


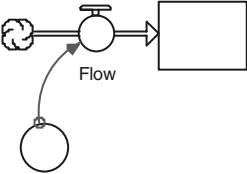


The Components of the Systems Model

Icon	Purpose
<p data-bbox="57 146 127 166">Stock</p> 	<p data-bbox="410 135 1163 298"><i>Stocks</i> represent accumulations. These are quantities that can increase or decrease, such as the amount of work that needs to be completed, the time available in which to do it, experience one might bring to a task.</p>
 <p data-bbox="139 417 193 438">Flow</p>	<p data-bbox="410 314 1157 391"><i>Flows</i> represent activities. They control the filling or draining of stocks, causing conditions to change.</p>
 <p data-bbox="31 565 149 586">Converter</p>	<p data-bbox="410 468 1151 629"><i>Converters</i> change inputs into outputs. They usually represent the variables that initiate change. In the example, a converter might represent a sudden and drastic world event.</p>
 <p data-bbox="290 653 356 674">Stock</p> <p data-bbox="139 798 193 819">Flow</p> <p data-bbox="31 974 149 995">Converter</p>	<p data-bbox="410 644 1102 758"><i>Connectors</i> link elements to other elements, representing assumptions about what depends on what.</p>