{model\_step}.

Note that the clock rate granted by VxWorks may not be the same as the rate requested by \texttt{model\_main}.

**Multi-Rate Multitasking Operation**

In a multi-rate, multitasking model, \texttt{model\_main()} spawns a base rate task and sub-rate tasks. Task priorities are assigned by rate. The base rate task calls \texttt{model\_step} with \texttt{tid} 0, while the sub-rate tasks call \texttt{model\_step} with their associated \texttt{tids}. The base rate task and \texttt{model\_step} are responsible for maintaining event flags and scheduling counter, using the same rate monotonic scheduler algorithm as a stand-alone program.

**Multi-Rate Singletasking Operation**

In a multi-rate, singletasking model, \texttt{model\_main()} spawns only a base rate task, \texttt{tBaseRate}. All rates run under this task. The base rate task is activated by a clock semaphore provided by VxWorks, rather than by a timer interrupt. On each activation, \texttt{tBaseRate} calls \texttt{model\_step}.

\texttt{model\_step} in turn calls the \texttt{rate\_monotonic\_scheduler} utility, which maintains the scheduling counters that determine which rates should execute. \texttt{model\_step} is responsible for checking the counters, using macros provided for the purpose (\texttt{rtmIsSampleHit} and \texttt{rtmIsSpecialSampleHit}).
Model Entry Points

This section discusses the entry points to the generated code.

Note carefully that the calling interface generated for each of these functions will differ significantly depending on how you set the **Generate reusable code** option (See “Generate Reusable Code” on page 3-18).

By default, **Generate reusable code** is off, and the model entry point functions access model data via statically allocated global data structures. When **Generate reusable code** is on, model data structures are passed in (by reference) as arguments to the model entry point functions. For efficiency, only those data structures that are actually used in the model are passed in.

Therefore when **Generate reusable code** is on, the argument lists generated for the entry point functions vary according to the requirements of the model.

The descriptions below document the default (**Generate reusable code** off) calling interface generated for these functions.

The entry points are exported via *model.h*. To call the entry-point functions from your hand-written code, add an **#include model.h** directive to your code. If **Generate reusable code** is on, you must examine the generated code to determine the calling interface required for these functions.

**model_step**

*Default Calling Interface.* In a single-rate model, the **model_step** function prototype is

```c
void model_step(void);
```

In a multi-rate model, the **model_step** function prototype is

```c
void model_step(int_T tid);
```

where **tid** is a task identifier. The **tid** is determined by logic within **rt_OneStep** (See “**rt_OneStep**” on page 2-12).

**Operation.** **model_step** combines the model output and update functions into a single routine. **model_step** is designed to be called at interrupt level from **rt_OneStep**, which is assumed to be invoked as a timer ISR.
**Single-Rate Operation.** In a single-rate model, `model_step` computes the current value of all blocks. If logging is enabled, `model_step` updates logging variables. If the model's stop time is finite, `model_step` signals the end of execution when the current time equals the stop time.

**Multi-Rate Operation.** In a multi-rate model, `model_step` execution is almost identical to single-rate execution, except for the use of the task identifier (`tid`) argument.

The caller (`rt_OneStep`) assigns each block a `tid` (See “rt_OneStep” on page 2-12). `model_step` uses the `tid` argument to determine which blocks have a sample hit (and therefore should execute).

Under any of the following conditions, `model_step` does not check the current time against the stop time:

- The model's stop time is set to `inf`.
- Logging is disabled.
- The **Terminate function required** option is selected.

Therefore, if any of these conditions are true, the program runs indefinitely.

**model_initialize**

**Default Calling Interface.** The `model_initialize` function prototype is

```c
void model_initialize(boolean_T firstTime);
```

**Operation.** If `firstTime` equals 1 (`TRUE`), `model_initialize` initializes `rtM` and other data structures private to the model. If `firstTime` equals 0 (`FALSE`), `model_initialize` resets the model's states, but does not initialize other data structures.

The generated code calls `model_initialize` once, passing `firstTime` as 1(`TRUE`).

**model_terminate**

**Default Calling Interface.** The `model_terminate` function prototype is

```c
void model_terminate(void);
```
Operation. When `model_terminate` is called, blocks that have a terminate function execute their terminate code. If logging is enabled, `model_terminate` ends data logging. `model_terminate` should only be called once. If your application runs indefinitely, you do not need the `model_terminate` function.

If you do not require a terminate function, see “Basic Code Generation Options” on page 3-3 for information on using the **Terminate function required** option. Note that if **Terminate function required** is off, the program runs indefinitely

**model_SetEventsForThisBaseStep**

**Calling Interface.** By default, the `model_SetEventsForThisBaseStep` function prototype is

```c
void model_SetEventsForThisBaseStep(boolean_T *eventFlags)
```

where `eventFlags` is a pointer to the model's event flags array.

If **Generate reusable code** is on, an additional argument is included:

```c
void model_SetEventsForThisBaseStep(boolean_T *eventFlags,
                                      RT_MODEL_model *model_M);
```

where `model_M` is a pointer to the real-time model object.

**Operation.** The `model_SetEventsForThisBaseStep` function is a utility function that is generated and called only for multi-rate, multitasking programs.

`model_SetEventsForThisBaseStep` maintains the event flags, which determine which sub-rate tasks need to run on a given base rate time step. `model_SetEventsForThisBaseStep` must be called prior to calling the `model_step` function. See “Multi-Rate Multitasking Operation” on page 2-19 for further information.

**Note** The macro `MODEL_SETEVENTS`, defined in the static `ert_main.c` module, provides a way to call `model_SetEventsForThisBaseStep` from a static main program.
The Static Main Program Module

In most cases, the easiest strategy for deploying your generated code is to use the Generate an example main program option to generate the ert_main.c module (see “Generating the Main Program” on page 2-7).

However, if you turn the Generate an example main program option off, you can use the module matlabroot/rtw/c/ert/ert_main.c as a template example for developing your embedded applications. ert_main.c is not part of the generated code; it is provided as a basis for your custom modifications, and for use in simulation. If your existing applications, developed prior to this release, depend upon ert_main.c, you may need to continue using this module.

When developing applications using ert_main.c, we recommend that you copy ert_main.c to your working directory and rename it to model_ert_main.c before making modifications. Also, you must modify the template makefile such that the build process will create model_ert_main.obj (on Unix, model_ert_main.o) in the build directory.

ert_main.c contains

- rt_OneStep, a timer interrupt service routine (ISR). rt_OneStep calls model_step to execute processing for one clock period of the model.
- A skeletal main function. As provided, main is useful in simulation only. You must modify main for real-time interrupt-driven execution.

In the static version of ert_main.c, the operation of rt_OneStep and the main function are essentially the same as described in “Stand-Alone Program Execution” on page 2-10.

Modifying the Static Main Program

As in a generated program, a few modifications to the main loop and rt_OneStep are necessary. See “Guidelines for Modifying the Main Program” on page 2-11 and “Guidelines for Modifying rt_OneStep” on page 2-16.

Also, you should replace the rt_OneStep call in the main loop with a background task call or null statement.

Other modifications you may need to make are
If your model has multiple rates, note that multi-rate systems will not operate correctly unless:

- The multi-rate scheduling code is removed. The relevant code is tagged with the keyword REMOVE in comments (see also the Version 3.0 comments in ert_main.c).
- Use the MODEL_SETEVENTS macro (defined in ert_main.c) to set the event flags instead of accessing the flags directly. The relevant code is tagged with the keyword REPLACE in comments.

Remove old #include ertformat.h directives. ertformat.h will be obsoleted in a future release. The following macros, formerly defined in ertformat.h, are now defined within ert_main.c:

```
EXPAND_CONCAT
CONCAT
MODEL_INITIALIZE
MODEL_STEP
MODEL_TERMINATE
MODEL_SETEVENTS
RT_OBJ
```

See also the comments in ertformat.h.

If applicable, follow comments in the code regarding where to add code for reading/writing model I/O and saving/restoring FPU context.

