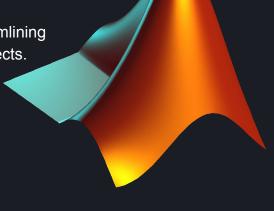




## **Objectives**

 Develop proficiency in creating MATLAB scripts and functions to enhance programming skills and facilitate efficient code organization.

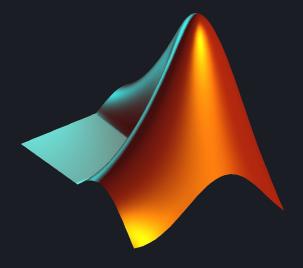
 Acquire the ability to automate repetitive modeling and simulation tasks, streamlining workflow processes and improving overall productivity in MATLAB-based projects.





## **Module Content**

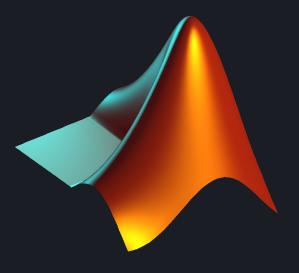
- Automate repetitive Modeling and Simulation Tasks
- Text Manipulation
- File handling





## **Session Content**

• Automate repetitive Modeling and Simulation Tasks

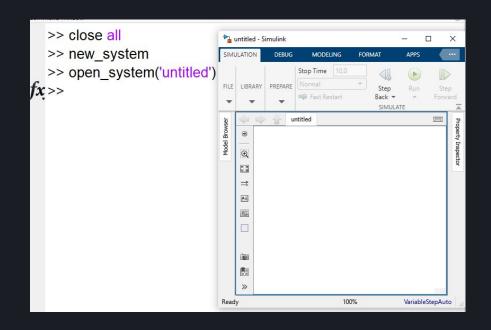




## **Automate repetitive Modeling and Simulation Tasks**

## new\_system()

- new system creates a model named untitled
- The function may return a handle or identifier to the newly created system or object, depending on its implementation.
- The new\_system function does not open the new model.
- This function creates the model in memory.
- To save the model, use save\_system, or open the model with open\_system and then save it using the Simulink Editor.

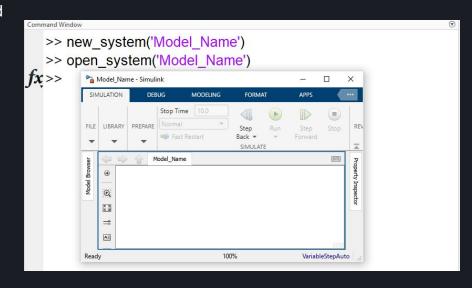




## **Automate repetitive Modeling and Simulation Tasks**

### new\_system(name)

- creates a model based on your default model template and gives the new model the specified name.
- The new system function does not open the new model.
- This function creates the model in memory.
- To save the model, use save\_system, or open the model with open\_system and then save it using the Simulink Editor.
- To avoid shadowing, if name is empty, the new\_system function checks loaded models and files on the path and creates a model with the next available name untitled, untitled1, untitled2, and so on.
- This function returns the new model's numeric handle.

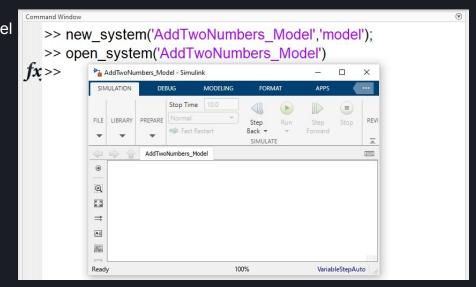




## **Automate repetitive Modeling and Simulation Tasks**

## new\_system(name,model)

- creates an empty model based on the Simulink default model and returns the new model's numeric handle. The Simulink default model is also known as the root block diagram and has the numeric handle 0. If name is empty, the function creates a model or library named untitled, untitled1, untitled2, and so on.
- The new\_system function does not open the new model. This function creates the model in memory. To save the model, use save\_system, or open the model with open system and then save it using the Simulink Editor.

