DesignMATE

A segment design tool for FOUNDATION[™] fieldbus H1



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1 Used Symbols

Safety-relevant Symbols



Danger!

This symbol indicates a warning about a possible danger.

In the event the warning is ignored, the consequences may range from personal injury to death.



Warning!

This symbol indicates a warning about a possible fault or danger.

In the event the warning is ignored, the consequences may cause personal injury or heaviest property damage.



Caution!

This symbol warns of a possible fault.

Failure to observe the instructions given in this warning may result in the devices and any connected facilities or systems develop a fault or fail completely.

Informative Symbols



Note!

This symbol brings important information to your attention.



Action

This symbol marks an acting paragraph.



2 Introduction to DesignMATE

Purpose

DesignMATE is the complete tool for planning, validation and documentation of your fieldbus infrastructure for FOUNDATION fieldbus H1. DesignMATE assists in planning and validation of fieldbus segments. It automatically audits the chosen layout for conformity with the fieldbus standard IEC 61158-2. The user rests assured that the fieldbus infrastructure will work with the desired parameters such as cable length, installed devices and selected power supplies.

Limitations

DesignMATE only audits the selected fieldbus infrastructure for conformity with the fieldbus standard IEC 61158-2.

DesignMATE does not validate explosion protection. Even when a power supply with reduced voltage and current levels is applied, the auditing is limited to conformity with the fieldbus standard.

DesignMATE does not audit for any regional or local regulations.

DesignMATE does not calculate bus cycle time.

Features of DesignMATE

DesignMATE is a software with complete graphical user interface and mouse support. Segment design on the fly is supported with drag & drop. The DesignMATE software shows your Fieldbus installation in form of stylized topologies.

At every moment and on the fly DesignMATE analyses and checks all parameters of the physical layer: supply voltage, load conditions at all terminals of power supply, fieldbus couplers and field instruments. An error log indicates deviations from the standard in clear text – visual for immediate remedy by the user.

DesignMATE considers ambient temperature and cable parameters, which can be set easily in respective dialog windows. DesignMATE is equipped with libraries for all components for the fieldbus infrastructure: power supplies, fieldbus couplers for the safe and any hazardous area, field instruments. Default values for spur length or device load current can be set once.

Instruments from many manufacturers are available in the DesignMATE. Additionally an easy to use device editor is included for creation of custom libraries for instruments.

DesignMATE documents the fieldbus segment in multiple ways:

- Exportable image of the stylized topology
- A printable report with all details and results rich text format (rtf)



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Caution!

The operator of the system is responsible in terms of planning, mounting, commissioning, operating and maintenance.



Danger!

The DesignMATE must not be used for checking of safety data or explosion protection parameters, the DesignMATE does not replace any stipulated calculations.



DesignMATE Installation

3 Installation



Note!

The Microsoft.NET Framework version 2.0 is needed

The internet version needs the Mircrosoft .NET Framework. It is available as a download from the internet.



Installing the Internet Version of the Software



Caution!

Close all running programs before you run the setup tool!

The setup tool cannot replace any files that are used by other programs. In the worst case the system may become unstable or even crash.

To install the software, proceed as follows:

- 1. Download the DesignMATE Software to your PC.
- 2. Extract the .ZIP-Archive to a temporary folder.
- Launch the setup program (filename SETUP.EXE). The Setup Wizard appears.
- 4. Follow the instructions of the wizard.



4 Operation

4.1 Basic Operations

This section describes basic operations of the DesignMATE Software

4.1.1 Working with Projects

Working with the Devices

In this section, you learn about adding, editing and removing devices from am project.



Adding a New Device

To add a device, proceed as follows:

- 1. Choose the desired device in the Device Tree window.
- 2. Put the device via drag & drop into the Segment Editor window. Move it close-by to other device to connect it with them
- 3. Choose the Property Editor.
- 4. If desired: Enter a Device Tag an a Device Instance Description.
- Depending on the device: Enter other parameters, e. g. voltage and current. The new device is added to the Segment Editor window.



