

Activity simulation engine

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Magic Model Analyst provides an Activity simulation engine that allows you to run an Activity Simulation on [Activity diagrams](#) or Activity Elements. Magic Model Analyst also includes the implementation of OMG Semantics of a Foundational Subset for Executable UML Models (fUML), an executable subset of standard UML, that can be used to define the structural and Behavioral semantics of systems. fUML defines a basic virtual machine for the Unified Modeling Language and supports specific abstractions enabling compliant models to be transformed into various executable forms for verification, integration, and deployment.

Various UML Activity diagram concepts are supported, including Object and Control Flows, Behavior and Operation Calls, sending Signals via Connectors with or without Ports in Internal Structure, accepting Signals and Time Events, Pins, Parameters, Decisions, Structured Activity Nodes, and many more.

The Activity simulation engine features include the following

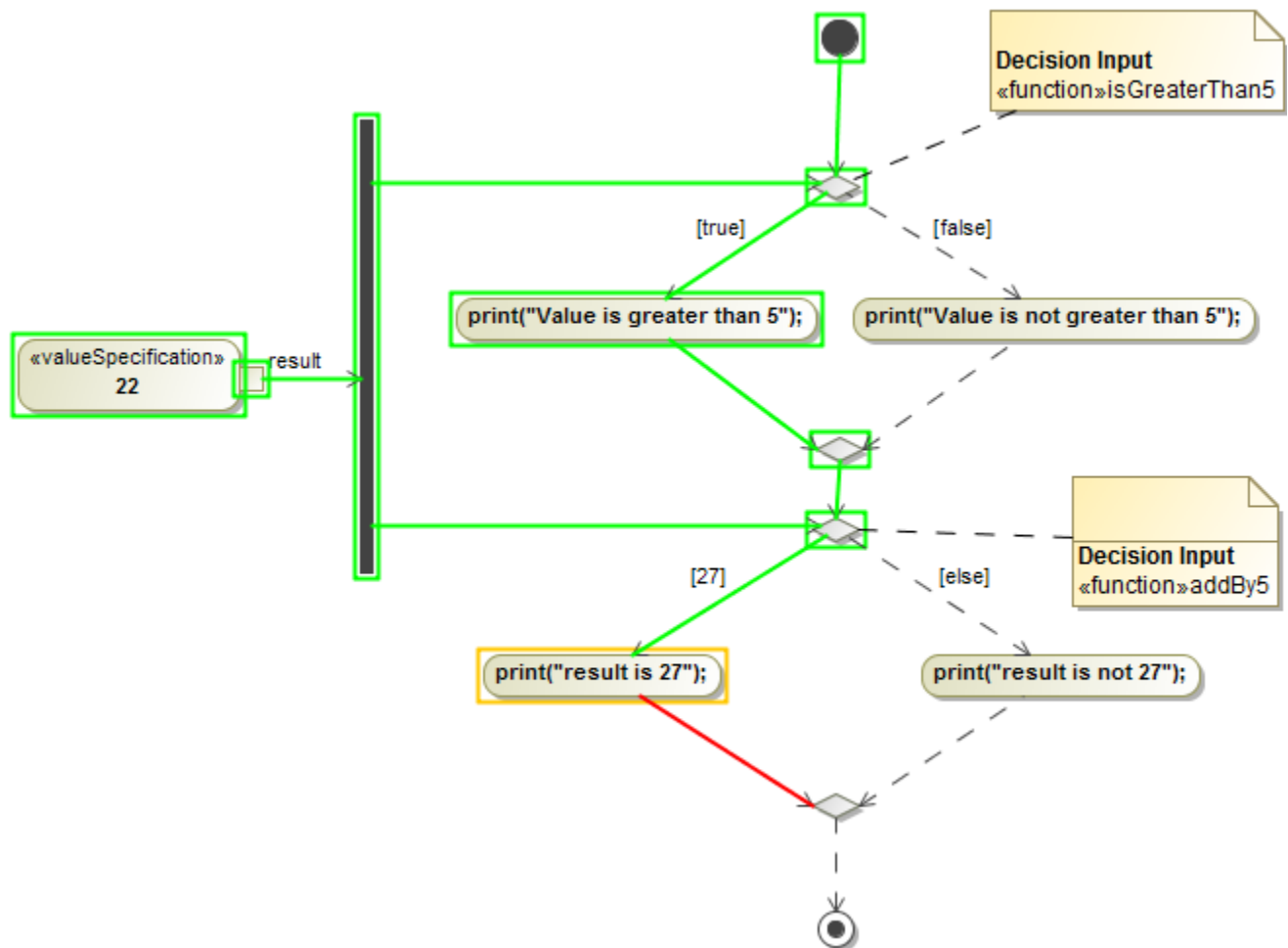
- fUML 1.3 specification support.
- Any Action languages in opaqueBehaviors, opaqueExpressions, Decisions, Guards, and Constraints (see [Integration with MATLAB®](#) for more details).
- CallBehaviorAction with nested diagrams simulation and animation.
- SendSignalAction to send a Signal to a global Event queue to be used by the system level but not by the subsystem, e.g., in State Machine.