When the Generate code only and Generate an example main program options are off, the Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder generates the file autobuild.h to provide an interface between the main module and generated model code. If you create your own static main program module, you would normally include autobuild.h.

Alternatively, you can suppress generation of autobuild.h, and include model.h directly in your main module. To suppress generation of autobuild.h, use the following statement in your system target file:

```
%assign AutoBuildProcedure = 0
```

If you have cleared the Terminate function required option, remove or comment out the following in your production version of ert_main.c:

- The #if TERMFCN... compile-time error check
- The call to MODEL_TERMINATE
• If you do not want to combine output and update functions, clear the **Single output/update function** option and make the following changes in your production version of `ert_main.c`:
  - Replace calls to `MODEL_STEP` with calls to `MODEL_OUTPUT` and `MODEL_UPDATE`.
  - Remove the `#if ONESTEPFCN...` error check.

• The static `ert_main.c` module does not support the **Generate Reusable Code** option. Use this option only if you are generating a main program. The following error check will raise a compile-time error if **Generate Reusable Code** is used illegally.

```c
#if MULTI_INSTANCE_CODE==1
```

• The static `ert_main.c` module does not support the **External Mode** option. Use this option only if you are generating a main program. The following error check will raise a compile-time error if **External Mode** is used illegally.

```c
#elifdef EXT_MODE
```
Code Generation Options and Optimizations

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Controlling and Optimizing the Generated Code

The Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder features a number of code generation options that can help you further optimize the generated code. The Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder can also produce a code generation report in HTML format. This report documents code modules and helps you to identify optimizations that are relevant to your model.

“Basic Code Generation Options” on page 3-3 documents code generation options you can use to improve performance and reduce code size.

“Controlling Stack Space Allocation” on page 3-8 discusses options related to the storage of signals.

Please see “Optimizing the Model for Code Generation” in the Real-Time Workshop documentation for information about code optimization techniques common to all code formats.
Basic Code Generation Options

To access the basic code generation options, select the Real-Time Workshop tab of the Simulation Parameters dialog box. Then select ERT code generation options (1) from the Category menu.

Figure 3-1 displays the basic code generation options (with default settings) for the Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder.

![Figure 3-1: Basic Code Generation Options](image)

Setting the basic code generation options as follows will result in more highly optimized code:

- Consider clearing the Initialize internal data and Initialize external I/O data options.

  These options (both on by default) control whether internal data (block states and block outputs) and external data (root inports and outports whose value is zero) are initialized. Initializing the internal and external data whose value is zero is a precaution and may not be necessary for your application. Many embedded application environments initialize all RAM to zero at startup, making Initialize internal data redundant.

  However, be aware that if Initialize internal data is turned off, it is not guaranteed that memory will be in a known state each time the generated code begins execution. If you turn the option off, running a model (or a
generated S-function) multiple times can result in different answers for each run.

This behavior is sometimes desirable. For example, you can turn off Initialize internal data if you want to test the behavior of your design during a warm boot (i.e., a restart without full system reinitialization).

In cases where you have turned off Initialize internal data but still want to get the same answer on every run from a Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder generated S-function, you can use either of the following MATLAB commands before each run:

```matlab
clear <SFcnName> (where SFcnName is the name of the S-function)
```

or

```matlab
clear mex
```

A related option, Initialize floats and doubles to 0.0, lets you control the representation of zero used during initialization. See “Initialize Floats and Doubles to 0.0” on page 3–17.

Note that the code still initializes data structures whose value is not zero when Initialize internal data and Initialize external I/O data are selected. Note also that data of ImportedExtern or ImportedExternPointer storage classes is never initialized, regardless of the settings of these options.

- Clear the Terminate function required option if you do not require a terminate function for your model.
- Select the Single output/update function check box. Combining the output and update functions is the default. This option generates the `model_step` call, which reduces overhead and allows Real-Time Workshop to use more local variables in the step function of the model.
- If your application uses only integer arithmetic, select the Integer code only option to ensure that generated code contains no floating-point data or operations. When this option is selected, an error is raised if any noninteger data or expressions are encountered during code generation. The error message reports the offending blocks and parameters.
- Clear the MAT-file logging option. This setting is the default, and is recommended for embedded applications because it eliminates the extra code and memory usage required to initialize, update, and clean up logging.
variables. In addition to these efficiencies, clearing the MAT-file logging option has the following effects:

- Under certain conditions, code and storage associated with root output ports are eliminated, achieving further efficiency. See “Virtualized Output Ports Optimization” on page 3-6 for information.
- The `model_step` function does not check the current time against the stop time. Therefore the generated program runs indefinitely, regardless of the setting of the model’s stop time. The `ert_main` program displays a message notifying the user that the program will run indefinitely.
Virtualized Output Ports Optimization

The virtualized output ports optimization lets you eliminate code and data storage associated with root output ports under the following conditions:

1. The **MAT-file logging** option is cleared (this is the default for the Embedded Coder).
2. The TLC variable `FullRootOutputVector` equals 0. This is the default for the Embedded Coder.
3. The signal line entering the root output port is stored as a global variable. (See the “Code Generation and the Build Process” chapter of the Real-Time Workshop documentation for information on how to control signal storage in generated code.)

To illustrate this feature, consider the model shown in this block diagram. Assume that the signal `exportedSig` has `exportedGlobal` storage class.

In the default case (conditions 1 and 2 above are true), the output of the Gain block is written to the signal storage location, `exportedSig`. No code or data is generated for the `Out1` block, which has become, in effect, a virtual block. This is shown in the following code fragment.

```
/* Gain Block: <Root>/Gain */
exportedSig = rtb_PulseGen * VirtOutPortLogOFF_P.Gain_Gain;
```

In cases where either the **MAT-file logging** option is enabled, or `FullRootOutputVector = 1`, the generated code represents root output ports as members of an external outputs vector.

The following code fragment was generated from the same model shown in the previous example, but with **MAT-file logging** enabled. The output port is represented as a member of the external outputs vector `VirtOutPortLogON_Y`. The Gain block output value is copied to both `exportedSig` and to the external outputs vector.
/* Gain Block: <Root>/Gain */
exportedSig = rtb_PulseGen * VirtOutPortLogON_P.Gain_Gain;

/* Outport Block: <Root>/Out1 */
VirtOutPortLogON_Y.Out1 = exportedSig;

The overhead incurred by maintenance of data in the external outputs vector can be significant for smaller models being used to perform benchmarks.

Note that you can force root output ports to be stored in the external outputs vector (regardless of the setting of MAT-file logging) by setting the TLC variable FullRootOutputVector to 1. You can do this by adding the statement

%assign FullRootOutputVector = 1

to the Embedded Coder system target file. Alternatively, you can enter the assignment into the System Target File field on the Real-Time Workshop pane of the Simulation Parameters dialog box.

Generating Code from Subsystems
When generating code from a subsystem, we recommend that you set the sample times of all subsystem inports explicitly.

Generating Block Comments
When the Insert block descriptions in code option is selected, comments are inserted into the code generated for any blocks that have text in their Description fields.

To generate block comments:

1 Right-click on the block you want to comment. Select Block Properties from the context menu. The Block Properties dialog box opens.

2 Type the comment into the Description field.

3 Select the Insert block descriptions in code option in the ERT code generation options (1) category of the Real-Time Workshop pane.
Note For virtual blocks or blocks that have been removed due to block reduction optimizations, no comments are generated.

Controlling Stack Space Allocation
Real-Time Workshop offers a number of options that let you control how signals in your model are stored and represented in the generated code. This section discusses options that:

- Let you control whether signal storage is declared in global memory space, or locally in functions (i.e., in stack variables).
- Control the allocation of stack space when using local storage.

For a complete discussion of signal storage options, see the “Code Generation and the Build Process” chapter of the Real-Time Workshop documentation.

If you want to store signals in stack space, you must turn the Local block outputs option on. To do this:

1 Select the Advanced tab of the Simulation Parameters dialog box. Make sure that the Signal storage reuse is on. If Signal storage reuse is off, the Local block outputs option is not available.

