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# Chapter 1

## PGS.MD3

### 1.1 geteps

GETEPS

External macros only!

Purpose: Gets coordinates and information for an EPS object.

Syntax: `geteps [POSITION pstem/V] [FRAME fflag/V]`  
`[CONTENTOFFSET cstem/V] [CONTENTSCALE cstem/V] [ROTATION rstem/V]`  
`[ABOUT rstem/V] [CONSTRAIN cflag/V] [PRINT pflag/V]`  
`[FILEINFO fstem/V] [DOCUMENT name/S | WINDOW name/S | OBJECTID number/I]`

Format: Parameter Values to enter

POSITION	gets the coordinates of the frame.
CONTENTOFFSET	gets the offset in the frame.
CONTENTSCALE	gets the scale of the object in the frame.
ROTATION	gets the rotation of the frame.
ABOUT	gets the rotation point.
CONSTRAIN	gets the proportional scale flag state.
PRINT	gets the print flag state.
FILEINFO	gets the file status of the EPS object.
DOCUMENT	is the document name.
WINDOW	is the window name.
OBJECTID	is the number of the object. (Default=current)

Result: The object ID is returned to the RESULT variable.

POSITION:  
`pstem.left` left coordinate  
`pstem.top` top coordinate  
`pstem.right` right coordinate  
`pstem.bottom` bottom coordinate

FRAME: returns <ON|OFF>

CONTENTOFFSET:  
`cstem.x` horizontal offset  
`cstem.y` vertical offset

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```

CONTENTSSCALE:
cstem.h      horizontal scale
cstem.v      vertical scale

ROTATION:
rstem.mode   rotate about <POINT|CENTER>
rstem.slant  slant angle
rstem.twist  twist angle

ABOUT:
rstem.x      horizontal point
rstem.y      vertical point

CONSTRAIN: returns <ON|OFF>

PRINT: returns <ON|OFF>

FILEINFO:
fstem.mode   <INTERNAL|EXTERNAL>
fstem.file   filepath and name

```

```

Example: geteps position coord /* will print the eps object bounding box to the ←
output console */
say 'Left: ' || coord.left
say 'Top: ' || coord.top
say 'Right: ' || coord.right
say 'Bottom: ' || coord.bottom

```

Command Format

Object ID numbers

DOCUMENT, CHAPTER, WINDOW, PAGE, MASTERPAGE, MPG, STYLETAG & ARTICLE

## 1.2 geterrornumber

GETERRORNUMBER

External macros only!

**Purpose:** Gets the number of the last error. Error numbers are different from the RC number, which is merely a measure of the error severity.

**Syntax:** geterrornumber (no parameters)

**Result:** The number is returned to RESULT.

```

Example: geterrornumber /* will return the error number and string */
errnum=result
geterrorstring
errname=result
say "Error #" || errnum || " occurred:"
say errname

```

See also

GETERRORSTRING

Command Format

### 1.3 geterrorstring

GETERRORSTRING

External macros only!

**Purpose:** Gets a short explanation of the last error. This is similar to the ARExx `errortext()` function, except that this command gets the last PageStream ARExx error.

**Syntax:** `geterrorstring` (no parameters)

**Result:** The message is returned to RESULT.

**Example:**

```
geterrornumber /* will return the error number and string */
errnum=result
geterrorstring
errname=result
say "Error #||errnum||" occurred:"
say errname
```

See also

GETERRORNUMBER  
Command Format

### 1.4 getfacingpagedisplay

GETFACINGPAGEDISPLAY

External macros only!

**Purpose:** Gets the facing page display status.

**Syntax:** `getfacingpagedisplay` [WINDOW name/S]

**Format:** Parameter Values to enter  
WINDOW is the window name. (Default=current)

**Result:** Returns the facing page display status <ON|OFF> to RESULT.

**Example:**

