MikePack 1.65

4th Dimension® External Package

User Documentation

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Introduction

Before delving head first into the gory guts of the world of syntax and code examples, I wanted to give you some background on the MikePack package, and why it exists.

MikePack started out as a group of a few loosely related 4D routines that I seemed to use in almost all of my projects. I decided to set up a library of 4D routines that I could use from project to project. That worked, but some of the routines were kind of slow. Pascal came to the rescue. I re-wrote all of the 4D library routines in Pascal, and had a set of 6 or 8 externals.

As I took on new projects, and new needs arose, this little grouping turned into over 90 routines in 5 separate packages!

I decided that these routines were certainly not "rocket science", they were simply faster, or easier ways to do things I was already doing in 4D. That's why they're shareware, not commercial.

I've broken the manual down into separate sections. There's a table of contents, index, and one section of detail per package. The routines are listed within their respective sections.

For each routine, there is a syntax explanation, a table describing parameter and return value usage, and a paragraph or two of how to use the command. There's also a code example for most of the commands.

I hope that these routines save you time and effort in your 4D adventures, and that you can find new and inventive ways to use them. The demo database simulates several pieces of general business routines, but hopefully you can devise even more creative methods of using MikePack!

Thanks for your interest and time!

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General Information

All of the routines that deal with arrays in any way, will require you to pass the **NAME** of the array, and **NOT THE ARRAY** itself. This is VERY important.

The routine MP DISTINCT, requires that the arrays be sorted before use in the external.

Except where noted, ALL arrays managed by these packages are to be TEXT arrays. Two notable exceptions are contained in the MP S2N_Array and MP N2S Array routines. Please consult the parameter tables for more details.

The Array Routines

MP Array2File

Err := MP Array2File ("myArray" ; FileName ; Creator ; Type)

| PARAMETER | TYPE | RECEIVES DATA | DESCRIPTION |
|---------------|---------|---------------|-------------------------------------|
| myArray | STRING | NO | Name of array to work with |
| FileName | STRING | NO | Full pathname of file to be created |
| Creator | STRING | NO | 4 digit file creator descriptor |
| Туре | STRING | NO | 4 digit file type descriptor |
| | | | |
| RETURNS VALUE | TYPE | | DESCRIPTION |
| YES | INTEGER | | Mac OS File system error codes |
| | | | from trying to create the file. 0 |
| | | | means all went well. |

The data in the TEXT array will be written to a file. A system error will be returned into Err, 0 means successful creation of the file.

A full pathname can be used as the file name. Creator can be any valid 4 character id, ie. "MSWD" for Microsoft Word, or "XCEL" for Microsoft Excel. Type should also be a 4 character descriptor. Use "TEXT".

If you feel extremely experimental, you could use something else...

MP Array2Text

myText := MP Array2Text ("myArray" ; Delimiter)

| PARAMETER | TYPE | RECEIVES DATA | DESCRIPTION |
|---------------|--------|---------------|---|
| myArray | STRING | NO | Name of array to work with |
| Delimeter | STRING | NO | Character to act as separator between lines of the text field |
| | | | |
| RETURNS VALUE | TYPE | | DESCRIPTION |
| YES | TEXT | | The text created by the merging of |
| | | | the lines of the array. |

The contents of the array will be placed into the text variable. Pass the name of the array, not the array itself. The char(Delimeter) parameter will separate the elements of the array as they're placed into the text variable.

MP FILE2TEXT (FileName ; Err ; "TextArray")

| PARAMETER | TYPE | RECEIVES DATA | DESCRIPTION |
|---------------|--------|---------------|---------------------------------------|
| FileName | STRING | NO | Full pathname of file to be read into |
| | | | memory |
| Err | STRING | YES | Error number from OS |
| TextArray | STRING | NO | Name of array to receive contents |
| | | | of file |
| | | | |
| RETURNS VALUE | TYPE | | DESCRIPTION |
| NO | N/A | | N/A |

Pass the filename to be read, the error variable (text), and the text array to place the file into. I used an array because files can easily be larger than 32k (the limit of text variables). The data is moved into the array in 32k chunks.

The errors returned are Mac OS errors.