Note

SendSignalAction has the **Target** input Pin for specifying the signal receiver. If this Pin is omitted, the signal instance will be sent to the context itself.

- CallOperationAction through a Port.
- The **On Port** property on SendSignalAction is used for sending signals via the specified port.
- Sending Signals through a Port.
- Support for Decision Nodes with [probabilities](#) over all outgoing edges.
- Support for Decision Nodes with a Decision input that provides input to Guard specifications on outgoing edges from each Decision Node.



The supported Decision input for Decision nodes.



Note

- You can simulate only Activities that are owned by a Package or a Class. As a workaround, the CallBehavior Actions, owned by the Call Behaviors in a Package, will be used for the entry/do/exit Behaviors in States.

Most of the elements in an Activity diagram are supported as follows. The Guards on an Object flow are not supported expressions in fUML. They should contain a value that matches the runtime value that flows on the Object Flow during simulation.

- CallBehavior
- Object Flow (Transformation is not supported)
- Input Pin (Illegal type is not supported)
- Output Pin
- Activity Final Node
- Flow Final Node
- To change to a regular UML (Boolean expression)
- Activity Parameter Node: The parameter of the Activity Parameter Node must be defined. If the Activity Parameter Node violates the rule, Simulation will print a warning message in the [Console pane](#).
- Decision Node
- 1. On the main menu, click **Options > Project** and select **Simulation** on the left of the **Project Options** dialog.
- 2. Select the **Use fUML DecisionSemantics value** check box so that the value becomes false. The value is false by default in the UML mode.
- Join Node
- Fork Node
- Structured Activity Node
- Conditional Node
- Loop Node: the setup part will not be executed as the fUML specification. The number of Input Pins of the Loop Node must be equal to Output Pins. If the Loop Node violates the rule, Simulation will print an error message in the [Console pane](#).
- Expansion Region can be passed as a parameter of Behavior of an opaque expression through a pin of Action. If a valid return value is from an Expansion Node
- Expansion Node
- Assigned Behavior of a Guard, the body of the Guard will be ignored. However, if the Behavior is <unspecified>, the body of the Guard will be used.
 - Central Buffer Node
 - Data Store Node
- Actions
 - AcceptEventAction
 - AddStructuralFeatureValueAction
 - CallBehaviorAction
 - CallOperationAction
 - ClearAssociationAction
 - ClearStructuralFeatureAction
 - CreateLinkAction
 - CreateObjectAction
 - DestroyLinkAction
 - DestroyObjectAction
 - OpaqueAction
 - ReadExtentAction
 - ReadIsClassifiedObjectAction
 - ReadLinkAction
 - ReadSelfAction
 - ReadStructuralFeatureAction
 - ReclassifyObjectAction
 - ReduceAction
 - RemoveStructuralFeatureValueAction
 - SendSignalAction
 - StartObjectBehaviorAction
 - TestIdentityAction
 - ValueSpecificationAction