```
getfacingpagedisplay /* will print the facing page display status to ↔
the output console */
if result='ON' then say 'Facing Pages' else say 'Not Facing Pages'
```

Command Format

DOCUMENT, CHAPTER, WINDOW, PAGE, MASTERPAGE, MPG, STYLETAG & ARTICLE

### 1.5 getfile



**GETFILE**

External macros only!

**Purpose:** Opens the ASL file requester to get a filename and path from the user.

**Syntax:** `getfile <TITLE title/S> [LOAD | SAVE] [PATH filepath/F]  
[FILE filename/F] [POSBUTTON label/S] [NEGBUTTON label/S]`

**Format:**

Parameter	Values to enter
TITLE	is the title of the file requester.
LOAD	opens the ASL load file requester. (Default)
SAVE	opens the ASL save file requester.
PATH	is the default file path. (Default=last)
FILE	is the default filename to open. (Default=last)
POSBUTTON	is the label for the left button. (Default=OK)
NEGBUTTON	is the label for the right button. (Default=Cancel)

**Result:** If NEGBUTTON is chosen, it sets RC to 10. If POSBUTTON is chosen, it sets RC to 0 and returns the full filepath and name to the RESULT variable.

**Notes:** The ASL file requester does not support keyboard equivalents for its buttons, so do not use underscores in the button labels.

**Example:** `'getfile save "Save your work" path ram: posbutton Save'  
filename=RESULT  
button=RC`

Command Format

**1.6 getfilepath****GETFILEPATH**

External macros only!

**Purpose:** Opens the ASL file requester to get a file path from the user.

**Syntax:** `getfilepath <TITLE title/S> [PATH filepath/F]  
[POSBUTTON label/S] [NEGBUTTON label/S]`

**Format:**

Parameter	Values to enter
TITLE	is the title of the file requester.
PATH	is the default file path. (Default=last)
POSBUTTON	is the label for the left button. (Default=OK)
NEGBUTTON	is the label for the right button. (Default=Cancel)

**Result:** If NEGBUTTON is chosen, it sets RC to 10. If POSBUTTON is chosen, it sets RC to 0 and returns the path to the RESULT variable.

**Notes:** The ASL file requester does not support keyboard equivalents for its buttons, so do not use underscores in the button labels.

The actual ASL path requester is not used because it is a bad example of interface design. It does not list the files in the path at all, not even ghosted, so it is difficult for the user to know which path to select. The file requester is substituted and the selected file is ignored. This is not an oversight, but the result of a conscious decision to overcome a shortcoming in the ASL design.

```
Example: 'getfilepath title "Choose a path" path ram: posbutton Choose'
        path=RESULT
        button=RC
```

Command Format

## 1.7 getfontcache

GETFONTCACHE

External macros only!

Purpose: Gets the font cache size and limit.

Syntax: getfontcache <stem/V>

Format: Parameter Values to enter  
 stem is a stem variable for the size and limit.

Result: stem.cachesize is the cache size  
 stem.cachemaxh is the maximum height to cache

```
Example: 'getfontcache temp' /* will print the cache size to the output console ↔
        */
        say 'Cache size is ' || temp.cachesize
```

Command Format

## 1.8 getfontfamilies

GETFONTFAMILIES

External macros only!

Purpose: Gets the names of all the added font families.

Syntax: getfontfamilies <stem/V>

Format: Parameter Values to enter  
 stem is the name of a stem variable for the family names.

Result: The number of font families is returned to RESULT.

The names of the font families are returned to stem.# where #

is a number from 0 to the number of font families less 1.

```
Example: getfontfamilies fontnames /* will print the font family names to the ↔
output console */
numfonts=result
do count=0 to numfonts-1
  say fontnames.count
end count
```

See also

```
getfontstyles
Command Format
```

## 1.9 getfontstyles

GETFONTSTYLES

External macros only!

Purpose: Gets the names of all the styles of an added font family.

Syntax: getfontstyles <family/S stem/V>

Format: Parameter Values to enter  
 family is the name of the font family.  
 stem is the name of a stem variable for the style names.

Result: The number of styles is returned to RESULT.

The names of the styles are returned to stem.# where # is a number from 0 to the number of styles less 1.

```
Example: getfontstyles Times stylenames /* will print the font style names to ↔
the output console */
numstyles=result
do count=0 to numstyles-1
  say stylenames.count
end count
```

See also