MP MERGEARRAYS

MP MERGEARRAYS ("aList" ; Delimeter ; "BigArray")

| PARAMETER | TYPE | RECEIVES DATA | DESCRIPTION |
|---------------|--------|---------------|---|
| aList | STRING | NO | Name of the array which contains the names of the arrays to be merged |
| Delimeter | STRING | NO | Delimeter to separate the columns of the created array |
| BigArray | STRING | NO | Name of the array to receive the merged results |
| | | | |
| RETURNS VALUE | TYPE | | DESCRIPTION |
| NO | N/A | | N/A |

Pass the name of an array that contains the names of the arrays to be merged. (what?) See the demo. Also pass the character you want to use as a delimiter (if any) between columns (for no delim, pass ""). Lastly, pass the array to receive the merged results.

MP TEXT2ARRAY (vText; "yArray, DelimNum)

| PARAMETER | TYPE | RECEIVES DATA | DESCRIPTION |
|---------------|---------|---------------|---|
| vText | TEXT | NO | Text variable to be broken down into an array |
| myArray | ARRAY | NO | Array to receive the results of the procedure |
| DelimNum | INTEGER | NO | ASCII number of the delimiter character that breaks lines of text |
| | | | |
| RETURNS VALUE | TYPE | | DESCRIPTION |
| NO | N/A | | N/A |

Pass the char(DelimNum) delimited text variable, and a populated text array will be created.

NOTE: In versions previous to 1.65, the *NAME* of the array was passed, now the array itself is passed. This is *VERY IMPORTANT*. The program will crash if this is not done correctly.

MP FILLARRAY

MP FILLARRAY ("ResultArray" ; "SourceArray" ; Where)

| PARAMETER | TYPE | RECEIVES DATA | DESCRIPTION |
|---------------|---------|---------------|---|
| ResultArray | STRING | NO | Name of the array to receive the elements from the source array |
| SourceArray | STRING | NO | Name of the array that the elements are to be moved from |
| Where | INTEGER | NO | Element number in the result array to start inserting elements from SourceArray |
| | | | |
| RETURNS VALUE | TYPE | | DESCRIPTION |
| NO | N/A | | N/A |

This routine moves the data from "SourceArray" into "ResultArray" starting at element Where. All data is inserted into the array, and previous elements are adjusted "downward".

If Where = Size of Array(ResultArray) + 1 then the SourceArray will be appended to ResultArray.

MP S2N_Array ("Source"; "Result")

| PARAMETER | TYPE | RECEIVES DATA | DESCRIPTION |
|---------------|--------|---------------|--|
| Source | STRING | NO | Name of the array that contains the Text elements |
| Result | STRING | NO | Name of the array that the Text elements are to moved and converted into |
| | | | |
| RETURNS VALUE | TYPE | | DESCRIPTION |
| NO | N/A | | N/A |

This routine moves the data from "Source" into "Result", converting the string data in "source" to numeric data in "result".

MP N2S_Array

MP N2S_Array ("Source" ; "Result")

| PARAMETER | TYPE | RECEIVES DATA | DESCRIPTION |
|---------------|--------|---------------|---|
| Source | STRING | NO | Name of the array that contains the numeric elements |
| Result | STRING | NO | Name of the array that the numeric elements are to moved and converted into |
| | | | |
| RETURNS VALUE | TYPE | | DESCRIPTION |
| NO | N/A | | N/A |

This routine moves the data from "Source" into "Result", converting the numeric data in "Source" to string data in "Result".

MP POPULATE

MP POPULATE ("Source" ; Value)

| PARAMETER | TYPE | RECEIVES DATA | DESCRIPTION |
|---------------|--------|---------------|--|
| Source | STRING | NO | Name of the array to be populated |
| Value | STRING | NO | Value to place in every element of Source |
| | | | |
| RETURNS VALUE | TYPE | | DESCRIPTION |
| NO | N/A | | N/A |

This routine places "Value" into all elements of the "Source" array.

