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## Built-in Procedure by Alphabet

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|                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| <u>Append</u>    | Opens a text file and moves the file pointer to the end.       |
| <u>Atoi</u>      | Converts a string to an integer.                               |
| <u>ChDir</u>     | Changes current directory.                                     |
| <u>Close</u>     | Closes a file.   |
| <u>Concat</u>    | Appends one string to another.                                 |
| <u>Create</u>    | Creates a new text file or rewrites an existing one.           |
| <u>Date</u>      | Gets system date.  |
| <u>Delay</u>     | Suspends script execution for an interval.                     |
| <u>Delete</u>    | Deletes one or more files.                                     |
| <u>FileExist</u> | Determines if a file or directory is exist.                    |
| <u>FileSize</u>  | Gets file size in bytes.                                       |
| <u>Get</u>       | Gets a string from remote system.                              |
| <u>GetCh</u>     | Gets a character from remote system.                           |
| <u>HangUp</u>    | HangUps the modem.   |
| <u>Image</u>     | Captures the terminal screen into an image file.               |
| <u>Input</u>     | Reads a string from the keyboard.                              |
| <u>InputCh</u>   | Reads a character from the keyboard.                           |
| <u>Itoa</u>      | Converts an integer to a string.                               |
| <u>Length</u>    | Calculates the length of a string.                             |
| <u>LogOff</u>    | Closes the log file.   |
| <u>LogOn</u>     | Opens a log file and captures incoming data into the file.     |
| <u>LogPause</u>  | Pauses capturing incoming data into the log file.              |
| <u>LogResume</u> | Resumes capturing incoming data into the log file.             |
| <u>Open</u>      | Opens a text file for reading or writing.                      |
| <u>Print</u>     | Prints integers or strings to the terminal screen.             |
| <u>Put</u>       | Sends strings or integers to the remote system.                |
| <u>Query</u>     | Queries option value.  |
| <u>Read</u>      | Reads a string from a text file.                               |
| <u>ReadCh</u>    | Reads a character from a text file.                            |
| <u>Receive</u>   | Receives (Downloads) one or more files from the remote system. |
| <u>Rename</u>    | Renames a file.  |
| <u>Seek</u>      | Repositions the file pointer.                                  |
| <u>Send</u>      | Sends (uploads) one or more files to remote system.            |
| <u>Set</u>       | Sets option value.   |
| <u>StrDel</u>    | Deletes characters from a string.                              |
| <u>StrIns</u>    | Inserts a string into another string.                          |
| <u>StrPos</u>    | Scans a string for the occurrence of a given substring.        |
| <u>StrSet</u>    | Sets part of a string to a given character.                    |
| <u>SubStr</u>    | Returns a substring from a given string.                       |

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| <u>Tell</u>      | Returns the current file pointer.  |
| <u>Time</u>      | Gets system time.  |
| <u>Waitfor</u>   | Waits for one of the given strings from the remote system.                                 |
| <u>WaitUntil</u> | Waits until the specified time exceeded.   |
| <u>When</u>      | Sends a response string to the remote system whenever a given string is matched.           |
| <u>WhenIdle</u>  | Sends a string to the remote system if there is no COM Input/Output in the specified time. |
| <u>Write</u>     | Writes integers or strings to a text file.   |

## COM I/O

### Print

|                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| <u>Put</u>       | Sends strings or integers to the remote system.  |
| <u>Get</u>       | Gets a string from remote system.  |
| <u>GetCh</u>     | Gets a character from remote system.   |
| <u>HangUp</u>    | HangUps the modem.   |
| <u>Image</u>     | Captures the terminal screen into an image file.   |
| <u>LogOff</u>    | Closes the log file.   |
| <u>LogOn</u>     | Opens a log file and captures incoming data into the file.                                 |
| <u>LogPause</u>  | Pauses capturing incoming data into the log file.  |
| <u>LogResume</u> | Resumes capturing incoming data into the log file.   |
| <u>Receive</u>   | Receives (Downloads) one or more files from the remote system.                             |
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## Console I/O

### **Print**

Print Prints integers or strings to the terminal screen.

Input Reads a string from the keyboard.

InputCh Reads a character from the keyboard.

## File Handling

### Print

|                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| <u>Open</u>      | Opens a text file for reading or writing.                |
| <u>Append</u>    | Opens a text file and moves the file pointer to the end. |
| <u>Create</u>    | Creates a new text file or rewrites an existing one.     |
| <u>Close</u>     | Closes a file.   |
| <u>ChDir</u>     | Changes current directory.                               |
| <u>Delete</u>    | Deletes one or more files.                               |
| <u>FileExist</u> | Determines if a file or directory is exist.              |
| <u>FileSize</u>  | Gets file size in bytes.                                 |
| <u>Read</u>      | Reads a string from a text file.                         |
| <u>ReadCh</u>    | Reads a character from a text file.                      |
| <u>Rename</u>    | Renames a file.  |
| <u>Seek</u>      | Repositions the file pointer.                            |
| <u>Tell</u>      | Returns the current file pointer.                        |
| <u>Write</u>     | Writes integers or strings to a text file.               |

## String Handling

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|               |   |
|---------------|---|
| <u>Atoi</u>   | Converts a string to an integer.                        |
| <u>Concat</u> | Appends one string to another.                          |
| <u>Itoa</u>   | Converts an integer to a string.                        |
| <u>Length</u> | Calculates the length of a string.                      |
| <u>StrDel</u> | Deletes characters from a string.                       |
| <u>StrIns</u> | Inserts a string into another string.                   |
| <u>StrPos</u> | Scans a string for the occurrence of a given substring. |
| <u>StrSet</u> | Sets part of a string to a given character.             |
| <u>SubStr</u> | Returns a substring from a given string.                |

## Other Procedures

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|              |  |
|--------------|--|
| <u>Date</u>  | Gets system date.                          |
| <u>Delay</u> | Suspends script execution for an interval. |
| <u>Query</u> | Queries option value.                      |
| <u>Set</u>   | Sets option value.                         |
| <u>Time</u>  | Gets system time.                          |



## Introduction

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### What Is a Script

TWScript allows you to write procedures to perform repetitive functions, such as a log on script, as well as specific applications, such as a host mode.

TWScript is designed to be a easy-to-use language. TWScript looks similar to the Pascal language and the syntax is as loose as that of BASIC language. For most of the users, only the WAITFOR, PUT and maybe the WHEN statements are necessary. For those users who have experience in the other programming language, TWScript is a powerful tool for communication related application.

A script file can be created using almost all editors. The source file is a normal ASCII text file which contains a sequence of instructions telling Telemate what to perform next. The source file should use the extension .TWS to indicate that it is a 'S'ource script file. When the run the script file, Telemate compile it automatically and produce a .TWC file which indicate a 'C'omplied script file.

### Running a Script

There are several ways to run a script.

1. Pressing [Alt S] at the Terminal Window opens the File Dialog and you are asked to identify which script file to be executed.
2. Put the script name in the link-script field of the phone directory. When the BBS is connected, the link-script is executed automatically. Link-scripts are sometimes referred as logon scripts because they perform repetitive logon procedure.
3. You may assign a function key to execute a script file using the "^\" macro sequence. For example, the function key [Alt 4] is "^\\host", when you press [Alt 4], the host script will be executed.
4. The SCRIPT statement allows you run another script in a script program. Please refer the description of the SCRIPT statement.