```
getfontfamilies
Command Format
```

## 1.10 getgreekking

GETGREEKING

External macros only!

Purpose: Gets the greeking status for a window.

Syntax: getgreekking [WINDOW name/S]

Format: Parameter            Values to enter  
          WINDOW            is the window name. (Default=current)

Result: Returns the greeking status <ON|OFF> to RESULT.

Example: getgreeking  
          say result

Command Format

DOCUMENT, CHAPTER, WINDOW, PAGE, MASTERPAGE, MPG, STYLETAG & ARTICLE

## 1.11 getgrid

GETGRID

External macros only!

Purpose: Gets the snap-to-grid settings for a master page.

Syntax: getgrid <stem/V> [MASTERPAGE name/S]

Format: Parameter            Values to enter  
          stem                is the name of a stem variable for the information.  
          MASTERPAGE        is the master page name. (Default=current)

Result: stem.h                horizontal grid spacing  
          stem.v                vertical grid spacing  
          stem.x                horizontal snap offset  
          stem.y                vertical snap offset  
          stem.snap            <ALL|RANGE>  
          stem.rangeh        horizontal range  
          stem.rangev        vertical range  
          stem.displayh      horizontal display interval  
          stem.displayv      vertical display interval  
          stem.displayx      horizontal display offset  
          stem.displayy      vertical display offset

Example: getgrid info

Command Format

DOCUMENT, CHAPTER, WINDOW, PAGE, MASTERPAGE, MPG, STYLETAG & ARTICLE

## 1.12 getgriddisplay

GETGRIDDISPLAY

External macros only!

Purpose: Gets the grid display status.

Syntax: getgriddisplay [DEPTH layer/V] [COLOR number/V]

[WINDOW name/S]

Format: Parameter Values to enter  
 DEPTH gets the grid depth.  
 COLOR gets the grid color number.  
 WINDOW is the window name. (Default=current)

Result: Returns the grid display status <ON|OFF> to RESULT.

DEPTH: returns <INFRONT|INBACK>

Example: `getgriddisplay depth layer /* will print the grid status to the output ↔ console */`  
`if result='ON' then say 'The grid is shown '||layer`

Command Format

DOCUMENT, CHAPTER, WINDOW, PAGE, MASTERPAGE, MPG, STYLETAG & ARTICLE

## 1.13 getgridobject

GETGRIDOBJECT

External macros only!

Purpose: Gets coordinates and information for a grid object.

Syntax: `getgridobject [POSITION pstem/V] [POINTS cstem/V]`  
`[DIVISIONS dstem] [ROTATION rstem/V] [ABOUT rstem/V]`  
`[CONSTRAIN cflag/V] [PRINT pflag/V]`  
`[DOCUMENT name/S | WINDOW name/S | OBJECTID number/I]`

Format: Parameter Values to enter  
 POSITION gets the coordinates of the bounding box.  
 POINTS gets the coordinates of the vertices of a non-rectangular grid (numbered counterclockwise)  
 DIVISIONS gets the number of grid cells in each direction  
 ROTATION gets the rotation of the bounding box.  
 ABOUT gets the rotation point.  
 CONSTRAIN gets the proportional scale flag state.  
 PRINT gets the print flag state.  
 DOCUMENT is the document name.  
 WINDOW is the window name.  
 OBJECTID is the number of the object. (Default=current)

Result: The object ID is returned to the RESULT variable.

POSITION:  
 pstem.left left coordinate  
 pstem.top top coordinate  
 pstem.right right coordinate  
 pstem.bottom bottom coordinate

POINTS:  
 cstem.x1 horizontal coordinate of point 1  
 cstem.y1 vertical coordinate of point 1

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cstem.x2      horizontal coordinate of point 2
cstem.y2      vertical coordinate of point 2
cstem.x3      horizontal coordinate of point 3
cstem.y3      vertical coordinate of point 3
cstem.x4      horizontal coordinate of point 4
cstem.y4      vertical coordinate of point 4

```

**DIVISIONS:**

```

dstem.h      number of horizontal divisions
dstem.v      number of vertical divisions

```

**ROTATION:**

```

rstem.mode   rotate about <POINT|CENTER>
rstem.slant  slant angle
rstem.twist  twist angle

```

**ABOUT:**

```

rstem.x      horizontal point
rstem.y      vertical point

```

**CONSTRAIN:** returns <ON|OFF>

**PRINT:** returns <ON|OFF>

```

Example: getgridobject position coord /* will print the grid object bounding box ←
        coordinates to the output console */
        say 'Left: ' || coord.left
        say 'Top: ' || coord.top
        say 'Right: ' || coord.right
        say 'Bottom: ' || coord.bottom

```

Command Format

Object ID numbers

DOCUMENT, CHAPTER, WINDOW, PAGE, MASTERPAGE, MPG, STYLETAG & ARTICLE

## 1.14 getgridsnap

GETGRIDSNAP

External macros only!

**Purpose:** Gets the grid snap status.

**Syntax:** getgridsnap [WINDOW name/S]

**Format:** Parameter Values to enter  
 WINDOW is the window name. (Default=current)

**Result:** Returns the grid snap status <ON|OFF> to RESULT.

```

Example: getgridsnap /* will print the grid snap status to the output console */
        say 'Grid Snap: ' || result

```

Command Format

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DOCUMENT, CHAPTER, WINDOW, PAGE, MASTERPAGE, MPG, STYLETAG & ARTICLE

## 1.15 getgroup

GETGROUP

External macros only!