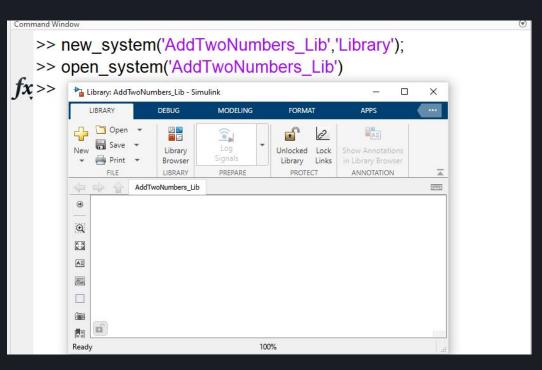




## **Automate repetitive Modeling and Simulation Tasks**

new\_system(name,library)

 creates an empty library that has the specified name and returns a numeric handle.





## **Automate repetitive Modeling and Simulation Tasks**

#### **Exercise**

Create a MATLAB script that allows users to create either a Simulink model or a Simulink library using the new\_system function. The script should prompt the user to choose between creating a model or a library, ask for the name of the model or library to be created, and then display a message confirming the creation.

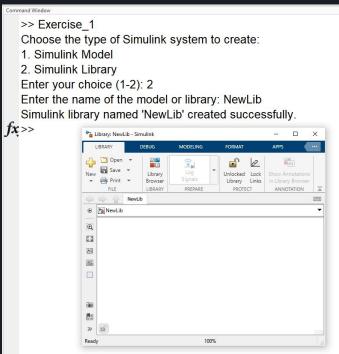
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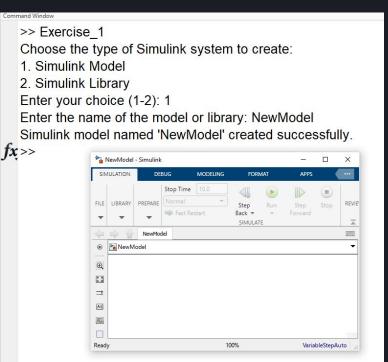
- Prompt the user to choose between creating a model or a library.
- Based on the user's choice, ask for the name of the model or library to be created.
- Use the new\_system function to create the specified model or library.
- Display a message confirming the creation of the model or library.



## **Automate repetitive Modeling and Simulation Tasks**

#### **Exercise**



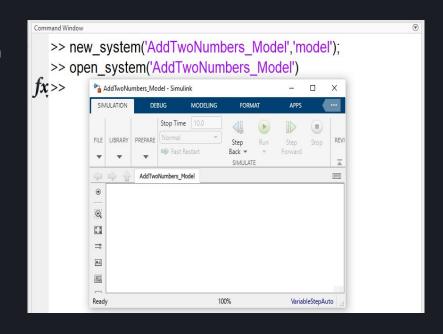




## **Automate repetitive Modeling and Simulation Tasks**

## open\_system('modelName')

- The open\_system function in MATLAB is used to open Simulink models or subsystems. It is particularly useful when you want to programmatically open a Simulink model for further inspection or modification.
- 'modelName': The name of the Simulink model to open. If the model is not currently open, open system will open it.
- If 'modelName' is provided, open\_system will open the specified Simulink model in the Simulink editor, displaying its contents.
- If the model or block is successfully opened, open\_system returns a numeric handle to the model or block. This handle can be used for further programmatic interactions with the model or block.

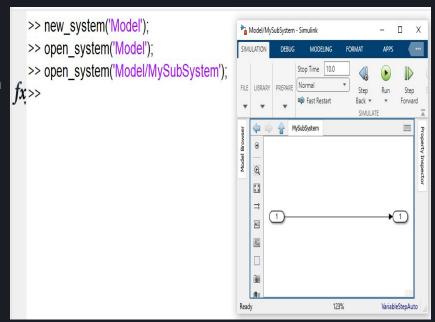




## **Automate repetitive Modeling and Simulation Tasks**

## open\_system('modelName/BlockName')

- Here, the open\_system function is used to open a specific subsystem ('MySubsystem') within the 'Model'. This is useful when you want to focus on a particular part of a large model.
- 'blockName' (optional): The name of a specific block within the Simulink model to open. This allows you to focus on a particular block within the model.
- If 'blockName' is provided along with the model name, open\_system will open the specified block within the model, focusing on that block while displaying the rest of the model.
- If the model or block is successfully opened, open\_system
  returns a numeric handle to the model or block. This handle
  can be used for further programmatic interactions with the
  model or block.





## **Automate repetitive Modeling and Simulation Tasks**

#### **Exercise**

Create a MATLAB script that utilizes the <code>open\_system</code> function to open Simulink models and specific blocks within those models. The script should allow users to choose between opening an entire Simulink model or focusing on a specific block within the model. After opening the model or block, the script should display a message confirming the action.