### Your First Script: What Is Your Name

The first example program is a simple logon script. It waits for the logon prompts and sends the response to the remote system.

```
WAITFOR "What is your name?" ; wait for the logon prompt
PUT "my name" ; send your name to remote system
WAITFOR "is your password?" ; wait for the password prompt
PUT "my password" ; send your name to remote system
```

A script can be as simple as that and it will help you to logon to the remote system automatically.

## Data Types

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### Integer

Ordinary number notation is used for integers. Decimal and engineering notation (e or E followed by an exponent) is not supported. Integer must within the range from -2147483648 to 2147483647.

### String

A string is a sequence of zero or more characters from extended ASCII character set (0-255), enclosed by quotation marks. A string with nothing in it is called a empty string. Two sequential quotation marks in a string denote a single character, an quotation mark.

TWScript allows control characters to be embedded in strings. The ^ character followed by a letter (A-Z, a-z), @ or [ denotes a character of the ASCII code [Ctrl A] to [Ctrl Z], NULL, or ESC respective.

Here are some examples of strings

```
"TELEMATE"  
"This is a '""'."  
"^K^D"           ; [Ctrl K] [Ctrl D]
```

### Character

Character is represented as a string that contains only one character. For example, "A" is a character. Control codes are often used in script programs and are represented as

| Code   | String | Description                  |
|--------|--------|------------------------------|
| Ctrl-@ | ^@     | NULL                         |
| Ctrl-A | ^A     |                              |
| ...    | ...    | ...                          |
| Ctrl-H | ^H     | Backspace                    |
| Ctrl-I | ^I     | Tab                          |
| Ctrl-J | ^J     | Line feed, LF                |
| ...    | ...    | ...                          |
| Ctrl-M | ^M     | Carriage return, CR, [Enter] |
| ...    | ...    | ...                          |
| Ctrl-Z | ^Z     |                              |
| Ctrl-[ | ^[     | Escape                       |

### Boolean

Boolean (TRUE or FALSE) is represented as a integer. A integer is said to be TRUE if it is not equal to zero, FALSE if it is equal to zero.

When testing a boolean condition, you should not use the following code,

```
IF CONNECTED=1  
  ...  
ENDIF
```

because the variable CONNECTED may have other values. Instead, you should use

```
IF CONNECTED  
  ...  
ENDIF
```

to test if CONNECTED is TRUE. And

```
IF NOT CONNECTED
    . . .
ENDIF
```

to test if CONNECTED is FALSE.

### **Date**

Date is represented as a string with the format "MM-DD-YYYY". When a date string is compared with another date string, they are first converted to the internal format "YYYYMMDD" so that the comparison returns the correct result.

Note that the date format option in the main program does not affect the format in the script. For date conversion, see ConvertDate command in toolbox #3.

### **Time**

Time is also represented as a string but with the format "HH:MM:SS". When two time strings are being compared, they are converted to the internal format "HHMMSS" such that the comparison can the correct result.

## Variables

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### Variable Identifiers

A variable identifier can contain letters and digits. However, a variable can only start with a letter. Case is not significant, in the other word, the variable <notdone> is the same as <NotDone>. A variable identifier can be of any length, but only the first 8 characters are significant. For examples, the variable identifier <Number12> is the same as <Number123>.

### Variable Declarations

A variable declaration embodies a list of identifiers that designate new variables and their type. For example,

```
INTEGER lower, upper, step    ; integers
STRING  message, filename    ; strings
INTEGER true, false          ; boolean
STRING  ch, letter           ; character
```

The variable declaration part should be placed at the beginning of a script or of a procedure. In TWScript, variables need not declared before use if no procedure is defined. Therefore, the variable declaration part can be skipped.

### Predefined Variables

TWScript built in procedures do not return value. Several predefined variables are set to the resulting value. They are CONNECTED, FOUND, SUCCESS, and LOGGING.

## CONNECTED

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CONNECTED is set to the number of the connected dial entry. The variable CONNECTED returns to FALSE as soon as the carrier is lost. On the other hand, if the state of the carrier changes from OFF to ON, CONNECTED is set to TRUE.

```
IF NOT CONNECTED
    PRINT "It is not connected to a remote system."
    STOP
ENDIF
SWITCH CONNECTED
    CASE 1: PRINT "connected to #1"
    CASE 3: PRINT "connected to #3"
    CASE 6: PRINT "connected to #6"
ENDSWITCH
```

The CONNECTED variable is also used in conjunction with the DIAL statement. If the dialing is successful and connects to a remote system, the variable is set to the number of the connected entry. If the DIAL statement aborts without connection, the variable CONNECTED is set to FALSE, indicating that the DIAL statement is aborted by operator or the number of attempts exceeds the dial attempt setting.

For example,

```
DIAL "1 3 6"
IF NOT CONNECTED
    PRINT "Dialing process aborted"
    STOP
ENDIF
SWITCH connected
    CASE 1: PRINT "connected to #1"
    CASE 3: PRINT "connected to #3"
    CASE 6: PRINT "connected to #6"
ENDSWITCH
```

Note that this variable reflects the online status only if your modem reports so. You should check your modem manual to ensure that the modem CD (carrier detect) signal is reflecting the actual online status. Most modems use a "&C1" AT command to set it and you should add it to the modem init string.

## FOUND

Print

This variable is set to resulting value after the WAITFOR statement is executed. It is set to FALSE if time exceeded. Otherwise, it is set to the string number of the matched string.

### Example

```
WAITFOR "NO CARRIER","thanks for calling","hang up now",100
SWITCH FOUND
  CASE 1: PRINT "NO CARRIER found"
  CASE 2: PRINT "thanks for calling found"
  CASE 3: PRINT "hang up now found"
ENDSWITCH
```

## SUCCESS

Print

This variable is used by several statements. The resulting values and descriptions is shown in the following table.

| Statement  | Value | Description                                |
|------------|-------|--|
| Append     | TRUE  | the file is successfully opened or created |
|            | FALSE | cannot create file                         |
| ChDir      | TRUE  | directory changed                          |
|            | FALSE | invalid path                               |
| Close      | TRUE  | file closed                                |
|            | FALSE | cannot close file                          |
| Create     | TRUE  | the file is successfully created           |
|            | FALSE | cannot create file                         |
| Delete     | TRUE  | the file is successfully deleted           |
|            | FALSE | cannot delete file                         |
| FileSize   | TRUE  | the file size is determined successfully   |
|            | FALSE | cannot open file                           |
| InputCh ch | TRUE  | a character is read into <ch>              |
|            | FALSE | no character is available                  |
| LogOn      | TRUE  | the log file is successfully opened        |
|            | FALSE | the log file cannot be created             |
| Open       | TRUE  | the file is successfully opened            |
|            | FALSE | the file does not exist                    |
| Read str   | TRUE  | a line is read into <str>                  |
|            | FALSE | end of file encountered                    |
| ReadCh ch  | TRUE  | a character is read into <ch>              |
|            | FALSE | end of file encountered                    |
| Receive    | TRUE  | all files are received successfully        |
|            | FALSE | file transfer aborted                      |

|          |       |  |
|----------|-------|--|
| Rename   | TRUE  | the file is successfully renamed       |
|          | FALSE | cannot rename file                     |
| Seek     | TRUE  | the file pointer is moved successfully |
|          | FALSE | disk error                             |
| Send     | TRUE  | all files are sent successfully        |
|          | FALSE | file transfer aborted                  |
| Tell pos | TRUE  | the file pointer is stored in <pos>    |
|          | FALSE | disk error                             |
| Write    | TRUE  | write necessary to file                |
|          | FALSE | cannot write to file                   |