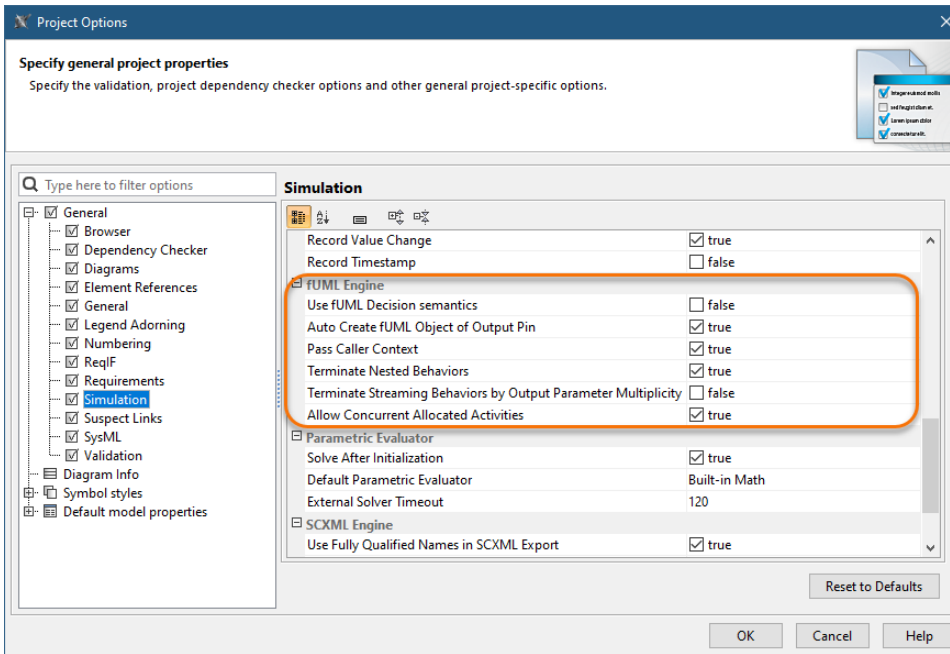
fUML engine settings

You can customize Behaviors of the fUML engine for Simulation to match your project Requirements through the [Project Options](#) dialog as shown below.


To customize the fUML engine settings in the **Project options** dialog


1. On the main menu, click **Options** and select **Project**. The **Project options** dialog opens.
2. On the left pane, click **General > Simulation**.

3. Go to the **fUML Engine** group and set any of the properties as desired.



The following table describes the project options of the fUML engine.

Property	Function
Use fUML Decision semantics	If set to <i>true</i> (false by default when in the UML mode), all Guards will be solved to true when the flowing token value matches the Guard value (instead of evaluating every Guard as Boolean operation).
Auto Create fUML Object of Output	If set to <i>true</i> , automatically create an fUML object of output.
Pass Caller Context	If set to <i>true</i> , pass the caller context to the called Behavior if it does not have its own context specified. Otherwise, use the Behavior itself as context.
Terminate Nested Behaviors	If set to <i>true</i> , terminate nested Part Behaviors if their parent object Behavior is terminated.
Terminate Streaming Behaviors by Output Parameter Multiplicity	If set to <i>true</i> , a streaming Activity terminates when each of its output parameters receives a cumulative number of values equal to the upper bound of the parameter multiplicity. If set to <i>false</i> , a streaming Activity terminates only when forced by the Activity final node or termination of the Activity that invoked it.
Allow Concurrent Allocated Activities	<p>If set to <i>true</i>, Activities can be executed in parallel even if the allocated resource is busy. If set to <i>false</i>, only one allocated Activity is executed for an object represented in an Activity Partition.</p> <p> If the Allow Concurrent Allocated Activities option is set to <i>true</i>, it is recommended to use a time event to control the execution of parallel activities. A time event will increase the simulation performance in case one parallelly executed activity needs to get a response from another in order to start.</p>

