

# Latest Features in Fixed-Point Designer


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# Auto Scaling Parameter Objects

## Automatically propose and apply data types for parameter objects

- Proposals are based on design ranges when they are specified on the parameter object
  - In absence of design range on a tunable parameter object, it is inferred from blocks using the parameter
- Parameter objects defined in base/model workspace as well as data dictionary are supported



The diagram shows a Simulink block named 'k\_designrange' with an input port 'In2' and an output port 'Out2'. Below the diagram is a table showing the results of the auto-scaling process.

Name	Run	CompiledDT	Accept	ProposedDT	SpecifiedDT
 k_tunable(base)	DoubleOverride		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	fixdt(0,16,12)	auto
 k_nontunable(model)	DoubleOverride		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	fixdt(0,16,13)	auto
 k_blockrange(base)	DoubleOverride		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	fixdt(1,16,5)	auto
 k_designrange(base)	DoubleOverride		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	fixdt(1,16,8)	auto

Workflow Result Details

### k\_designrange(base)

Proposed Data Type Summary

- This is a Simulink.Parameter object defined in the base workspace.
  - [Highlight Blocks using the Parameter Object](#)

Property	Data Type	Minimum	Maximum	Precision
ProposedDT	fixdt(1,16,8)	-128	127.99609375	0.00390625
SpecifiedDT	auto			

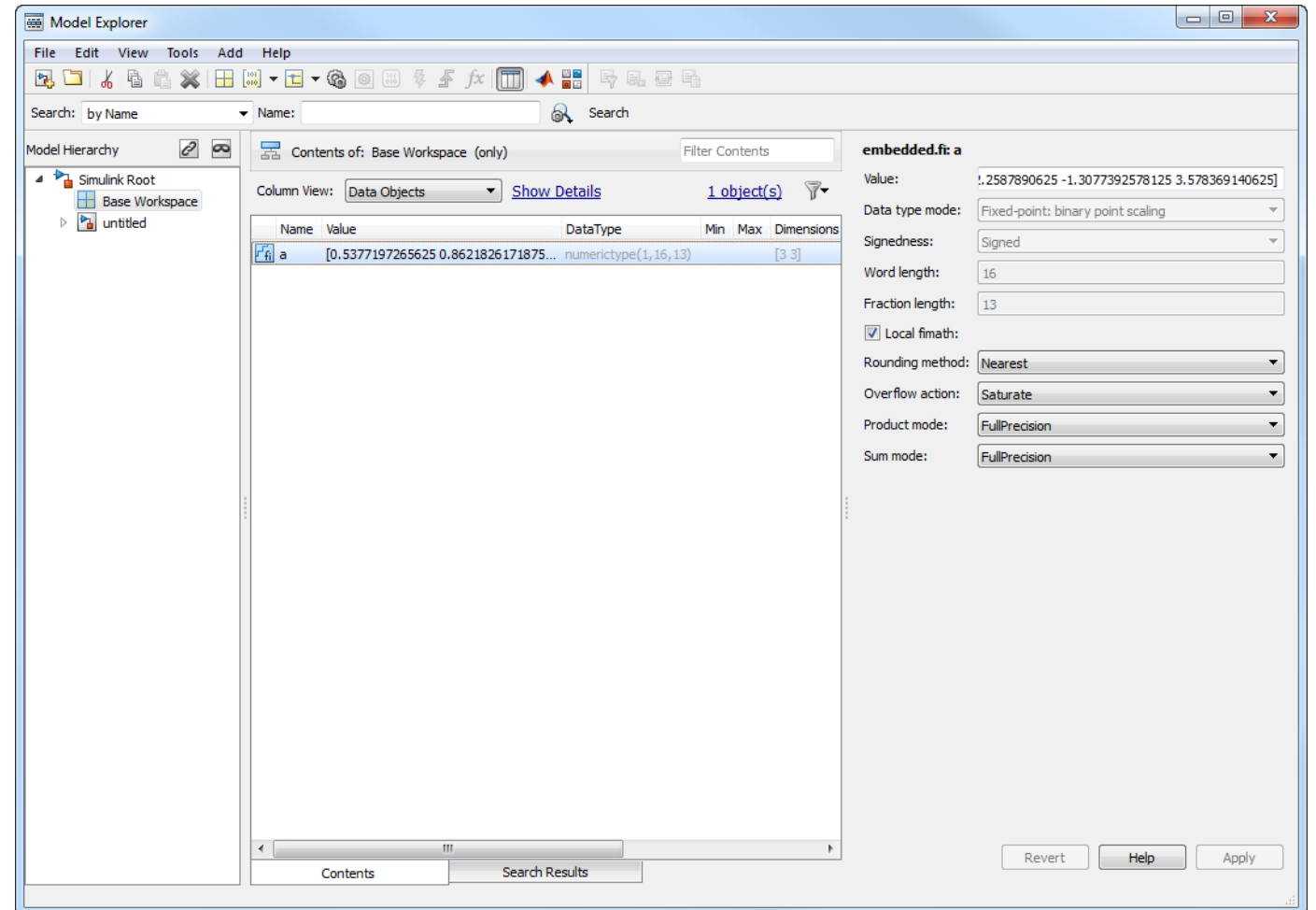
Range Information

Property	Minimum	Maximum
Design	-100	100
Initial Value	10	10
Model-Required	-100	100