## LOGGING

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This variable reflects the current file log status and has the values

| Value | Description                               |
|-------|---|
| 0     | Log file close or log file not in use     |
| 1     | Log file open and capturing incoming data |
| 2     | Log file in pause state                   |

## Expressions

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### Rule Of Precedence

Expressions are made up of operators and operands. In complex expressions, rule of precedence clarify the order in which operations are performed.

| Operator            | Precedence   |
|---------------------|--------------|
| *, /                | first (high) |
| +, -                | second       |
| =, <>, <, >, <=, >= | third        |
| not                 | forth        |
| and, or, xor        | fifth (low)  |

There are the rules of precedence

1. First, an operand between two operators of difference precedence is bound to the operator with higher precedence.
2. Second, an operand between two equal operators is bound to the one on its left.
3. Third, expressions within parentheses are evaluated prior to being treated as a single operand.

### Arithmetic Operators

The types of operands for arithmetic operators are shown in the following table.

| Operator | Operation | Operand Type |
|----------|-----------|--------------|
|----------|-----------|--------------|

|   |                |         |
|---|----------------|---------|
| + | addition       | integer |
| - | subtraction    | integer |
| * | multiplication | integer |
| / | division       | integer |

For example, the formula to convert Fahrenheit temperature to Celsius equivalents is

```
celsius = (fahr-32) * 5 / 9
```

### Boolean Operators

The types of operands for arithmetic operators are shown in the following table.

| Operator | Operation   | Operand Type |
|----------|-------------|--------------|
| not      | negation    | boolean      |
| and      | logical and | boolean      |
| or       | logical or  | boolean      |
| xor      | logical xor | boolean      |

Normal Boolean logic governs the results of these operations. For instance, a and b is TRUE only if both <a> and <b> are TRUE.

### Relational Operators

The types of operands for arithmetic operators are shown in the following table. They all have the same precedence.

| Operator | Operation           | Operand Types               |
|----------|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| =        | equal to            | integer, string, date ,time |
| <>       | not equal to        | integer, string, date ,time |
| >        | greater than        | integer, string, date ,time |
| >=       | greater or equal to | integer, string, date ,time |
| <        | less then           | integer, string, date ,time |
| <=       | greater or equal to | integer, string, date ,time |

When the operands are integer, date or time, the comparison will produce the usual result such as

| Condition                   | Result | Operand Type |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------------|
| 1 > 2                       | FALSE  | integer      |
| "12-31-1989" < "01-01-1990" | TRUE   | date         |
| "00:00:00" > "23:59:59"     | FALSE  | time         |

However, if the operands are strings, the operators "<", ">" and "<>" have another meaning such that you can determine if a string is a sub-string of another string.

```
s1 < s2    if    s1 is a sub-string of s2
s3 > s4    if    s3 is a super-string of s4
s5 <> s6   if    s5 is not a sub-string of s6 and
                s5 is not a super-string of s6
```

### Example



| Condition         | Result | Explanation  |
|-------------------|--------|--|
| "hello" = "Hello" | TRUE   | TWScript is not case sensitive.                              |
| "goodbye" < "bye" | TRUE   | "bye" is a sub-string of "goodbye"                           |
| "dog" <> "car"    | TRUE   | The string is not equal                                      |
| "abc" >= "xyz"    | FALSE  | "abc" is not a super-string of "xyz" and they are not equal. |

## Statements

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Statements describe algorithmic actions that can be executed.

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## Comment

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Any characters after ";" are ignored by the TWScript compiler.

### Example

```
WAITFOR "What is your name?" ; wait for the logon prompt
PUT "my name" ; send your name to remote system
WAITFOR "is your password?" ; wait for the password prompt
PUT "my password" ; send your name to remote system
```

## Assignment

Print

Assignment statements replace the current value of a variable with a new value specified by an expression. The expression must be assignment-compatible with the type of the variable.

### Example

The program prints the following table of Fahrenheit temperatures and their centigrade or Celsius equivalents.

```
0      -17
20     -6
40     4
...    ...
280    137
300    148
```

Here is the program itself.

```
; Print Fahrenheit-Celsius table
;      for f = 0, 20, ... , 300

INTEGER lower,upper,step
INTEGER fahr,celsius

lower = 0      ; lower limit of temperature table
upper = 300    ; upper limit
step = 20     ; step size

fahr = lower   ; first item in the table
WHILE fahr <= upper
    celsius = (fahr-32) * 5 / 9 ; calculate the values
    PRINT fahr,"^I",celsius    ; print the result
    fahr = fahr + step         ; next item in the table
ENDWHILE
```

## If...Else...Elseif...Endif

Print

The general form for IF statement is

```
IF condition
    statements
```

```
ENDIF
```

The <statements> is executed only if <condition> is TRUE. Another form is

```
IF condition
  statements-1
ELSE
  statements-2
ENDIF
```

One and only one of the two statements associated with an <if-else> is done. If the <condition> is true, <statements-1> is executed; if not, <statements-2> is executed.

The construction

```
IF condition-1
  statements-1
ELSE
  IF condition-2
    statements-2
  ELSE
    IF condition-3
      statements-3
    ENDIF
  ENDIF
ENDIF
```

occurs so often that it is worth a new keyword ELSEIF. The statement can be re-written as

```
IF condition-1
  statements-1
ELSEIF condition-2
  statements-2
ELSEIF condition-3
  statements-3
```

```
ENDIF
```

**See also**

[Switch...EndSwitch](#)

## Switch...EndSwitch

Print

The SWITCH statement is a special multi-way decision maker that tests whether an expression matches one of a number of values, and branches accordingly. The syntax for SWITCH statement is

```
SWITCH expression
  CASE value-1:
    statements-1
  CASE value-2,value-3:
    statements-2
  OTHERWISE:
    statements-3
ENDSWITCH
```

The SWITCH evaluates the expression and compares its value to all the cases. Each case must be labeled by the values of the same type as the expression. Several values can be separated by comma. If a case matches the expression value, execution starts at that case and ends at the next case label. The case labeled OTHERWISE is executed if none of the other cases is satisfied. A OTHERWISE is optional; if it isn't there and if none of the cases matches, no action at all takes place. However, OTHERWISE, if it exists, must be placed after all the case labels.

### See also

[If...Else...Elseif...EndIf](#)

### Example

The program counts digits, blanks, others.

```
nDigit = 0           ; digit
nBlank = 0           ; blank
nOther = 0           ; others
OPEN "MYFILE"       ; open the file "MYFILE"
READCH ch           ; read the first character
WHILE success       ; if not end of file
  SWITCH ch
    CASE "0","1","2","3","4","5","7","8","9": ; is digit
      nDigit = nDigit + 1
    CASE " ":        ; is blank
      nBlank = nBlank + 1
    OTHERWISE:      ; others
      nOther = nOther + 1
  ENDSWITCH
  READCH ch         ; read next character
ENDWHILE
CLOSE               ; close the file
PRINT nDigit        ; print the results
PRINT nBlank
PRINT nOther
```

## While...EndWhile Loop

Print

The WHILE loop is the most general loop. The syntax is

```
WHILE condition
  statements
```

```
ENDWHILE
```

The <condition> is tested. If it is true, the body of the loop (all the statements before the keyword ENDWHILE is executed. Then the condition is re-tested, and if true, the body is executed again. When the test becomes false the loop ends, and execution continues at the statements that follows the loop.

