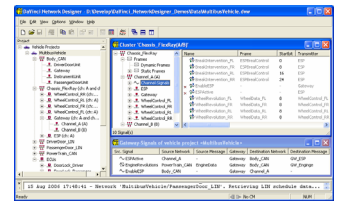


New Design Tools for CAN, LIN and FlexRay Systems

DaVinci Network Designers from Vector are capable of inter-bus network design



Stuttgart, 10/16/2006 – Vector is introducing a new inter-bus design environment with its DaVinci Network Designer tools for CAN, LIN and FlexRay. These tools support network designers and development engineers in designing and maintaining the communication data of a networked system. Data is exchanged with other development systems in standard DBC, LDF and FIBEX formats. This means that DaVinci Network Designers can be integrated in existing development environments.

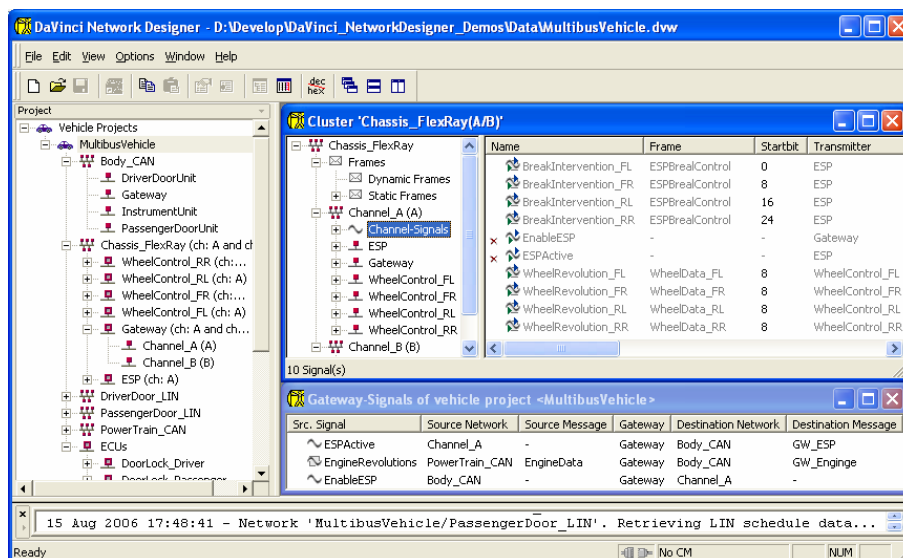
The user can deploy the DaVinci Network Designers either separately or together for inter-bus design of complex vehicle networks. Network design complexity is mastered reliably – even across network boundaries – by dividing the design process into sub-tasks. These sub-tasks are supported by specific views and functions in the DaVinci Network Designers. In an identical way the user defines the hardware topology in the tools for the three bus systems and defines the signals to be communicated on the networks. This forms the foundation for communication design of the individual networks whose special properties are considered in the various DaVinci Network Designers.

The signals routed between individual networks via gateway ECUs are conveniently visualized in a separate

view. Comprehensive and detailed consistency checks of the DaVinci Network Designer are used to find errors in network descriptions during early phases of the design process.

Customer wishes and Vector's many years of experience with CAN-design-systems influenced the new development of these three tools.

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[Figure: DaVinci Network Designer with a vehicle's network topology, communication of the FlexRay cluster and the routed signals]

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