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## **INTRODUCTION**

The OCS Architecture Document and the Software and Controls Standards provide extended descriptions of the nature and scope of the Observatory Control System. This document describes the use of a modeling language to write formal specifications of OCS elements.

## **MODELING LANGUAGE**

The OCS uses an internal Domain Specific Language (DSL) to create a platform independent specification of the OCS Modules. The DSL uses a Javascript transpiler (Coffeescript) that generates modern Javascript (ES6) code that runs both in the browser and in nodeJS. As a result of this the OCS Model can be used both by final applications and by development tools. <http://coffeescript.org> provides an overview of the Coffeescript syntax. The main characteristics of the DSL syntax:

- Much more succinct than Javascript, which facilitates the use of the language by non programmers.
- As an internal DSL it can benefit from the large number of nodeJS modules, which greatly facilitates the implementation of tools (e.g. code generation plugin).
- Although it is possible to write conformance rules in the model, the majority of the specifications are declarative.
- The same DSL used to specify the model is used to specify the metamodel or the runtime configurations
- The declaration of any model element always starts with the identifier of the metaclass (e.g. Controller, Package). As those identifiers exist in the global context, there is no need to have awareness of module import declarations.

## MODEL SPECIFICATION WORKFLOW

The next diagram shows an overview of the model specification workflow and its relation with formal testing. The Software and Controls Standards provide a more detailed description of a module life-cycle and the role of formal specifications in that context.



Fig. 3.1: DCS Implementation Strategy

## MODEL CLASSIFIER FEATURES

Most Model Elements derive from the metaclass *Classifier*, which defines an elemental modeling element. The meta-class *Classifier* is **abstract** and as such it cannot be instantiated by itself. Model element specifications define a set of features. Those features can be of three kinds:

Feature Kind	Description
attribute	The feature contains a value of the specified type
containment	The feature contains a collection of values of the specified type
reference	The feature contains a reference or set of references of the specified type

The features of a the *Classifier* metaclass are:

**name** The `name` feature is an attribute that defines the name of the *Classifier*.

**info** The `info` feature is an attribute that provides a short description of the *Classifier*. The *info* feature is used by pluggings e.g. code or document generation, that need very basic information about the *Classifier*.

**desc** The `desc` feature is an attribute that provides an extended description of the *Classifier*. It's main use is in document generation, both in the on-line OCS user interface or in the generation of reports.

**tags** The `tags` feature is an containment that defines the tags associated with the *Classifier*. Tags allow to perform tagged searches in the model. For example, this is used in the dynamic generation of collections in the user interface.

**extends** The `extends` feature makes reference to the model classes that are super classes of the *Classifier* being defined. e.g. DCS, BasePositionController, EtherCAT adapter.

Model inheritance doesn't extend all the features of a model element, only features whose kind is *containment* are extended. In the case of a *Component* those features are:

- `input_ports`
- `output_ports`
- `state_vars`
- `properties`
- `alarms`

**abstract** The `abstract` feature is a boolean attribute that defines if the *Classifier* can be instantiated. For example, this attribute is used in the code generator to prevent the application of instance transformations to abstract *Components*.

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**Note:** All the transformations from PIM (Platform Independent Model) elements to PDM (Platform Dependent Model) elements, e.g. code generation, are considered instantiation processes. For example a c++ class that

implements a model *Component* is considered an instance of the model *Component* metaclass.

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**notes** The `notes` feature is a containment that defines a set of notes associated with the *Classifier*. Notes can be used to attach unstructured information to a model element, e.g. for documentation purposes. A *Note* has the following features:

**name** The name of the *Note*

**desc** The text of the *Note*

**files** The `files` feature is an containment that defines a set of files associated with the *Classifier*. Files can be used to attach pre-existing information to the model element, e.g. vendor specifications. A *File* has the following features:

**name** The name of the *File*

**type** The type of the file, e.g. pdf, txt, html

**path** The path of the file relative to \$GMT\_LOCAL or \$GMT\_GLOBAL

**info** A short description of the file

## MODULE SPECIFICATION

### 5.1 Introduction

*Subsystems* are the top level organization unit for software modules and hardware components. The *Components* that are part of a *Subsystem* are organized in *Packages*. In order to fully specify a module a set of files is needed:

- Module Definition File
- Module Specification File
- Module Loader File
- Module Types File
- Module Documentation File

The following sections describe each one of the files.

### 5.2 Module metaclass structure

The following diagram shows the metaclasses relevant to the definition of a *DCS* module: A *DCS* is an aggregate of *Packages*, which are an aggregate of *Components*

### 5.3 Module File Mapping

Each module is mapped into the file system using the following structure:

```
<module>/
|-- model
|   |-- <module>.coffee
|   |-- <module>_def.coffee
|   |-- <module>.rst
|   |-- <module>_ld.coffee
|   |-- <module>_types.coffee
|   |-- <pkg_1_pkg>/
|       |   |-- <component_1>
|       |   |-- ...
|       |   |-- <component_n>
|   |-- ...
|   |-- <pkg_n_pkg>
|   |-- webpack.config.coffee
|-- src
```





Fig. 5.1: DCS Model Elements

```

|    |-- coffee/
|    |-- py/
|    |-- cpp/
|    |-- etc/
|
|-- docs/

```

Where `<module>` is the name of the module and `<module>*. *` are module files that are described in the following sections.