### See also

[Repeat...Until](#), [Break Statement](#)

### Example

For example, to print the value from 1 to 100, you can write

```
i = 1                ; start from 1
WHILE i<=100        ; check if it in the range
  PRINT i           ; print the number
  i = i + 1         ; increase the counter by 1
ENDWHILE
```

## Repeat...Until Loop

Print

While the WHILE loop test the condition at the top, the REPEAT loop test it at the bottom. It tests at the bottom after making each pass through the loop body; the body is always executed at least once.

Consider the loop

```
REPEAT
  statements
UNTIL condition
```

The statements is executed, then the condition is evaluated. If it is false, the statements is evaluated again, and so on. If the condition becomes true, the loop terminates.

### See also

[While...EndWhile](#), [Break Statement](#)

### Example

For example, to print the value from 1 to 100, you can write

```
i = 1                ; start from 1
REPEAT
  PRINT i           ; print the number
  i = i + 1         ; increase the counter by 1
UNTIL i>100         ; repeat until it is NOT in the range
```

## Break Statement

Print

It is sometimes convenient to be able to control loop exits other than by testing at the top or bottom. The BREAK statement provides an early exit from the loops. A BREAK statement causes the innermost loop to be broken immediately.

The following program accept strings from keyboard, using a BREAK to exit from the loop when the string contains an [Esc] ("^").

### Example

```
REPEAT
```

```

INPUT s
IF "^[" <= s      ; test if [Esc] is a sub-string of s
    BREAK        ;   before printing it
ENDIF
PRINT s
UNTIL s = ""      ; repeat until an empty string is entered

```

## Stop Statement

### Print

The STOP statement terminates the execution of the current script program. It is usually used when an error is encountered.

### Example

```

OPEN "MYFILE"          ; open a file
IF NOT SUCCESS
    PRINT "File not found."
    STOP                ; terminate if file not found
ENDIF

```

## #include Directive

### Print

This compiler directive allows you to write reusable procedures in a separate file and imports the procedures conveniently. The syntax is

```
#include "include_file"
```

The <include\_file> will be inserted as if it physically appears in this point. The <includefile> must be a pathname with extension. For example,

```
#include "TOOLBOX.TWS"
#include "MYLIB.TWS"
```

inserts the TOOLBOX.TWS and MYLIB.TWS into this point.

The #include directive can be nested as deep as 10 levels.

## Procedures

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### What Is a Procedure

In TWScript, a procedure is equivalent to a subroutine or function in Fortran, or procedure in Pascal, C etc. A procedure provides a convenient way to encapsulate some computation in a black box, which can then be used without worrying about its innards.

For example, to swap the values of two variables, <i> and <j>, you have to write three lines as follows

```
temp = i      ; put <i> into a temporary variable
i = j        ; put <j> into <i>
j = temp     ; now put the value of <i> into <j>
```

Suppose in your script there are a lot of swapping, it will be convenient to define a procedure called <swap> to perform the swapping. Then your main program will look like

```
i = 1
j = 2
swap i,j      ; now i=2, j=1
PRINT i      ; 2
PRINT j      ; 1
```

This is only a small usage of procedure. Imagine if the procedure is very complex, you can use it again and again once it is tested and performs what you need.

### Procedure Declaration

The syntax of a procedure definition is

```
PROCEDURE <procname> <parameter declaration>
<local variable declaration>
<statement part>
ENDPROC
```

<procname> is any valid identifier. <parameter declaration> can be omitted if the procedure does not required parameters. See next section for details on parameter declaration.

<local variable declaration> made within a given procedure are visible only within that procedure. This part should ALWAYS be included in order to make the program easy to be traced although the declarations may be omitted.

<statement part> can be considered as a sub-program of the main program and obeys all the rule described above.

### Parameter Declaration

Parameter declaration is similar to variable declaration. For example,

```
PROCEDURE sample STRING s,t, INTEGER i,j
```

declares the procedure <sample> with two string parameters <s> and <t> and two integer parameters <i> and <j>. You may use any combination of STRING and INTEGER to define parameters. For example,

```
PROCEDURE sample INTEGER i, STRING p,q,r,s, INTEGER j,k, STRING z
```

We can write the <swap> procedure as

```
PROCEDURE swap INTEGER value1,value2 ; swap two integers
INTEGER temp      ; declare a local variable
temp = value1     ; store the first value
value1 = value2   ; replace with the second value
value2 = temp     ; replace with the first value
```





## Nested Procedures and Scope of Variables

TWScript allows nested procedures; you can declare one procedure inside of another. For example,

```
PROCEDURE outer
STRING i,j

    PROCEDURE inner
INTEGER i
i = 100
PRINT "i = ",i
PRINT "j = ",j
ENDPROC

i = "This is string 'i'."
j = "This is string 'j'."
inner
PRINT "i = ",i
PRINT "j = ",j
ENDPROC
```

The <outer> procedure declares two string variables, <i> and <j>. These two variables can be accessed by both the <outer> procedure and the <inner> one because they are declared before the <inner> procedure.

The <inner> procedure declares an integer variable <i>. Although the two <i>s share the same name, they are not identical. The inner <i> is visible in the <inner> procedure but not in the <outer> procedure.

On the other hand, the outer <i> can no longer be accessible in the <inner> procedure. The statement

```
i = 100
```

does not affect the outer <i>. This is called the scope rule.

The output of the program is

```
i = 100
j = This is string 'j'.
i = This is string 'i'.
j = This is string 'j'.
```

## Return Statement

Like the BREAK statement, it is sometimes convenient to be able to return from a procedure at the middle of the procedure.

The following procedure accept strings from keyboard and print it, using a RETURN to return from the procedure when the string contains an [Esc] ("^[").

```
PROCEDURE acceptString STRING s
INPUT s
IF "^[" <= s      ; test if [Esc] is a sub-string of s
    RETURN      ; before printing it
ENDIF
PRINT s
ENDPROC
```

## Append

Print

### Syntax

APPEND filename

### Description

Opens a text file, creates it if necessary, and moves the file pointer to the end of the file.

APPEND opens the text file as a read/write file and strip the ending EOF [Ctrl Z].

### Return value

Upon successful completion, SUCCESS is set to TRUE. If the file cannot be created, SUCCESS is set to FALSE.

## Atoi

Print

### Syntax

atoi s,i

### Description

Converts a string to an integer.

### Return value

<i> contains the converted value or 0 if <s> cannot be converted to a number.

### See also

[ltoa](#)

## ChDir

Print

### Syntax

CHDIR path

### Description

Changes current directory.

CHDIR causes the directory specified by <path> to become the current working directory. <path> must specify an existing directory.

A drive can also be specified in <path> but it changes only the current directory on that drive; it doesn't change the active drive.

### Return value

Upon successful completion, SUCCESS is set to TRUE; otherwise, SUCCESS is FALSE.

### See also

[Delete](#), [FileExist](#), [Rename](#)

## Close

**Print**

### Syntax

CLOSE

### Description

Closes a file.

