# 2022x Version News

Alf Plugin

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**Helper Functions**

The following *Helper Functions* have been added to the Alf model library to provide certain Action Language Helper capabilities that are not natively available as part of the Alf language.

- InState – Checks if a particular object is in a certain state.
- WasInState – Checks if a particular object has ever visited a certain state.
- GetCurrentTime – Gets the current simulation time.
- GetTimeUnit – Gets the name of the configured simulation time unit.

Check the product compatibility here.