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## References

Number	Document
[1]	MOST Specification 2V5

## Bibliography MOST Function Catalog

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FBlockID	FunctionBlock
-	GeneralFBlock
-	GeneralPlayer
0x01	NetBlock
0x02	NetworkMaster
0x03	ConnectionMaster
0x06	Diagnosis
0x0F	Enhanced Testability
0x22	AudioAmplifier
0x24	AuxIn
0x26	MicrophoneInput
0x30	AudioTapePlayer
0x31	AudioDiskPlayer
0x34	DVDVideoPlayer
0x40	AmFmTuner
0x41	TMCTuner
0x42	TVTuner
0x43	DABTuner
0x44	SDARS
0x50	Telephone
0x51	GeneralPhoneBook
0x60	GraphicDisplay
-	Unique Functions

## ConnectionMaster (0x03) FBlock Change History

### Changes ConnectionMaster FBlock 2.4 to ConnectionMaster FBlock 2.5.0

Change Ref.	FktID	Changes
2.5-001	General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Minor corrections in spelling and use of MOST terminology.</li> <li>- Unified use of RxTxLog to match the MOST specification.</li> <li>- Substituted synchronous/asynchronous data with streaming/packet data in descriptions.</li> <li>- Amended XML storage format with new Function Classes, data types and units.</li> </ul>
2.5-002	0x402	- Added function MoveBoundary.
2.5-003	0x403	- Added function BoundaryChange.
2.5-004	0x200	- Removed unused CMErrCode parameter and included it in the restructured ErrorInfo.
2.5-005	0x201	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Removed superfluous CMErrCode parameter. ErrorInfo was changed from Stream to Void.</li> <li>- Added missing parameter SourceInstID to OPType StartResult.</li> </ul>

### Changes ConnectionMaster FBlock 2.3.3 to ConnectionMaster FBlock 2.4

Change Ref.	FktID	Changes
2.4-001	0x200 0x201	- Changed comment to parameter SinkNr.
2.4-002	0x200 0x201	- Added ErrorAck.
2.4-003	0x200 0x201	- Added function specific error codes.
2.4-004	0x400	- Changed description for parameter SinkNr.
2.4-005	0x400	- Changed parameter Channels to Channellist.
2.4-006	0x401	- Changed description for parameter NoChannels.

### Changes ConnectionMaster FBlock 2.3.2 to ConnectionMaster FBlock 2.3.3

Change Ref.	FktID	Changes
2.3.3-001	0x200	- Changed type of parameter SinkFBlock to unsigned byte and range to [0..255]
2.3.3-002	0x201	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Changed type of parameter SinkFBlock to unsigned byte and range to [0..255]</li> <li>- Changed Start to StartResult and ResultAck to StartResultAck.</li> </ul>
2.3.3-003	0x400	- Changed type of parameter SinkFBlock to unsigned byte and range to [0..255]

### Changes ConnectionMaster FBlock 2.3.1 to ConnectionMaster FBlock 2.3.2

Change Ref.	FktID	Changes
2.3.2-001	0x002	- Changed description of parameter FktIDList.

# 1 Introduction

A MOST Function Catalog is a collection of MOST function blocks (FBlocks).

This document contains the specification of an FBlock. MOST FBlocks are standardized and maintained by MOST workgroup Device Architecture (WG\_DA). In order to speed up the process of making new FBlocks available, every FBlock will be updated individually as required.

## 2 FBlock definition

### 2.1 ConnectionMaster (FBlockID=0x03)

For managing streaming connections in complex networks it is useful to introduce a higher control instance on the application level. In MOST, it will be implemented in FBlock ConnectionMaster. Since the ConnectionMaster must verify that a requested connection does not already exist, all requests for establishing connections must be directed to the ConnectionMaster.