# fi Objects in Model Explorer

## View and edit fi objects in Model Explorer

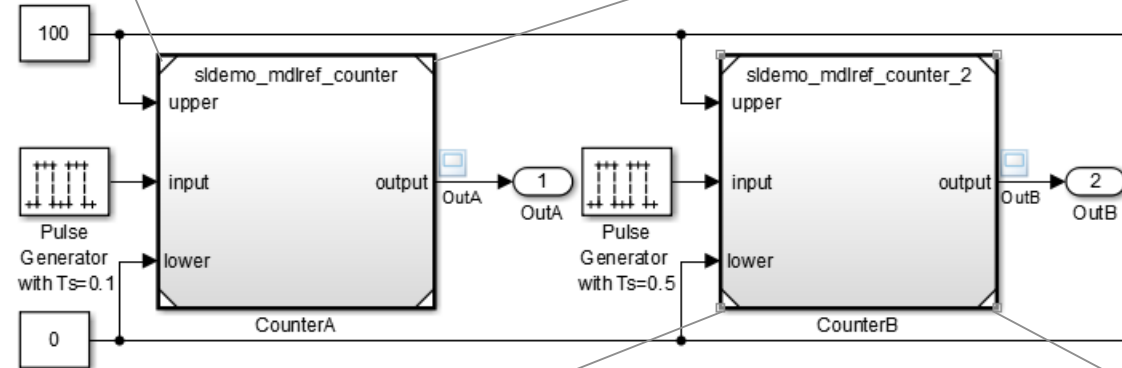
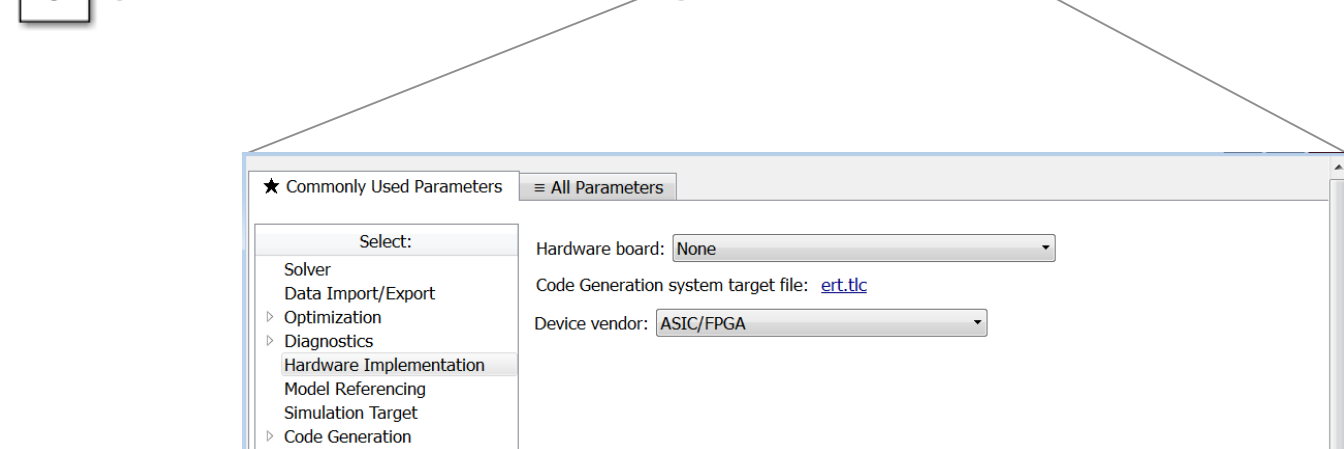
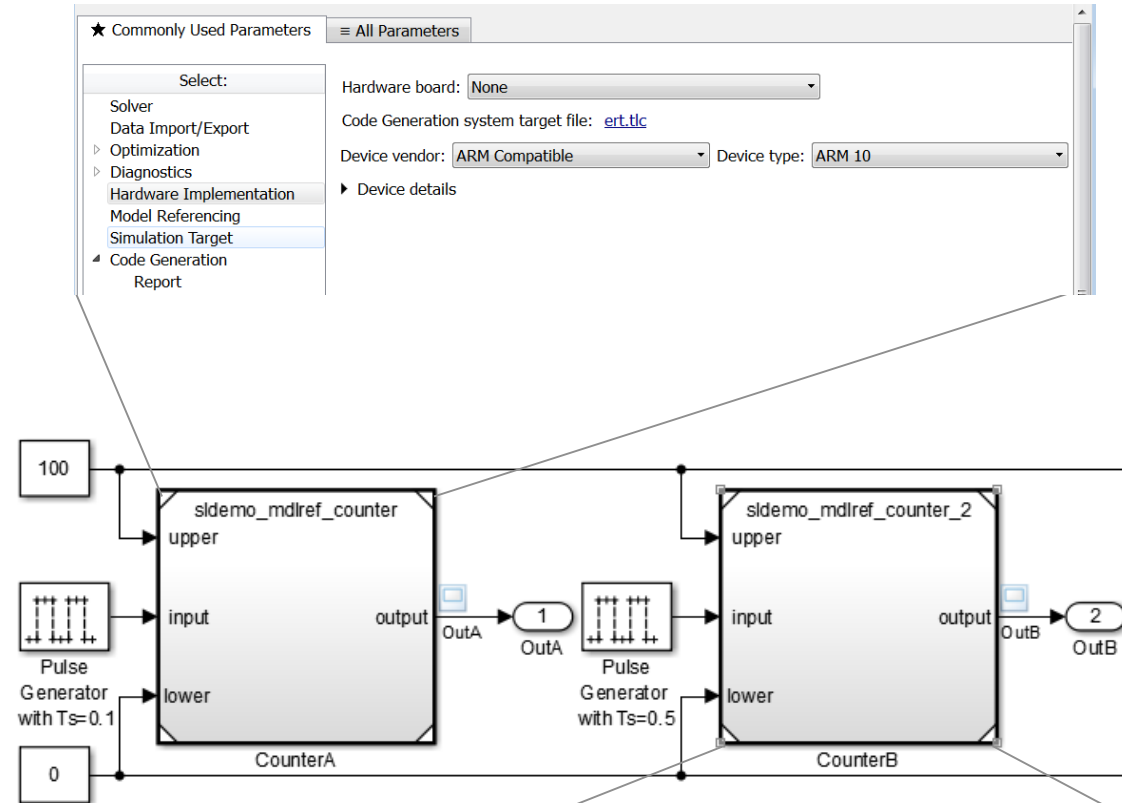
- View and edit fi objects and their local fimath properties using Model Explorer in Simulink
- Change the writable properties of fi objects from the Model Explorer



