

## FLOW BOUNDARY CONDITIONS

### Velocity

*Inlet*—define velocity and scalar flow properties at inlet

### Pressure

*Inlet*—define total pressure and other scalar quantities at flow inlet

*Outlet*—define static pressure at flow outlet (provides better convergence with backflow)

**Mass Flow**—prescribe mass flow rate and scalar flow properties at inlet (suitable for compressible flow)

**Pressure Far-Field**—model a free-stream compressible flow at infinity by Mach number and static conditions (requires compressible flow)

**Outflow**—model flow exits where details of flow velocity and pressure are unknown prior to solution of problem (appropriate for fully developed flow; requires incompressible flow)

### Vent

*Inlet*—model inlet vent with specified loss coefficient, flow direction, and ambient (inlet) total pressure and temperature

*Outlet*—model outlet vent with specified loss coefficient and ambient (discharge) static pressure and temperature

### Fan

*Intake*—model external intake fan with specified pressure jump, flow direction, and ambient (intake) total pressure and temperature.

*Exhaust*—model external exhaust fan with specified pressure jump and ambient (discharge) static pressure.

**Degassing**—model free surface through which dispersed gas bubbles are allowed to escape but the continuous liquid phase is not (requires two-phase liquid-gas flows using Eulerian multiphase model)

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### OTHER BOUNDARY CONDITIONS

**Wall**—bound fluid and solid regions (no-slip enforced by default, but user can specify tangential velocity component or model “slip” wall by specifying shear; can specify roughness, surface tension, motion, species, film conditions, flux, etc.)

**Symmetry**—mirror system (reduce the extent of your computational model to a symmetric subsection of the overall physical system) [N.B. Symmetry doesn’t equate to mirroring; it mathematically represents a zero-shear-force wall.]

**Axis**—mirror system at globale coördinate system axis

**Periodic**—used when physical geometry of interest and expected pattern of flow/thermal solution have periodically repeating nature (may be *cyclic* or *periodic*)

**Fan**—allows user to input empirical fan curve governing head and flow rate across fan element; user can also specify radial, tangential components of fan swirl velocity

**Radiator**—specify both pressure drop and heat transfer coefficient as functions of velocity normal to the radiator using lumped-parameter model

**Porous Jump**—model thin membrane of known pressure-drop characteristics

**Non-Reflecting**—eliminate spurious wave reflections in artificially truncated domain

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