## 5.4 Module Definition File

The *Module* definition file specifies the structure, i.e. the *Packages* and *Component* of the *Module*. The *Module* definition file must conform to the following naming convention: `<module_name>_def.coffee`, e.g. `hdk_dcs_def.coffee`. For each *Component* it also specifies the *Component* features that are relevant from the point of view of the *Module* management. Each *Component* can have the following features:

**language** A set containing a list of the target languages for code generation, for example:

```
{language: ['cpp', 'py'], ...}
```

**build** Specifies how the generated code should be build. Possible values are:

**obj** When the language is compiled the generator will produce Makefile targets that build an object library with the Component code. The library file will be installed in

`$GMT_LOCAL/<deployment_destination>/lib/<platform>`. Where platform is 'so' or 'js'. The value of `<deployment_destination>` depends on the attribute 'deploy'.

**app** When the language is compiled the generator will produce Makefile targets that build an executable. The executable file will be installed in `$GMT_LOCAL/<deployment_destination>/bin`. The value of `<deployment_destination>` depends on the attribute 'deploy'.

**deploy** Specifies where the artifacts resulting from building the generated code will be installed. The possible values are:

**dist** The build artifacts will be installed in the base module path: `$GMT_LOCAL/`

**test** The build artifacts will be installed in `$GMT_LOCAL/test`

**example** The build artifacts will be installed in `$GMT_LOCAL/example`

**codegen** If **true** the codegen transformations will be applied to the element, otherwise will be ignored.

**active** If **false** the element will be ignored by any gds command.

## 5.5 Module Specification File

The Module specification file contains the formal definition of the Module. Modules are specified with the metaclass *Subsystem* unless a specialisation exists like in the case of a *DCS*. In addition to the features of a *Classifier* a *Subsystem* has the features of an *Aggregate* and a *PBE* (Product Breakdown Structure Element):

### Module Features

**elements** The *Packages* owned by the *Subsystem* (from *Aggregate*)

**connectors** This attribute is a containment of *\*DataConnectors\** which define the connection between *Components* of different *Module* packages.

**instances** Number of instances of the element. (from *PBE*)

**pbs** The PBS number of the Module. (from *PBE*)

**requirements** The `requirements` feature is a containment of *Requirements*. (from *PBE*)

**types** The `types` attribute is a containment of references to the new types defined in the module. (from *Subsystem*)

**uses** The `uses` feature is a containment of references to the the modules the current *Module* depends on. (from *Subsystem*)

### DataConnector Features

In addition to the features of a *\*Classifier\** a *DataConnector* has the following features:

**from** This attribute is a reference to the *Component* port acting as source of the connector

**to** This attribute is a reference to the *Component* port acting as a sink of the connector

**max\_latency** The maximum latency in microseconds that is permissible once the connection is established.

**nom\_rate** The nominal rate of the connection (with must be lower than the maximum rate of the connected ports). If the `nom_rate` is 0 it's behavior is considered episodic.

See the next fragment of code for an example of Module specification

```
DCS 'isample_dcs',
  info: 'Instrument Sample Device Control System'
  desc: require './isample_dcs.rst'

  types: [
```

```

    "isample_hmi_buttons"
    "isample_temp_measurements"
    "isample_motor_status"
    "isample_hmi_leds"
    "isample_motor_ctrl"
    "isample_sdo_data"
  ]

  uses: [
    "ocs_core_fw"
    "ocs_ctrl_fw"
  ]

  connectors:

    c1:
      id:      8101
      from:    { element: "isample_ctrl_super", port: "heartbeat_out"
↪ }
      to:      { element: "isample_dcs_super", port: "heartbeat_in" }
      max_latency: 0.5
      nom_rate: 100
      on_fault: ""
      conversion: ""

    c2:
      id:      8101
      from:    { element: "isample_vis_super", port: "heartbeat_out"
↪ }
      to:      { element: "isample_dcs_super", port: "heartbeat_in" }
      max_latency: 0.5
      nom_rate: 100
      on_fault: ""
      conversion: ""

    ...

```

## 5.6 Module Loader File

The Module Loader File contains the list of model files that will be loaded in the GMT environment (e.g. by the gds command line application or by creating an instance of *ModelContext*). The name of the module loader must conform to the syntax `<module_name>_ld.coffee`.

By only including the model files that are completed in the module loader file is possible to incrementally update the model definition files without loading those files that may be syntactically incorrect.

As is shown in the last line of the following example, the Module Loader File must export the module definition file

```

require './isample_dcs_types'
require './isample_dcs'
require './isample_ctrl_pkg/isample_ctrl_pkg'
require './isample_ctrl_pkg/isample_ctrl_super'
require './isample_ctrl_pkg/isample_temp_ctrl'
require './isample_ctrl_pkg/isample_focus_ctrl'
require './isample_ctrl_pkg/isample_filter_wheel_ctrl'
require './isample_ctrl_pkg/isample_hw_adapter'

```

```

require './isample_ctrl_pkg/isample_ctrl_fb'

require './isample_cal_pkg/isample_cal_pkg'
require './isample_cal_pkg/isample_cal_pipeline'

require './isample_vis_pkg/isample_vis_pkg'
require './isample_vis_pkg/isample_global_panel'

module.exports = require './isample_dcs_def'    # export module definition_
↪file

```

## 5.7 Module Types File

The Module Types File defines the *DataTypes* that are defined as part of the module. The name of the Module Types File must conform to the syntax: `<module_name>_types.coffee`.