Editing the Parameters of a Device

To edit parameters of a device, proceed as follows:

1. Choose the desired device in the Segment Editor window.

The parameters of the device are displayed in the Property Editor window.

2. Edit the parameters, e.g. voltage and current.



Deleting a Device

To delete a device, proceed as follows:

1. Right-Click the device.

A context menu appears.

2. Click Delete Element.

The device will be deleted.



Working with Notes

Notes offer you a possibility to add additional information into your projects. The note objects may contain free texts an can be formatted in different fonts and styles.



Adding a New Note Object

To add a new note object, proceed as follows:

- Choose the Add a new note object button.
 A new note object is generated.
- 2. Add your desired text in the Property Editor.
- 3. Choose the Font Selection Button. The Font dialog appears.
- 4. Choose your desired font type, -size and -style.
- Choose the OK button.
 The note object will be formatted according to your settings.
- 6. Move the note object to the desired position by drag & drop.



Deleting a Note Object

To delete a note object, proceed as follows:

- 1. Right-Click the note object A context menu appears.
- 2. Choose Delete Element The note object will be deleted.





Opening a Project



Opening a DesignMATE Project

To open a DesignMATE project, proceed as follows:

1. Choose File > Open ...

The **Open** dialog appears.

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Recent Places	F TestInstallati	on.fsc	11/22/2010 3:13 PM	Segment
Desktop				
Libraries				
computer	•	m		4
Network	File name:	TestInstallation.fsc	•	Open
	Files of type:	DesignMATE (*.fsc)	_	Cancel
				Help

Figure 4.1: Open dialog

- 2. Select the desired DesignMATE file
- 3. Proceed with **OK**

The DesignMATE Project file is opened.





Saving a Project

Saving a New DesignMATE Project

To save a new DesignMATE project for the first time, proceed as follows:

1. Choose File > Save As ...

The Save As dialog appears.



Figure 4.2: Save As dialog

- 2. Choose the desired folder
- 3. Enter a file name
- 4. Choose Save.

The DesignMATE project is saved.





Save all projects

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Saving All Opened Projects

To save all opened DesignMATE projects at once, proceed as follows:

Choose File > Save All

All opened DesignMATE projects are saved.



Note!

If one new project is not saved ever, the **Save as** dialog appears.



4.1.5 Display a Print Preview



Displaying a Print Preview

To display a print preview of a DesignMATE project, proceed follows:

Choose File > Print preview

The window **Print preview** will be displayed.



Figure 4.3: Print preview window



4.2 Window Overview

This section gives an overview of the main windows of the DesignMATE Software.



4.2.1 The Device Tree Window

The Device Tree contains all the devices to be used in the Segment Editor window.

The devices are classified and can be found under their group name, e.g. **Hosts, Power Supplies** etc.



Figure 4.4: Device Tree Window

Note!

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If the window is hidden, you can make it visible using the View menu.



4.2.2 Property Editor Window

The Property Editor window enables you to see and change several properties of the project as a whole and of each device or cable.

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HD2-FBCL-1.500			
Device Tag	T001		
Device Instance Descri	ption		
Main Power Supply		A	
		-	
External Power Supply \	/oltage		
	24	V	
Rated current	500	mΑ	
Terminator			
Integrated Master/H	lost		

Figure 4.5: Property Editor



Note!

If the window is hidden, you can make it visible using the View menu.

4.2.3 The Error Log Window

The Error log window shows all errors in the designed fieldbus network. The displayed errors depend also on the network type which was selected when the project was created.

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T001	E Terminator missing.	
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Figure 4.6: Error Log Window





Note!

If the window is hidden, you can make it visible using the View menu.

4.2.4 The Segment Editor Window

The Segment Editor window is the working space of the DesignMATE software. In this window you can build up a project using the Drag & Drop technique.