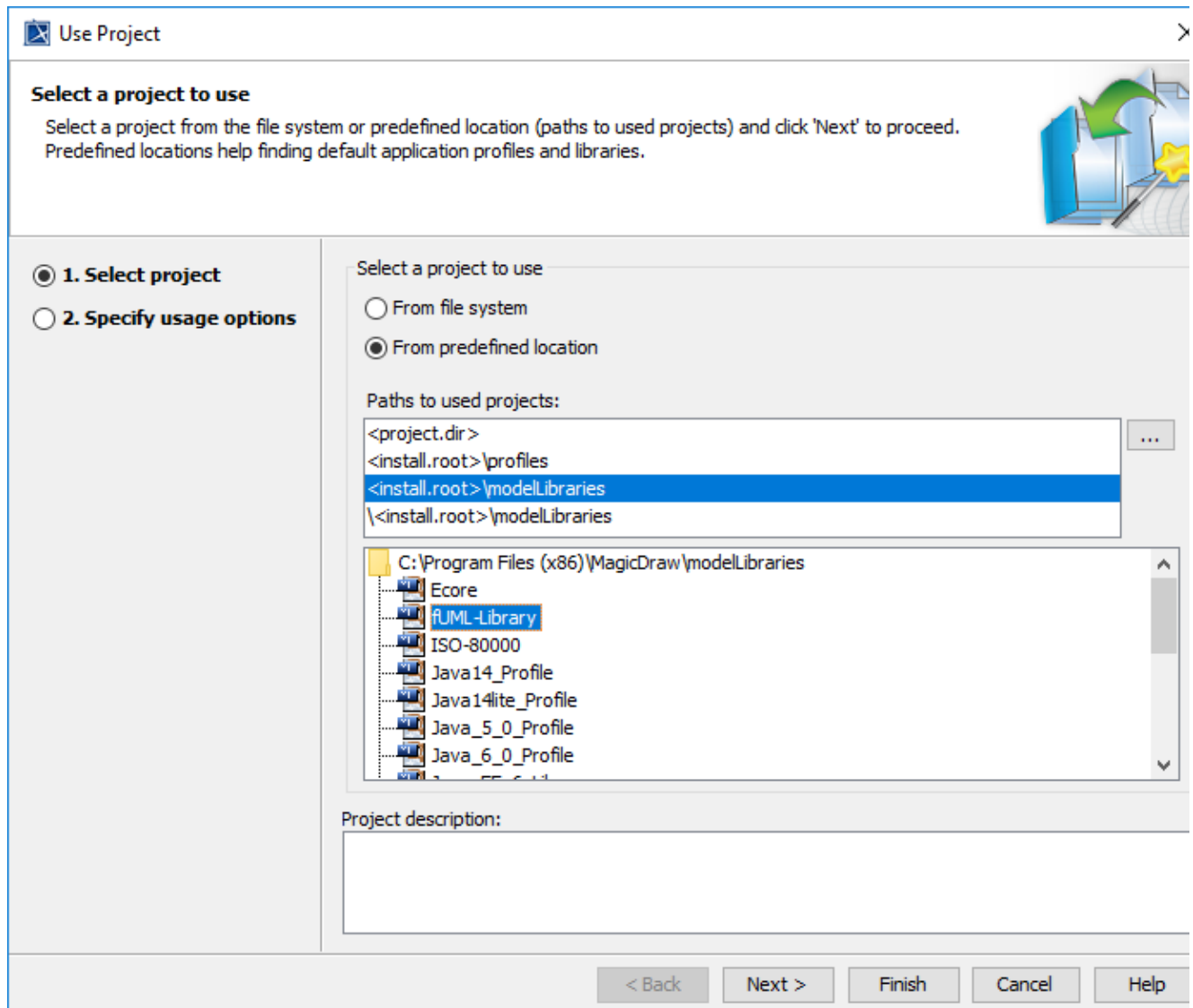
 **Note**
You can instantiate a nested composite structure using the standard PSCS construction mechanism by default.

ReadLine support


ReadLine is a function that allows the user to enter value through the input line on the **Console** pane. A Call Behavior Action can be set Behavior as **Read Line** [fUML_Library::BasicInputOutput] using **fUML_Library.mdzip** from the **Use Project** dialog. Before using the ReadLine function, you need to include **fUML_Library.mdzip** in the project first.

To open the **Use Project** dialog and include **fUML_Library.mdzip**

1. Click **File > Use Project > Use Local Project** from the main menu to open the **Use Project** dialog.



2. In the **Select a project to use** area, select the **From predefined location** option.
3. In the **Paths to used projects** list, select **<install.root>\modelLibraries**.
4. In the directory tree list, select **fUML-Library** and click **Next>** to proceed to the next step.

 Use Project

Specify project usage options
Specify usage options for the selected project and then click 'Finish' to start using it.