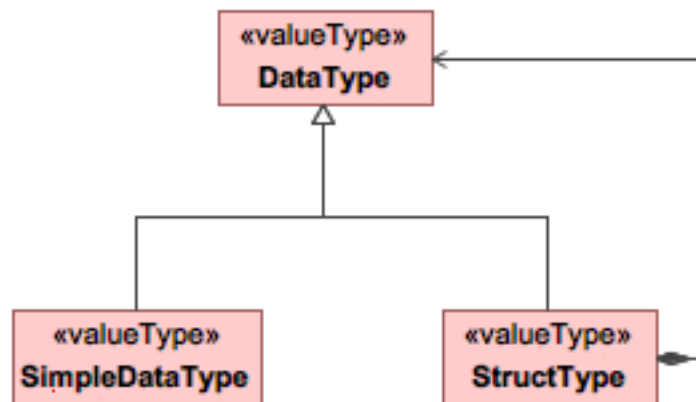


Fig. 5.2: DataTypes structure

The following section shows an excerpt of a Module Types File

```

StructType "isample_hmi_buttons",
  desc: "digital inputs corresponding to pressed buttons"
  elements: # Change name
    red_push_button: { desc: "RED Push Button", type: "bool", ↪
↪units: "" }
    green_push_button: { desc: "GREEN Push Button", type: "bool", ↪
↪units: "" }
    emergency_button: { desc: "Emergency Button", type: "bool", ↪
↪units: "" }

StructType "isample_temp_measurements",
  desc: "temperature measurements",
  elements:
    temp_sensor1: { desc: "temperature sensor #1", type: "uint16_t", ↪
↪units: "celsius" }
    temp_sensor2: { desc: "temperature sensor #2", type: "uint16_t", ↪
↪units: "celsius" }

```

```

    press_sensor1:      { desc: "pressure sensor    #1", type: "uint16_t",
↪units: "bar" }

StructType "isample_motor_status",
    desc: "status of motor device"
    elements:
        ready:          { desc: "Axis Ready",          type: "bool",
↪units: "" }
        enabled:        { desc: "Axis Enabled",        type: "bool",
↪units: "" }
        warning:        { desc: "Axis Warning",        type: "bool",
↪units: "" }
        error:          { desc: "Axis Error",          type: "bool",
↪units: "" }
        moving_positive: { desc: "Axis Moving +",      type: "bool",
↪units: "" }
        moving_negative: { desc: "Axis Moving -",      type: "bool",
↪units: "" }

```

## 5.8 Module Documentation File

In case that the description of the module is extensive, it is possible to defined in an independent file instead of inline. The next example shows how to include the documentation file in the Module Definition File.

```

DCS 'isample_dcs',
    info: 'Instrument Sample Device Control System'
    desc: require './isample_dcs.rst'

```

## 5.9 Module Compilation

Once the module is fully defined it has to be compiled running the command *webpack* in the model directory of the module. The *webpack* command will process the model files, optimize them and install the corresponding model library file in `$GMT_LOCAL/lib/js` so they can be loaded by the OCS enviroment. Everytime that a model file is modified it needs to be recompile (e.g. if a Component definition is updated, the model library file has to be regenerated so the code generation *gds* command can include the latest changes).

## PACKAGE SPECIFICATION

### 6.1 Introduction

*Packages* are used to group software *Components* that show strong dependency between them. Software packages should be chosen in a way that maximizes internal consistency and minimizes inter-package coupling.

Each DCS is made up of components organized into packages according to their functional affinity or relationships. Examples of packages and their components are shown in the Table below.

### 6.2 Types of Packages

Which packages exist in which subsystem depends on the specific functionality (e.g., some subsystems do not require special calibration components, or do not interface with hardware devices). The Table below describes this pattern, split in two categories:

- Device Control Packages (DCP) – These packages are included in subsystems that involve the control of optomechanical hardware Devices.
- Operation Support Packages (OSP) – These Packages include software components necessary to support health monitoring, automation, and proper operation of a Subsystem. Diagnosis and calibration packages are emphasized early on in the design. This is an area that is often overlooked despite the fact that they may take a significant amount of development effort, especially in the case of complex adaptive optics control subsystems.

Table 6.1: SWC Functional Packages: Device Control

Pack- age Name	Description	Typical Compo- nents
Con- trol Pack- age	Contains software Components that implement the supervisory and control functions of a Device Control Subsystem (e.g., Mount Control System Control Package).	Super- visor, Controller
Data Ac- qui- si- tion	Contains software Components that implement the supervisory and data acquisition functions of a Detector Control Subsystem (e.g., AGWS Slope Processor Package). Only Subsystems that contain detectors (e.g wavefront sensor, acquisition/guide camera or a science detector) need to provide a Data Acquisition Package.	Super- visor, Controller, Pipeline
Hard- ware Pack- age	Contains hardware Components in which to deploy the Device Control or Data Acquisition Package software Component and the hardware to interface with the electro-mechanical Devices.	Device Control Com- puter, I/O Module

Table 6.2: SWC Functional Packages: Operation Support

Pack- age Name	Description	Typical Compo- nents
Se- quenc- ing Pack- age	Contains sequence Components necessary for the operation of the Subsystem.	Se- quence
Diag- nosis Pack- age	Contains software Components necessary to implement diagnosis functions when required. This may involve the development of special control or operation modes.	Super- visor, Con- troller, Pipeline, Se- quence
Cal- ibra- tion Pack- age	Contains software Components necessary for the calibration and characterization of hard- ware Devices. This may include the development of special control or operation modes. Calibration packages usually produce influence matrices, look up tables, or fitting polynomial coefficients. Often these components can be modeled as pipeline components and are run off-line.	Super- visor, Con- troller, Pipeline, Se- quence
Data Pro- cess- ing Pack- age	Contains software Components necessary for the calibration and processing of science and WFS detectors.	Super- visor, Pipeline
Visu- aliza- tion Pack- age	Contains software Components that provide custom visualizations necessary for the efficient operation of a given Subsystem (e.g., M1 global status Panel). Note that default engineering Panels are available as part of the Engineering UI service. Visualization components may encompass functions to enable the interaction of GMT users with the system: User experience, user interaction, data visualization and system navigation	Panel, Widget,
Ob- serv- ing Tool Plugin Pack- age	Observing Tool (OT) components provide instrument specific editors that integrate with the GMT Observing Tools to facilitate the specification of instrument specific observation pa- rameters.	Panel, Widget, Pipeline
Safety Pack- age	Contains software/hardware Components that implement Subsystem specific safety func- tions. These Components often interface with the ISS, but are independent (e.g., M1 safety controller).	Super- visor, Con- troller
Oper- ation Work- flows Pack- age	Contains Components that allow the automation of high- level operation workflows rela- tive to the Subsystem (e.g., unit test workflow, or calibration workflow in case that several sequences and human operations are involved).	Work- flow
Man- age- ment Pack- age	Contains Components that capture the development backlog and the Assembly Integration and Testing plans.	Plan, Work- flow
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## 6.3 Package Specification File