Figure 4.7: Segment Editor Window



4.2.5 The Project Report Window

The Project Report window gives a summary of the project and all integrated devices.

Project Parameters			_
Segment Type	= Foundation Fieldbus		
Cable Type	= A 0.8mm ² (AWG 18)		=
Env. Temp.	= 21°C		
Default Field Device current	= 10mA		
Default Spur length	= 0.5m		
Plandheid current	= 10mA		
Handhald Spur abaak	= Ofi = On		
Handheld Trunk check	= 0n		
Handheld Host check	= On		
Checker Results			
Checker Summary			
Topology Check		success	
Power Distribution Check		success	
Short Circuit Check		skipped	
Handheld Communication Check	k	success	
Handheld Host Check		success	
Handheld Spur Check		success	
Handheld Trunk Check		success	
Device Summary			
Devices			
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4			Þ
Segment Editor	Report		

Figure 4.8: Project Report Window

4.3 Toolbar Overview

This section gives an overview over the toolbars of the DesignMATE Software.

- Creates a new project file
- Opens a previously saved project file

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- Closes the active project file
- Saves the active project file
- Saves the active project file under a different name
 - Saves all open project files
- Opens a print preview window for the active object



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Prints the active document

Closes all files an exits the application

Table 4.1: File Toolbar







Table 4.3: Window Toolbar

4.4 Device Catalog Editor

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The Device Catalog Editor is a tool which is delivered together with the DesignMATE Software. It enables you to:

• create your own device types with specific parameters

Tiles all windows vertically

- create your own cable types with specific parameters
- import User Catalog Files (your own or files delivered by other companies)
- export User Catalog Files (your own or files delivered by other companies)

4.4.1 Starting the Device Catalog Editor



Note!

Before you can run the **Device Catalog Editor** all projects must be closed.



Running the Device Catalog Editor

To run the Device Catalog Edior, proceed as follows:

Choose View > Device Catalog Editor

The **Device Catalog Editor** appears.



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	c Device Catalog Editor		
Devices Cables	Available Segments:	нтк	
Available Devices:		Device Name	НТК
		Device Manufacturer	Fieldbus Foundation
		Device Description	
		Standardized Host Te	st Kit Device 🔺
	Images Editor		
			~
	Device Icon: Select	Input Current	10 mA
		Min. Input Voltage	9 V
	Device Bitmap: Select		
New Copy Delete	Import Export Clear All		
		Save	Close

Figure 4.9: Device Catalog Editor Window

4.4.2

Managing Cables



Adding a New Cable Type

To add a new cable type, proceed as follows:

- 1. Mark the Cables tab in the Device Catalog Editor window.
- 2. Click the New button.

A new cable named **New Cable** appears.

- 3. Enter all properties of the cable into the right area of the window.
- Close the Device Catalog Editor window with the Save button. The changes are saved.

Note!

If your new cable type is similar to a cable type which is already existing, copying the exisiting cable type and changing the necessary properties may be easier. Therefore, select the cable type and press the Copy button.



Changing the Properties of a Cable Type

To change properties of a cable type, proceed as follows:

- 1. Mark the Cables tab in the Device Catalog Editor window.
- 2. Mark the cable which you want to change.

The properties of the cable type appear in the right area of the window.



→ Device Catalog Editor		
User Specif	ic Device Catalog Editor	
Devices Cables	Available Segments:	User cable
Available Cables:		Device Name Super Cable
······°]_ Super Cable		Device Manufacturer Super Company
		Device Description
		Cable Specifications
	Images Editor	
		Cross Wire Section 0.8 mm ²
	Device Icon: L Select	Wire Resistance 44 Ohm/km
		Wire Length 0.5 m
	Device Bitmap: Select	Temp. Coefficient 0.0039 1/K
New Copy Delete	Import Export Clear All	Device Description editable description for the device Save Close

Figure 4.10: Changing the Properties of a Cable

- 3. Change the properties of the cable in the right section of the window.
- 4. Close the Device Catalog Editor window with the Save button.