Here's how you can structure the exercise:

- Prompt the user to choose between opening an entire Simulink model or a specific block within a model.
- If the user chooses to open a specific block, prompt them to enter the name of the block.
- Use the <code>open\_system</code> function to open the selected Simulink model or block.
- Display a message confirming the action.



## **Automate repetitive Modeling and Simulation Tasks**

## add\_block('blockType','modelName/blockName')

- In MATLAB Simulink environment, the add\_block function is used to programmatically add blocks to a Simulink model. This function is particularly useful when you want to automate the process of building or modifying Simulink models.
- 'blockType': A string specifying the type of block to be added. This can be any valid Simulink block type, such as 'Gain', 'Sum', 'Scope', etc.
- 'modelName/blockName': The name of the Simulink model to which the block will be added, followed by the name to assign to the block within the model.
- The add\_block function adds the specified block to the Simulink model specified by 'modelName', creating it if it doesn't already exist.
- If the block name is not specified, Simulink automatically assigns a name to the block based on its type and position within the model.
- The function returns a handle to the added block, which can be used for further programmatic interactions with the block.

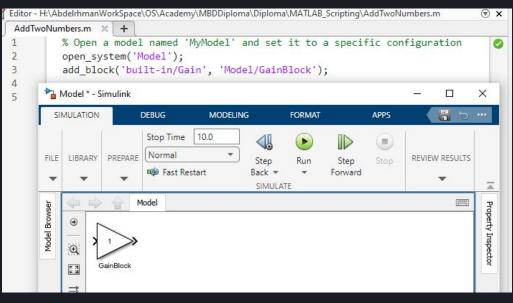


## **Automate repetitive Modeling and Simulation Tasks**

## add\_block('blockType','modelName/blockName')

In this example, the add\_block function is used to add a Gain block to an existing Simulink model named 'Model'. The block

is placed in the model and is named 'GainBlock'.



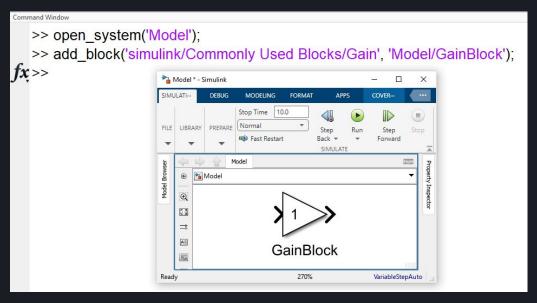


## **Automate repetitive Modeling and Simulation Tasks**

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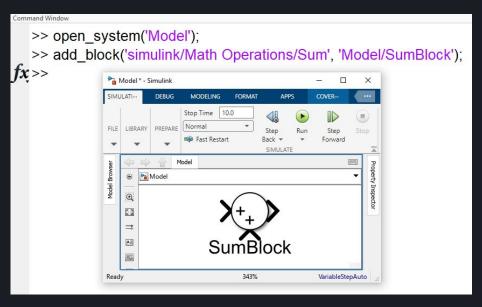


## **Automate repetitive Modeling and Simulation Tasks**

add\_block('blockType','modelName/blockName')

In this example, the add block function is used to add a Sum block to an existing Simulink model named 'Model'. The block

is placed in the model and is named 'SumBlock'.

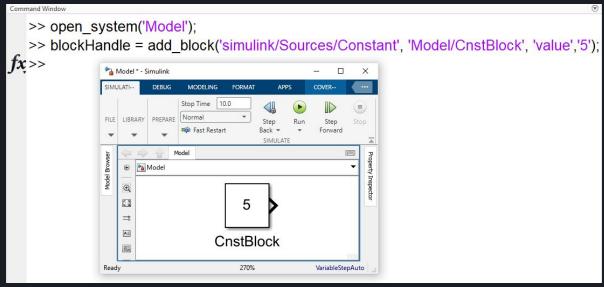




## **Automate repetitive Modeling and Simulation Tasks**

## add\_block('blockType','modelName/blockName')

In this example, the add\_block function is used to add a constant block to an existing model ('Model'). The block parameters (value) is customized during block creation.