MP DISTINCT ("Source" ; "Result")

| PARAMETER | TYPE | RECEIVES DATA | DESCRIPTION |
|---------------|--------|---------------|---|
| Source | STRING | NO | Name of the array that contains the sorted elements |
| Result | STRING | NO | Name of the array that will receive the distinct elements from Source |
| | | | |
| RETURNS VALUE | TYPE | | DESCRIPTION |
| NO | N/A | | N/A |

This routine fills array "Result" with the distinct values of array "Source". Very similar to the "Distinct Values" command in v3.0.x, but works on arrays.

MP SearchArray

NumElems:= MP SearchArray ("ToFind" ; aSource ; Start ; aResults ; aIndexNums ; "Operator")

| PARAMETER | TYPE | RECEIVES DATA | DESCRIPTION |
|---------------|---------|---------------|---|
| ToFind | STRING | NO | The text to be located in the array - wild cards are allowed |
| Source | ARRAY | NO | Text array that will be searched |
| Start | INTEGER | NO | Element in Source array to begin searching for ToFind |
| Results | ARRAY | NO | Text array to receive the values from the source that match the search criteria |
| ElementNums | ARRAY | NO | LongInt array to receive the element numbers from the source where matches were found |
| ComparisonOP | STRING | NO | Operator : "=", "#", "<", ">", "<=", ">=" |
| | | | |
| RETURNS VALUE | TYPE | | DESCRIPTION |
| YES | INTEGER | | Returns the number of elements found in the source array that match the search criteria |

This routine returns the number of occurrences of "ToFind" in aSource. It also populates aResults with the values found in aSource, and populates aIndexNums with the element numbers the values were found at. "Start" is the first element to be searched. "Operator" is =, #, <, >, <=, >=.

NOTE

Pass the actual arrays, NOT the names to this routine

MP ARRAYSELECT

MP ARRAYSELECT ("aValues" ; FileNumber ; FieldNumber)

| PARAMETER | TYPE | RECEIVES DATA | DESCRIPTION |
|---------------|---------|---------------|---|
| Values | STRING | NO | Name of the array that contains the values to be found in the file |
| FileNumber | INTEGER | NO | File number of file to be searched. |
| FieldNumber | INTEGER | NO | Field number of field to be used in searching |
| | | | |
| RETURNS VALUE | TYPE | | DESCRIPTION |
| NO | N/A | | N/A |

This routine creates a selection in the given file where the given field equals a value in the aValues array.

Can be used in conjunction with MP SearchArray to create a selection based on several elements of a given array.

MP APPLY2ARRAY

MP APPLY2ARRAY ("aSource"; "FuncProc"; ChangeElemsYN)

| PARAMETER | TYPE | RECEIVES DATA | DESCRIPTION |
|---------------|---------|---------------|--|
| Source | STRING | NO | Name of the array that contains the Text elements |
| FuncProc | STRING | NO | Function or procedure to execute |
| ChangeElemsYN | INTEGER | NO | Flag for deciding to change the elements with the result of the function - 0 = No, 1 = Yes |
| | | | |
| RETURNS VALUE | TYPE | | DESCRIPTION |
| NO | N/A | | N/A |

This routine executes the "FuncProc" once for every element in the "aSource" array. If the "FuncProc" is a function and returns a value, then ChangeElemsYN is looked at, and if it = 1 then the result of the function is placed in the current element of the array, and if it's 0, nothing is changed in the array.

To substitute the current element of the array into the function/procedure, place the name of the array, and a ^ in place of the element number :

MP APPLY2ARRY("aNames";"Uppercase(aNames{^})";1)

or

MP APPLY2ARRAY("aNums";"aNums $\{^{^{^{^{-}}}}$:=aNums $\{^{^{^{-}}}\}$ +1";0)

The ^ is simply replaced in the function by the current element number, so you can do math with it as in the above example.