2 Click Apply if necessary.

3 Select the Real-Time Workshop tab of the Simulation Parameters dialog box.

4 From the Category menu, select General code generation options.

5 Select the Local block outputs option. Click Apply if necessary.

Your embedded application may be constrained by limited stack space. When the Local block outputs option is on, you can limit the use of stack space by using the following TLC variables:

- MaxStackSize: The total allocation size of local variables that are declared by all functions in the entire model may not exceed MaxStackSize (in bytes). MaxStackSize can be any positive integer. If the total size of local variables
exceeds this maximum, the Target Language Compiler will allocate the remaining variables in global, rather than local, memory.

The default value for MaxStackSize is rtInf, i.e., unlimited stack size.

- MaxStackSize: Limits the size of any local variable declared in a function to $N$ bytes, where $N>0$. A variable whose size exceeds MaxStackSize will be allocated in global, rather than local, memory.

To set either of these variables, use assign statements in the system target file (ert.tlc), as in the following example:

```
%assign MaxStackSize = 4096
```

We recommend that you write your %assign statements in the Configure RTW code generation settings section of the system target file. The %assign statement is described in the Target Language Compiler documentation.
Generating a Code Generation Report

The Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder code generation report is an enhanced version of the HTML code generation report normally generated by Real-Time Workshop. The report consists of several sections:

- The Generated Source Files section of the Contents pane contains a table of source code files generated from your model. You can view the source code in the MATLAB Help browser. Hyperlinks within the displayed source code let you view the blocks or subsystems from which the code was generated. Click on the hyperlinks to view the relevant blocks or subsystems in a Simulink model window.

- The Summary section lists version and date information, TLC options used in code generation, and Simulink model settings.

- The Optimizations section lists the optimizations used during the build, and also those that are available. If you chose options that led to generation of nonoptimal code, they are marked in red. This section can help you select options that will better optimize your code.

- The report also includes information on other code generation options, code dependencies, and links to relevant documentation.

To generate a code generation report:

1. Select the **Real-Time Workshop** tab of the **Simulation Parameters** dialog box. Then select **General code generation options** from the **Category** menu.

2. Select **Generate HTML report**, as shown in this picture.
3 Follow the usual procedure for generating code from your model or subsystem.

4 Real-Time Workshop writes the code generation report file in the build directory. The file is named `model_codegen_rpt.html` or `subsystem_codegen_rpt.html`.

5 Real-Time Workshop automatically opens the MATLAB Help browser and displays the code generation report.

Alternatively, you can view the code generation report in your Web browser.
Automatic S-Function Wrapper Generation

An S-function wrapper is an S-function that calls your C code from within Simulink. S-function wrappers provide a standard interface between Simulink and externally written code, allowing you to integrate your code into a model with minimal modification. For a complete description of wrapper S-functions, see the Simulink Writing S-Functions documentation.

Using the Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder Create Simulink (S-Function) block option, you can build, in one automated step:

- A noninlined C MEX S-function wrapper that calls Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder generated code
- A model containing the generated S-function block, ready for use with other blocks or models

This is useful for code validation and simulation acceleration purposes.

When the Create Simulink (S-Function) block option is on, Real-Time Workshop generates an additional source code file, `model_sf.c`, in the build directory. This module contains the S-function that calls the Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder code that you deploy. This S-function can be used within Simulink.

The build process then compiles and links `model_sf.c` with `model.c` and the other Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder generated code modules, building a MEX-file. The MEX-file is named `model_sf.mexext`. (`mexext` is the file extension for MEX-files on your platform, as given by the MATLAB `mexext` command.) The MEX-file is stored in your working directory. Finally, Real-Time Workshop creates and opens an untitled model containing the generated S-Function block.

Generating an S-Function Wrapper

To generate an S-function wrapper for your Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder code:

1. Select the Real-Time Workshop tab of the Simulation Parameters dialog box. Then select ERT code generation options (2) from the Category menu.

2. Select the Create Simulink (S-Function) block option, as shown.
3 Configure the other code generation options as required.

4 Click the **Build** button.

5 When the build process completes, an untitled model window opens. This model contains the generated S-Function block.

6 Save the new model.

7 The generated S-Function block is now ready to use with other blocks or models in Simulink.
Limitations

It is not possible to create multiple instances of a Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder generated S-Function block within a model, because the code uses static memory allocation.
Other Code Generation Options

This section describes advanced Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder code generation options. These options are found in the ERT code generation options (2) and ERT code generation options (3) items of the Category menu of the Real-Time Workshop tab of the Simulation Parameters dialog box. Figure 3-2 and Figure 3-3 display the advanced code generation options for the Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder.

Figure 3-2: ERT Code Generation Options (2)
The following sections describe these options, in order of their appearance on the dialog box.

**Create Simulink (S-Function) Block**

See “Generating an S-Function Wrapper” on page 3-12 for information on this feature.

**Generate ASAP2 File**

The Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder Generate ASAP2 File code generation option lets you export an ASAP2 file containing information about your model during the code generation process.

The ASAP2 file generation process requires information about your model’s parameters and signals. Some of this information is contained in the model itself. The rest must be supplied by using Simulink data objects with the necessary properties. Simulink provides two data classes to assist you in providing the necessary information. See “Generating ASAP2 Files” on page A-1 for information on this feature.
Initialize Floats and Doubles to 0.0

This option lets you control how internal storage for floats and doubles is initialized. This option affects code generation only if you have turned on the Initialize internal data option (see “Basic Code Generation Options” on page 3-3).

When this option is off, all internal storage (regardless of type) is cleared to the integer bit pattern 0 (that is, all bits are off).

When this option is on (the default), additional code is generated to set float and double storage explicitly to the value 0.0. This additional code is slightly less efficient.

If the representation of floating-point zero used by your compiler and target CPU is identical to the integer bit pattern 0, you can gain efficiency by using the default (off).

Ignore Custom Storage Classes

When this option is selected, objects with custom storage classes are treated as if their storage class attribute is set to Auto. By default this option is off for the Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder. See “Introduction to Custom Storage Classes” on page 4-2 for further information.

External Mode

Selecting the External mode option turns on generation of code to support external mode communication between host (Simulink) and target systems. The Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder supports all features of Simulink external mode, as described in the “External Mode” section of the Real-Time Workshop documentation.

If you are unfamiliar with external mode, we recommend that you start with the external mode exercise in the “Quick Start Tutorials” section of the Real-Time Workshop documentation.

Like the GRT, GRT malloc, and Tornado targets, the Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder supports host/target communication via TCP/IP, using the standard ext_comm MEX-file. If you need to support external mode on a custom target using your own low-level communications layer, see the “Targeting Real-Time Systems” section of the Real-Time Workshop documentation for detailed information on the external mode API.
Parameter Structure

The **Parameter structure** menu lets you control how parameter data is generated for reusable subsystems. (If you are not familiar with reusable subsystem code generation, see “Nonvirtual Subsystem Code Generation Options” in the Real-Time Workshop documentation for further information.)

The **Parameter structure** menu is enabled when the **Inline parameters** option is on. The menu lets you select the following options:

- **Hierarchical**: This option is the default. When the Hierarchical option is selected, the Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder generates a separate header file, defining an independent parameter structure, for each subsystem that meets the following conditions:
  - The Reusable function option is selected in the subsystem’s **RTW system code** pop-up menu, and the subsystem meets all conditions for generation of reusable subsystem code.
  - The subsystem does not access any parameters other than its own (such as parameters of the root-level model).

When the Hierarchical option is selected, each generated subsystem parameter structure is referenced as a substructure of the root-level parameter data structure, which is therefore called a hierarchical data structure.

- **Non-hierarchical**: When this option is selected, the Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder generates a single parameter data structure. This is a flat data structure; subsystem parameters are defined as fields within this structure.

Generate An Example Main Program

This option and the related **Target operating system** pop-up menu let you generate a model-specific example main program module. See “Generating the Main Program” on page 2-7.

Generate Reusable Code

The **Generate reusable code** option and the related **Reusable code error diagnostic** menu let you generate reusable, reentrant code from a model or subsystem. When this option is selected, data structures such as block states, parameters, external outputs, etc. are passed in (by reference) as arguments to
model_step and other generated model functions. These data structures are also exported via model.h.