☐ 1. Select project
☒ 2. Specify usage options

Accessibility


☒ Read-only
☐ Read-write

☒ Use Index

Load Mode


☒ Always load
☐ Autoload
☐ Autoload with prompt
☐ Manual load


Packages:

Shared Package	Preferred Path	Mounted On
 fUML_Library		

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5. You will be at the **Specify usage options** step. Click **Finish**. The **Question** dialog opens to ask you about showing auxiliary resources in the Containment tree. Click **Yes**.

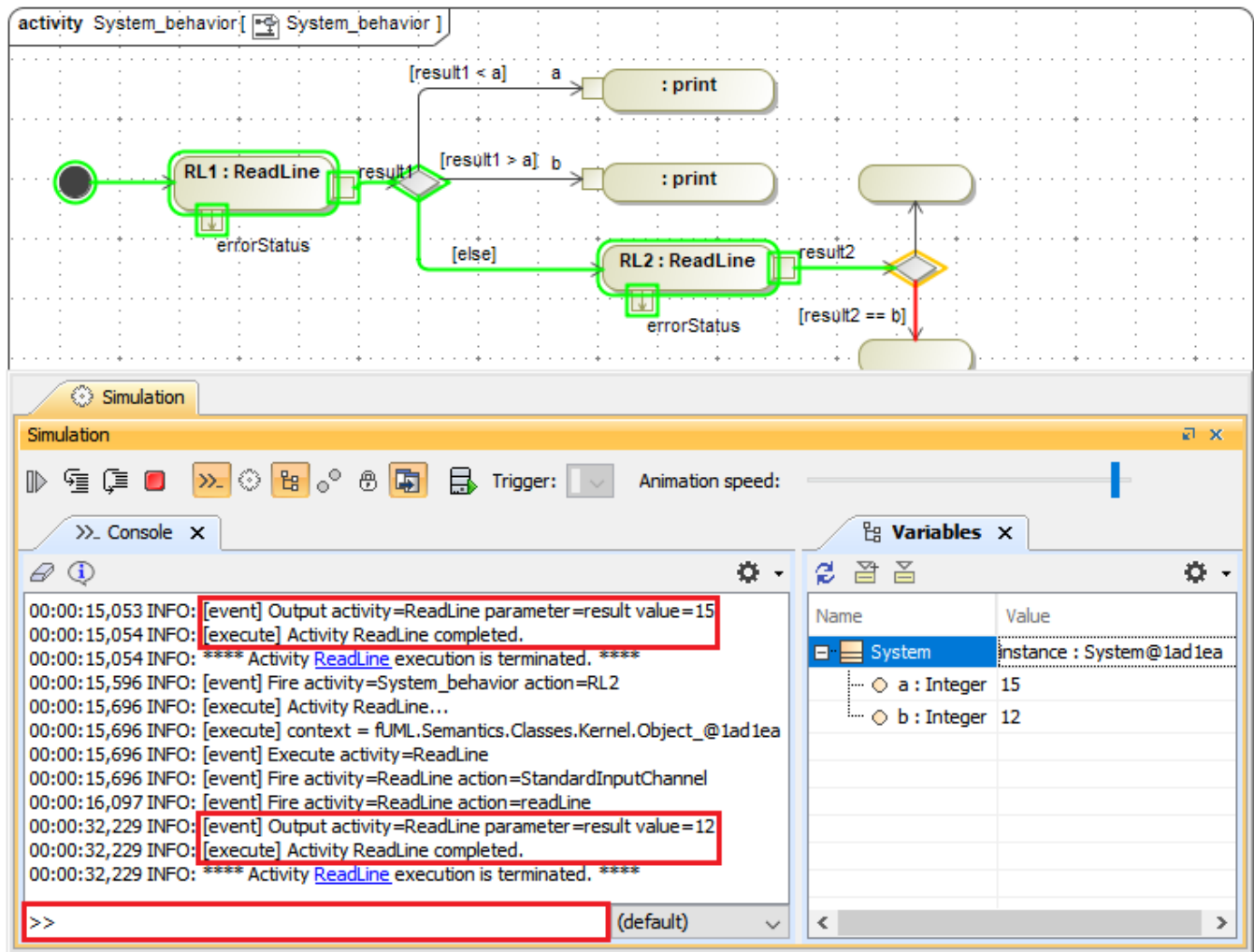
 Question

 Auxiliary resources from used read-only projects are hidden in the Containment tree.
Show auxiliary resources?