You can also issue procedure calls :

MP APPLY2ARRAY("aValues";"SEND PACKET(Doc;aValues{^})";0)

The Drag & Drop Routines

MP DragBlock

myRegion := MP DragBlock ("Left";"Top";"Right";"Bottom";Width;Height)

| PARAMETER | TYPE | RECEIVES DATA | DESCRIPTION |
|---------------|---------|---------------|---|
| Left | STRING | NO | Name of the integer array containing the left coordinates of the drop-off rects |
| Тор | STRING | NO | Name of the integer array containing the top coordinates of the drop-off rects |
| Right | INTEGER | NO | Name of the integer array containing the right coordinates of the drop-off rects |
| Bottom | STRING | NO | Name of the integer array containing the bottom coordinates of the drop-off rects |
| Width | INTEGER | NO | Width, in pixels, of the rect to be dragged |
| Height | INTEGER | NO | Height, in pixels, of the rect to be dragged |
| | | | |
| RETURNS VALUE | TYPE | | DESCRIPTION |
| YES | INTEGER | | Returns the drop-off rect number that the rect was dropped in |

Pass the names of the arrays containing the coordinates of the valid "drop off" regions for the block being dragged. All coordinates are local to the window they appear in. Also pass the width and height of the block to be dragged.

The region into which the block was dropped will be returned.

Errors : -1 = Not dropped into a valid region

-2 = Not all the arrays are the same size

myRegion := MP DragText (myStr ; "Left" ; "Top" ; "Right" ; "Bottom")

| PARAMETER | TYPE | RECEIVES DATA | DESCRIPTION |
|---------------|---------|---------------|---|
| StringToDrag | STRING | NO | Text to use to create gray rect for dragging |
| Left | STRING | NO | Name of the integer array containing the left coordinates of the drop-off rects |
| Тор | STRING | NO | Name of the integer array containing the top coordinates of the drop-off rects |
| Right | INTEGER | NO | Name of the integer array containing the right coordinates of the drop-off rects |
| Bottom | STRING | NO | Name of the integer array containing the bottom coordinates of the drop-off rects |
| | | | |
| RETURNS VALUE | TYPE | | DESCRIPTION |
| YES | INTEGER | | Returns the drop-off rect number that the rect was dropped in |

Pass the string to be dragged, and the names of the arrays containing the coordinates of the valid "drop off" regions for the block being dragged. The region into which the block was dropped will be returned.

Errors: -1 = Not dropped into a valid region

-2 = Not all the arrays are the same size

 $myRegion := MP\ MultiDrag("Left"; "Top"; "Right"; "Bottom"; "Windows"; W; H)$

| PARAMETER | TYPE | RECEIVES DATA | DESCRIPTION |
|---------------|---------|---------------|---|
| Left | STRING | NO | Name of the integer array containing the left coordinates of the drop-off rects |
| Тор | STRING | NO | Name of the integer array containing the top coordinates of the drop-off rects |
| Right | INTEGER | NO | Name of the integer array containing the right coordinates of the drop-off rects |
| Bottom | STRING | NO | Name of the integer array containing the bottom coordinates of the drop-off rects |
| Windows | STRING | NO | Name of the text array containing the names of the windows the dropoff rects are in |
| Width | INTEGER | NO | Width, in pixels, of the rect to be dragged |
| Height | INTEGER | NO | Height, in pixels, of the rect to be dragged |
| | | | |
| RETURNS VALUE | TYPE | | DESCRIPTION |
| YES | INTEGER | | Returns the drop-off rect number that the rect was dropped in |

Pass the names of the arrays containing the coordinates of the valid "drop off" regions for the block being dragged. Also pass the names of the windows containing the regions. All region coordinates are local to the windows they appear in. Also pass the width and height of the block to be dragged.

The region into which the block was dropped will be returned.

***Note

This routine will hilight the valid dropoff rects as they are dragged over.

Errors: 0 = Dropped on the desktop

-1 = Not dropped into a valid region

-2 = Not all the arrays are the same size

myRegion := MP DragItem (myStr;"Left";"Top";"Right";"Bottom";"Windows")

| PARAMETER | TYPE | RECEIVES DATA | DESCRIPTION |
|---------------|---------|---------------|---|
| StringToDrag | STRING | NO | Text to drag around the screen |
| Left | STRING | NO | Name of the integer array containing the left coordinates of the drop-off rects |
| Тор | STRING | NO | Name of the integer array containing the top coordinates of the drop-off rects |
| Right | INTEGER | NO | Name of the integer array containing the right coordinates of the drop-off rects |
| Bottom | STRING | NO | Name of the integer array containing the bottom coordinates of the drop-off rects |
| Windows | STRING | NO | Name of the text array containing the names of the windows the dropoff rects are in |
| | | | |
| RETURNS VALUE | TYPE | | DESCRIPTION |
| YES | INTEGER | | Returns the drop-off rect number that the rect was dropped in |

Pass the string to be dragged, and the names of the arrays containing the coordinates of the valid "drop off" regions for the block being dragged. The region into which the block was dropped will be returned.