The changes are saved.



Deleting a Cable Type

To delete a cable type, proceed as follows:

- 1. Mark the Cables tab in the Device Catalog Editor window.
- 2. Mark the cable which you want to delete.
- 3. Press the Delete button.

The cable is removed from the list.

 Close the Device Catalog Editor window with the Save button. The changes are saved.



Managing Devices



Adding a Device Type

To add a device type, proceed as follows:

- 1. Mark the Devices tab in the Device Catalog Editor window.
- 2. Click the New button.

A new device named **New Device** appears.



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User Specifi	c Device Catalog Editor					
Devices Cables	Available Segments:	Su	iper Cable			
Available Cables:		De	evice Name	Super Cable	•	*
·····°]_ Super Cable		De	evice Manufacti	urer		=
				Super Comp	any	-
		De	evice Description	on		
	Images Editor	Ca	able Specificatio	ns	*	
	Device Icon:	Select			-	
		Cr	oss Wire Secti	on		
	Davies Pitanes	Coloot		0.8	mm²	
		W	ire Resistance	44	Ohm/km	
		W	ire Length	0.5	m	
		Te	mp. Coefficient	t		-
New Copy Delete	Import Export C	Clear All				
			Save		Close	

Figure 4.11: Create a New Cable

- Define the availability of the device in the Available Segments part. The device will only be available in projects where the specifications are met.
- 4. If you want to customize the device icon: Upload a device icon via the Select button. Bitmap files only supported.
- 5. If you want to customize the device bitmap: Upload a device bitmap via the Select button. Bitmap files only supported.
- 6. Enter all properties of the cable in the right section of the window.
- 7. Close the **Device Catalog Editor** window with the Save button. The changes are saved.

Note!

If your new device is similar to a device type which is already existing, copying the exisiting device type and changing the necessary properties may be easier. Therefore, select the device type and press the Copy button.



Changing the Properties of a Device Type

To change properties of a device type, proceed as follows:

- 1. Mark the Devices tab in the Device Catalog Editor window.
- 2. Mark the device which you want to change.
- 3. Change the properties of the device.
- 4. Close the **Device Catalog Editor** window with the Save button.

The changes are saved.





Deleting a Device Type

To delete a device type, proceed as follows:

- 1. Mark the Devices tab in the Device Catalog Editor window.
- 2. Mark the device which you want to delete.
- Press the Delete button.
 The device is removed from the list.
- 4. Close the **Device Catalog Editor** window with the Save button. The changes are saved.

4.4.4 Importing and Exporting Devices

General Information

The DesignMATE software offers the possibility to import or export user-defined devices. This functionality can be used for exchanging self-prepared devices with other computers.

Files containing such device information have the filename extension .PFD



Importing Devices



Note!

A PFD-file may contain many devices. You are able to choose only the devices you actually want to import. Above all it is possible to update the data of devices which are already in your **Device Tree**.

To import devices of a .PFD file, proceed as follows:

- 1. Be sure that the **Device Catalog Editor** is active. see chapter 4.4.1
- 2. Choose the Import button.

The Import User Defined Device Catalog dialog appears.





Figure 4.12: Import Dialog Window

- 3. Choose the desired PFD-file.
- 4. Proceed with the OK button.

The **Import** dialog appears.

- 5. Choose the check marks of all devices, which you want to import, in the New devices area.
- 6. Choose the check marks of all devices , which you want to update, in the **Changed devices** area.
- 7. Proceed with the Import button.

The marked devices are added to your list of Available Devices.

8. Leave the **Device Catalog Editor window** with the Save button.



Exporting Devices

To export your self-prepared devices into a .PFD file, proceed as follows:

- 1. Be sure that the Device Catalog Editor is active. see chapter 4.4.1
- 2. Choose the Export button.