Purpose: Gets coordinates and information for a group.

Syntax: `getgroup [POSITION pstem/V] [FRAME fflag/V]`  
`[CONTENTOFFSET cstem/V] [CONTENTSCALE cstem/V] [ROTATION rstem/V]`  
`[ABOUT rstem/V] [CONSTRAIN cflag/V] [PRINT pflag/V]`  
`[DOCUMENT name/S | WINDOW name/S | OBJECTID number/I]`

Format:	Parameter	Values to enter
	POSITION	gets the coordinates of the frame.
	CONTENTOFFSET	gets the offset in the frame.
	CONTENTSCALE	gets the scale of the object in the frame.
	ROTATION	gets the rotation of the frame.
	ABOUT	gets the rotation point.
	CONSTRAIN	gets the proportional scale flag state.
	PRINT	gets the print flag state.
	DOCUMENT	is the document name.
	WINDOW	is the window name.
	OBJECTID	is the number of the object. (Default=current)

Result: The object ID is returned to the RESULT variable.

POSITION:  
 pstem.left left coordinate  
 pstem.top top coordinate  
 pstem.right right coordinate  
 pstem.bottom bottom coordinate

FRAME: returns <ON|OFF>

CONTENTOFFSET:  
 cstem.x horizontal offset  
 cstem.y vertical offset

CONTENTSCALE:  
 cstem.h horizontal scale  
 cstem.v vertical scale

ROTATION:  
 rstem.mode rotate about <POINT|CENTER>  
 rstem.slant slant angle  
 rstem.twist twist angle

ABOUT:  
 rstem.x horizontal point  
 rstem.y vertical point

CONSTRAIN: returns <ON|OFF>

PRINT: returns <ON|OFF>

Example: `getgroup position coord /* will print the group bounding box to the ←  
output console */  
say 'Left: ' || coord.left  
say 'Top: ' || coord.top  
say 'Right: ' || coord.right  
say 'Bottom: ' || coord.bottom`

Command Format

Object ID numbers

DOCUMENT, CHAPTER, WINDOW, PAGE, MASTERPAGE, MPG, STYLETAG & ARTICLE

## 1.16 getguides

GETGUIDES

External macros only!

Purpose: Gets the horizontal or vertical ruler guides for a master page side.

Syntax: `getguides <stem/V> <VERTICAL|HORIZONTAL> [MPG name/S]`

Format: Parameter Values to enter  
 stem is the name of a stem variable for the information.  
 HORIZONTAL specifies horizontal guides  
 VERTICAL specifies vertical guides  
 MPG is the master page name. (Default=current)

Notes: The current side is the default if one is not specified.

Result: The number of guides is returned to RESULT.

The positions of the guides are returned to `stem.#` where # is a number from 0 to the number of guides less 1.

Example: `getguides info vertical  
say 'There are ' || result || ' vertical guides for this master page.'`

Command Format

DOCUMENT, CHAPTER, WINDOW, PAGE, MASTERPAGE, MPG, STYLETAG & ARTICLE

## 1.17 getguide

GETGUIDE

External macros only!

Purpose: Gets the snap-to-guide settings for a master page side.

Syntax: `getguide <stem/V> [MASTERPAGE name/S]`

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Format: Parameter Values to enter  
 stem is the name of a stem variable for the information.  
 MASTERPAGE is the master page name. (Default=current)

Result: stem.snap ALL|RANGE  
 stem.rangeh horizontal range  
 stem.rangev vertical range

Example: `getguide info`  
`if info.snap='RANGE' then do`  
`say 'Snap horizontally within ' || info.rangeh`  
`say 'Snap vertically within ' || info.rangev`  
`end`

Command Format

DOCUMENT, CHAPTER, WINDOW, PAGE, MASTERPAGE, MPG, STYLETAG & ARTICLE

## 1.18 getguidedisplay

GETGUIDEDISPLAY

External macros only!

Purpose: Gets the guide display status.

Syntax: `getguidedisplay [DEPTH layer/V] [COLOR number/V]`  
`[PAGE flag/S] [RULER flag/S] [WINDOW name/S]`

Format: Parameter Values to enter  
 DEPTH gets the guide depth.  
 COLOR gets the guide color number.  
 PAGE gets the page guide display status.  
 RULER gets the ruler guide display status.  
 WINDOW is the window name. (Default=current)

Result: Returns the guide display status <ON|OFF> to RESULT. If either page or ruler guides are displayed, ON will be returned.