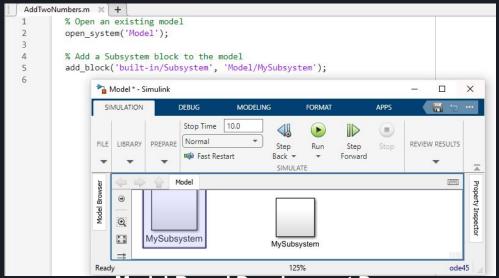




## **Automate repetitive Modeling and Simulation Tasks**

## add\_block('blockType','modelName/blockName')

In this example, the add\_block function is used to add a Subsystem block to an existing model ('Model'). This Subsystem block can be populated with additional blocks to create a modular and organized structure within the model.





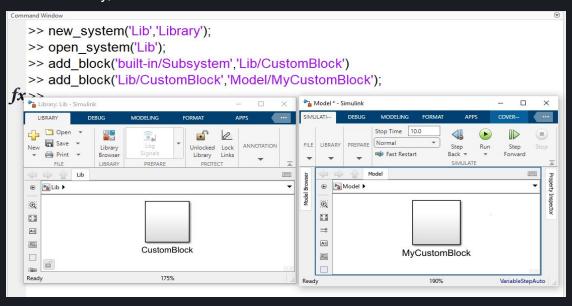
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## **Automate repetitive Modeling and Simulation Tasks**

## add\_block('blockType','modelName/blockName')

If 'Lib' is a user-defined Simulink library, this command adds a custom block named 'CustomBlock' from that library to the

Simulink model 'Model'.





## **Automate repetitive Modeling and Simulation Tasks**

#### **Exercise**

Create a MATLAB script that utilizes the <code>add\_block</code> function to programmatically build a simple Simulink model. The script should allow users to specify the types of blocks to be added to the model. Users should also provide the name of an existing Simulink model where the blocks will be added. After adding the blocks, the script should open the Simulink model and display a message confirming the creation.

Here's how you can structure the exercise:

Prompt the user to specify the name of an existing Simulink model where the blocks will be added.

Prompt the user to specify the types of blocks they want to add to the model.

Use the add block function to add each block to the specified Simulink model.

Open the Simulink model specified by the user.

Display a message confirming the addition of blocks to the model and the name of the model opened.





## **Automate repetitive Modeling and Simulation Tasks**

## add\_line('modelName','sourceBlock','destinationBlock')

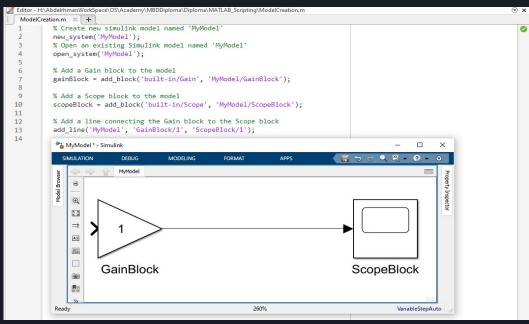
- In MATLAB's Simulink environment, the add\_line function is used to programmatically connect blocks within a
  Simulink model with lines, representing signal flow or data flow between them. This function is useful for automating
  the process of building or modifying Simulink models.
- 'modelName': The name of the Simulink model where the blocks are located.
- 'sourceBlock': The name of the source block from which the line originates.
- 'destinationBlock': The name of the destination block to which the line connects.
- The add\_line function creates a connection (line) between the specified source and destination blocks within the Simulink model.



## **Automate repetitive Modeling and Simulation Tasks**

### add\_line('modelName','sourceBlock','destinationBlock')

In this example, the add\_block function is used to add a Gain block and a Scope block to an existing Simulink model ('MyModel'). Then, the add\_line function is used to connect the output port of the Gain block ('GainBlock/1') to the input port of the Scope block ('ScopeBlock/1').

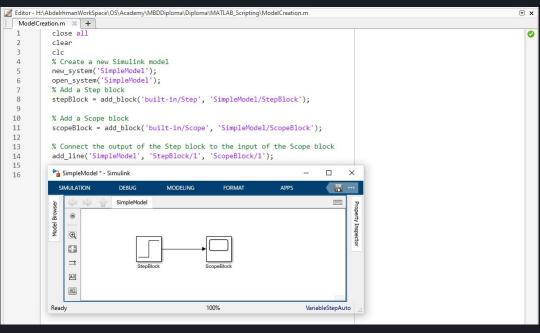




## **Automate repetitive Modeling and Simulation Tasks**

## add\_line('modelName','sourceBlock','destinationBlock')

In this example, a Step block and a Scope block are added to a new Simulink model, and the <code>add\_line</code> function is used to connect the output of the Step block to the input of the Scope block.