### Return value

Upon successful completion, SUCCESS is set to TRUE; otherwise, SUCCESS is FALSE.

### See also

Open, Read, Write

## Concat

Print

### Syntax

CONCAT dest,src

### Description

Appends one string to another.

CONCAT appends a copy of <src> to the end of the string <dest>.

If the backspace character "^H" is encountered in <src>, the last character of the concatenating string is erased.

### Return value

<dest> contains the concatenated string.

### See also

[Length](#), [StrDel](#), [StrIns](#)

### Example

```
s = "abc"           ; s = "abc"
CONCAT s, "xyz"     ; s = "abcxyz"
CONCAT s, "^H"      ; s = "abcxy"
CONCAT s, "pq"      ; s = "abcxypq"
```

## Create

Print

### Syntax

CREATE filename

### Description

Creates a new text file or rewrites an existing one.

CREATE creates the new text file <filename>. If the file already exists, the old file is deleted.

### Return value

Upon successful completion, SUCCESS is set to TRUE; otherwise, SUCCESS is FALSE.

### See also

[Append](#), [Open](#)

## Date

Print

### Syntax

DATE today

### Description

Gets system date.

DATE fills the string <today> with the current date.

Dates can be compared with the usual '<', '>' and '=' relational operator.

The date format option in the main program does not affect the format in the script language.

### Return value

<today> contains the system current date in MM-DD-YYYY format.

### See also

Time

### Example

```
DATE today
IF today>="01-01-91" AND today<"01-05-91"
    PRINT "Happy New Year!"
ENDIF
```

## Delay

Print

### Syntax

DELAY t

### Description

Suspends script execution for an interval.

With a call to DELAY, the script program is suspended from execution for the number of tenth seconds specified by <t>.

### Example

```
DELAY 15 ; wait for one and a half second
```

## Delete

Print

### Syntax

DELETE filename

### Description

Deletes one or more files.

DELETE deletes one or more files specified by <filename>.

Wildcards are allowed in <filename>.

**Return value**

On successful completion, SUCCESS is set to TRUE; otherwise, SUCCESS is FALSE.

**See also**

[FileExist](#), [Rename](#)



## FileExist

Print

### Syntax

FILEEXIST filename,existFlag

### Description

Determines if a file or directory is exist.

FILEEXIST checks the file named by <filename> to determines if it is exists. Wildcards are allowed in <filename>.

### Return value

If the file is exist, <existFlag> is set to TRUE; otherwise, <existFlag> is FALSE.

### See also

[Delete](#), [Rename](#)

## FileSize

Print

### Syntax

FILESIZE filename,size

### Description

Gets file size in bytes.

FILESIZE returns the length, in bytes, of the file specified by <filename>.

### Return value

If <filename> exist, <size> is set to the file size and SUCCESS is set to TRUE; otherwise, SUCCESS is set to FALSE.

### See also

[Read](#), [Seek](#)

## Get

Print

### Syntax

GET s

### Description

Gets a string from remote system.

GET collects a string, terminated by a carriage return, from the remote system.

GET does not eliminate the BackSpace character [Ctrl H] from the input, therefore a CONCAT statement should be perform after the GET statement to eliminate the BackSpace character.

### Return value

<s> contains the collected string. The ending carriage return is discarded.

### See also

GetCh

### Example

```
GET s           ; get a string from remote system
filename = ""   ; prepare the variable
CONCAT filename,s ; eliminate the BackSpace
```

## GetCh

Print

### Syntax

GETCH ch

### Description

Gets a character from remote system.

GETCH gets a single character from the remote system. If no character is available, GETCH return immediately. GETCH statement, like the INKEY\$ function in BASIC, does not wait.

### Return value

If a character is successfully read into <ch>, SUCCESS is set to TRUE; otherwise, SUCCESS is set to FALSE.

### See also

Get

### Example

```
REPEAT           ; to wait for a character,
  GETCH ch       ; repeat the GETCH until
UNTIL SUCCESS    ; a character is available
```

## HangUp

Print

**Syntax**

HANGUP

**Description**

HangUps the modem.

HANGUP sends the modem hangup string to modem. If the hangup string is the "^#" macro sequence, Telemate hangs up the modem by dropping DTR.

## Image

Print

### Syntax

IMAGE

IMAGE filename

### Description

Captures the terminal screen into an image file.

IMAGE captures the terminal screen into an image file by appending the screen to the file <filename>. If no <filename> is supplied, the last image filename is used.

### See also

[LogOn](#)

## Input

Print

### Syntax

INPUT s

### Description

Reads a string from the keyboard.

INPUT collects a string, terminated by a [Enter], from the keyboard.

When the INPUT statement in the script is executed, the following input characters are placed in a keyboard buffer no matter if they are to be read or not. As a result, they NOT sent to the remote system automatically. It is important to give up the control of keyboard whenever no more keyboard input is needed using the CLEAR KEY statement.

INPUT does not eliminate the BackSpace character [Ctrl H] from the input, therefore a CONCAT statement should be perform after the INPUT statement to eliminate the BackSpace character.

### Return value

<s> contains the collected string. The ending [Enter] is discarded.

### See also

[InputCh](#)

### Example

```
INPUT s           ; get a string from remote system
filename = ""    ; prepare the variable
CONCAT filename,s ; eliminate the BackSpace
CLEAR KEY        ; give up keyboard control such that
                 ; following keys are sent to remote
                 ; system automatically
```

## InputCh

Print

### Syntax

INPUTCH ch

### Description

Reads a character from the keyboard.

INPUTCH gets a single character from the keyboard. If no character is available, INPUTCH returns immediately.

INPUTCH statement, like the INKEY\$ function in BASIC, does not wait. When the INPUTCH statement in the script is executed, the following input characters are placed in a keyboard buffer no matter if they are to be read or not. As a result, they are NOT sent to the remote system automatically. It is important to give up the control of keyboard whenever no more keyboard input is needed using the CLEAR KEY statement.

### Return value

If a character is successfully read into <ch>, SUCCESS is set to TRUE; otherwise, SUCCESS is set to FALSE.

**See also**

[Input](#)

**Example**

```
REPEAT          ; to wait for a character,  
    INPUTCH ch  ; repeat the INPUTCH until  
UNTIL SUCCESS  ; a character is available  
CLEAR KEY      ; give up keyboard control such that  
               ; following keys are sent to remote  
               ; system automatically
```

**Itoa**

**Print**

**Syntax**

ITOA i,s

**Description**

Converts an integer to a string.

ITOA converts the integer <i> to a string and store it into <s>.

**Return value**

<s> contains the string representation of the value <i>.

**See also**

[Atoi](#)

## Length

Print

### Syntax

LENGTH s,len

### Description

Calculates the length of a string.

### Return value

<len> is the length of <s>. If <s> is an empty, <len> is 0.



## LogOff

Print

### Syntax

LOGOFF

### Description

Closes the log file.

LOGOFF closes a previous opened log file.

### Return value

LOGGING is set to 0 (FALSE).

### See also

[LogOn](#), [LogPause](#), [LogResume](#)

## LogOn

Print

### Syntax

LOGON

LOGON filename

### Description

Opens a log file and captures incoming data into the file.

LOGON opens the log file <filename> and starts capturing the incoming data into it.