**Note:** The ConnectionMaster transforms the requests for a point-to-point connection into a sequence of Allocate and Connect commands to the affected FBlocks. If a second connection is requested for the same source, no second allocation command is sent to the source. If a connection is removed, the source must not be deallocated unless it has been the last connection that uses the source. Even then, an implementation of the ConnectionMaster may choose to delay the deallocation of a source until its Streaming Channels are needed for another connection. Nevertheless, its channels must be counted as "available" with respect to the property AvailableChannels. An implementation of the ConnectionMaster may also choose to use the command SourceConnect rather than Allocate. In this case, the ConnectionMaster is responsible for maintaining the allocation table, which would be done in hardware by the TimingMaster if Allocate had been used. The usage of "SourceConnect" and "Allocate" may not be mixed within one system.

Function Overview		
FktID	Name	Section Type
0x000	<a href="#">FktIDs</a>	Coordination
0x001	<a href="#">Notification</a>	Coordination
0x002	<a href="#">NotificationCheck</a>	Coordination
0x010	<a href="#">Version</a>	Coordination
0x200	<a href="#">BuildSyncConnection</a>	Mandatory
0x201	<a href="#">RemoveSyncConnection</a>	Mandatory
0x400	<a href="#">SyncConnectionTable</a>	Extension
0x401	<a href="#">AvailableChannels</a>	Extension
0x402	<a href="#">MoveBoundary</a>	Extension
0x403	<a href="#">BoundaryChange</a>	Extension

## 2.1.1 FktIDs (0x000)

Section type: Coordination

With the property FktIDs, the functions of an FBlock may be queried.

### 2.1.1.1 Format of Function

**Function classes:** Unclassified Property

FBlock	Function	OPType	Parameter
ConnectionMaster (0x03)	FktIDs (0x000)	Get	-
		Status	BitField
		Error	ErrorCode, ErrorInfo

### 2.1.1.2 Parameter

#### BitField

RLE-coded bitfield of available functions.

Remark: FktIDs are 12-bit encoded!

Basis datatype	Length	Description
Stream		FktID1, FktID2, ...

## 2.1.2 Notification (0x001)

Section type: Coordination

This property administrates the Notification Matrix of an FBlock.

### 2.1.2.1 Format of Function

**Function classes:** Unclassified Property

FBlock	Function	OPType	Parameter
ConnectionMaster (0x03)	Notification (0x001)	Set	Control, DeviceID, FktIDList
		Get	FktID
		Status	FktID, DeviceIDList
		Error	ErrorCode, ErrorInfo



## 2.1.2.2 Parameter

### Control

The parameter Control determines where the entry has to be done or the deletion respectively.

SetAll = Entry of DeviceID in all properties that support notification.

SetFunction = Entry of DeviceID for the specified functions in the Notification Matrix.

ClearAll = Deletion of DeviceID at all functions of the Notification Matrix.

ClearFunction = Deletion of DeviceID for the specified functions in the Notification Matrix.

Basis datatype	Range of values	Code	Description
Enum	0x00..0x03	0x00	SetAll
		0x01	SetFunction
		0x02	ClearAll
		0x03	ClearFunction

### DeviceID

Either RxTxLog of a device or a group address.

Basis datatype	Exp.	Range of values	Step	Unit
Unsigned Word	0		1	none

### FktID

Function ID.

Basis datatype	Exp.	Range of values	Step	Unit
Unsigned Word	0		1	none

### DeviceIDList

List of devices.

Basis datatype	Length	Description
Stream		DeviceID {, DeviceID}

### FktIDList

List of functions. The maximum list length is 4.

Basis datatype	Length	Description
Stream	8	FktID {, FktID}

## 2.1.3 NotificationCheck (0x002)

Section type: Coordination

Under certain system conditions, it can be helpful if a device can check whether its entries are still existent in the Notification Matrix. In case of an error, a device is able to renew its entries.

### 2.1.3.1 Format of Function

**Function classes:** Unclassified Property

FBlock	Function	OPType	Parameter
ConnectionMaster (0x03)	NotificationCheck (0x002)	Get	DeviceID
		Status	DeviceID, FktIDList
		Error	ErrorCode, ErrorInfo

### 2.1.3.2 Parameter

#### FktIDList

List of functions.

Basis datatype	Length	Description
Stream	-	FktID {, FktID}

#### FktID

Function ID.