DEPTH: returns <INFRONT|INBACK>

PAGE: returns <ON|OFF>

RULER: returns <ON|OFF>

Example: `getguidedisplay page pflag ruler rflag /* will print the guide status ←`  
`to the output console */`  
`if result=ON then do`  
`say 'Page Guides: ' || pflag`  
`say 'Ruler Guides: ' || rflag`  
`end`

Command Format

DOCUMENT, CHAPTER, WINDOW, PAGE, MASTERPAGE, MPG, STYLETAG & ARTICLE

## 1.19 getguidesnap

GETGUIDESNAP

External macros only!

Purpose: Gets the guide snap status.

Syntax: `getguidesnap [WINDOW name/S]`

Format: Parameter Values to enter  
WINDOW is the window name. (Default=current)

Result: Returns the guide snap status <ON|OFF> to RESULT.

Example: `getguidesnap /* will print the grid snap status to the output console ←  
*/  
say 'Guide Snap: ' || result`

Command Format

DOCUMENT, CHAPTER, WINDOW, PAGE, MASTERPAGE, MPG, STYLETAG & ARTICLE

## 1.20 getinvisibledisplay

GETINVISIBLEDISPLAY

External macros only!

Purpose: Gets the invisible symbol display status.

Syntax: `getinvisibledisplay [WINDOW name/S]`

Format: Parameter Values to enter  
WINDOW is the window name. (Default=current)

Result: Returns the invisible display status <ON|OFF> to RESULT.

Example: `getinvisibledisplay /* will print the invisible display status to the ←  
output console */  
say 'Invisible Symbol Display: ' || result`

Command Format

DOCUMENT, CHAPTER, WINDOW, PAGE, MASTERPAGE, MPG, STYLETAG & ARTICLE

## 1.21 getline

GETLINE

External macros only!

Purpose: Gets coordinates and information for a line.

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Syntax: `getline [POSITION pstem/V] [ROTATION rstem/V]  
 [ABOUT rstem/V] [CONSTRAIN cflag/V] [PRINT pflag/V]  
 [DOCUMENT name/S | WINDOW name/S | OBJECTID number/I]`

Format:	Parameter	Values to enter
	POSITION	gets the coordinates of the line.
	ROTATION	gets the rotation of the line.
	ABOUT	gets the rotation point.
	CONSTRAIN	gets the proportional scale flag state.
	PRINT	gets the print flag state.
	DOCUMENT	is the document name.
	WINDOW	is the window name.
	OBJECTID	is the number of the object. (Default=current)

Result: The object ID is returned to the RESULT variable.

POSITION:  
 pstem.x1 first endpoint horizontal coordinate  
 pstem.y1 first endpoint vertical coordinate  
 pstem.x2 second endpoint horizontal coordinate  
 pstem.y2 second endpoint vertical coordinate

ROTATION:  
 rstem.mode rotate about <POINT|CENTER>  
 rstem.slant slant angle  
 rstem.twist twist angle

ABOUT:  
 rstem.x horizontal point  
 rstem.y vertical point

CONSTRAIN: returns <ON|OFF>

PRINT: returns <ON|OFF>

```
Example: getline position coord /* will print the line coordinates to the output ↵
console */
if coord.x2>coord.x1 then do
  temp=coord.x1
  coord.x1=coord.x2
  coord.x2=temp
  temp=coord.y1
  coord.y1=coord.y2
  coord.y2=temp
end
say 'Left Endpoint: '||coord.x1||', '||coord.y1
say 'Right Endpoint: '||coord.x2||', '||coord.y2
```

Command Format

Object ID numbers

DOCUMENT, CHAPTER, WINDOW, PAGE, MASTERPAGE, MPG, STYLETAG & ARTICLE

## 1.22 getmarginguides

GETMARGINGUIDES

External macros only!

Purpose: Gets the margin guides for a master page.

Syntax: `getmarginguides <stem/V> [MASTERPAGE name/S]`

Format: Parameter Values to enter  
 stem is the name of a stem variable for the information.  
 MASTERPAGE is the master page name. (Default=current)

Result: stem.inside inside margin  
 stem.outside outside margin  
 stem.top top margin  
 stem.bottom bottom margin

Example: `getmarginguides info /* will print the margin guides */`  
`say 'Inside margin: ' || info.inside`  
`say 'Outside margin: ' || info.outside`  
`say 'Top margin: ' || info.top`  
`say 'Bottom margin: ' || info.bottom`

Command Format

DOCUMENT, CHAPTER, WINDOW, PAGE, MASTERPAGE, MPG, STYLETAG & ARTICLE

## 1.23 getmasterpagedesc

GETMASTERPAGEDESC

External macros only!