If <filename> is not supplied, the filename specified in the last LOGON statement is used. If there is no previous LOGON statement, the one in the log file field of the phone directory is used. If this field is empty, "TM.LOG" is used.

### Return value

Upon successful completion, SUCCESS is set to TRUE and LOGGING is set to 1 (TRUE); otherwise, SUCCESS is 0 (FALSE).

### See also

[LogOff](#), [LogPause](#), [LogResume](#)

## LogPause

Print

### Syntax

LOGPAUSE

### Description

Pauses capturing incoming data into the log file.

LOGPAUSE pauses capturing incoming data. The LOGGING variable should be checked to determine if a log file open. A value of 1 indicates a log file is open.

### Return value

LOGGING is set to 2.

### See also

[LogOff](#), [LogOn](#), [LogResume](#)

## LogResume

Print

### Syntax

LOGRESUME

### Description

Resumes capturing incoming data into the log file.

LOGRESUME resumes capturing incoming data. The LOGGING variable should be checked to determine if the log file is in pause. A value of 2 indicates the log file is in pause.

### Return value

LOGGING is set to 1.

### See also

[LogOff](#), [LogOn](#), [LogPause](#)

## Open

Print

### Syntax

OPEN filename

### Description

Opens a text file for reading or writing.

OPEN opens the text file <filename> for reading and writing and strip the ending EOF [Ctrl Z].

OPEN closes the previously open file automatically if no CLOSE command is issued to that file.

### Return value

Upon successful completion, SUCCESS is set to TRUE. If <filename> does not exist, SUCCESS is FALSE.

### See also

[Append](#), [Close](#), [Create](#), [FileExist](#), [FileSize](#), [Read](#), [Seek](#), [Tell](#), [Write](#)

### Example

```
OPEN "MYFILE"          ; open the file "MYFILE"
IF NOT SUCCESS         ; report if not found
    PRINT "File not found."
    STOP
ENDIF
READ s                 ; read the first line
PRINT s                ; print it
CLOSE                  ; close the file

OPEN "FILE1"           ; open FILE1
OPEN "FILE2"           ; close FILE1 and open FILE2
```

## Print

Print

### Syntax

PRINT

PRINT s

PRINT i

PRINT s1,s2,i1,i2,s3, ...

PRINT s1,s2,i1,i2,s3, ... ,

### Description

Prints integers or strings to the terminal screen.

PRINT outputs variables or constants of integer or string to the terminal screen. Each two arguments are separated by a comma.

PRINT supplies a newline by default. If a comma follows, no newline is supplied.

### Example

```
PRINT "hello, world"   ; say hello to everyone
PRINT "hello, ",      ; say that again
```

```
PRINT "world",  
PRINT
```

```
PRINT "x = ",x ; output multiple strings or integers  
PRINT "My name is ",firstName," ",lastName
```

## Put

### Print

#### Syntax

```
PUT
```

```
PUT s
```

```
PUT i
```

```
PUT s1,s2,i1,i2,s3, ...
```

```
PUT s1,s2,i1,i2,s3, ... ,
```

#### Description

Sends strings or integers to the remote system.

Like the PRINT statement, PUT sends variables or constants of types integer or string to the remote system. Each two arguments are separated by a comma. Integers are converted to their string representation automatically before transmitting to the remote system.

PUT supplies a carriage return [Ctrl M] by default. If a comma follows, no carriage return is supplied.

Control characters can be sent by using the '^' prefix. For example, "^C" represents the [Ctrl C], "^M" the carriage return [Enter] and "^[" the Escape key [Esc].

The following macro symbol have special functions.

| Symbol | Function                              |
|--------|---------------------------------------|
| ^^     | Send the character '^'                |
| ^~     | Send the character '~'                |
| ~      | Pause 0.5 second                      |
| ^!     | Send the user ID from the dial entry  |
| ^&     | Send the password from the dial entry |
| ^\$    | Send the memo from the dial entry     |
| ^(     | Initialize the modem                  |
| ^)     | Switch the modem to answer mode       |
| ^*     | Hang up modem                         |
| ^#     | Drop DTR                              |
| ^%     | Send break signal                     |

#### See also

#### Waitfor

#### Example

```
PUT "first last" ; transmit first name and last name  
; then a carriage return (^M)  
PUT "first ", ; same as above  
PUT "last",  
PUT
```

```

PUT                               ; these two lines are
PUT "^M",                         ; equivalent
firstName = "first" ; set first and last name
lastName = "last"
password = "^&" ; use the password field in TM.FON
PUT firstName," ",lastName,"^M~~~~",password
                               ; send name, [Enter], wait for 2 seconds
                               ; then send the password, [Enter]

PUT "~^#~~^)",                 ; wait 0.5 second, drop DTR,
                               ; wait 1 second, then sends the
                               ; modem answer string

```

## Query

**Print**

### Syntax

QUERY <OPTION>,<VALUE>

### Description

Queries option value.

The QUERY statement gives you the ability to peek most of the system options.

All the options that the SET command accept can be queried by the QUERY command.

| Option   | Value | Description              |
|----------|-------|--------------------------|
| AutoStop | 0 / 1 | return the AutoStop flag |

This command should be used to store the value of an option before modifying the option and then restore the option to its original before the execution stops.

### See also

[Set](#)

### Example

```

INTEGER flag
QUERY AutoStop, flag ; query the AutoStop flag
PRINT flag

```

## Read

**Print**

### Syntax

READ s

### Description

Reads a string from a text file.

READ reads characters from the file into <s>.

READ does not place the newline sequence CR-LF into the string.

### Return value

On success, <s> contains the string read and SUCCESS is set to TRUE. SUCCESS is FALSE on end-of-file or error.

### See also

[Close](#), [Open](#), [ReadCh](#), [Seek](#), [Tell](#)

### Example

```
OPEN "MYFILE"          ; count lines in the file MYFILE
IF NOT SUCCESS
    PRINT "File not found."
    STOP                ; stop if file not found
ENDIF
n = 0                  ; number of line = 0
READ str               ; read a line
WHILE SUCCESS          ; repeat until end of file
    n = n + 1          ; increase counter
    READ str           ; read the next string
ENDWHILE
CLOSE                  ; close the file
PRINT "There are ",n," lines in the file"
OPEN "TM.FON"          ; read a record from the phone directory
recno = 10             ; read the record #10
reclen = 131           ; record length of a entry
SEEK recno*reclen      ; seek to the record position
READ record            ; read the record
CLOSE
```

## ReadCh

Print

### Syntax

READCH ch

### Description

Reads a character from a text file.

READCH reads a single character from the file into <ch>.

In a text file, a CR [Ctrl M] followed by a LF [Ctrl J] indicates end-of-line.

### Return value

On success, <ch> contains the character read and SUCCESS is set to TRUE. SUCCESS is FALSE on end-of-file or error.

### See also

[Close](#), [Open](#), [Read](#), [Seek](#), [Tell](#)



## Receive

Print

### Syntax

RECEIVE protocol

RECEIVE protocol,filename

### Description

Receives (Downloads) one or more files from the remote system.

RECEIVE receives (download) one or more files from the remote system using the protocol <protocol>. <protocol> can be one of the following or the menu key for external protocol.

| Protocol     | Filename needed |
|--------------|-----------------|
| "Zmodem"     | No              |
| "Ymodem"     | No              |
| "Ymodem-G"   | No              |
| "Xmodem"     | Yes             |
| "Xmodem-CRC" | Yes             |
| "Xmodem-1K"  | Yes             |

For protocols, such as Xmodem, which does not pass the name, <filename> should contains the name being received. Wildcards are not allowed. If <filename> is "" and <GuessFile> option is on, the guessing name is used.