The Export User Defined Device Catalog dialog appears.





Figure 4.13: Export Dialog Window

- 3. Choose your desired folder and enter a file name
- 4. Proceed with the Save button.

The self-prepared devices are exported into the PFD-file.

4.5 General Settings

The DesignMATE software offers the possibility to set default unit settings for all your projects. Values in existing projects will be automatically converted.



Changing the Unit Settings

Note!

Before you can run the **Device Catalog Editor** all projects must be closed.

To change the unit setting, proceed as follows:

1. Choose View > Settings.

The Settings window appears.





Figure 4.14: Settings Window

- 2. Choose your desired units.
- Proceed with the OK button.
 The desired units are stored.

4.6 Example: Building a Simple Project

Intention

This section is intended as a beginners' course. You will learn step-by-step to build a simply fieldbus network. The focus of this section is mainly the usage of the DesignMATE software. For more information on fieldbus technology, please refer to further reading.

Creating a New Project

The first step is creating a new project. A project in the DesignMATE software is an independent composition of a field bus network. At the beginning of the project, you set up the segment type. The reason for this is that DesignMATE will only offer you those devices that are valid in your segment type.

In this example, let us build a basic FOUNDATION Fieldbus network.





Creating the New Project

To create the new project, choose File > New.

General Settings for the Project

The next step is setting up general parameters for the project. For example, you can enter a project name, the environment temperature or the default cable type.

In this example we are going to leave the most settings on defaults.



General Settings for the Project

To enter the general settings, proceed as follows:

- 1. Choose the **Property Editor** window.
- 2. Enter a Project Name, e.g. "My first DesignMATE project"
- 3. Enter a Project Description, e.g. "A example of a simple fieldbus network"



Property Editor	·	Х		
Project Name				
	My first Segment Ch	ecke		
Project Descrip	otion			
A example of a network	simple fieldbus	4		
Segment Type				
	Fieldbus Foundatio			
Cable Type	A 0.8mm² (AWG 18)	•		
Env. Temp.	21	°C		
Default Field D	evice Current			
	10	mΑ		
Default Spur Le	ength			
	0,5	m		
E Short Circuit Checking				
Project Description description of the current project				

Figure 4.15: Project Properties

Adding the Devices

Now you can add the devices to your fieldbus network.

Each device has several properties, which can be shown and changed in the **Property Editor** window when the device is marked in the **Segment Editor** window.

A fieldbus network consists a least of the following devices:

- One host
- One power supply
- Two terminators, one at each end of the trunk



- One distribution device, such as a wiring block, device coupler or field barrier
- One or more field devices



Note!

The **Error Log** window displays not only error messages. It also displays some hints to build the basic structure of the network.



Adding Devices

To add the devices, proceed as follows:

1. Add a power supply device: Expand the folder **Power Supplies** in the **Device Tree** window. Move a power supply, e. g. the HD2-FBCL-1.500, via Drag & Drop into the **Segment Editor** window.

The power supply is added to the project and the properties of the devices are shown in the **Property Editor** window.

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Segment Type	Foundation Fieldbus			Project Name		
Cable Type	A 0.8mm ² (AWG 18)			Project Description		
Env. Temp.	21°C					
Default Field Device current	10mA					^
Default Spur length	0.5m					
Handheld current	10mA					Ŧ
Short Circuit check	On			Segment Type	Foundation Fieldbus	
Handheld Spur check	On				4.0.0 2/00/0100	
Handheld Trunk check	On			Cable Type	A 0.8mm ⁻ (AWG 18)	•
Handheld Host check	On			Env. Temp.	21	°C
				Default Field Device current	10	mA
				Default Spur length	0.5	m
			-	Handheld current	10	mA
			-	V Short Circuit check		
		T001 PS		Handheld Spur check		
				Handheld Trunk check		
				Handheld Host check		
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Segment Editor	Project Report					

- 2. Enter a device name and a description for the power supply in the **Property Editor** window. The HD2-FBCL-1.500 power supply contains a detachable terminator. For our purpose, ensure that the check box **Terminator** is activated.
- 3. Add a host device: Expand the folder **Hosts** in the **Device Tree** window. Move a host, e. g. the Gen. Host, via Drag & Drop into the **Segment Editor** window nearby the power supply.