Basis datatype	Exp.	Range of values	Step	Unit
Unsigned Word	0		1	none

#### DeviceID

Either RxTxLog of a device or a group address.

Basis datatype	Exp.	Range of values	Step	Unit
Unsigned Word	0		1	none

## 2.1.4 Version (0x010)

Section type: Coordination

This function has to be implemented in every node. It describes the version of the FBlock, divided into the major version, the minor version and the build number. (E.g., Version 2.3.5)

### 2.1.4.1 Format of Function

**Function classes:** Unclassified Property

FBlock	Function	OPType	Parameter
ConnectionMaster (0x03)	Version (0x010)	Get	-
		Status	Major, Minor, Build
		Error	ErrorCode, ErrorInfo

### 2.1.4.2 Parameter

#### Major

Major version value of the FBlock.

Basis datatype	Exp.	Range of values	Step	Unit
Unsigned Byte	0	full range	1	none

#### Minor

Minor version value of the FBlock.

Basis datatype	Exp.	Range of values	Step	Unit
Unsigned Byte	0	full range	1	none

#### Build

Build number of the FBlock.

Basis datatype	Exp.	Range of values	Step	Unit
Unsigned Byte	0	full range	1	none

## 2.1.5 BuildSyncConnection (0x200)

Section type: Mandatory

This method instructs the ConnectionMaster to build a streaming connection between sink and source.

**Note:** An implementation may include either the Ack OPTypes or the non-Ack OPTypes. They must not be mixed.

### 2.1.5.1 Format of Function

**Function classes:** Unclassified Method

FBlock	Function	OPType	Parameter
ConnectionMaster (0x03)	BuildSync Connection (0x200)	Processing	-
		Processing Ack	SenderHandle
		Result	SourceFBlock, SourceInstID, SourceNr, SinkFBlock, SinkInstID, SinkNr
		ResultAck	SenderHandle, SourceFBlock, SourceInstID, SourceNr, SinkFBlock, SinkInstID, SinkNr
		StartResult	SourceFBlock, SourceInstID, SourceNr, SinkFBlock, SinkInstID, SinkNr
		StartResult Ack	SenderHandle, SourceFBlock, SourceInstID, SourceNr, SinkFBlock, SinkInstID, SinkNr
		Error	ErrorCode, ErrorInfo
		ErrorAck	SenderHandle, ErrorCode, ErrorInfo

### 2.1.5.2 Parameter

#### ErrorInfo

Besides the error information provided in the MOST Specification, a number of function specific error info values are specified here.

Basis datatype	Length	Description
Stream	-	CMErrCode{, CMErrInfo}

## CMErrorCode

Function specific error codes for the ConnectionMaster.

Basis datatype	Range of values	Code	Description
Enum	0x10..0x15	0x10	Not enough channels: Not enough available channels to build streaming connection.
		0x11	Device Busy: Source or sink is busy at the moment and no connection was built or removed.
		0x12	Source error: A persistent source error.
		0x13	Sink error: A persistent sink error.
		0x14	Sink in use: The sink is already in use and no connection was built.
		0x15	Source sink mismatch: The sink does not support the data format that is received from the source.

## CMErrorInfo

Basis datatype	Length	Description	
Stream	-	Streamcase	Description
		PosX=CMErrorCode, PosY=0x10	Content: NoAvailChannels, NoReqChannels
		PosX=CMErrorCode, PosY=0x11...0x15	Content: No Info.

## NoAvailChannels

Number of available channels.

Basis datatype	Exp.	Range of values	Step	Unit
Unsigned Byte	0	full range	1	none

## NoReqChannels

Number of required channels.

Basis datatype	Exp.	Range of values	Step	Unit
Unsigned Byte	0	full range	1	none

## SenderHandle

Unique identifier of a task.

Basis datatype	Exp.	Range of values	Step	Unit
Unsigned Word	0		1	not_defined

## SinkNr

Number of data sink within the sink FBlock. 0x01 is used for the first sink.

Basis datatype	Exp.	Range of values	Step	Unit
Unsigned Byte	0		1	none

### SinkInstID

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Instance ID of the streaming data sink.