In some cases, the Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder may generate code that will compile but is not reentrant. For example, if any signal, DWork structure, or parameter data has a storage class other than Auto, global data structures will be generated. To handle such cases, the **Reusable code error diagnostic** menu is enabled when **Generate reusable code** is selected. This menu offers a choice of three severity levels for diagnostics to be displayed in such cases:

- **None**: build proceeds without displaying a diagnostic message.
- **Warn**: build proceeds after displaying a warning message.
- **Error**: build aborts after displaying an error message.

In some cases, the Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder is unable to generate valid and compilable code. For example, if the model contains any of the following, the code generated would be invalid.

- A Stateflow chart that outputs function-call events
- An S-function that is not code-reuse compliant
- A subsystem triggered by a wide function call trigger

In these cases, the build will terminate after reporting the problem.

When **Generate reusable code** option is not selected (the default), model data structures are statically allocated and accessed directly in the model code. Therefore the model code is neither reusable nor reentrant.

**Suppress Error Status in Real-Time Model Data Structure**

If you do not need to log or monitor error status in your application, select this option.

By default, the real-time model data structure (rtM) includes an error status field (data type string). This field lets you log and monitor error messages via macros provided for this purpose (see model.h). The error status field is initialized to NULL. If **Suppress error status in real-time model data structure** is selected, the error status field is not included in rtM. Selecting this option may also cause the real-time model data structure to disappear completely from the generated code.
When generating code for multiple models that will be integrated together, make sure that the **Suppress error status in real-time model data structure** option is set the same for all of the models. Otherwise, the integrated application may exhibit unexpected behavior. For example, if the option is selected in one model but not in another, the error status may or may not be registered by the integrated application.

Do not select **Suppress error status in real-time model data structure** if the **MAT-file logging** option is also selected. The two options are incompatible.

**Target Floating Point Math Environment**

This pop-up menu provides two options. If you select the **ANSI_C** option (the default), the Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder generates calls to the ANSI C (ANSI X3.159-1989) math library for floating-point functions. If you select the **ISO_C** option, Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder generates calls to the ISO C (ISO/IEC 9899:1999) math library wherever possible.

If your target compiler supports the ISO C (ISO/IEC 9899:1999) math library, we recommend selecting the **ISO_C** option and setting your compiler’s ISO C option. This will generate calls to the ISO C functions wherever possible (for example, `sqrtf()` instead of `sqrt()` for single precision data) and ensure that you obtain the best performance your target compiler offers.

If your target compiler does not support ISO C math library functions, use the **ANSI_C** option.
## Custom Storage Classes

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**Introduction to Custom Storage Classes**

In Real-Time Workshop, the *storage class* specification of a signal, tunable parameter, block state, or data object specifies how that entity is declared, stored, and represented in generated code.

Note that in the context of Real-Time Workshop, the term “storage class” is not synonymous with the term “storage class specifier,” as used in the C language.

Real-Time Workshop defines built-in storage classes for use with all targets. Examples of built-in storage classes are Auto, ExportedGlobal, and ImportedExtern. These storage classes provide limited control over the form of the code generated for references to the data. For example, data of storage class Auto is typically declared and accessed as an element of a structure, while data of storage class ExportedGlobal is declared and accessed as unstructured global variables. Built-in storage classes are discussed in detail in the “Code Generation and the Build Process” chapter of the Real-Time Workshop documentation.

The built-in storage classes are suitable for a simulation or rapid prototyping environment, but embedded system designers often require greater control over the representation of data. For example, you may need to

- Conserve memory by storing Boolean data in bit fields.
- Integrate the code generated by Real Time Workshop with legacy software whose interfaces cannot be modified.
- Employ certain constructs to comply with your organization’s software engineering guidelines for safety-critical code.

The Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder’s *custom storage classes* provide extended control over the constructs required to represent data in an embedded algorithm. A custom storage class is defined by a set of Target Language Compiler (TLC) instructions that the Real Time Workshop uses when generating code for each type of reference to data of that class. These instructions tell the Real Time Workshop exactly how to define, declare, and access the data. Since the instructions are created by the user, the variations in the code generated are unlimited.

The Real Time Workshop Embedded Coder includes a set of predefined custom storage classes designed to be useful in embedded systems development. You can use these classes without any TLC programming. The sections that follow
explain the custom storage classes provided and supported by The MathWorks for use with the Real Time Workshop Embedded Coder.

The TLC code for each predefined storage class is found in $matlabroot/toolbox/simulink/simulink/@Simulink/tlc$. If you want to create your own custom storage classes, you can use this code as an example. However, the creation of new classes is outside the scope of this document.
Properties of Predefined Custom Storage Classes

The Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder defines two classes of custom data objects:

- `Simulink.CustomParameter`: This class is a subclass of `Simulink.Parameter`. Objects of this class have expanded `RTWInfo` properties. The properties of `Simulink.CustomParameter` objects are:
  - `RTWInfo.StorageClass`. This property should always be set to the default value, `Custom`.
  - `RTWInfo.CustomStorageClass`. This property takes on one of the enumerated values described in “Predefined Custom Storage Class Summaries” on page 4-4. This property controls the generated storage declaration and code for the object.
  - `RTWInfoCustomAttributes`. This property defines additional attributes that are exclusive to the class, as described in “Class-Specific Storage Class Attributes” on page 4-8.
  - `Value`. This property is the numeric value of the object, used as an initial (or inlined) parameter value in generated code.

- `Simulink.CustomSignal`: This class is a subclass of `Simulink.Signal`. Objects of this class have expanded `RTWInfo` properties. The properties of `Simulink.CustomSignal` objects are:
  - `RTWInfo.StorageClass`. This property should always be set to the default value, `Custom`.
  - `RTWInfoCustomAttributes`. This property defines additional attributes that are exclusive to the class, as described in “Predefined Custom Storage Class Summaries” on page 4-4. This property controls the generated storage declaration and code for the object.
  - `RTWInfoCustomAttributes`. This optional property defines additional attributes that are exclusive to the storage class, as described in “Class-Specific Storage Class Attributes” on page 4-8.

Predefined Custom Storage Class Summaries

The following tables summarize the predefined custom storage classes. The entry for each class indicates
• Name and purpose of the class.
• Whether the class is valid for parameter or signal objects. For example, you can assign the storage class Const to a parameter object. This storage class is not valid for signals, however, since signal data (except for the case of invariant signals) is not constant.
• Whether the class is valid for complex data or nonscalar (wide) data.
• Data types supported by the class.

The first three classes, shown in Table 4-1, insert type qualifiers in the data declaration.

Table 4-1: Const, ConstVolatile, and Volatile Storage Classes

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<td>Const</td>
<td>Use const type qualifier in declaration</td>
<td>Y</td>
<td>N</td>
<td>any</td>
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<td>Y</td>
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<td>ConstVolatile</td>
<td>Use const volatile type qualifier in declaration</td>
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The second set of three classes, shown in Table 4-2, handles issues of data scope and file partitioning.
The final three classes, shown in Table 4-3, specify the data structure or construct used to represent the data.

