

IBISv5.0 AMI specification BIRD task list

Description	Clarification or correction	New feature	BIRD file name	Date done
Parser developer questions				
case sensitivity				
- are .ami files case sensitive? (yes)	5.1			
scale factors				
- clarify (no, AMI is a control/initialization syntax) ???				
line length limit				
- is there a line length limit in .ami files?	5.1			
comment character				
- what is the comment character in .ami files?	5.1			
white space				
- define what it is in .ami files (spaces and tabs)	5.1			
- is CRLF allowed in .ami files or parameter strings extracted from it?				
string				
- define what it is	5.1			
integer				
- define what it is	5.1			
float				
- define what it is	5.1			
Init_Returns_Impulse				
- is the parameter "Default" not allowed for it?	5.1			
Init_Returns_Impulse and GetWave_Exists True				
- inconsistent (correct) ???				
min/typ/max				
- define possible values.	5.1			
- is increment always positive?				
- does default have to obey min <= default <= max?				
"Format", "Value", "Default"				
- define rules	5.1			
Syntax for leaf ???				
Two distinct sections? (Model_specific is optional) ???				
First Token File Name? (no, just any name) ???				
Atul NA in Table - Not the same as NA ???				
As per the above BNF, the Format = Table syntax is invalid. ???				

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Table 1 and Table 3 of Section 6c have certain ambiguities.
 Note that these two rules build in an ambiguity about the relationship between "Format" and text strings. ???
 What about Format Table, Gaussian, DjRj and Dual-Dirac? ???

AMI flow related

Order of EDA tool convolution and first Tx GetWave call add parameter: Init_Returns_Filter	5.1	5.1	Flow_BIRD_1.txt	April 13, 2010
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Ambiguities in text

clock_times - clarify various topics	5.1			
impulse response - define how it is generated - clarify what is its unit - what should be done in absence of an analog IBIS model? - if Thevenin (LTI) buffer is used, what should be the amplitude? - what tap coefficients should the analog model represent?	5.1			
parameter string (passed into the DLL) - are quotes and other special characters allowed? - clarify rules on how it is extracted from an .ami file	5.1			

List from existing BIRD draft (as of February 23, 2010)

remove branches: Reserved_Parameters, Model_Specific		5.1+		
remove reserved parameters: Tx_Jitter, Rx_Clock_PDF	??			
remove keywords: Format, Gaussian, Table, DjRj, Dual-Dirac	??			
add keyword: Array		5.1+		

- Scott's suggestion:
- 1) clarification
 - top level clarification BIRD -> full document, rewrite 5.0 with clarifications
 - subset -> clarification sub-BIRD-s to clarify specific things (clock_time, flow, etc...)
 - 2) new stuff in separate BIRD-s (justification and proposed solutions)