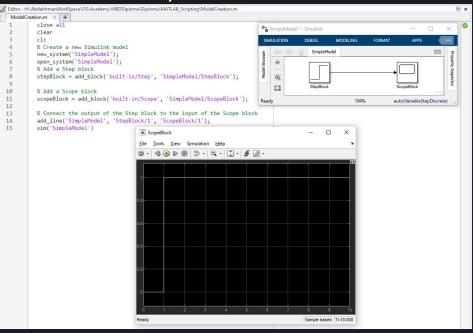




## **Automate repetitive Modeling and Simulation Tasks**

## add\_line('modelName','sourceBlock','destinationBlock')

In this example, a Step block and a Scope block are added to a new Simulink model, and the <code>add\_line</code> function is used to connect the output of the Step block to the input of the Scope block.





## **Automate repetitive Modeling and Simulation Tasks**

## add\_line('modelName','sourceBlock','destinationBlock')

This example shows how to connect multiple blocks in a sequence. Three Gain blocks are added, and the <code>add\_line</code> function is used to connect them in a linear sequence.

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          close all
          clear
          clc
          % Create a new Simulink model
          new system('SequenceExample');
          open system('SequenceExample');
          % Add three Gain blocks
          gain1 = add_block('built-in/Gain', 'SequenceExample/Gain1');
9
          gain2 = add_block('built-in/Gain', 'SequenceExample/Gain2');
10
          gain3 = add block('built-in/Gain', 'SequenceExample/Gain3');
11
12
          % Connect the Gain blocks in sequence
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          add line('SequenceExample', 'Gain1/1', 'Gain2/1');
          add line('SequenceExample', 'Gain2/1', 'Gain3/1');
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## **Automate repetitive Modeling and Simulation Tasks**

#### **Exercise**

Create a MATLAB script that demonstrates the use of various Simulink functions to programmatically create a simple Simulink model. The script should cover the following functions: new\_system, open\_system, add\_block, and add\_line.

Here's how you can structure the exercise:

Use the new\_system function to create a new Simulink model.

Use the add\_block function to add a Step Input block and a Scope block to the model.

Use the add line function to connect the Step Input block to the Scope block within the model.

Use the open system function to open the created Simulink model.

Run the Simulink model.

Open the Scope block to view the result.

Display a message confirming the creation of the model, the connections between blocks, and instructing the user to check the result in the Scope block.





## **Automate repetitive Modeling and Simulation Tasks**

## gcb

- The gcb function in MATLAB's Simulink environment stands for "get current block." It is used to retrieve the full hierarchical name of the currently executing block within a Simulink model.
- Purpose: Retrieve the full hierarchical name of the currently executing block within a Simulink model.
- Output:blockName: A character vector containing the full hierarchical name of the currently executing block.
- The gcb function is typically used within Simulink callback functions or within a MATLAB Function block to obtain information about the block's location within the model hierarchy.



## **Automate repetitive Modeling and Simulation Tasks**

## gcb

The gcb function in Simulink, which stands for "get current block," is a MATLAB command used to obtain the name of the currently selected block within the Simulink environment. This function is particularly useful when you need to programmatically reference or interact with the block that is currently selected by the user in the Simulink model.

```
>> blockName = gcb;
>> blockName
blockName =

'AddTwoNumbers_Model/AddTwoNumbers/Add'
```



## **Automate repetitive Modeling and Simulation Tasks**

## gcb

Keep in mind that gcb returns an empty string ('') if no block is currently selected, so it's a good practice to check whether a block is selected before attempting to use its name.



## **Automate repetitive Modeling and Simulation Tasks**

## gcbh

- In MATLAB's Simulink environment, the gcbh function stands for "get current block handle." It is used to retrieve the handle of the currently executing block within a Simulink model.
- Purpose: Retrieve the handle of the currently executing block within a Simulink model.
- Output:blockHandle: A numeric handle representing the currently executing block within the Simulink model.
- The gcbh function is typically used within Simulink callback functions or within a MATLAB Function block to obtain a
  handle to the block. This handle can then be used to access and manipulate properties of the block
  programmatically.



## **Automate repetitive Modeling and Simulation Tasks**

## gcb

The gcbh function in Simulink stands for "get current block handle." It is used to obtain the handle of the currently selected block within the Simulink environment. This function returns the Simulink block handle, which can be used for programmatically manipulating or interacting with the selected block.