The host is added to the project and connected to the power supply.





- 4. Enter a device name and a description for the host in the **Property Editor** window.
- 5. Add a distribution device, e. g. a device coupler: Expand the folder **Device Couplers** in the **Device Tree** window. Move a device coupler, e. g. the F2-JB-4.xx, via Drag & Drop into the **Segment Editor** window nearby the power supply.

The device coupler is added to the project and connected to the other devices.



- 6. Enter a device name and a description for the device coupler in the **Property Editor** window. The F2-JB-4.xx power device coupler contains a detachable terminator. For our purpose, ensure that the check box **Terminator** is activated.
- 7. Add a field device: Expand the folder **Field Devices** in the **Device Tree** window. Move a field device, e. g. the LTC series, via Drag & Drop into the **Segment Editor** window nearby the device coupler.

The field device is added to the project and connected to the device coupler.





8. Enter a device name and a description for the field device in the **Property Editor** window.

Note!

If the **Error Log** window displays no messages, the fieldbus network is valid.

Changing Properties of Cables

While you are buildig a project via Drag & Drop, the devices are connected with cables of the default cross-sectional area and length. DesignMATE is able to assign the length and the cross-sectional area individually for each cable connection.



Changing the Properties of a Cable

To change the property of a cable, proceed as follows:

1. Select the desired cable. For example, select the cable between the power supply and the device coupler.

The properties of the cable appear in the **Property Editor** window.





2. Change the desired cross-sectional area and cable length. For example, choose a cross-sectional area of AWG 16 and a cable length of 10 meters.

The cross-sectional area and the cable length are stored. The values depending on the cables are updated.



5 Troubleshooting

This chapter describes errors that may be displayed in the Error Log.

Error Messages	Possible Causes	Corrective measures
Calculated current is too high	 The power consumption of all devices exceeds the power of the power supply. 	 Add a power supply which is more powerful. If possible: Remove devices. Split networks.
Device type not available	 A device type is not available within the selected segment type. 	 Remove the invalid devices. Replace the invalid devices with devices that are valid within the selected segment type.
Over all cable length exceeds maximum.	• The cable length within the fieldbus network exceeds the maximum allowed cable length.	• Be sure that the cable length is conform with the specification.
Nested trunk branch	 The network structure is to nested. 	 Be sure that distributor devices, such as device couplers or wiring blocks, are not used below the level which is allowed by the segment type.
No master/host present	• There is no host present.	• Add a host.
	• The host is not connected to the network.	 Connect the host to the network.
Short Circuit Check: Calculated current is too high	 The power of the power supply is to low if a short circuit appears in a segment. 	 Add a power supply which is more powerful.
Terminator missing	• One terminator is missing.	• Add a terminator at the end
	 Both terminators are missing. 	 Add both terminators - each at one end of the trunk.
The device is not an element of the segment	• The device has no connection to the network.	 Put the device via Drag & Drop into the network.
Too many terminators	• Three or more terminators are present.	 Remove the needless terminators. There must be exactly two terminators present.
Wrong terminator position	 The terminator is placed at a position within the network which is not conform with the specification. 	• Place the two terminators at the end of the trunk.



6 Glossary

6.1 DesignMATE Terms

Device Tree

The Device Tree contains all the available fieldbus devices classiefied in a folder structure.

Error Log

The Error Log displays all errors occured in the current DesignMATE project.

Property Editor

In the Property Editor all the properties of devices an cables can be displayed an changed.

6.2 Fieldbus Entries

Field Barrier

A field barrier provides intrinsically safe connection of the field devices.