# Simulation for Mixed Targets

**Simulate system-level designs that integrate referenced models targeting an assembly of heterogeneous embedded devices**

- Simulink models can now simulate system engineering level models that target multiple hardware devices
- For example, one referenced model can have device vendor configuration parameter set to 'ARM Compatible' and another referenced model set to 'ASIC/FPGA'



# Fixed-Point Converter App Enhancements

## Enhancements to language support and appearance of generated code in the Fixed-Point Converter app

- Support for arrays of structures
- Structures in generated fixed-point code
  - Proposes a unified data type for structures that are similar, no longer generating copies of structures
- Changes to fixed-point conversion code coverage
  - The app shows the coverage as a line execution count

The screenshot displays the Fixed-Point Converter app interface. The main window shows the source code for a function named `ex_2ndOrder_filter`. The code is color-coded, and execution coverage is indicated by a green background for the code blocks. The coverage counts are shown on the right side of the code editor.

```

1 function y = ex_2ndOrder_filter(x) %#codegen           3 calls
2     persistent z
3     if isempty(z)
4         z = zeros(2,1);                               1 calls
5     end                                               3 calls
6     % [b,a] = butter(2, 0.25)
7     b = [0.0976310729378175, 0.195262145875635, 0.0976310729378175];
8     a = [          1, -0.942809041582063, 0.333333333333333];
9
10
11     y = zeros(size(x));
12     for i=1:length(x)                                768 calls
13         y(i) = b(1)*x(i) + z(1);
14         z(1) = b(2)*x(i) + z(2) - a(2) * y(i);
15         z(2) = b(3)*x(i) - a(3) * y(i);
16     end
17 end                                                   3 calls
  
```

Below the code editor, there is a table showing the simulation output and function replacements. The table has columns for Variable, Type, Sim Min, Sim Max, Static Min, Static Max, Whole N..., and Proposed Type.

Variable	Type	Sim Min	Sim Max	Static Min	Static Max	Whole N...	Proposed Type
Input							
x	1 x 256 d...	-1	1			No	numerictype(1, 16, 14)
Output							
y	1 x 256 d...	-0.97	1.06			No	numerictype(1, 16, 14)
Persistent							
z	2 x 1 do...	-0.89	0.96			No	numerictype(1, 16, 15)
Local							