Zmodem has the ability to start automatically which is called Zmodem AutoDownload - the <zAutoDownload> option. To prevent the download starts before the command RECEIVE "Z" is issued, the <zAutoDownload> option should be turned off before telling the remote system to start the transfer.

### Return value

If the file transfer is successful, SUCCESS is set to TRUE; SUCCESS is FALSE if the transfer abort.

### See also

[Send](#), [Waitfor](#)

### Example

```
RECEIVE "Xmodem-CRC","file.zip" ; Xmodem needs the filename
RECEIVE "Ymodem" ; Ymodem doesnt

RECIEVE "Xmodem-CRC","" ; use the guessing name as filename

WAITFOR "command",10 ; the remote system to send the files,
PUT "d z *.zip" ; otherwise, the systems AutoDownload
RECEIVE "Zmodem" ; procedure will take the control and
; the RECEIVE command will return a
; wrong SUCCESS value, after the

IF SUCCESS
    PRINT "File received successfully"
ELSE
    PRINT "File transfer aborted"
ENDIF
```

## Rename

**Print**

### Syntax

RENAME oldname,newname

### Description

Renames a file.

RENAME changes the name of a file from <oldname> to <newname>.

Directories in <oldname> and <newname> need not be the same, therefore, RENAME can be used to move a file from one directory to another. Wildcards are not allowed.

### Return value

On successfully renaming the file, SUCCESS is set to TRUE; otherwise, SUCCESS is FALSE.

### See also

Delete, FileExist

## Seek

Print

### Syntax

SEEK filepos

### Description

Repositions the file pointer.

SEEK sets the file pointer to the new position <filepos>. At the beginning of a file, the file pointer is 0.

If <filepos> is -1, the file pointer is moved to the end of the file.

### Return value

If the pointer is successfully moved, SUCCESS is set to TRUE; otherwise, SUCCESS is FALSE.

### See also

[Read](#), [ReadCh](#), [Tell](#), [Write](#)

## Send

Print

### Syntax

SEND protocol,filenames

### Description

Sends (uploads) one or more files to remote system.

SEND sends (uploads) one or more files to the remote system using the protocol <protocol>. <protocol> can be one of the following or the menu key for external protocol.

| Protocol     | Send multiple files |
|--------------|---------------------|
| "Zmodem"     | Yes                 |
| "Ymodem"     | Yes                 |
| "Ymodem-G"   | Yes                 |
| "Xmodem"     | No                  |
| "Xmodem-CRC" | No                  |
| "Xmodem-1K"  | No                  |

<filenames> is a list of filenames to be sent, wildcard characters \* and ? can be used. If <filename> is "" and filename guessing option is on, the guessing name is used. Multiple files are separated by a space. For example,

```
"\TMW\TMW100.ZIP \TMW\README.TXT"  
"*.ZIP \UTIL\*.EXE *.TXT"
```

For protocols, such as Xmodem, which cannot transfer multiple files, only the first file in <filenames> is used.

### Return value

If the file transfer is successful, SUCCESS is set to TRUE; SUCCESS is FALSE if the transfer abort.

### See also

[Receive](#), [Waitfor](#)

### Example

```
SEND "Ymodem" ; use the guessing name as filename  
SEND "Zmodem", "*.rep" ; send multiple files  
  
IF SUCCESS  
    PRINT "File sent successfully"  
ELSE  
    PRINT "File transfer aborted"  
ENDIF
```

## Set

Print

### Syntax

SET <OPTION>,<VALUE>

SET <OPTION>,<TOKEN>

## Description

Sets option value.

The SET statement gives you control over many of the system options. The possible options and values are listed below.

| Option   | Value                 | Description  |
|----------|-----------------------|--|
| AutoStop | Off ( 0 )<br>On ( 1 ) | when On, the script will stop automatically upon carrier lost, this setting is reset to Off at the beginning of every script. This flag is usually set on the very beginning of a script |

## Example

```
SET AutoStop, On ; stop the script when disconnected
```

## StrDel

**Print**

### Syntax

```
STRDEL str,pos,count
```

### Description

Deletes characters from a string.

STRDEL deletes <count> characters from the position <pos> of the string <str>.

The first character position is 1.

### Return value

<str> contains the new string.

### See also

[Concat](#), [Length](#), [StrIns](#), [StrPos](#), [StrSet](#), [SubStr](#)

### Example

```
str = "abcXYZdef"  
STRDEL str,4,3 ; delete "XYZ"  
PRINT str ; "abcdef"
```

## StrIns

**Print**

### Syntax

```
STRINS str,substr,pos
```

### Description

Inserts a string into another string.

STRINS inserts a string <substr> into another string <str> at position <pos>.

If <pos> is larger than the length of <str>, the gap is filled with spaces. The first character position is 1.

### Return value

<str> contains the new string.

### See also

[Concat](#), [Length](#), [StrDel](#), [StrPos](#), [StrSet](#), [SubStr](#)

### Example

```
str = "abcdef"
STRINS str,"XYZ",4 ; insert "XYZ"
PRINT str          ; "abcXYZdef"

str = "abc"
STRINS str,"xyz",10 ; <count> is larger than the length of <str>
PRINT str          ; "abc      xyz"
```

## StrPos

Print

### Syntax

STRPOS str,substr,pos

### Description

Scans a string for the occurrence of a given substring.

STRPOS scans <str> for the first occurrence of the substring <substr>. Case is not sensitive.

The first character position is 1.

### Return value

If <substr> is a substring of <str>, <pos> is the position of the substring; otherwise, <pos> is 0.

### See also

[Concat](#), [Length](#), [StrDel](#), [StrIns](#), [StrSet](#), [SubStr](#)

### Example

```
STRPOS "abcdef","def",pos
PRINT pos                ; 4
```

## StrSet

Print

### Syntax

STRSET str,ch,pos,count

### Description

Sets part of a string to a given character.

STRSET sets the string <str> starting from position <pos> with <count> character <ch>.

If <pos> is larger than the length of <str>, the gap is filled with spaces. The first character position is 1.

### Return value

<str> contains the new string.

### See also

[Concat](#), [Length](#), [StrDel](#), [StrPos](#), [StrIns](#), [SubStr](#)

### Example

```
str = "abc"  
STRSET str,"X",3,10  
PRINT str ; "abXXXXXXXXXX"
```

## SubStr

Print

### Syntax

SUBSTR src,pos,count,dest

### Description

Returns a substring from a given string.

SUBSTR returns a substring in the string <src> starting at <pos> of length <count> into the string <dest>.

The first character position is 1.

### Return value

<dest> contains the substring.

### See also

[Concat](#), [Length](#), [StrDel](#), [StrPos](#), [StrIns](#), [StrSet](#)

### Example

```
SUBSTR "abcdef",1,3,dest  
PRINT dest ; "abc"
```

## Tell

Print

### Syntax

TELL filepos

### Description

Returns the current file pointer.

TELL returns the current file pointer. <filepos> is measured in bytes from the beginning of the file. At the beginning of the file, <filepos> is 0.