Fieldbus

A fieldbus is an industrial network system for real-time distributed control, more precisely a digital, two-way, multi-drop communication link among intelligent measurement and control devices. It serves as a Local Area Network (LAN) for advanced process control, remote input/ output and high speed factory automation applications.

Field Device

A field device is a component interacting directly with the process, usually remote I/O, sensors, actuators, transducers. A field device is located in the field, whereas an instrument need not be.

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Host

A host is generally a computer connected to a network.

Wiring Block

A wiring block connects the field devices to the trunk by individual spurs, thus allowing easy disconnection and maintenance.



Power Supply Module

A power supply module combines the digital communication signal with the power to feed the field devices on the two-wire fieldbus trunk cable connected to the fieldbushost.

Segment

A segment or bus segment is a closed part of a serial bus system. The bus line between two termination resistors forms a segment. A segment contains 0 to 32 bus participants.

Device Coupler

A device coupler distributes and prevents from communication break-downs caused by shortcircuits at any connected field device.

Spur

A spur is a branch line connecting a sub segment to the main segment of a fieldbus network. Only one field device shall be connected to the end of the spur.

Surge Protective Device

A surge protective device allows to incorporate protection concepts against power surges and lightning strikes.

Terminator

A terminator is a resistor connecting conductor pairs at both ends of a wire medium segment to prevent reflections from occurring at the ends of cables. Ideally it should be the wave impedance of the wire medium.

Trunk

The trunk is the main communication line of a fieldbus network. From the trunk, the spurs go off which connect the field devices to the fieldbus.



FAQ

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I downloaded the DesignMATE software. How do I install it on my computer?

Please read our installation instructions see Chapter 3.

How do I load more instruments in the Device Tree?

Other devices can be added quite easily. You can even input your own devices with the included Device Editor. See also Import and Export functions.

How can I put my own instruments into the Device Tree?

Your own instruments can quickly be created and added to the Device Tree with the Device Catalog Editor. This editor feature is included with DesignMATE see chapter 4.4.

What is short-circuit checking?

During normal operation one short circuit at a spur should be permissible and included in the planning. The short circuit test is only possible with short-circuit limited "wiring interfaces" e.g. Device Coupler or Barrier. This means it tests voltage levels and load current with one short circuit on an output to determine where the segment gets the worst effect from a short circuit.

Where can I get a detailed report on my project?

You will find an analysis of your project by clicking on the Project Report window located at the bottom of the drawing see chapter 4.2.6.

How do I get an instrument from the Device Tree into my project layout?

In order to build a network, simple drag and drop or double-click methods can be used to build the structure. Simply drag the icon to the Segment Editor window and drop it. To add the next element, just drag it close to the intended interconnecting element. The software will then make the connection automatically with the same type of trunk cable that was defined earlier in the basic parameter setup. Please be aware that you will need to connect elements when using the double-click method see chapter 4.6.



How do I specify the part to be considered the trunk?

It is important to identify the trunk through placement of the terminators. The trunk is specified as the electric connection between the two terminators. Terminators are typically located on the power supply and the last wiring interface. Some wiring interfaces and power supplies have an optional terminator that can be turned on in the detail view of the device. External terminators can also be used.

What is the difference in the Icon and Bitmap within the Device Editor?

The Icon is the image associated with the created instrument that will appear under your Device Tree. The Bitmap is the image displayed in a project once it is connected to an interface product.

What are the import and export functions within the Device Editor?

The import function allows you to incorporate instrument libraries of various field device instruments. The export function allows you to save created field devices and share them with other people, or transfer to another computer.

What is Microsoft .NET Frameworks?

Microsoft .NET is a technology to create and distribute software. The base of .NET is the .NET-Framework, which is a complex but easy to handle infrastructure that realizes communication from Windows- and internet applications over networks and the internet. The Microsoft .NET technology creates the runtime environment for Windows based applications.



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