The *Package* specification file contains the formal definition of the *Package*. Packages are specified with the metaclass *Package*. In addition to the features of a *Classifier* a *Package* has the features of an *\*Aggregate* and a *PBE*. We will omit the definition of the *Package PBE* and *Aggregate* features as they are the same as the *Subsystem*.

**connectors** List of *\*\*DataConnector\*\** between *Components* belonging to the package. (from *Aggregate*)

## COMPONENT SPECIFICATION

### 7.1 Introduction

The design of the GMT software and controls system is based on a distributed component architecture. Components represent the most elementary unit for the purpose of development, testing, integration and reuse. Groups of components can be connected to create composite modules that implement complex functions. Component interfaces are defined using Ports, which can be linked by means of Connectors. For example, connectors are used to (a) integrate standardized reusable control components with a given field bus configuration; (b) connect component responses with user interface components; or (c) connect components with common observatory services. Connectors are specified in the model without making any assumption of the underlying middleware used by the platform-specific implementation.

Components, Ports and Connectors are used to model both physical and logical systems. SysML internal block diagrams (*ibd*) are used to represent how components relate to each other.

The basic components used to model the device control domain are Device Controllers and Supervisors. Device controllers are specialized components that implement the control function of single degree of freedom (e.g. linear position controller) or multiple degrees of freedom that coordinate more elementary ones (e.g. axis group controller). Supervisors implement the high-level interfaces of DCSs and are responsible of the subsystem integrity (e.g. collision avoidance), component configuration, subsystem robustness, component life cycle and subsystem modal transitions amongst other functions.

### 7.2 Component Specification File

Each Component is specified in its own independent file. In order to define a Component first we need to establish the component metaclass. The OCS metamodel defines a set of Component subtypes: (e.g. Controller, Pipeline, Adapter). After choosing the Component metaclass class in case is an specialisation of a class of Components

### 7.3 Component Features

The following diagrams shows the basic structure of a *Component* and its building blocks.

The *Component* metaclass extends *SCI* (Software Configuration Item), which also extends *Classifier* and *PBE*. Therefore, in addition to the features of a *Classifier* and a *PBE*, a *Component* has the following features:

**properties** The `properties` feature is a containment of *Property* that defines the data of a *Component* that can be changed for each *Component* instance or that can be changed at runtime. A *Property* extends the metaclass *ValueClassifier*. In addition of the features of a *ValueClassifier* a *Property* has the following features:

**storage** See *storage* definition in the *DataPort* description

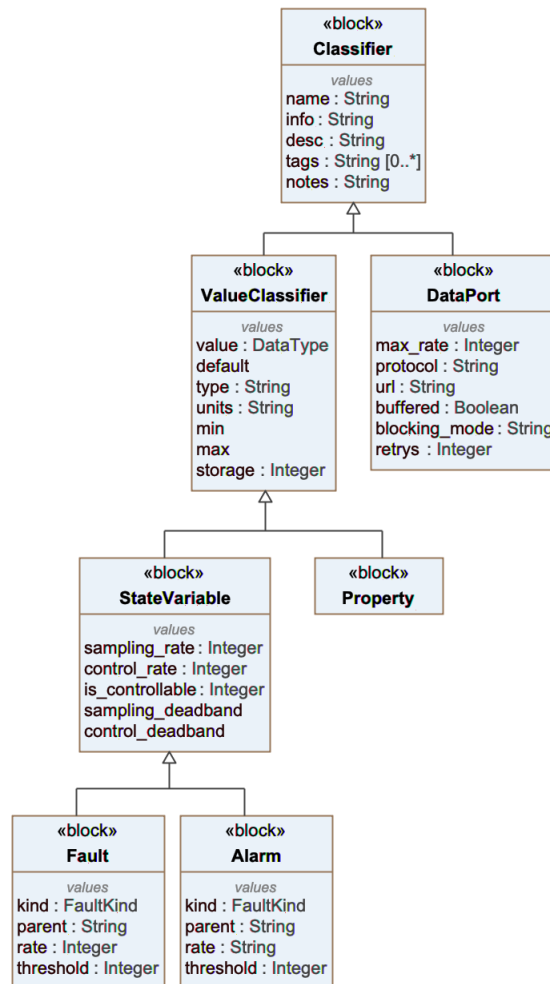


Fig. 7.1: Component model metaclasses

**monitor** This feature is an boolean attribute. When *true* the changes of the property value will be recorded as part of the telemetry stream.

**input\_ports** The *input\_ports* feature is a containment of *DataPort* that defines the data that must be accepted by the *Component*. Each element of the *input\_ports* containment has the features of a *DataPort*.

**output\_ports** The *output\_ports* feature is a containment of *DataPort* that defines the data that can be produced by the *Component*. Each element of the *output\_ports* containment has the features of a *DataPort*.