Purpose: Gets the description of a master page.

Syntax: `getmasterpagedesc [MASTERPAGE name/S]`

Format: Parameter Values to enter  
 MASTERPAGE is the master page name. (Default=current)

Result: The description is returned to RESULT.

Example: `getmasterpagedesc /* will return the description of the current master` ←  
`page */`  
`mpagedesc=result`

Command Format

DOCUMENT, CHAPTER, WINDOW, PAGE, MASTERPAGE, MPG, STYLETAG & ARTICLE

## 1.24 getmasterpages

GETMASTERPAGES

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External macros only!

**Purpose:** Gets the number of master pages in a document or chapter and their names.

**Syntax:** `getmasterpages <stem/V> [DOCUMENT name/S | CHAPTER name/S]`

**Format:**

Parameter	Values to enter
stem	is the name of a stem variable for the master page names.
DOCUMENT	is the document name. (Default=current)
CHAPTER	is the document/chapter name.

**Result:** The number of master pages in the document or chapter is returned to RESULT.

The names of the master pages are returned to stem.# where # is a number from 0 to the number of master pages less 1.

**Example:** `getmasterpages mpagenames /* will print the master page names to the  
output console */  
numpages=result  
do count=0 to numpages-1  
  say mpagenames.count  
end count` ↔

Command Format

DOCUMENT, CHAPTER, WINDOW, PAGE, MASTERPAGE, MPG, STYLETAG & ARTICLE

## 1.25 getobject

GETOBJECT

External macros only!

**Purpose:** Gets the object ID, rotation status and the status of various flags for an object.

**Syntax:** `getobject [TYPE type/V] [ROTATION stem/V]  
[ABOUT stem/V] [CONSTRAIN cflag/V] [PRINT pflag/V]  
[DOCUMENT name/S | WINDOW name/S | OBJECTID number/I]`

**Format:**

Parameter	Values to enter
TYPE	gets the object type.
ROTATION	gets the object rotation.
ABOUT	gets the object rotation point.
CONSTRAIN	gets the object proportional scale flag state.
PRINT	gets the object print flag state.
DOCUMENT	is the document name.
WINDOW	is the window name.
OBJECTID	is the number of the object. (Default=current)

**Result:** The object ID is returned to the RESULT variable.

TYPE: returns the object type number.  
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```

**ROTATION:**

```

rstem.mode      Rotate about <POINT|CENTER>
rstem.slant     Slant angle
rstem.twist     Twist angle

```

**ABOUT:**

```

rstem.x         Horizontal point
rstem.y         Vertical point

```

**CONSTRAIN:** returns <ON|OFF>

**PRINT:** returns <ON|OFF>

```

Example: getobject constrain cflag print pflag /* will print some object ←
information to the output console */
say 'The proportional scale flag is '||cflag
say 'The print flag is '||pflag

```

**Command Format**

Object ID numbers

DOCUMENT, CHAPTER, WINDOW, PAGE, MASTERPAGE, MPG, STYLETAG & ARTICLE

## 1.26 getobjectlock

GETOBJECTLOCK

External macros only!

**Purpose:** Gets the lock status of an object.

**Syntax:** getobjectlock [DOCUMENT name/S | WINDOW name/S | OBJECTID number/I]

**Format:** Parameter Values to enter  
DOCUMENT is the document name.  
WINDOW is the window name.  
OBJECTID is the number of the object. (Default=current)

**Result:** Returns the lock status <ON|OFF|UNKNOWN> to RESULT. UNKNOWN means that objects with conflicting lock attributes are selected.

```
Example: getobjectlock window 'View.1' /* will print the lock status to the ←
        output console */
        say 'Object lock is '||result
```

Command Format

Object ID numbers

DOCUMENT, CHAPTER, WINDOW, PAGE, MASTERPAGE, MPG, STYLETAG & ARTICLE

## 1.27 getoutlinedisplay

GETOUTLINEDISPLAY

External macros only!

Purpose: Gets the text frame outline display status.