***Note

This routine will hilight the valid dropoff rects as they are dragged over.

Errors: -1 = Not dropped into a valid region

-2 = Not all the arrays are the same size

The Gestalt Routine

MP Gestalt

myResult := MP Gestalt (Selector ; Result)

| PARAMETER | TYPE | RECEIVES DATA | DESCRIPTION |
|---------------|---------|---------------|--|
| Selector | STRING | NO | 4 Character selector for Gestalt |
| Result | LONGINT | YES | Numeric representation of answer to question |
| RETURNS VALUE | TYPE | | DESCRIPTION |
| YES | LONGINT | | Error code from Gestalt |

The selector is a valid 4 character string, and the result is a long integer result.

See Inside Macintosh VI, chapter 3, page 46 for more info on selectors and responses. All of the MP $k\ldots$ commands are the valid selectors for MP Gestalt.

Example : Err := MP Gestalt ("mach";mType)

mType : 11 = IIci, 18 = IIsi, etc.

Below are all of the selector constants in MikePack 1.6

| MP kAddrMode | MP kFileSys | MP kMemMgr | MP kResMgr |
|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| MP kAliasMgr | MP kFileTrans | MP kMiscAttr | MP kROMSize |
| MP kAppleEvts | MP kFolders | MP kNotifyMgr | MP kROMVersion |
| MP kAppleTalk | MP kFonts | MP kNuBusAttr | MP kScrMgr |
| MP kAUX | MP kFPU | MP kNumScripts | MP kSerialHW |
| MP kCommRsrc | MP kGestaltMgr | MP kOSAttr | MP kSoundMgr |
| MP kCommTools | MP kHardware | MP kOSTraps | MP kStdFileAttr |
| MP kConnect | MP kHelpMgr | MP kParity | MP kStdNPB |
| MP kCPU | MP kMP keyBoard | MP kPhysRAM | MP kSysVersion |
| MP kDAM | MP kLowMem | MP kPopups | MP kTerminalMgr |
| MP kDialogs | MP kLPageSize | MP kPowerMgr | MP kTextEdit |
| MP kEasyAccess | MP kLRAMSize | MP kPPC | MP kTimeMgr |
| MP kEditionMgr | MP kMachlcon | MP kQDFeatures | MP kTrapTable |
| MP kExtTools | MP kMachineType | MP kQDVersion | MP kVMem |

The PopupMenu Routines

MP PopupMenu

myltem := MP PopupMenu ("ItemList" ; DefaultItem ; H ; V)

| PARAMETER | TYPE | RECEIVES DATA | DESCRIPTION |
|---------------|---------|---------------|--|
| Items | STRING | NO | Name of array containing the elements of a popup menu |
| | | | |
| Default | STRING | NO | Item which is to be the default item |
| Horizontal | INTEGER | NO | Horizontal location, in pixels, for the upper left of the menu to appear |
| Vertical | INTEGER | NO | Vertical location, in pixels, for the upper left of the menu to appear |
| | | | |
| RETURNS VALUE | TYPE | | DESCRIPTION |
| YES | INTEGER | | Which item was chosen from the menu |

This routine creates a popup menu containing the items in the array "ItemList", starts the user at item DefaultItem, and draws the menu at coordinates H,V.