**state\_vars** The *state\_vars* feature is a containment of *StateVariable*. A state variable is one of the set of variables that are used to describe the mathematical 'state' of a dynamical system. In the architecture of the OCS, State Variables provide the basic concept to integrate State Analysis with Sequence Based Specification techniques. As *StateVariable* extends *DataPort*, in addition to the *features of \*DataPort\** an *StateVariable* has the following features:

**goal** This feature is an attribute which contains the value that the *StateVariable* must achieve.

**sampling\_rate** This feature is an attribute that defines the rate at which the *StateVariable* must be sampled.

**control\_rate** This feature is an attribute that defines the rate at which the controller that is responsible to maintain the *StateVariable* has to update it's control law.

**is\_controllable** This feature is a boolean attribute that defines if the *StateVariable* can be controlled. This used to model physical phenomena that are part of the definition of the state of the system, but that not be affected by the control action (e.g. wind speed). Non Controllable *StateVariable* are used to implement behavior that is dependent on their state by setting goals monitors on their value (e.g. close observing shutter if wind is higher than 25 m/s)

**sampling\_deadband** This feature is an attribute that defines the sampling deadband of the *StateVariable*

**control\_deadband** This feature is an attribute that defines the control deadband of the *StateVariable*

**faults** The *faults* feature is a containment of *Fault*. The main purpose of a *Fault* is to detect and if possible handle non-nominal operating conditions. Faults are organized in a simplified Fault Tree similar to the ones used Fault Tree Analysis (FTA). In addition to the features of *StateVariable*, *Fault* has the following features:

**kind** The *kind* feature is a *String* attribute with the following possible values:

Node Kind	Description
primary	Primary faults detect the occurrence of a fault condition
secondary	Represent a transfer from another fault tree
or	OR gate. The fault occurs if any of the children faults occurs
and	AND gate. The fault occurs if all of the children faults occur
xor	The fault occurs if only one of the children faults occurs
count	The fault occurs if at least <i>count</i> number of the children faults occurs

**parent** The *parent* feature is an attribute that contains the name of the parent fault in the fault tree. If the fault is the root of the fault tree the value shall be the empty string. Root nodes can be used to connect with other fault trees secondary (transfer in) nodes.

**level** The *level* of severity of the *fault*. Severity levels are TBD

**rate** The *rate* feature is an attribute that defines the frequency at which the alarm condition is evaluated.

**threshold** The *threshold* feature is an attribute that defines the number of cycles in which the alarm condition occurs before the *alarm* becomes active.

**count** The *count* feature is an attribute that defines the number of children alarms when the *alarm* is of *kind count*.

**alarms** The `alarms` feature is a containment of *Alarm*. Alarms can be grouped and organized in a similar way to Fault Trees. The purpose of an *Alarm* is the identification and notification of operating conditions that require operator attention. In addition to the features of *StateVariable*, *Alarm* has the following features:

**level** The `level` feature is an attribute that defines the severity of the alarm. Severity levels are TBD

**rate** The `rate` feature is an attribute that defines the frequency at which the alarm condition is evaluated.

**threshold** The `threshold` feature is an attribute that defines the number of cycles in which the fault condition occurs before the fault becomes active.

**kind** The `kind` feature is a *String* attribute with the following possible values:

Node Kind	Description
primary	Must evaluate to
secondary	Represent a transfer from another fault tree
or	OR gate. The fault occurs if any of the children faults occurs
and	AND gate. The fault occurs if all of the children faults occur
xor	The fault occurs if only one of the children faults occurs
count	The fault occurs if at least <i>count</i> number of the children faults occurs

**version** From SCI

## 7.4 DataPort Features

**max\_rate** The maximum update rate in Hz that the port must support

**protocol** The communication pattern that the *DataPort* must implement. The possible values are:

Protocol Value	Description
PUSH	Emitter side in a data stream pipeline
PULL	Receiver side in a data stream pipeline
PUB	Publishes messages to a set of interested subscribers
SUB	Receives messages from a registered publisher
REQ	Emitter of a blocking request
RPL	Replies to received requests

**url** The address of the endpoint to connect to the DataPort. The value of the url must conform to the following syntax: `<transport>:<address>`. The possible values of `<transport>` and `<address>` are:

Transport	Address	Description
tcp	<code>tcp://&lt;host&gt;:&lt;port&gt;</code>	TCP transport. e.g. <code>tcp://127.0.0.1:4040</code>
ipc	<code>ipc:///&lt;ipc endpoint&gt;</code>	Interprocess communication. e.g. <code>ipc:///tmp/test_port.ipc</code>
inproc	<code>inproc:///&lt;inproc endpoint&gt;</code>	Intraprocess communication. e.g. <code>inproc:///test_port</code>

**buffered** The `buffered` feature is an integer attribute that defines the size of the buffer in case the *DataPort* stream must be buffered. When size is 0 the data will not be buffered.

**storage** The `storage` feature is an integer attribute that defines the decimation factor

Value	Description
0	No data is stored
1	All data is stored
> 1	The data is decimated by the factor

**retrys** The maximum number of retries in case of communication problems

**blocking\_mode** The `blocking_mode` is an attribute that defines the temporal behavior of the *DataPort*. The possible values are:

Value	Description
async	Data is processed by the <i>DataPort</i> as soon as it's available
sync	Data is processed by the <i>DataPort</i> synchronously at the nominal rate of the <i>Connector</i>

## 7.5 ValueClassifier Features

A *ValueClassifier* is a *Classifier* to which a value can be assigned. A *ValueClassifier* declaration has the following features.

**type** The type of the data that can be assign to the *ValueClassifier*. Appendix A shows the predefined types in the model. Each of the types has a mapping to each of the existing language implementations.