Basis datatype	Exp.	Range of values	Step	Unit
Unsigned Byte	0		1	none

### SinkFBlock

---

FBlock ID of the streaming data sink.

Basis datatype	Exp.	Range of values	Step	Unit
Unsigned Byte	0	0..255	1	none

### SourceNr

---

Number of data source within the source FBlock. 0x01 is used for the first source.

Basis datatype	Exp.	Range of values	Step	Unit
Unsigned Byte	0		1	none

### SourceInstID

---

Instance ID of the streaming data source

Basis datatype	Exp.	Range of values	Step	Unit
Unsigned Byte	0		1	none

### SourceFBlock

---

FBlock ID of the streaming data source

Basis datatype	Exp.	Range of values	Step	Unit
Unsigned Byte	0	0..255	1	none

## 2.1.6 RemoveSyncConnection (0x201)

Section type: Mandatory

This method instructs the ConnectionMaster to remove the streaming connection between the specified sink and source.

**Note:** An implementation may include either the Ack OPTypes or the non-Ack OPTypes. They must not be mixed.

### 2.1.6.1 Format of Function

**Function classes:** Unclassified Method

FBlock	Function	OPType	Parameter
ConnectionMaster (0x03)	RemoveSync Connection (0x201)	Processing	-
		Processing Ack	SenderHandle
		Result	SourceFBlock, SourceInstID, SourceNr, SinkFBlock, SinkInstID, SinkNr
		ResultAck	SenderHandle, SourceFBlock, SourceInstID, SourceNr, SinkFBlock, SinkInstID, SinkNr
		StartResult	SourceFBlock, SourceInstID, SourceNr, SinkFBlock, SinkInstID, SinkNr
		StartResult Ack	SenderHandle, SourceFBlock, SourceInstID, SourceNr, SinkFBlock, SinkInstID, SinkNr
		Error	ErrorCode, ErrorInfo
		ErrorAck	SenderHandle, ErrorCode, ErrorInfo

### 2.1.6.2 Parameter

#### SenderHandle

Unique identifier of a task.

Basis datatype	Exp.	Range of values	Step	Unit
Unsigned Word	0		1	not_defined

#### SinkNr

Number of the data sink within the sink FBlock. 0x01 is used for the first sink.

Basis datatype	Exp.	Range of values	Step	Unit
Unsigned Byte	0		1	none

#### SinkInstID

Instance ID of the streaming data sink.

Basis datatype	Exp.	Range of values	Step	Unit
Unsigned Byte	0		1	none

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## SinkFBlock

---

FBlockID of the streaming data sink.

Basis datatype	Exp.	Range of values	Step	Unit
Unsigned Byte	0	0..255	1	none

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## SourceNr

---

Number of data source within the Source FBlock. 0x01 is used for the first source.

Basis datatype	Exp.	Range of values	Step	Unit
Unsigned Byte	0		1	none

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## SourceInstID

---

Instance ID of the streaming data source.

Basis datatype	Exp.	Range of values	Step	Unit
Unsigned Byte	0		1	none

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## SourceFBlock

---

FBlock ID of the streaming data source.

Basis datatype	Exp.	Range of values	Step	Unit
Unsigned Byte	0	0..255	1	none



## 2.1.7 SyncConnectionTable (0x400)

Section type: Extension

The ConnectionMaster generates an array of all existing connections, including sources and sinks, where it adds more information. This array is accessible in the property SyncConnectionTable.

### 2.1.7.1 Format of Function

**Function classes:** Unclassified Property

FBlock	Function	OPType	Parameter
ConnectionMaster (0x03)	SyncConnection Table (0x400)	Get	-
		Status	ConnectionList
		Error	ErrorCode, ErrorInfo

### 2.1.7.2 Parameter

#### ConnectionList

Basis datatype	Length	Description
Stream	-	SourceFBlock, SourceInstID, SourceNr, SinkFBlock, SinkInstID, SinkNr, SrcDelay, NoChannels, ChannelList {, SourceFBlock, SourceInstID, SourceNr, SinkFBlock, SinkInstID, SinkNr, SrcDelay, NoChannels, ChannelList}

#### SourceFBlock

FBlock ID of the streaming data source.