Syntax: getoutlinedisplay [WINDOW name/S]

Format: Parameter Values to enter  
 WINDOW is the window name. (Default=current)

Result: Returns the outline display status <ON|OFF> to RESULT.

```
Example: getoutlinedisplay /* will print the outline display status to the ←
        output console */
        say 'Text Frame Outline Display: '||result
```

Command Format

DOCUMENT, CHAPTER, WINDOW, PAGE, MASTERPAGE, MPG, STYLETAG & ARTICLE

## 1.28 getpagedesc

GETPAGEDESC

External macros only!

Purpose: Gets the description of a page.

Syntax: getpagedesc [PAGE number/S]

Format: Parameter Values to enter  
 PAGE is the page number. (Default=current)

Result: The description is returned to RESULT.

```
Example: getpagedesc /* will return the description of the current page */
        pagedesc=result
```

Command Format

DOCUMENT, CHAPTER, WINDOW, PAGE, MASTERPAGE, MPG, STYLETAG & ARTICLE

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## 1.29 getpagemasterpage

GETPAGEMASTERPAGE

External macros only!

**Purpose:** Gets the master page name for a page, whether its objects are shown and whether they're shown in front or in back of objects on the page itself.

**Syntax:** `getpagemasterpage [MASTERPAGE name/V] [DEPTH level/V]  
[PAGE number/S | DOCUMENT name/S | WINDOW name/S]`

**Format:** Parameter Values to enter  
 MASTERPAGE gets the master page name.  
 DEPTH gets the object depth.  
 PAGE is the page number. (Default=current)  
 DOCUMENT is the document name.  
 WINDOW is the window name.

**Result:** If the master page objects are visible on the actual page, ON will be returned to RESULT, else OFF will be returned.

MASTERPAGE: returns the name of the master page for the actual page will be returned to the specified variable.

DEPTH: returns <INFRONT|INBACK>

**Example:** `getpagemasterpage masterpage name page 5 /* will print the master page ↔  
for a page to the output console */  
say 'The master page for the current page is '||name`

Command Format

DOCUMENT, CHAPTER, WINDOW, PAGE, MASTERPAGE, MPG, STYLETAG & ARTICLE

## 1.30 getpagename

GETPAGENAME

External macros only!

**Purpose:** Gets the name of a page.

**Syntax:** `getpagename [PAGE number/S]`

**Format:** Parameter Values to enter  
 PAGE is the page number. (Default=current)

**Result:** The name is returned to RESULT.

**Example:** `getpagename /* will return the name of the current page */  
pagename=result`

Command Format



DOCUMENT, CHAPTER, WINDOW, PAGE, MASTERPAGE, MPG, STYLETAG & ARTICLE

## 1.31 getpagenumbering

GETPAGENUMBERING

External macros only!

Purpose: Gets the page numbering system.

Syntax: `getpagenumbering <stem/V> [DOCUMENT name/S | CHAPTER name/S]`

Format:	Parameter	Values to enter
	stem	is the name of a stem variable for the information.
	DOCUMENT	is the document name. (Default=current)
	CHAPTER	is the document/chapter name.

Result:	stem.startmode	AUTOMATIC AUTOEVEN AUTOODD CUSTOM
	stem.start	starting page number
	stem.lengthmode	AUTOMATIC CUSTOM
	stem.length	number of pages
	stem.masterpage	name of master page to use for blank pages

Example: `getpagenumbering info /* will reset the start page number to one higher ←  
if page numbering is set to custom */  
if info.startmode='CUSTOM' then do 'setchapternumbering start custom '|| ←  
info.start+1`

Command Format

DOCUMENT, CHAPTER, WINDOW, PAGE, MASTERPAGE, MPG, STYLETAG & ARTICLE

## 1.32 getpath

GETPATH

External macros only!

Purpose: Gets coordinates and information for a path.

Syntax: `getpath [POSITION pstem/V] [FRAME fflag/V]  
[CONTENTOFFSET cstem/V] [CONTENTSCALE cstem/V] [ROTATION rstem/V]  
[ABOUT rstem/V] [CONSTRAIN cflag/V] [PRINT pflag/V]  
[DOCUMENT name/S | WINDOW name/S | OBJECTID number/I]`

Format:	Parameter	Values to enter
	POSITION	gets the coordinates of the frame.
	CONTENTOFFSET	gets the offset in the frame.
	CONTENTSCALE	gets the scale of the object in the frame.
	ROTATION	gets the rotation of the frame.
	ABOUT	gets the rotation point.
	CONSTRAIN	gets the proportional scale flag state.
	PRINT	gets the print flag state.