## **Automate repetitive Modeling and Simulation Tasks**

## gcb

- Keep in mind that, similar to gcb, gcbh also returns an empty array ([]) if no block is currently selected. Therefore, it's good practice to check whether a block is selected before attempting to use its handle.
- The block handle is a unique identifier that Simulink uses to represent the selected block in the model. It allows you
  to programmatically modify block parameters, connect or disconnect blocks, or perform various other actions on the
  selected block.
- This function is particularly useful when you need to dynamically reference or manipulate the properties of the currently selected block in Simulink through MATLAB scripting.

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          % Get the handle of the currently selected block
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          currentBlockHandle = gcbh;
          % Perform actions using the block handle
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          if ~isempty(currentBlockHandle)
              disp(['The handle of the current block is: ', num2str(currentBlockHandle)]);
              % Perform actions or gather information related to the current block
8
          else
9
              disp('No block is currently selected.');
10
          end
11
```



## **Automate repetitive Modeling and Simulation Tasks**

## inspect

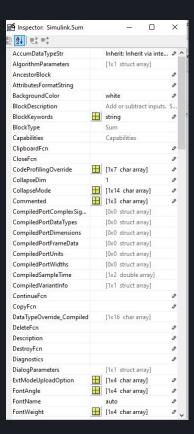
- In MATLAB's Simulink environment, the inspect (gcbh) function combination is used to inspect the properties of the currently executing block within a Simulink model.
- Purpose: The inspect() function opens the Simulink Property Inspector, allowing users to view and modify the properties of a Simulink block or model.
- Argument: gcbh
- gcbh: This function retrieves the handle of the currently executing block within a Simulink model.



## **Automate repetitive Modeling and Simulation Tasks**

## inspect

- To inspect the properties of a certain block, use the command inspect (BlockHandle)
- Important Parameters:
  - o Handle, Block Type, Value, Position, Path
- inspect(gcbh)
- inspect(CnstBlockHandle)





## **Automate repetitive Modeling and Simulation Tasks**

### get\_param(blockName, parameterName)

- In MATLAB's Simulink environment, the get\_param function is used to retrieve the value of a parameter for a specified block within a Simulink model. This function allows you to programmatically access various properties and parameters of Simulink blocks.
- Purpose: Retrieve the value of a parameter for a specified Simulink block.
- block: The name or handle of the Simulink block whose parameter you want to access.
- parameterName: The name of the parameter you want to retrieve.



### **Automate repetitive Modeling and Simulation Tasks**

#### get\_param(blockName, parameterName)

In this example, get\_param is used to retrieve the sample time parameter of a Simulink block named 'GainBlock'
within the model 'Model'.



### **Automate repetitive Modeling and Simulation Tasks**

#### get\_param(blockName, parameterName)

• In this example, get\_param is used to retrieve the Block Type parameter of a Simulink block named 'GainBlock' within the model 'Model'.

```
blockType = get_param('Model/GainBlock', 'BlockType');
disp(['Block type of Gain block: ' blockType]);
```



### **Automate repetitive Modeling and Simulation Tasks**

#### get\_param(blockName, parameterName)

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blockType = get_param('Model/GainBlock', 'BlockType');
disp(['Block type of Gain block: ' blockType]);
```



### **Automate repetitive Modeling and Simulation Tasks**

#### get\_param(blockName, parameterName)

In this example, get\_param is used to retrieve the Data Type parameter of a Simulink block named 'GainBlock'
within the model 'Model'.

```
dataType = get_param('Model/GainBlock', 'OutDataTypeStr');
disp(['Data type of Gain block output: ' dataType]);
```



### **Automate repetitive Modeling and Simulation Tasks**

#### get\_param(blockName, parameterName)

In this example, get\_param is used to retrieve the Data Type parameter of a Simulink block named 'GainBlock'
within the model 'Model'.

```
dataType = get_param('Model/GainBlock', 'OutDataTypeStr');
disp(['Data type of Gain block output: ' dataType]);
```



### **Automate repetitive Modeling and Simulation Tasks**

#### get\_param(blockName, parameterName)

 In this example, get\_param is used to retrieve the value parameter of a Simulink block named 'GainBlock' within the model 'Model'.

```
gainValue = get_param('Model/GainBlock', 'Gain');
disp(['Gain value of Gain block: ' gainValue]);
```



#### **Automate repetitive Modeling and Simulation Tasks**

get\_param(blockName, parameterName)