It returns the chosen menu item, or 0 for none.

myltem := MP PopupPlus ("ItemList" ; DefaultItem ; H ; V ; CheckYN)

| PARAMETER | TYPE | RECEIVES DATA | DESCRIPTION |
|---------------|---------|---------------|--|
| Items | STRING | NO | Name of array containing the |
| | | | elements of a popup menu |
| | | | |
| Default | STRING | NO | Item which is to be the default item |
| Horizontal | INTEGER | NO | Horizontal location, in pixels, for the upper left of the menu to appear |
| Vertical | INTEGER | NO | Vertical location, in pixels, for the upper left of the menu to appear |
| CheckYN | INTEGER | NO | 1 = Check the default item, 0 = Don't check the default item |
| | | | |
| RETURNS VALUE | TYPE | | DESCRIPTION |
| YES | INTEGER | | Which item was chosen from the |
| | | | menu |

This routine creates a popup menu containing the items in the array "ItemList", starts the user at item DefaultItem, and draws the menu at coordinates H,V. If CheckYesNo = 0, then the default item is not checked. If it = 1, it is.

Note

In MP PopupPlus to create a sub menu, a menu item should be in this form:

[SubMenuTitle]SubMenuArrayName

ex. [Colors]aColors

where aColors is a text array with the names of colors in it.

For MP PopupPlus: if myItem > 99 then:

SubMenu Number = INT(myltem/100)

SubMenu Item = myItem - (INT(myItem/100)*100)

The String Routines

MP JustifyText

myString := MP JustifyText (myString ; myLen ; character ; myType)

| PARAMETER | TYPE | RECEIVES DATA | DESCRIPTION |
|-------------------|---------|---------------|--|
| String | TEXT | NO | String to be placed into a field of characters |
| Length | INTEGER | NO | Length of the field to be created |
| Character | STRING | NO | Character to use to fill in the field, around the text being justified |
| JustificationType | STRING | NO | "L" = Left justify "C" = Center "R" = Right justify |
| | | | |
| RETURNS VALUE | TYPE | | DESCRIPTION |
| YES | STRING | | The justified text |

Pass the original string, the length of the desired resulting string, the character to use as a pad, and the type of justification :

MP PadText

myText := MP PadText (myText ; myLen ; Character)

| PARAMETER | TYPE | RECEIVES DATA | DESCRIPTION |
|---------------|---------|---------------|---|
| String | STRING | NO | String to add padding to |
| Length | INTEGER | NO | Total size of padded text |
| Character | STRING | NO | Character to pad (Add to the right) the text with |
| | | | |
| RETURNS VALUE | TYPE | | DESCRIPTION |
| YES | STRING | | The padded string |

This will pad the passed text on the right side to the desired length using the passed character.

(Same as justifying text as being "Left" justified).

myText := MP TrimText (myText)

| PARAMETER | TYPE | RECEIVES DATA | DESCRIPTION |
|---------------|--------|---------------|--|
| String | STRING | NO | String that is to have leading and trailing spaces removed from it |
| | | | |
| RETURNS VALUE | TYPE | | DESCRIPTION |
| YES | STRING | | Original string with no leading or trailing spaces |

Pass the text to be trimmed, and all leading and trailing spaces will be summarily exterminated! (removed).

MP TrimLeft

myText := MP TrimLeft (myText)

| PARAMETER | TYPE | RECEIVES DATA | DESCRIPTION |
|---------------|--------|---------------|---|
| String | STRING | NO | String that is to have leading spaces removed from it |
| | | | |
| RETURNS VALUE | TYPE | | DESCRIPTION |
| YES | STRING | | Original string with no leading spaces |

Pass the text to be trimmed, and all leading spaces will be summarily exterminated! (removed).

MP TrimRight

myText := MP TrimRight (myText)

| PARAMETER | TYPE | RECEIVES DATA | DESCRIPTION |
|---------------|--------|---------------|--|
| String | STRING | NO | String that is to have trailing spaces removed from it |
| | | | |
| RETURNS VALUE | TYPE | | DESCRIPTION |
| YES | STRING | | Original string with no trailing spaces |

Pass the text to be trimmed, and all trailing spaces will be summarily exterminated! (removed).