Table 4-2: ExportToFile, ImportFromFile, and Internal Storage Classes

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<td>ImportFromFile</td>
<td>Include predefined header files containing global variable declarations</td>
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<tr>
<td>Internal</td>
<td>Declare and define global variables whose scope is limited to the code generated by the Real-Time Workshop</td>
<td>Y</td>
<td>Y</td>
<td>any</td>
<td>Y</td>
<td>Y</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Table 4-3: BitField, Define, and Struct Storage Classes

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Class Name</th>
<th>Purpose</th>
<th>Parameters</th>
<th>Signals</th>
<th>Data Types</th>
<th>Complex</th>
<th>Wide</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>BitField</td>
<td>Embed Boolean data in a named bit field</td>
<td>Y</td>
<td>Y</td>
<td>Boolean</td>
<td>N</td>
<td>N</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
### Table 4-3: BitField, Define, and Struct Storage Classes (Continued)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Class Name</th>
<th>Purpose</th>
<th>Parameters</th>
<th>Signals</th>
<th>Data types</th>
<th>Complex</th>
<th>Wide</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Define</td>
<td>Represent parameters with a <code>#define</code> macro</td>
<td>Y</td>
<td>N</td>
<td>any</td>
<td>N</td>
<td>N</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Struct</td>
<td>Embed data in a named struct to encapsulate sets of data</td>
<td>Y</td>
<td>Y</td>
<td>any</td>
<td>N</td>
<td>Y</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Table 4-4: Data Access Storage Classes

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Class Name</th>
<th>Purpose</th>
<th>Parameters</th>
<th>Signals</th>
<th>Data types</th>
<th>Complex</th>
<th>Wide</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>GetSet</td>
<td>Read and write data using access functions. See “GetSet Custom Storage Class for Data Store Memory” on page 4-10</td>
<td>N</td>
<td>Y</td>
<td>any</td>
<td>N</td>
<td>Y</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Class-Specific Storage Class Attributes

Some custom storage classes have attributes that are exclusive to the class. These attributes are made visible as members of the RTWInfo.CustomAttributes field. For example, the BitField class has a BitFieldName attribute (RTWInfo.CustomAttributes.BitFieldName).

Table 4-5 summarizes the storage classes with additional attributes, and the meaning of those attributes. Attributes marked optional have default values and may be left unassigned.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Storage Class Name</th>
<th>Additional Properties</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Optional (has default)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ExportToFile</td>
<td>FileName</td>
<td>String. Defines the name of the generated header file within which the global variable declaration should reside. If unspecified, the declaration is placed in model_export.h by default.</td>
<td>Y</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ImportFromFile</td>
<td>FileName</td>
<td>String. Defines the name of the generated header file which to be used in #include directive.</td>
<td>N</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ImportFromFile</td>
<td>IncludeDelimiter</td>
<td>Enumerated. Defines delimiter used for filename in the #include directive. Delimiter is either double quotes (e.g. #include &quot;vars.h&quot;) or angle brackets (e.g. #include &lt;vars.h&gt;). The default is quotes.</td>
<td>Y</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BitField</td>
<td>BitFieldName</td>
<td>String. Defines name of bit field in which data will be embedded; if unassigned, the name defaults to rt_BitField.</td>
<td>Y</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Table 4-5: Additional Properties of Custom Storage Classes (Continued)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Storage Class Name</th>
<th>Additional Properties</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Optional (has default)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Struct</td>
<td>StructName</td>
<td>String. Defines name of the struct in which data will be embedded; if unassigned, the name defaults to rt_Struct.</td>
<td>Y</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GetSet</td>
<td>GetFunction</td>
<td>String. Specifies function call to read data. See “GetSet Custom Storage Class for Data Store Memory” on page 4-10.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GetSet</td>
<td>SetFunction</td>
<td>String. Specifies function call to write data. See “GetSet Custom Storage Class for Data Store Memory” on page 4-10.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GetSet</td>
<td>HeaderFile</td>
<td>String. Same as FileName in the ImportFromFile class.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GetSet</td>
<td>IncludeDelimeter</td>
<td>Enumerated. Same as IncludeDelimiter in the ImportFromFile class.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Other Custom Storage Classes

This section discusses other custom storage classes that have been provided for special purposes.

GetSet Custom Storage Class for Data Store Memory

The GetSet custom storage class can only be used for the memory of Data Store Read and Data Store Write blocks. The properties of the GetSet class are summarized in Table 4-4 and Table 4-5.

This class supports only signals of noncomplex data types. Its purpose is to generate code that reads (gets) and writes (sets) data via functions. For example, if the GetFunction for signal x is specified as "get_x" then the generated code will call get_x() wherever the value of x is used. If the SetFunction for signal x is specified as "set_x" then the generated code will call set_x(value) wherever the value of x is assigned.

For wide signals, an additional index argument is passed, as in

   get_x(idx)
   set_x(value, idx)

The cscgetsetdemo demo illustrates the use of the GetSet custom storage class.

Designing Custom Storage Classes

Designing your own custom storage classes is an advanced topic. We have provided a step-by-step tutorial with the Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder demo suite. To view this tutorial, type the following command at the MATLAB command prompt:

cscdesignintro
Assigning a Custom Storage Class to Data

You can assign a custom storage class to a Simulink data object either from the Simulink Data Explorer, or from the MATLAB command prompt.

Assigning a Custom Storage Classes via the Simulink Data Explorer
To create a custom parameter or signal object from the Simulink Data Explorer:

1. Choose **Data explorer** from the Simulink **Tools** menu, or type `slexplr` at the MATLAB prompt. The **Data explorer** dialog box appears.

2. In the **Objects** (left) pane, depress the right mouse button. A pop-up menu appears. Select **New...** from the menu, as shown in this figure.
3 A **New Object** dialog box is displayed. Select `Simulink.CustomParameter` or `Simulink.CustomSignal` from the **Class** menu. Enter the name of the object in the **Name** field.

In this figure, an object `p` of class `Simulink.CustomParameter` is created.

4 Click **OK**. The object now appears in the **Objects** pane, and is selected. Its properties are shown in the **Properties** (right) pane.
To view the properties of the object, open the `RTWInfo` field by clicking on the + button next to the field name. Similarly, open the `RTWInfo.CustomAttributes` field to show the class-specific attributes of the object (if any). This figure shows the initial properties of the `Simulink.CustomParameter` object p.
6 Set the custom storage class of the object, by selecting a value for the object’s `RTWInfo.CustomStorageClass` property from the `CustomStorageClass` menu. In this figure, the custom storage class of the object `p` is being changed from `BitField` to `Define`. 
Assigning a Custom Storage Class to Data

7 This figure shows the object properties after the custom storage class property of p is set to Define. Notice that the BitFieldName attribute is no longer displayed, since that attribute applies only to objects whose custom storage class is BitField.

8 Make sure that the RTWInfo.StorageClass property is set to Custom. If this property is not set to Custom, the custom storage properties are ignored.

9 Click Close to dismiss the Simulink Data Explorer.

Assigning a Custom Storage Class via the MATLAB Command Line
You can create custom parameter or signal objects from the MATLAB command line. For example, the following commands create a custom parameter object p and a custom signal object s:

```matlab
p = Simulink.CustomParameter
s = Simulink.CustomSignal
```
After creating the object, set the RTWInfo.CustomStorageClass and (optional) RTWInfo.CustomAttributes fields. For example, the following commands sets these fields for the custom parameter object p:

   p.RTWInfo.CustomStorageClass = 'ExportToFile'
   p.RTWInfo.CustomAttributes.FileName = 'testfile.h'

Finally, make sure that the RTWInfo.StorageClass property is set to its default value, Custom. If you inadvertently set this property to some other value, the custom storage properties are ignored.
Code Generation with Custom Storage Classes

The procedure for generating code with data objects that have a custom storage class is similar to the procedure for code generation using Simulink data objects that have built-in storage classes. If you are unfamiliar with this procedure, please see the discussion of Simulink data objects in the “Code Generation and the Build Process” chapter of the Real-Time Workshop documentation.

To generate code with custom storage classes, you must

1. Create one or more data objects of class Simulink.CustomParameter or Simulink.CustomSignal.

2. Set the custom storage class property of the objects, as well as the class-specific attributes (if any) of the objects.

3. Reference these objects as block parameters, signals, block states, or Data Store memory.

When generating code from a model employing custom storage classes, make sure that the Ignore custom storage classes option is not selected, as shown in this picture. This is the default for the Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder.
When **Ignore custom storage classes** is selected:

- Objects with custom storage classes are treated as if their storage class attribute is set to *Auto*.
- The storage class of signals that have custom storage classes is not displayed on the signal line, even if the **Storage class** option of the Simulink **Format** menu is selected.

**Ignore custom storage classes** lets you switch to a rapid prototyping target such as the generic real-time target (GRT), without having to reconfigure your parameter and signal objects.

When using the Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder, you can control the **Ignore custom storage classes** option via the check box in the **ERT code generation options (2)** category of the Real-Time Workshop tab of the **Simulation Parameters** dialog box.