Basis datatype	Exp.	Range of values	Step	Unit
Unsigned Byte	0	0..255	1	none

#### SourceInstID

Instance ID of the streaming data source

Basis datatype	Exp.	Range of values	Step	Unit
Unsigned Byte	0		1	none

#### SourceNr

Number of a data source within the Source FBlock. 0x01 is used for the first source.

Basis datatype	Exp.	Range of values	Step	Unit
Unsigned Byte	0		1	none

## SinkFBlock

FBlock ID of the streaming data sink.

Basis datatype	Exp.	Range of values	Step	Unit
Unsigned Byte	0	0..255	1	none

## SinkInstID

Instance ID of the streaming data sink.

Basis datatype	Exp.	Range of values	Step	Unit
Unsigned Byte	0		1	none

## SinkNr

Number of a data sink within the sink FBlock. 0x01 is used for the first sink.

Basis datatype	Exp.	Range of values	Step	Unit
Unsigned Byte	0		1	none

## SrcDelay

Delay of streaming data related to the TimingMaster.

Basis datatype	Exp.	Range of values	Step	Unit
Unsigned Byte	0		1	not_defined

## NoChannels

Number of channels in the ChannelList.

Basis datatype	Exp.	Range of values	Step	Unit
Unsigned Byte	0		1	none

## ChannelList

List of channel numbers for the streaming connection.

Basis datatype	Length	Description
Stream	60	Channel {, Channel}

## Channel

Number of a channel.

Basis datatype	Exp.	Range of values	Step	Unit
Unsigned Byte	0	0..59	1	not_defined

## 2.1.8 AvailableChannels (0x401)

Section type: Extension

This property reflects the number of streaming channels that are currently available for connection requests.

### 2.1.8.1 Format of Function

**Function classes:** Unclassified Property

FBlock	Function	OPType	Parameter
ConnectionMaster (0x03)	AvailableChannels (0x401)	Get	-
		Status	NoChannels
		Error	ErrorCode, ErrorInfo

### 2.1.8.2 Parameter

#### NoChannels

Number of available channels.

Basis datatype	Exp.	Range of values	Step	Unit
Unsigned Byte	0		1	none

## 2.1.9 MoveBoundary (0x402)

Section type: Extension

This method instructs the ConnectionMaster to adjust the boundary between streaming data and packet data to the given value.

### 2.1.9.1 Format of Function

**Function classes:** Sequence Method

FBlock	Function	OPType	Parameter
ConnectionMaster (0x03)	MoveBoundary (0x402)	Processing	-
		Result	BoundaryDescriptor
		StartResult	BoundaryDescriptor
		Error	ErrorCode, ErrorInfo

### 2.1.9.2 Parameter

#### BoundaryDescriptor

Value of the Boundary Descriptor.

Basis datatype	Exp.	Range of values	Step	Unit
Unsigned Byte	0	6..15	1	none

## 2.1.10 BoundaryChange (0x403)

Section type: Extension

This property is used to inform devices in the network of the status of the boundary change process initiated by the method MoveBoundary (0x402). By adding this property for notification, a device is notified by the ConnectionMaster before the boundary is actually changed due to the invocation of method MoveBoundary. The delay between sending of the notification and initiation of the boundary change process by the ConnectionMaster is system specific and should be configured by each System Integrator. The boundary change is initiated by removing all streaming connections and changing the boundary value in the TimingMaster. A notification is also sent when the boundary change process is completed.

**Note:** Removing all existing streaming connections before the boundary is changed is not required for MOST50.

### 2.1.10.1 Format of Function

**Function classes:** Unclassified Property

FBlock	Function	OPType	Parameter
ConnectionMaster (0x03)	BoundaryChange (0x403)	Get	-
		Status	BoundaryChange
		Error	ErrorCode, ErrorInfo

### 2.1.10.2 Parameter

#### BoundaryChange

Current state of the boundary.

Basis datatype	Bit #	Code	Description
Boolean	Bit 0	True	Ongoing boundary change
		False	Boundary stable