MP SCROLLTEXT ("aLines";"aSizes";"aTechs";"aFonts";"aStyles";"aColors";vWidth;vHeight)

| PARAMETER | TYPE | RECEIVES DATA | DESCRIPTION |
|---------------|---------|---------------|---|
| Lines | STRING | NO | Name of the array that contains the lines of text to be scrolled |
| Sizes | STRING | NO | Name of the Integer array that contains the sizes of the fonts for each line |
| Techniques | STRING | NO | Name of the Integer array that contains the display techniques, 0 or 1, for each line |
| Fonts | STRING | NO | Name of the array that contains the font names to use for each line |
| Styles | STRING | NO | Name of the array that contains the style to use for each line |
| Colors | STRING | NO | Name of the array that contains the color of the text for each line |
| Width | INTEGER | NO | Width of the display window for the scrolling text |
| Height | INTEGER | NO | Height of the display window for the scrolling text |
| RETURNS VALUE | TYPE | | DESCRIPTION |
| NO NO | N/A | | N/A |

Will open a window and scroll the lines of text through the window until a click. The size, font, etc. is set for each line. The "aTechs" array contains the "techniques" used to display each line: Either 0 = Place in the center of the line, or 1 = slide the two halves of the line together.

Colors: BLACK, WHITE, RED, GREEN, BLUE, CYAN, MAGENTA, YELLOW

Styles: Plain, Bold, Italic, Underline

MP DRAWTEXT

MP DRAWTEXT("Howdy";H;V;Ticks;"FontName";Size;"StyleNumber")

| PARAMETER | TYPE | RECEIVES DATA | DESCRIPTION |
|---------------|---------|---------------|---|
| String | STRING | NO | Text to be drawn on the screen |
| Horizontal | INTEGER | NO | Horizontal location to draw the text at |
| Vertical | INTEGER | NO | Vertical location to draw the text at |
| Ticks | INTEGER | NO | Number of ticks to leave the text on the screen before erasing it - 0 = Don't erase |
| Font | STRING | NO | Font Name for text |
| Size | INTEGER | NO | Size of text |
| Style | STRING | NO | Style of text |
| | | | |
| RETURNS VALUE | TYPE | | DESCRIPTION |
| NO | N/A | | N/A |

In the front most window, will draw the passed text at the passed size, font, and style number. It will stay on the screen for "Ticks" ticks (1/60) of a second. If you pass 0 ticks, it will not erase.

Styles: Plain, Bold, Italic, Underline

The Miscellaneous Routines

MP SCROLLRECT

MP SCROLLRECT (left; top; right; bottom; dx; dy)

| PARAMETER | TYPE | RECEIVES DATA | DESCRIPTION |
|----------------|---------|---------------|--|
| Left | INTEGER | NO | Left side of rect to be scrolled |
| Тор | INTEGER | NO | Top side of rect to be scrolled |
| Right | INTEGER | NO | Right side of rect to be scrolled |
| Bottom | INTEGER | NO | Bottom side of rect to be scrolled |
| Hor. Distance | INTEGER | NO | Number of pixels to scroll the area horizontally |
| Vert. Distance | INTEGER | NO | Number of pixels to scroll the area vertically |
| | | | |
| RETURNS VALUE | TYPE | | DESCRIPTION |
| NO | N/A | | N/A |

Pass the coordinates of the rect to scroll, and the number of pixels to scroll in the x and y directions. -x = left, -y = up.

Scrolls **EVERYTHING** in the rect passed to it.

MP FRAMERECT

MP FRAMERECT (left; top; right; bottom; w; h)

| PARAMETER | TYPE | RECEIVES DATA | DESCRIPTION |
|---------------|---------|---------------|---------------------------------|
| Left | INTEGER | NO | Left side of rect to be drawn |
| Тор | INTEGER | NO | Top side of rect to be drawn |
| Right | INTEGER | NO | Right side of rect to be drawn |
| Bottom | INTEGER | NO | Bottom side of rect to be drawn |
| Width | INTEGER | NO | Width of line being drawn |
| Height | INTEGER | NO | Height of line being drawn |
| | | | |
| RETURNS VALUE | TYPE | | DESCRIPTION |
| NO | N/A | _ | N/A |

Pass the coordinates of the rect to draw, and the number of pixels to use as the pen size.