☒ Show this message next time

Yes No Help

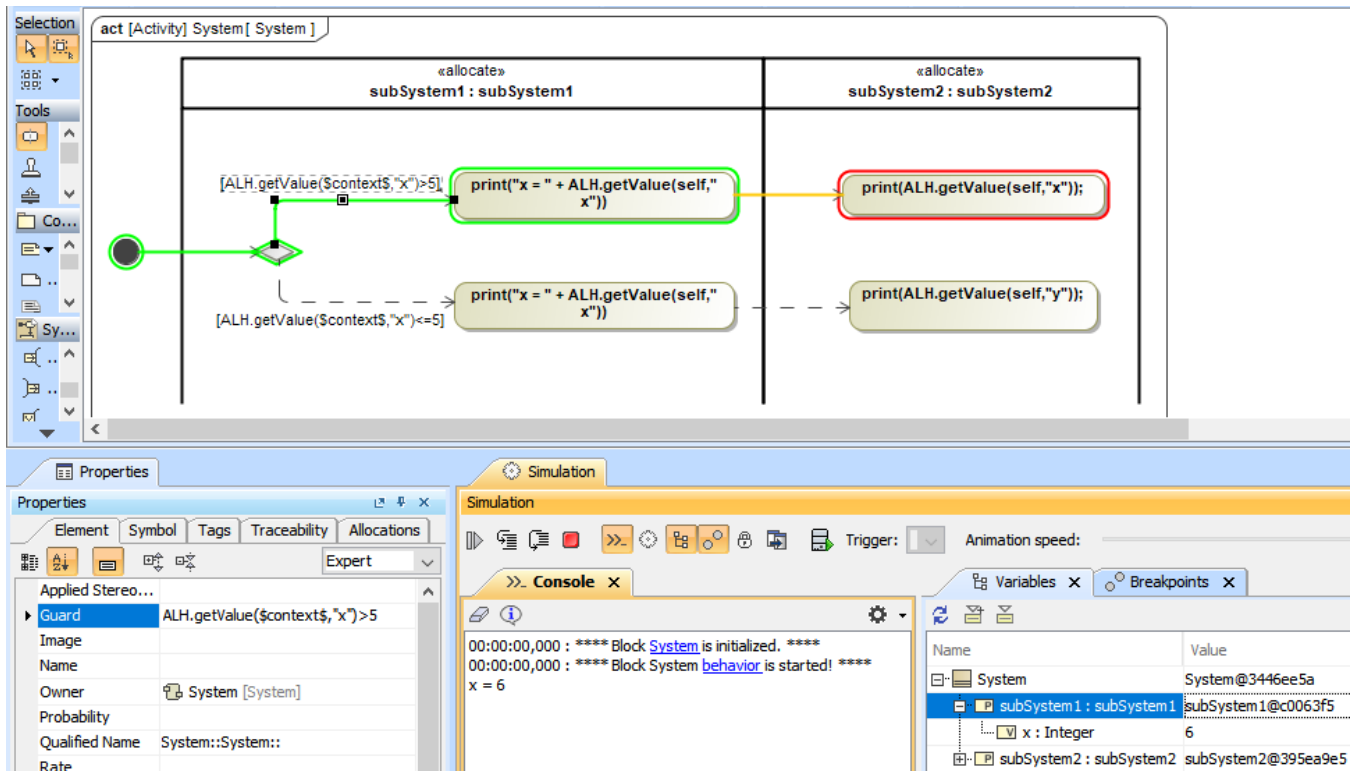
Then a Call Behavior Action can now be set Behavior as a ReadLine Element. The ReadLine Element will be shown with two default Pins, i.e., result and errorStatus. During the simulation, the ReadLine Element is executed to allow entering value through the input line on the **Console** pane. The result of the ReadLine Element can be used by other Elements with any proper data types, e.g., Guard, as in the following figure



ReadLine support allows entering value through the input line on the Console pane.

Guards in Swimlanes

Simulation supports Guards in Swimlanes in the Activity diagram as shown in the figure below. See also [Using Guards on Transitions](#) and [Swimlane](#).



Guards in Swimlanes are supported in the Activity diagram.

Related pages

- [Decision and Merge](#)
- [Behavior](#)
- [Action](#)