**units** The units that must be used to interpret the value of the *ValueClassifier*. Appendix B shows the predefined units in the model.

**min** The minimum value that can be assigned to the *ValueClassifier*

**max** The maximum value that can be assigned to the *ValueClassifier*

**default** The maximum value that can be assigned to the *ValueClassifier*

**value** The actual value assigned to the *ValueClassifier*

## APPENDIX A - MODEL DATATYPE LISTING

The following paragraph includes the formal definition of the *DataType* classes predefined in the model.

```

DataType "bool",          {size: 1, default: false, desc: "Boolean value"}
DataType "bit",           {size: 1, default: 0, desc: "Bit value"}
DataType "byte",          {size: 1, default: 0, desc: "Byte value"}

DataType "int",           {size: 1, default: 0, desc: "Platform integer_
↳(normally either int32 or in64" }
DataType "int8",          {size: 1, default: 0, desc: "One byte signed_
↳integer. (-128 to 127)" }
DataType "int16",         {size: 2, default: 0, desc: "Two bytes signed_
↳integer (-32768 to 32767)" }
DataType "int32",         {size: 4, default: 0, desc: "Four bytes signed_
↳integer (-2147483648 to 2147483647)" }
DataType "int64",         {size: 4, default: 0, desc: "Eighth bytes_
↳signed integer (-9223372036854775808 to 9223372036854775807 )" }

DataType "uint",          {size: 4, default: 0, desc: "Four bytes_
↳unsigned integer (0 to 4294967295)" }
DataType "uint8",         {size: 1, default: 0, desc: "One byte unsigned_
↳integer. (0 to 255)" }
DataType "uint16",        {size: 2, default: 0, desc: "Two bytes_
↳unsigned integer (0 to 65535)" }
DataType "uint32",        {size: 4, default: 0, desc: "Four bytes_
↳unsigned integer (0 to 4294967295)" }
DataType "uint64",        {size: 4, default: 0, desc: "Eighth bytes_
↳unsigned integer (0 to 18446744073709551615)" }

DataType "float",         {size: 8, default: 0.0, desc: "Shorthand for_
↳float64 (numpy)" }
DataType "float16",       {size: 4, default: 0.0, desc: "Half precision_
↳float: sign bit, 5 bits exponent, 10 bits mantissa" }
DataType "float32",       {size: 6, default: 0.0, desc: "Single precision_
↳float: sign bit, 8 bits exponent, 23 bits mantissa" }
DataType "float64",       {size: 8, default: 0.0, desc: "Double precision_
↳float: sign bit, 11 bits exponent, 52 bits mantissa" }

DataType "complex",       {size: 8, default: 0.0, desc: "Shorthand for_
↳complex128 (numpy)" }
DataType "complex64",     {size: 4, default: 0.0, desc: "Complex number, _
↳two 32-bit floats" }
DataType "complex128",    {size: 8, default: 0.0, desc: "Complex number, _
↳two 64-bit floats" }

DataType "string",        {size: 0, default: "", desc: "UTF-8 string type_
↳(unlimited length" }

```

```
DataType "TimeValue_ns",    {size: 0, default: "", desc: "Time value in_  
↪nanoseconds"}  
DataType "TimeValue_us",    {size: 0, default: "", desc: "Time value in_  
↪microseconds"}  
DataType "TimeValue_Date", {size: 0, default: "", desc: "Time value as an_  
↪ISO date"}  
DataType "struct",          {size: 0, default: "", desc: "Structured type"}  
DataType "enum",            {size: 0, default: "", desc: "enum type"}
```



## APPENDIX B - MODEL UNITTYPE LISTING

The following paragraph includes the formal definition of the *UnitType* classes predefined in the model.

```

UnitType "meter",      {quantity: "length",          symbol: "m",
↳                      desc: "SI base unit: metre"}
UnitType "kilogram",   {quantity: "mass",          symbol: "kg",
↳                      desc: "SI base unit: kilogram"}
UnitType "second",     {quantity: "time",          symbol: "s",
↳                      desc: "SI base unit: second"}
UnitType "ampere",     {quantity: "electric current",    symbol: "A",
↳                      desc: "SI base unit: ampere"}
UnitType "kelvin",     {quantity: "thermodynamic temperature", symbol: "K",
↳                      desc: "SI base unit: kelvin"}
UnitType "mole",       {quantity: "amount of substance", symbol: "mol",
↳                      desc: "SI base unit: mole"}
UnitType "candela",    {quantity: "luminous intensity",  symbol: "cd",
↳                      desc: "SI base unit: candela"}
UnitType "radian",     {quantity: "plane angle",        symbol: "rad",
↳                      desc: "SI base unit: radian"}
UnitType "steradian",  {quantity: "solid angle",        symbol: "sr",
↳                      desc: "SI base unit: steradian"}
UnitType "hertz",      {quantity: "frequency",          symbol: "Hz",
↳                      expression: "s^-1",              desc: "SI derived",
↳                      unit: hertz}
UnitType "newton",     {quantity: "force",              symbol: "N",
↳                      expression: "Kg m s^-2",          desc: "SI derived",
↳                      unit: newton}
UnitType "pascal",     {quantity: "pressure",          symbol: "Pa",
↳                      expression: "N m^-2",             desc: "SI derived unit",
↳                      unit: pascal}
UnitType "joule",      {quantity: "energy",            symbol: "J",
↳                      expression: "N m",               desc: "SI derived",
↳                      unit: joule}
UnitType "watt",       {quantity: "power",             symbol: "W",
↳                      expression: "J s^-1",            desc: "SI derived",
↳                      unit: watt}
UnitType "milliampere", {quantity: "electric current",    symbol: "mA",
↳                      expression: "A",                desc: "SI derived",
↳                      unit: milliampere}
UnitType "coulomb",    {quantity: "electric charge",    symbol: "C",
↳                      expression: "A s",              desc: "SI derived",
↳                      unit: coulomb}
UnitType "volt",       {quantity: "electric potential", symbol: "V",
↳                      expression: "",                 desc: "SI derived unit: volt"}
UnitType "ohm",        {quantity: "electric resistance", symbol:
↳ "Omega",          expression: "",                 desc: "SI derived",
↳                      unit: ohm}