If you are using a target that does not have a check box for this option (such as a custom target) you can enter the option directly into the **System target file** field in the **Target configuration** category of the Real-Time Workshop pane. The following example turns the option on:

```
-aIgnoreCustomStorageClasses=1
```

### Ordering of Generated Storage Declarations

Variables, structs, and other declarations in the generated code are sorted:

1. Alphabetically by storage class
2. Within storage class, alphabetically by variable name

See the code excerpts in the next section, “Sample Code Excerpts” for examples of how declarations are sorted.
In the model shown in Figure 4-1, block parameters and signals are associated with data objects belonging to each of the predefined custom storage classes, as follows:

- Parameters c, cv, and d reference `Simulink.CustomParameter` objects with custom storage class `Const`, `ConstVolatile` and `Define`, respectively.
- Signals v and int1 reference `Simulink.CustomSignal` objects with custom storage class `Volatile` and `Internal`, respectively.
- Signals sw1 and sw2 reference `Simulink.CustomSignal` objects with custom storage class `Struct`, whose `StructName` storage class attribute is set to `testpoints`.
- Signals b1 and b2 reference `Simulink.CustomSignal` objects with custom storage class `BitField`, whose `BitFieldName` storage class attribute is set to `signalBit`.
- Parameter eg references a `Simulink.CustomParameter` object with custom storage class `ExportToFile`, whose `FileName` storage class attribute is set to `exportedSignals.h`.
- Parameter ig references a `Simulink.CustomParameter` object with custom storage class `ImportFromFile`, whose `FileName` storage class attribute is set to `importedSignals.h`, and whose `IncludeDelimiter` attribute is set to `Braces`. 
Figure 4-1: Model Using Custom Storage Classes

The structure definitions for the bit field `signalBit` and the struct `testpoints` are in the generated file `model_types.h`, as shown in the following code excerpt. Notice also the inclusion of the generated file `exportedSignals.h` and the file `importedSignals.h`. The latter is assumed to be a hand-written file containing external signal definitions:

```c
#include "exportedSignals.h"
#include <importedSignals.h>

typedef struct signalBit_tag {
    unsigned int b1:1;
    unsigned int b2:1;
} signalBit_bitfield;

/* Struct data */
typedef struct testpoints_tag {
    real_T sw1;
    real_T sw2;
} testpoints_struct;
```
A code excerpt from exportedSignals.h follows, declaring the parameter eg and making it visible to externally written code:

```
#ifndef _exportedSignals_h
#include "tmwtypes.h"
extern real_T eg;
#define _exportedSignals_h
#endif
```

The following excerpt from the generated file model_data.c contains the storage declarations and initializers for the parameters c, cv, and d; signals v and intl; exported signal eg; signals b1 and b2 (embedded in signalBit); and sw1 and sw2 (embedded in testpoints):

```
/* Data with custom storage class Const */
const real_T c = 2.0;

/* Data with custom storage class ConstVolatile */
const volatile real_T cv = 4.0;

/* Data with custom storage class Define */
#define d                               5.0

/* Data with custom storage class ExportToFile */
real_T eg;

/* Data with custom storage class Internal */
real_T intl;

/* Data with custom storage class Volatile */
volatile real_T v;

/* External Outputs Structure */
ExternalOutputs rtY;

/* user code (bottom of parameter file) */
signalBit_bitfield signalBit = {0,0};
testpoints_struct testpoints = {0.0,0.0};
```
The following code excerpt from *model.c* illustrates the application of these variables in the generated program:

```c
/* Switch: '<Root>/Switch' incorporates:
 *   Inport: '<Root>/In1'
 *   Constant: '<Root>/Constant'
 *   Constant: '<Root>/Constant1'
*/
if (signalBit.b1) {
    testpoints.sw1 = c;
} else {
    testpoints.sw1 = cv;
}

/* Switch: '<Root>/Switch1' incorporates:
 *   Inport: '<Root>/In2'
 *   Constant: '<Root>/Constant2'
 *   Constant: '<Root>/Constant3'
*/
if (signalBit.b2) {
    testpoints.sw2 = eg;
} else {
    testpoints.sw2 = ig;
}

/* Sum: '<Root>/Sum' */
v = testpoints.sw1 + testpoints.sw2;

/* Gain: '<Root>/Gain'
 * Regarding '<Root>/Gain':
 *   Gain value: d
*/
intl = v * d;

/* Outport: '<Root>/Out1' */
rtY.Out1 = int1;
```
Requirements, Restrictions, Target Files

This section contains the following topics:

- Requirements and Restrictions (p. 5-2)  Conditions your model must meet for use with the Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder.
- System Target File and Template Makefiles (p. 5-4)  Summary of control files used by the Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder.
Requirements and Restrictions

- By definition, a Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder program operates in discrete time. Your model must use the following solver options:
  - Solver type: fixed-step
  - Algorithm: discrete (no continuous states)
- You must select the SingleTasking or Auto solver mode when the model is single-rate. Table 2-3, Permitted Solver Modes for Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder Targeted Models, indicates permitted solver modes for single-rate and multirate models.
- You cannot have any continuous time blocks in your model (see “Unsupported Blocks” on page 5-2).
- If you are designing a program that is intended to run indefinitely, you should not use blocks that have a dependency on absolute time. See “Blocks that Depend on Absolute Time” in the Real-Time Workshop documentation for a list of such blocks.
- You must inline all S-functions with a corresponding TLC file. The reason for this is that Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder generated code uses the real-time object, rather than the SimStruct. Since noninlined S-functions require reference to the SimStruct, they cannot be used in Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder generated programs. See the Simulink Writing S-Functions documentation for information about inlining S-functions.

Unsupported Blocks
The Embedded-C format does not support the following built-in blocks:

- Continuous
  - No blocks in this library are supported
- Discrete
  - First-Order Hold
- Functions and Tables
  - MATLAB Fcn
  - The following S-functions: M-file and Fortran S-functions, or noninlined C-MEX S-functions that call into MATLAB
- Math
• Algebraic Constraint
• Nonlinear
  • Rate Limiter
• Sources
  • Clock
  • Chirp Signal
  • Ramp
  • Repeating Sequence
  • Signal Generator
System Target File and Template Makefiles

The Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder system target file is `ert.tlc`.

Real-Time Workshop provides template makefiles for the Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder in the following development environments:

- `ert_bc.tmf` — Borland C
- `ert_lcc.tmf` — LCC compiler
- `ert_unix.tmf` — UNIX host
- `ert_vc.tmf` — Visual C
- `ert_watc.tmf` — Watcom C
Generating ASAP2 Files

ASAP2 is a data definition standard proposed by the Association for Standardization of Automation and Measuring Systems (ASAM). ASAP2 is a standard description you use for data measurement, calibration, and diagnostic systems.

This section includes the following topics:

- Overview (p. A-2) Topics you should be familiar with before working with ASAP2 file generation.
- Defining ASAP2 Information (p. A-4) Signal and parameter information from a Simulink model needed to create an ASAP2 file.
- Generating an ASAP2 File (p. A-6) Procedure for creating an ASAP2 file from a Simulink model.
- Customizing an ASAP2 File (p. A-10) Target Language Compiler (TLC) files you can change to customize the ASAP2 file generated from a Simulink model.
- Structure of the ASAP2 File (p. A-17) Summary of the parts of the ASAP2 file and the Target Language Compiler functions used to write each part.
Overview

Real-Time Workshop lets you export an ASAP2 file containing information about your model during the code generation process.

To make use of ASAP2 file generation, you should become familiar with the following topics:

- ASAM and the ASAP2 standard and terminology. See the ASAM Web site at [http://www.asam.de](http://www.asam.de).
- Simulink data objects. Data objects are used to supply information not contained in the model. For an overview, see “Working with Data Objects” in the Using Simulink documentation.
- Storage and representation of signals and parameters in generated code. See “Working with Data Structures” in the Real-Time Workshop documentation.

If you are reading this document online in the MATLAB Help browser, you can run an interactive demo of ASAP2 file generation.