MP ERASERECT

MP SCROLLRECT (left; top; right; bottom; w; h)

| PARAMETER | TYPE | RECEIVES DATA | DESCRIPTION |
|---------------|---------|---------------|----------------------------------|
| Left | INTEGER | NO | Left side of rect to be erased |
| Тор | INTEGER | NO | Top side of rect to be erased |
| Right | INTEGER | NO | Right side of rect to be erased |
| Bottom | INTEGER | NO | Bottom side of rect to be erased |
| Width | INTEGER | NO | Width of line being erased |
| Height | INTEGER | NO | Height of line being erased |
| | | | |
| RETURNS VALUE | TYPE | | DESCRIPTION |
| NO | N/A | | N/A |

Pass the coordinates of the rect to erase, and the number of pixels to use as the pen size.

The Clipboard Routines

This is a new section for MikePack v1.6

MP Array2Clip

This routine has been moved from the Array Pack as of version 1.6

myResult := MP Array2Clip ("myArray")

| PARAMETER | TYPE | RECEIVES DATA | DESCRIPTION |
|---------------|---------|---------------|---|
| Source | STRING | NO | Name of the array that contains the Text elements to be copied to the clipboard |
| RETURNS VALUE | TYPE | | DESCRIPTION |
| YES | INTEGER | | Clipboard error code |

Will place the contents of the text array onto the clipboard, returning any errors along the way.

MP Pict2Clip

myResult := MP Pict2Clip ("PictVar")

| PARAMETER | TYPE | RECEIVES DATA | DESCRIPTION |
|---------------|---------|---------------|--------------------------------------|
| PictureVar | STRING | NO | Name of the picture variable that is |
| | | | to be copied to the clipboard |
| | | | |
| RETURNS VALUE | TYPE | | DESCRIPTION |
| YES | INTEGER | | Clipboard error code |

Will place the contents of the picture variable onto the clipboard, returning any errors along the way.

The Window Routines

This is a new section for MikePack v1.6

MP WINDOWLOC

MP WINDOWLOC (vLeft ; vTop ; vRight ; vBottom)

| PARAMETER | TYPE | RECEIVES DATA | DESCRIPTION |
|---------------|---------|---------------|---|
| Left | INTEGER | YES | Receives the left side of the frontmost window, in global coordinates |
| Тор | INTEGER | YES | Receives the top side of the frontmost window, in global coordinates |
| Right | INTEGER | YES | Receives the right side of the frontmost window, in global coordinates |
| Bottom | INTEGER | YES | Receives the bottom side of the frontmost window, in global coordinates |
| | | | |
| RETURNS VALUE | TYPE | | DESCRIPTION |
| NO | N/A | | N/A |

Returns the global coordinates of the front most window (in pixels).

MP WINDOWSIZE

MP WINDOWSIZE (vHeight; vWidth)

| PARAMETER | TYPE | RECEIVES DATA | DESCRIPTION |
|---------------|---------|---------------|--|
| Height | INTEGER | YES | Receives the height of the frontmost window, in global coordinates |
| Width | INTEGER | YES | Receives the width of the frontmost window, in global coordinates |
| | | | |
| RETURNS VALUE | TYPE | | DESCRIPTION |
| NO | N/A | | N/A |

Returns the height and width of the front most window (in pixels).

MP SIZEWINDOW

MP SIZEWINDOW (vHeight; vWidth)

| PARAMETER | TYPE | RECEIVES DATA | DESCRIPTION |
|---------------|---------|---------------|--|
| Height | INTEGER | NO | Sets the height of the frontmost window, in pixels |
| Width | INTEGER | NO | Sets the width of the frontmost window, in pixels |
| | | | |
| RETURNS VALUE | TYPE | | DESCRIPTION |
| NO | N/A | | N/A |

Sets the height and width of the front most window (in pixels).

MP MOVEWINDOW

MP MOVEWINDOW (H; V)

| PARAMETER | TYPE | RECEIVES DATA | DESCRIPTION |
|---------------|---------|---------------|---|
| Horizontal | INTEGER | NO | Sets the left side of the frontmost window, in pixels |
| Vertical | INTEGER | NO | Sets the top side of the frontmost window, in pixels |
| | | | |
| RETURNS VALUE | TYPE | | DESCRIPTION |
| NO | N/A | | N/A |

Sets the top left corner of the front most window to H,V (in pixels).

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