Sometime it is necessary to open more than one file, you can implement it by storing the file position of the original file, then restore it after the other file operation is completed.

### Return value

<filepos> is the current file pointer.

### See also

[Seek](#), [Read](#), [Write](#)

### Example

```
i = 1
```

```

filepos = 0                ; at at beginning of file
WHILE i<=10
  OPEN "bbsname"          ; open data file
  SEEK filepos            ; move the previous position
  READ name                ; read a bbs name
  TELL filepose           ; store the current position
  CLOSE                   ; close the file
  PhoneFind name,number   ; find the board in TM.FON
                          ; suppose the PhoneFind procedure
                          ; open the TM.FON
  IF number<>0            ; yes, it is in TM.FON
    PRINT name," found is entry #",number
  ENDIF
ENDWHILE

```

## Time

**Print**

### Syntax

TIME now

### Description

Gets system time.

TIME fills the string <now> with the current time.

Times can be compared with the usual '<', '>' and '=' relational operator.

### Return value

<now> contains the system current date in HH:MM:SS 24 hour format.

### See also

Date

### Example

```

TIME now
IF now>"07:00:00" AND now<="07:59:59"
  PRINT "Good morning."
ENDIF

```

## Waitfor

**Print**

### Syntax

WAITFOR t

WAITFOR s1,s2, ... , sN

WAITFOR s1,s2, ... , sN, t

### Description

Waits for one of the given strings from the remote system.

The 'WAITFOR t' format set the default waiting time to <t>, in second. If <t> is 0, no time checking is performed. If <t> is -1, no time checking is performed, but the waiting time is considered to be



exceeded when a key is hit.

The 'WAITFOR s1,s2, ... , sN' format waits until one of the given string is received from the remote system or the default waiting time exceeded.

The 'WAITFOR s1,s2, ... , sN,t' format set the default waiting time to <t>, in second and waits until one of the given string is received from the remote system or the waiting time exceeded.

Case is not sensitive when comparing the given string with the characters received from the remote system.

Sometimes the remote system need a slight delay between the prompt and the response, you can use DELAY or the "~" half-second marco before the PUT command.

### Return value

If the waiting time exceeded, FOUND is set to 0 (FALSE); otherwise, FOUND is set the string number of the matched string.

### See also

[Delay](#), [Put](#), [Receive](#), [Send](#), [WaitUntil](#), [When](#), [WhenIdle](#)

### Example

```
WAITFOR "first",30          ; wait for "first" in 30 seconds
IF NOT FOUND
    PRINT "Not found."      ; if not found, stop
    STOP
ELSE
    DELAY 5
    PUT "^!"                ; else send the user ID
ENDIF
```

```
; The following is usually placed at the end of a script file.
; It waits for disconnection and print which string is found.
WAITFOR "NO CARRIER","thanks for calling","hang up now",0
PRINT "Ending connection"
```

```
; The following simulates the AutoDownload feature for protocols
; does not support this feature.
WAITFOR "Download protocol is",0
WAITFOR "Xmodem","Ymodem",5
IF FOUND
    SWITCH FOUND
        CASE 1: RECEIVE "Xmodem-CRC","" ; Xmodem, use guessing name
        CASE 2: RECEIVE "Ymodem"       ; Ymodem download
    ENDSWITCH
ENDIF
```

## WaitUntil

**Print**

### Syntax

WAITUNTIL t

### Description

Waits until the specified time exceeded.

WAITUNTIL pauses the execution and waits until the time <t>, in HH:MM:SS 24 hour format, exceeded.

## See also

[Waitfor](#)

## Example

```
WAITUNTIL "23:10:30" ; pause until 11:10:30pm.
```

## When

Print

### Syntax

```
WHEN <waitString>,<responseString>
```

```
WHEN <waitString>,""
```

### Description

Sends a response string to the remote system whenever a given string is matched.

The WHEN statement is usually used in the beginning of the script file and it is active until the end of the script file.

Whenever the <waitString> is received from the remote system, the <responseString> is transmitted. The response string can be changed. To cancel a WHEN statement, "" should be put in in <responseString>.

Case is not sensitive when comparing the <waitString> with the characters received from the remote system.

## See also

[Waitfor](#), [WhenIdle](#)

## Example

```
WHEN "Press ENTER", "^M" ; set response strings
WHEN "More [y,n]?", "y^M"
WAITFOR "main menu", 0 ; wait for "main menu"
WHEN "Press ENTER", "" ; cancel response string
WHEN "More [y,n]?", "n^M" ; change response string
REPEAT ; make the WHEN statements
UNTIL NOT CONNECTED ; active until disconnected.
```

## WhenIdle

Print

### Syntax

```
WHENIDLE t,s
```

### Description

Sends a string to the remote system if there is no COM Input/Output in the specified time.

WHENIDLE monitors the COM Input/Output and sends the string <s> to the remote system if COM I/O is idle for the specified time <t>, in second.

Like the WHEN statement, WHENIDLE is active until the end of the script program.

<s> can contain macro sequence, such as "^\*", the modem hangup string.

If <t> is equal to 0 or <s> is a empty string, the WHENIDLE statement will be cancel.

## See also

[Waitfor](#), [When](#)

## Example

```
WAITFOR "message command",0 ; wait for command prompt
PUT "r" ; read message
WHENIDLE 30," ^H" ; prevent inactive timeout
REPEAT ; make the WHENIDLE statement
UNTIL NOT CONNECTED ; active until disconnected
```

```
; There are several usages of this command. The above example
; shows the way to prevent inactive timeout. However, it can
; also be used to handle inactive timeout in the host script
; mode. For example,
```

```
WHENIDLE 180,"Inactive timeout^M^J~^*"
```

```
; this command checks if the COM I/O is idle for 3 minutes,
; sends a timeout message to the user and, finally, sends the
; hangup string, the hangup macro sequence "^*", to the modem.
```

```
; Sometimes the phone line is too noisy that some characters
; cannot be received correctly. The worst case is that those
; characters appear in the WAITFOR string. To prevent inactive
; timeout or waste of connect time, the WHENIDLE can be used as
; follows.
```

```
WHENIDLE 5,"^M" ; send a carriage return if idle
; for 5 seconds
WAITFOR "first name" ; now start the log on sequence
PUT "^!"
WAITFOR "password" ; send password macro
PUT "^&"
WHENIDLE 0,"" ; cancel the WHENIDLE statement
```

## Write

**Print**

### Syntax

WRITE

WRITE s

WRITE i

WRITE s1,s2,i1,i2,s3, ...

WRITE s1,s2,i1,i2,s3, ... ,

### Description

Writes integers or strings to a text file.

Like the PRINT statement, WRITE sends variables or constants of types integer or string to the remote system. Each two arguments are separated by a comma. Integers are converted to their string representation automatically before transmitting to the remote system.

WRITE supplies a carriage return [Ctrl M] and a line feed [Ctrl J] by default. If a comma follows, no carriage return and line feed is supplied.

**Return value**

Upon successful completion, SUCCESS is set to TRUE; otherwise, SUCCESS is FALSE.

**See also**

Read, Seek, Tell

**Example**

```
CREATE "COUNT"      ; write a hundred line into "COUNT"
counter = 1          ; initiate the counter
WHILE counter<=100  ; repeat 100 times
    RITE "This is line ",counter
    NDWHILE
CLOSE                ; close the file
```