Alternatively, you can access the demo by typing the following command at the MATLAB command prompt, as in this example:

    asap2demo
Targets Supporting ASAP2

Real-Time Workshop provides two target configurations you can use to generate ASAP2 files. You can select either of these target configurations from the System Target File Browser:

- The **ASAM-ASAP2 Data Definition Target** lets you generate only an ASAP2 file, without building an executable.
- The **Real-Time Windows Embedded Coder** lets you generate an ASAP2 file as part of the code generation and build process.

Procedures for generating ASAP2 files via these targets are given in “Generating an ASAP2 File” on page A-6.

Alternatively, you can add ASAP2 support to your own target by defining the TLC variable `GenerateASAP2` in your system target file, as shown in the following code example:

```%
%assign GenerateASAP2 = 1
%include "codegenentry.tlc"
```

**Note** You must define `GenerateASAP2` before including `codegenentry.tlc`. 
Defining ASAP2 Information

The ASAP2 file generation process requires information about your model's parameters and signals. Some of this information is contained in the model itself. The rest must be supplied by using Simulink data objects with the necessary properties.

Real-Time Workshop provides two example data classes to assist you in providing the necessary information. The classes are

- ASAP2.Parameter, a subclass of Simulink.Parameter
- ASAP2.Signal, a subclass of Simulink.Signal

This document refers to these as the ASAP2 classes, and to objects instantiated from these classes as ASAP2 objects. The ASAP2 class creation files are located in the directory matlabroot/toolbox/rtw/targets/asap2/asap2. To create ASAP2 objects, make sure that this directory is on the MATLAB path.

As with the built-in Simulink.Parameter and Simulink.Signal classes, we recommend that you create your own packages and classes rather than using the ASAP2 classes directly. To do this, copy and rename the directory matlabroot/toolbox/rtw/targets/asap2/asap2/@ASAP2, and modify the class creation files it contains. You can extend the ASAP2 classes if additional properties are required. For general information about extending data object classes, see “Working with Data Objects” in the Using Simulink documentation.

The following table contains the minimum set of data attributes required for ASAP2 file generation. Some data attributes are defined in the model; others are supplied in the properties of ASAP2 objects. For attributes that are defined in ASAP2.Parameter or ASAP2.Signal objects, the table gives the associated property name.
Defining ASAP2 Information

The Memory Address attribute, if known before code generation, can be defined in the data object. Otherwise, a placeholder string is inserted. You can replace the placeholder with the actual address by post-processing the generated file. See the file `matlabroot/toolbox/rtw/targets/asap2/asap2/asap2post.m` for an example.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Data Attribute</th>
<th>Defined In</th>
<th>Property Name</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Data type</td>
<td>Model</td>
<td>Not applicable</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Scaling (if fixed point data type)</td>
<td>Model</td>
<td>Not applicable</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Name (Symbol)</td>
<td>Data object</td>
<td>Inherited from name of handle to the data object to which parameter or signal name resolves</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Long identifier (Description)</td>
<td>Data object</td>
<td>LongID_ASAP2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Minimum allowable value</td>
<td>Data object</td>
<td>PhysicalMin_ASAP2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Maximum allowable value</td>
<td>Data object</td>
<td>PhysicalMax_ASAP2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Units</td>
<td>Data object</td>
<td>Units_ASAP2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Memory Address (optional)</td>
<td>Data object (see note below)</td>
<td>MemoryAddress_ASAP2 (optional; see “Memory Address Attribute” below)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Memory Address Attribute. The Memory Address attribute, if known before code generation, can be defined in the data object. Otherwise, a placeholder string is inserted. You can replace the placeholder with the actual address by post-processing the generated file. See the file `matlabroot/toolbox/rtw/targets/asap2/asap2/asap2post.m` for an example.
Generating an ASAP2 File

You can generate an ASAP2 file from your model in one of the following ways:

- Use the Real-Time Windows Embedded Coder to generate an ASAP2 file as part of the code generation and build process.
- Use the ASAM-ASAP2 Data Definition Target to generate only an ASAP2 file, without building an executable.
- Add ASAP2 support to your own target (see “Targets Supporting ASAP2” on page A-3).

This section discusses how to generate an ASAP2 file via the targets that have built-in ASAP2 support.

Generating ASAP2 Files via the Real-Time Windows Embedded Coder

The procedure for generating a mode’s data definition in ASAP2 format via the Real-Time Windows Embedded Coder is as follows:

1. Create the desired model. Use appropriate parameter names and signal labels to refer to CHARACTERISTICS and MEASUREMENTS respectively.


3. Configure the data objects to generate unstructured global storage declarations in the generated code by assigning one of the following storage classes to the RTWInfo.StorageClass property:
   - ExportedGlobal
   - ImportedExtern
   - ImportedExternPointer

4. Configure the other data object properties such as LongID_ASAP2, PhysicalMin_ASAP2, etc.

5. In the Advanced pane of the Simulation Parameters dialog box, select the Inline parameters option.

Note that you should not configure the parameters associated with your data objects in the Model Parameter Configuration dialog box. If a parameter
that resolves to a Simulink data object is configured using the **Model Parameter Configuration** dialog box, the dialog box configuration is ignored. You can, however, use the **Model Parameter Configuration** dialog to configure other parameters in your model.

6 In the Real-Time Workshop pane, click **Browse** to open the System Target File Browser. In the browser, select the **Real-Time Windows Embedded Coder Target**.

7 Select **ERT code generation options (2)** from the **Category** menu of the Real-Time Workshop pane. Then select the **Generate ASAP2 file** option.

8 Click **Apply**.

9 Click **Build** (or **Generate code**).

10 Real-Time Workshop writes the ASAP2 file to the build directory. The ASAP2 filename is controlled by the ASAP2 setup file. By default, the file is named *model1.a2l*. 


Generating ASAP2 Files via the ASAM-ASAP2 Data Definition Target

The procedure for generating a model's data definition in ASAP2 format via the ASAM-ASAP2 Data Definition Target is as follows:

1. Create the desired model. Use appropriate parameter names and signal labels to refer to CHARACTERISTICS and MEASUREMENTS respectively.


3. Configure the data objects to generate unstructured global storage declarations in the generated code by assigning one of the following storage classes to the RTWInfo.StorageClass property:
   - ExportedGlobal
   - ImportedExtern
   - ImportedExternPointer

4. Configure the other data object properties such as LongID_ASAP2, PhysicalMin_ASAP2, etc.

5. In the Advanced pane of the Simulation Parameters dialog box, select the Inline parameters option.

   Note that you should not configure the parameters associated with your data objects in the Model Parameter Configuration dialog box. If a parameter that resolves to a Simulink data object is configured using the Model Parameter Configuration dialog box, the dialog box configuration is ignored. You can, however, use the Model Parameter Configuration dialog to configure other parameters in your model.

6. In the Real-Time Workshop pane, click Browse to open the System Target File Browser. In the browser, select the ASAM-ASAP2 Data Definition Target.
7 Select Target configuration from the Category menu of the Real-Time Workshop pane. Then select the Generate code only option.

This picture shows the correct configuration.

8 Click Apply.

9 Click Generate code.

10 Real-Time Workshop writes the ASAP2 file to the build directory. The ASAP2 filename is controlled by the ASAP2 setup file. By default, the file is named model.a2l.
Customizing an ASAP2 File

The Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder provides a number of TLC files to enable you to customize the ASAP2 file generated from a Simulink model. The following figure illustrates the hierarchy of ASAP2 related directories and files within the MATLAB directory.

ASAP2 File Structure on the MATLAB Path

The ASAP2 related files are located within the directories shown above. The files are organized as follows:
Customizing an ASAP2 File

- TLC files for generating ASAP2 files
  The `matlabroot/rtw/c/tlc` directory contains TLC files that generate ASAP2 files. These files are included by the Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder and ASAP2 system target files (`ert.tlc` and `asap2.tlc`).

- ASAP2 target files
  The `matlabroot/toolbox/rtw/targets/asap2/asap2` directory contains the ASAP2 system target file and other control files.

- ASAP2 class creation files
  The `matlabroot/toolbox/rtw/targets/asap2/asap2/@ASAP2` directory contains the M-files that define the `ASAP2.Parameter` and `ASAP2.Signal` classes.