```

```

UnitType "siemens",      {quantity: "electric conductance",      symbol:
↳ "Siemens",            expression: "",                        desc: "SI derived_
↳ unit:siemenstz"}
UnitType "farad",        {quantity: "electric capacitance",      symbol: "F",
↳                        expression: "",                        desc: "SI derived unit:farad"}
UnitType "weber",        {quantity: "magnetic flux",          symbol: "WbV
↳                        expression: "",                        desc: "SI derived unit:weber
↳ "}
UnitType "tesla",        {quantity: "magnetic flux density",      symbol: "T",
↳                        expression: "",                        desc: "SI derived unit:tesla"}
UnitType "henry",        {quantity: "inductance",              symbol: "H",
↳                        expression: "",                        desc: "SI derived unit:henry"}
UnitType "lumen",        {quantity: "luminous flux",          symbol: "lm",
↳                        expression: "",                        desc: "SI derived unit:lument
↳ "}
UnitType "lux",          {quantity: "iluminance",              symbol: "lx",
↳                        expression: "",                        desc: "SI derived unit:lux"}
UnitType "minute",       {quantity: "time",              symbol: "mm",
↳                        expression: "60 s",                    desc: "Non-SI_
↳ unit:minute"}
UnitType "hour",         {quantity: "time",              symbol: "hh",
↳                        expression: "3600 s = 60 min",          desc: "Non-SI unit:hour
↳ "}
UnitType "day",          {quantity: "time",              symbol: "dd",
↳                        expression: "86400 s = 24 h",           desc: "Non-SI unit:day"}
UnitType "year",         {quantity: "time",              symbol: "a",
↳                        expression: "31.5576 Ms = 365.25 d s", desc: "Non-SI unit:year
↳ "}
UnitType "degree",       {quantity: "plane angle",          symbol: "o",
↳                        expression: "(pi/180) rad",             desc: "Non-SI_
↳ unit:degree"}
UnitType "arcminute",    {quantity: "plane angle",          symbol:
↳ "arcmin",              expression: "(pi/10800) rad",           desc: "Non-SI_
↳ unit:arcminute"}
UnitType "arcsecond",    {quantity: "plane angle",          symbol:
↳ "arcsec",              expression: "(pi/648000) rad",         desc: "Non-SI_
↳ unit:arcsecond"}
UnitType "milliarcsecond", {quantity: "plane angle",          symbol: "mas
↳                        expression: "(pi/648000000) rad",       desc: "Non-SI_
↳ unit:milliarcsecond"}
UnitType "revolution",    {quantity: "plane angle",          symbol: "c",
↳                        expression: "2pi rad",                 desc: "Non-SI_
↳ unit:revolution"}
UnitType "astronomical unit", {quantity: "length",          symbol: "au",
↳                        expression: "0.149598 Tm",             desc: "Non-SI_
↳ unit:astronomical unit"}
UnitType "light year",    {quantity: "length",          symbol: "lyr
↳                        expression: "9.460730 10^15",          desc: "Non-SI_
↳ unit:light year"}
UnitType "parsec",        {quantity: "length",          symbol: "pc",
↳                        expression: "30.857 Pm",               desc: "Non-SI_
↳ unit:parsec"}
UnitType "count",         {quantity: "event",          symbol: [
↳ "count", "ct"],        expression: "",                        desc: "Non-SI_
↳ unit:count"}
UnitType "photon",        {quantity: "event",          symbol: [
↳ "photon", "ph"],       expression: "",                        desc: "Non-SI_
↳ unit:photon"}

```

```

UnitType "magnitude", {quantity: "flux density", symbol: "mag
↳", expression: "", desc: "Non-SI
↳unit:magnitude"}
UnitType "pixel", {quantity: "(image/detector) pixel", symbol: "pix
↳", expression: "", desc: "Non-SI
↳unit:pixel"}
UnitType "inch", {quantity: "length", symbol: "in",
↳ expression: "", desc: "Non-SI unit:pixel
↳"}
UnitType "micron", {quantity: "length", symbol: "mum
↳", expression: "", desc: "Non-SI
↳unit:pixel"}
UnitType "fermi", {quantity: "length", symbol: "fm",
↳ expression: "", desc: "Non-SI unit:pixel
↳"}
UnitType "angstrom", {quantity: "length", symbol: "ang
↳", expression: "", desc: "Non-SI
↳unit:pixel"}
UnitType "kilometer", {quantity: "length", symbol: "km",
↳ expression: "", desc: "Non-SI unit:pixel
↳"}
UnitType "millimeter", {quantity: "length", symbol: "mm",
↳ expression: "", desc: "Non-SI unit:pixel
↳"}
UnitType "centimeter", {quantity: "length", symbol: "cm",
↳ expression: "", desc: "Non-SI unit:pixel
↳"}
UnitType "megaparsec", {quantity: "length", symbol: "Mpc
↳", expression: "", desc: "Non-SI
↳unit:pixel"}
UnitType "solarradius", {quantity: "length", symbol: "Rsol
↳", expression: "", desc: "Non-SI unit:pixel
↳"}
UnitType "gram", {quantity: "mass", symbol: "g",
↳ expression: "", desc: "Non-SI unit:pixel
↳"}
UnitType "solarmass", {quantity: "mass", symbol: "Msol
↳", expression: "", desc: "Non-SI unit:pixel
↳"}
UnitType "uam", {quantity: "mass", symbol: "",
↳ expression: "", desc: "Non-SI unit:pixel
↳"}
UnitType "sdsecond", {quantity: "time", symbol: "ss",
↳ expression: "", desc: "Non-SI unit:pixel
↳"}
UnitType "millisecond", {quantity: "time", symbol: "ms",
↳ expression: "", desc: "Non-SI unit:pixel
↳"}
UnitType "microsecond", {quantity: "time", symbol: "mus
↳", expression: "", desc: "Non-SI
↳unit:pixel"}
UnitType "nanosecond", {quantity: "time", symbol: "ns",
↳ expression: "", desc: "Non-SI unit:pixel
↳"}
UnitType "month", {quantity: "time", symbol:
↳"month", expression: "", desc: "Non-SI
↳unit:pixel"}
UnitType "week", {quantity: "time", symbol: "week
↳", expression: "", desc: "Non-SI unit:pixel
↳"}