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         % Get the block type of a Simulink block
         blockName = 'Model/GainBlock';
         blockType = get param(blockName, 'BlockType');
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         disp(['The block type is: ', blockType]);
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         % Get the position of a Simulink block
         blockName = 'Model/GainBlock';
         blockPosition = get param(blockName, 'Position');
         disp(['The position of the block is: ', num2str(blockPosition)]);
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                                          The position of the block is: 250 100 280 130
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## **Automate repetitive Modeling and Simulation Tasks**

get\_param(blockName, parameterName)

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         % Get a specific parameter value of a Simulink block
         blockName = 'Model/GainBlock';
                                                              >> ModelCreation
         gainValue = get param(blockName, 'Gain');
         disp(['The gain value is: ', gainValue]);
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         % Get the sample time of a Simulink block
         blockName = 'Model/GainBlock';
         sampleTime = get_param(blockName, 'SampleTime'); >> ModelCreation
         disp(['The sample time is: ', sampleTime]);
                                                          The sample time is: -1
```



### **Automate repetitive Modeling and Simulation Tasks**

get\_param(blockName, parameterName)

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### **Automate repetitive Modeling and Simulation Tasks**

#### get\_param(blockName, parameterName)

#### **Common Parameters:**

Here are some common parameters that you might retrieve using get param:

- Name: Name of the block.
- BlockType: Type of the block (e.g., 'Gain', 'Scope', etc.).
- Value: Value of a specific block parameter (e.g., gain value for a Gain block).
- SampleTime: Sample time of the block.
- PortHandles: Handles to the block's input and output ports.



#### **Automate repetitive Modeling and Simulation Tasks**

#### set\_param(blockName, parameterName,paramterValue)

- In MATLAB's Simulink environment, the set\_param function is used to set the value of a parameter for a specified block within a Simulink model. This function allows you to programmatically modify various properties and parameters of Simulink blocks.
- Purpose: Set the value of a parameter for a specified Simulink block.
- Arguments:
  - block: The name or handle of the Simulink block whose parameter you want to modify.
  - parameterName: The name of the parameter you want to set.
  - parameterValue: The value you want to assign to the parameter.



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#### set\_param(blockName, parameterName,paramterValue)

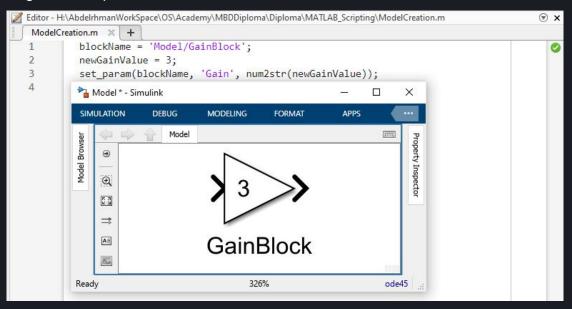
• This code sets the gain value parameter of the 'Gain' block in the Simulink model named 'Model' to '2'.



### **Automate repetitive Modeling and Simulation Tasks**

## set\_param(blockName, parameterName,paramterValue)

This code sets the gain value parameter of the 'Gain' block in the Simulink model named 'Model' to '3'.





### **Automate repetitive Modeling and Simulation Tasks**

#### set\_param(blockName, parameterName,paramterValue)

This code sets the gain value parameter of the 'Gain' block in the Simulink model named 'Model' to '2'.

```
set_param('Model/GainBlock', 'Position', '[100, 100, 150, 150]');
```



### **Automate repetitive Modeling and Simulation Tasks**

#### set\_param(blockName, parameterName,paramterValue)

• This code sets the gain value parameter of the 'Gain' block in the Simulink model named 'Model' to '2'.

```
set_param('Model/GainBlock', 'SampleTime', '0.1');
```



### **Automate repetitive Modeling and Simulation Tasks**

#### set\_param(blockName, parameterName,paramterValue)

• This code sets the gain value parameter of the 'Gain' block in the Simulink model named 'Model' to '2'.