- Customizable TLC files
  The `matlabroot/toolbox/rtw/targets/asap2/asap2/user` directory contains files that you can modify to customize the content of your ASAP2 files.

- ASAP2 templates
  The `matlabroot/toolbox/rtw/targets/asap2/asap2/user/templates` directory contains templates that define each type of CHARACTERISTIC in the ASAP2 file.

Customizing the Contents of the ASAP2 File

The ASAP2 related TLC files enable you to customize the appearance of the ASAP2 file generated from a Simulink model. Most customization is done by modifying or adding to the files contained in the `matlabroot/toolbox/rtw/targets/asap2/asap2/user` directory. This section refers to this directory as the `asap2/user` directory.

The user-customizable files provided are divided into two groups:

- The static files define the parts of the ASAP2 file that are related to the environment in which the generated code is used. They describe information specific to the user and/or project. The static files are not model-dependant.

- The dynamic files define the parts of the ASAP2 file that are generated based on the structure of the source model.
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The procedure for customizing the ASAP2 file is as follows:

1. Make a copy of the asap2/user directory before making any modifications.

2. Remove the old asap2/user directory from the MATLAB path, or add the new asap2/user directory to the MATLAB path above the old directory. This will ensure that MATLAB uses the new ASAP2 setup file, asap2setup.tlc.

   asap2setup.tlc specifies which directories and files to include in the TLC path during the ASAP2 file generation process. Modify asap2setup.tlc to control the directories and folders included in the TLC path.

3. Modify the static parts of the ASAP2 file. These include
   - Project and header symbols, which are specified in asap2setup.tlc
   - Static sections of the file, such as file header and tail, A2ML, MOD_COMMON, etc. These are specified in asap2userlib.tlc.
   - Specify the appearance of the dynamic contents of the ASAP2 file by modifying the existing ASAP2 templates, or by defining new ASAP2 templates. Sections of the ASAP2 file affected include
     - RECORD_LAYOUTS: modify appropriate parts of the ASAP2 template files.
     - CHARACTERISTICS: modify appropriate parts of the ASAP2 template files.

   For more information on modifying the appearance of CHARACTERISTICS, see “ASAP2 Templates” on page A-12.
   - MEASUREMENTS: These are specified in asap2userlib.tlc.
   - COMPU_METHODS: These are specified in asap2userlib.tlc.

ASAP2 Templates

The appearance of CHARACTERISTICS in the ASAP2 file is controlled using a different template for each type of CHARACTERISTIC. The asap2/user directory contains template definition files for scalars, 1-D Lookup Table blocks and 2-D Lookup Table blocks. You can modify these template definition files, or you can create additional templates as required.

The procedure for creating a new ASAP2 template is as follows:

2 Create a template definition file. See “Creating Template Definition Files” on page A-14.

3 Include the template definition file in the TLC path. The path is specified in the ASAP2 setup file, asap2setup.tlc.

**Defining Parameter Groups.** In some cases you must group multiple parameters together in the ASAP2 file (for example, the \( x \) and \( y \) data in a 1-D Lookup Table block). Parameter groups enable Simulink blocks to define an associative relationship between some or all of their parameters. The following example shows the Lookup1D parameter group and describes how to create and use parameter groups in conjunction with the ASAP2 file generation process.

The `BlockInstanceSetup` function, within a block's TLC file, creates parameter groups. There are two built-in TLC functions that facilitate this process: `SLibCreateParameterGroup` and `SLibAddMember`. The following code fragment creates the `Lookup1D` parameter group in `look_up.tlc`. Similar syntax is used to create parameter groups for the Look-Up Table (2D) block, the Fixed-Point Blockset Look-Up Table block, and the Look-Up Table (2-D) block:

```tcl
%if GenerateInterfaceAPI
  %create a parameter group for ASAP2 data definition
  %assign group = SLibCreateParameterGroup(block,"Lookup1D")
  %assign tmpVar = SLibAddMember(block,group,InputValues)
  %assign tmpVar = SLibAddMember(block,group,OutputValues)
%endif
```
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ParameterGroup records are not written to the model.rtw file, but are included as part of the relevant Block records in the CompiledModel. The following code fragment shows the Lookup1D parameter group. The Lookup1D parameter group has two Member records. The Reference fields of these records refer to the relevant x and y data records in the GlobalMemoryMap:

```plaintext
Block {
  Type       Lookup
  Name       "<Root>/Look-Up Table"
  ...
  NumParameterGroups    1
  ParameterGroup {
    Name         Lookup1D
    NumMembers   2
    Member {
      NumMembers   0
      Reference    ...
    }
    Member {
      NumMembers   0
      Reference    ...
    }
  }
}
```

The Lookup1D parameter group is used by the function ASAP2UserFcnWriteCharacteristic_Lookup1D, which is defined in the template definition file, asap2lookup1d.tlc. This function uses the parameter group to obtain the references to the associated x and y data records in the GlobalMemoryMap, as shown in the following code fragment.

```plaintext
%function ASAP2UserFcnWriteCharacteristic_Lookup1D(paramGroup) Output
%assign xParam = paramGroup.Member[0].Reference
%assign yParam = paramGroup.Member[1].Reference
...
%endfunction
```

Creating Template Definition Files. This section describes the components that make up an ASAP2 template definition file. This description is in the form of code examples from asap2lookup1d.tlc, the template definition file for the
Lookup1D template. This template corresponds to the Lookup1D parameter group.

**Note** When creating a new template, use the corresponding parameter group name in place of Lookup1D in the code fragments shown.

The following sections describe the components of an ASAP2 template definition file.

**Template Registration Function.** The input argument is the name of the parameter group associated with this template:

```plaintext
%<LibASAP2RegisterTemplate("Lookup1D")>
```

**RECORD_LAYOUT Name Definition Function.** Record layout names (aliases) can be arbitrarily specified for each data type. This function is used by the other components of this file.

```plaintext
%function ASAP2UserFcnRecordLayoutAlias_Lookup1D(dtId) void
  %switch dtId
    %case tSS_UINT8
      %return "Lookup1D_UBYTE"
...  
  %endswitch
%endfunction
```

**Function to Write RECORD_LAYOUT Definitions.** This function writes out RECORD_LAYOUT definitions associated with this template. The function is called by the built-in functions involved in the ASAP2 file generation process. The function name must be defined as shown, with the appropriate template name after the underscore:

```plaintext
%function ASAP2UserFcnWriteRecordLayout_Lookup1D() Output
  /begin RECORD_LAYOUT
    %<ASAP2UserFcnRecordLayoutAlias_Lookup1D(tSS_UINT8)>
      ...
  /end   RECORD_LAYOUT
%endfunction
```
Function to Write the CHARACTERISTIC. This function writes out the CHARACTERISTIC associated with this template. The function is called by the built-in functions involved in the ASAP2 file generation process. The function name must be defined as shown, with the appropriate template name after the underscore.

The input argument to this function is a pointer to a parameter group record. The example shown is for a Lookup1D parameter group that has two members. The references to the associated x and y data records are obtained from the parameter group record as shown.

This function calls a number of built-in functions to obtain the required information. For example, LibASAP2GetSymbol returns the symbol (name) for the specified data record.

```
%function ASAP2UserFcnWriteCharacteristic_Lookup1D(paramGroup)
Output
%assign xParam = paramGroup.Member[0].Reference
%assign yParam = paramGroup.Member[1].Reference
%assign dtId = LibASAP2GetDataTypeId(xParam)
/begin CHARACTERISTIC
/* Name */ %<LibASAP2GetSymbol(xParam)>
/* Long identifier */ "%<LibASAP2GetLongID(xParam)>"
...
/end CHARACTERISTIC
%endfunction
```
Structure of the ASAP2 File

Table A-2 outlines the basic structure of the ASAP2 file and describes which Target Language Compiler functions and files are used to create each part of the file:

- Static parts of the ASAP2 file are shown in **bold**.
- Function calls are indicated by `%<FunctionName()>`. 
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