```

```

UnitType "century",      {quantity: "time",                symbol:
↳"century",            expression: "",                    desc: "Non-SI
↳unit:pixel"}
UnitType "archour",      {quantity: "plane angle",         symbol: "hr",
↳                        expression: "",                    desc: "Non-SI unit:pixel
↳"}
UnitType "celsius",      {quantity: "thermodynamic temperature", symbol: "C",
↳                        expression: "",                    desc: "Non-SI unit:pixel
↳"}
UnitType "fahrenheit",   {quantity: "thermodynamic temperature", symbol: "F",
↳                        expression: "",                    desc: "Non-SI unit:pixel
↳"}
UnitType "bit_unit",     {quantity: "information",          symbol: "b",
↳                        expression: "",                    desc: "Non-SI unit:pixel
↳"}
UnitType "byte",         {quantity: "information",          symbol: "B",
↳                        expression: "",                    desc: "Non-SI unit:pixel
↳"}
UnitType "kilobyte",     {quantity: "information",          symbol: "KB",
↳                        expression: "",                    desc: "Non-SI unit:pixel
↳"}
UnitType "megabyte",     {quantity: "information",          symbol: "MB",
↳                        expression: "",                    desc: "Non-SI unit:pixel
↳"}
UnitType "gigabyte",     {quantity: "information",          symbol: "GB",
↳                        expression: "",                    desc: "Non-SI unit:pixel
↳"}
UnitType "terabyte",     {quantity: "information",          symbol: "TB",
↳                        expression: "",                    desc: "Non-SI unit:pixel
↳"}
UnitType "kilohertz",    {quantity: "frequency",          symbol: "KHz
↳,                        expression: "",                    desc: "Non-SI
↳unit:pixel"}
UnitType "megahertz",    {quantity: "frequency",          symbol: "MHz
↳,                        expression: "",                    desc: "Non-SI
↳unit:pixel"}
UnitType "gigahertz",    {quantity: "frequency",          symbol: "GHz
↳,                        expression: "",                    desc: "Non-SI
↳unit:pixel"}
UnitType "terahertz",    {quantity: "frequency",          symbol: "THz
↳,                        expression: "",                    desc: "Non-SI
↳unit:pixel"}
UnitType "liter",        {quantity: "volume",              symbol: "l",
↳                        expression: "",                    desc: "Non-SI unit:liter
↳"}

Multiple "deci",         {symbol: "d",    factor: 1e-1, desc: "SI Submultiple prefix
↳}
Multiple "centi",        {symbol: "c",    factor: 1e-2, desc: "SI Submultiple prefix
↳}
Multiple "milli",        {symbol: "m",    factor: 1e-3, desc: "SI Submultiple prefix
↳}
Multiple "micro",        {symbol: "mu",   factor: 1e-6, desc: "SI Submultiple prefix
↳}
Multiple "nano",         {symbol: "n",    factor: 1e-9, desc: "SI Submultiple prefix
↳}
Multiple "pico",         {symbol: "p",    factor: 1e-12, desc: "SI Submultiple prefix
↳}

```

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Multiple "femto", {symbol: "f", factor: 1e-15, desc: "SI Submultiple prefix  
↪"}  
Multiple "atto", {symbol: "a", factor: 1e-18, desc: "SI Submultiple prefix  
↪"}  
Multiple "deca", {symbol: "da", factor: 1e+1, desc: "SI Multiple prefix"}  
Multiple "hecto", {symbol: "h", factor: 1e+2, desc: "SI Multiple prefix"}  
Multiple "kilo", {symbol: "k", factor: 1e+3, desc: "SI Multiple prefix"}  
Multiple "mega", {symbol: "M", factor: 1e+6, desc: "SI Multiple prefix"}  
Multiple "giga", {symbol: "G", factor: 1e+9, desc: "SI Multiple prefix"}  
Multiple "tera", {symbol: "T", factor: 1e+12, desc: "SI Multiple prefix"}  
Multiple "peta", {symbol: "P", factor: 1e+15, desc: "SI Multiple prefix"}  
Multiple "exa", {symbol: "E", factor: 1e+18, desc: "SI Multiple prefix"}  
  
MathematicalConstant "pi", {value: 3.1415926536, desc: ""}  
  
PhysicalConstant "c", {value: 2.99792458e8, units: "ms-1",  
↪desc: "" }  
PhysicalConstant "G", {value: 3.1415926536e16, units: "m3 kg-1 s-2",  
↪desc: "" }
```