```
set_param('Model/GainBlock', 'OutDataTypeStr', 'int16');
```



## **Automate repetitive Modeling and Simulation Tasks**

set\_param(blockName, parameterName,paramterValue)

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          blockName = 'Model/GainBlock';
          newPosition = [100, 100, 200, 200]; % [left, top, right, bottom]
          set_param(blockName, 'Position', newPosition);
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          blockName = 'Model/GainBlock';
          newSampleTime = '0.1';
          set param(blockName, 'SampleTime', newSampleTime);
```



#### **Automate repetitive Modeling and Simulation Tasks**

#### set\_param(blockName, parameterName,paramterValue)

- For parameters that expect numeric values, you may need to convert the values to strings using num2str.
- Some parameters may have constraints or valid value ranges, so make sure the assigned values are within the valid range.
- Changes made using set param take effect during the simulation or when the model is updated.
- set\_param is a powerful tool for automating and customizing Simulink models through MATLAB scripts, making it easier to manage and manipulate models programmatically.



## **Automate repetitive Modeling and Simulation Tasks**

#### **Exercise**

Create a MATLAB script that covers the usage of various Simulink functions to create, modify, simulate, and save a Simulink model using Gain, Step, and Scope blocks.

Here's how you can structure the exercise:

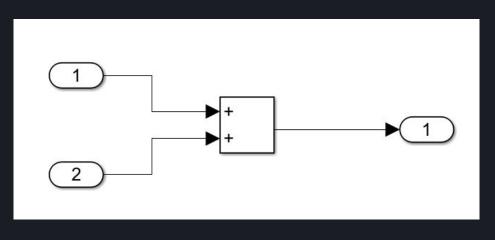
- Create a new Simulink model named "SimulationExample".
- Add a Gain block, a Step Input block, and a Scope block to the model.
- Connect the Step Input block to the Gain block, and then connect the Gain block to the Scope block.
- Set parameters for the blocks using set\_param, such as the gain value for the Gain block and the step time and amplitude for the Step Input block.
- Retrieve parameters for the blocks using get param, such as the sample time for the Scope block, and display them.
- Simulate the model using the sim() function.
- Open the model using open system.
- Save the model using save system.
- Close the model using close system.

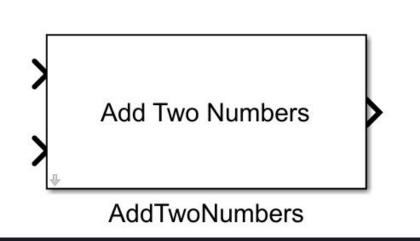


## **Automate repetitive Modeling and Simulation Tasks**

#### **Exercise**

It is required to programmatically create a model that contains "Add Two Numbers" block



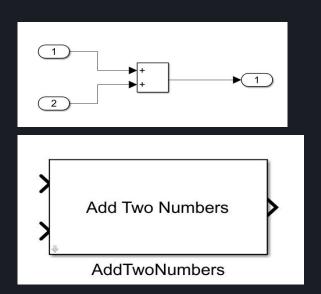


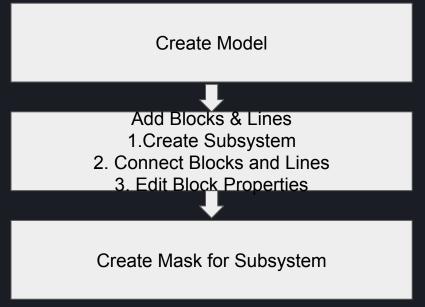


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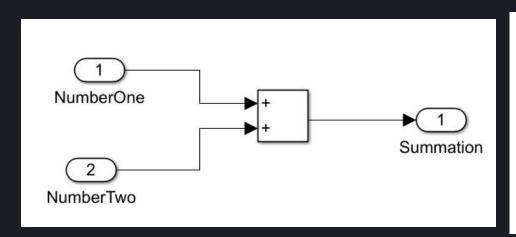


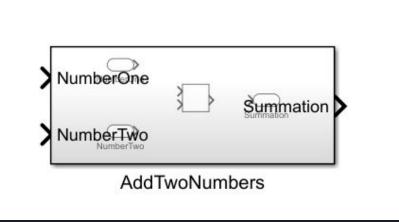
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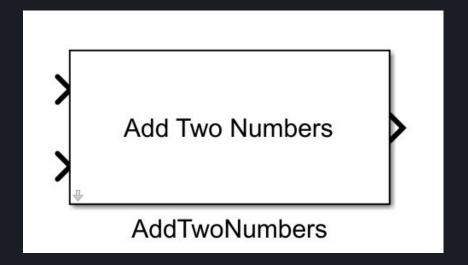




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## **Automate repetitive Modeling and Simulation Tasks**

#### **Exercise**

Now try to test your work programmatically