DOCUMENT is the document name.  
 WINDOW is the window name.  
 OBJECTID is the number of the object. (Default=current)

Result: The object ID is returned to the RESULT variable.

POSITION:  
 pstem.left left coordinate  
 pstem.top top coordinate  
 pstem.right right coordinate  
 pstem.bottom bottom coordinate

FRAME: returns <ON|OFF>

CONTENTOFFSET:  
 cstem.x horizontal offset  
 cstem.y vertical offset

CONTENTSCALE:  
 cstem.h horizontal scale  
 cstem.v vertical scale

ROTATION:  
 rstem.mode rotate about <POINT|CENTER>  
 rstem.slant slant angle  
 rstem.twist twist angle

ABOUT:  
 rstem.x horizontal point  
 rstem.y vertical point

CONSTRAIN: returns <ON|OFF>

PRINT: returns <ON|OFF>

Example: `getpath position coord /* will print the path bounding box to the ↵`  
`output console */`  
`say 'Left: ' || coord.left`  
`say 'Top: ' || coord.top`  
`say 'Right: ' || coord.right`  
`say 'Bottom: ' || coord.bottom`

Command Format

Object ID numbers

DOCUMENT, CHAPTER, WINDOW, PAGE, MASTERPAGE, MPG, STYLETAG & ARTICLE

### 1.33 getpicture

GETPICTURE

External macros only!

Purpose: Gets coordinates and information for a picture.

Syntax: `getpicture [POSITION pstem/V] [FRAME fflag/V]`

```
[CONTENTOFFSET cstem/V] [CONTENTSCALE cstem/V] [ROTATION rstem/V]
[ABOUT rstem/V] [DPI dstem/V] [CONSTRAIN cflag/V] [PRINT pflag/V]
[FILEINFO fstem/V] [DOCUMENT name/S | WINDOW name/S | OBJECTID number/I]
```

Format: Parameter Values to enter

POSITION	gets the coordinates of the frame.
CONTENTOFFSET	gets the offset in the frame.
CONTENTSCALE	gets the scale of the object in the frame.
ROTATION	gets the rotation of the frame.
ABOUT	gets the rotation point.
CONSTRAIN	gets the proportional scale flag state.
PRINT	gets the print flag state.
FILEINFO	gets the file status of the picture.
DOCUMENT	is the document name.
WINDOW	is the window name.
OBJECTID	is the number of the object. (Default=current)

Result: The object ID is returned to the RESULT variable.

```
POSITION:
pstem.left    left coordinate
pstem.top     top coordinate
pstem.right   right coordinate
pstem.bottom  bottom coordinate

FRAME: returns <ON|OFF>

CONTENTOFFSET:
cstem.x       horizontal offset
cstem.y       vertical offset

CONTENTSCALE:
cstem.h       horizontal scale
cstem.v       vertical scale

ROTATION:
rstem.mode    rotate about <POINT|CENTER>
rstem.slant   slant angle
rstem.twist   twist angle

ABOUT:
rstem.x       horizontal point
rstem.y       vertical point

DPI:
dstem.x       horizontal resolution
dstem.y       horizontal resolution

CONSTRAIN: returns <ON|OFF>

PRINT: returns <ON|OFF>

FILEINFO:
fstem.mode    <INTERNAL|EXTERNAL>
fstem.file    filepath and name
```

---

```
Example: getpicture position coord /* will print the picture bounding box to the ←
output console */
say 'Left: ' || coord.left
say 'Top: ' || coord.top
say 'Right: ' || coord.right
say 'Bottom: ' || coord.bottom
```

Command Format

Object ID numbers

DOCUMENT, CHAPTER, WINDOW, PAGE, MASTERPAGE, MPG, STYLETAG & ARTICLE

## 1.34 getpicturedisplay

GETPICTUREDISPLAY

External macros only!

Purpose: Gets the picture display status.

Syntax: `getpicturedisplay [WINDOW name/S]`

Format: Parameter Values to enter  
 WINDOW is the window name. (Default=current)

Result: Returns the picture display status <ON|OFF> to RESULT.

```
Example: getpicturedisplay /* will print the picture display status to the ←
output console */
say 'Picure Display: ' || result
```

Command Format

DOCUMENT, CHAPTER, WINDOW, PAGE, MASTERPAGE, MPG, STYLETAG & ARTICLE

## 1.35 getpolygon

GETPOLYGON

External macros only!

Purpose: Gets coordinates and information for a polygon.

Syntax: `getpolygon [POSITION pstem/V] [SHAPE sstem/V]`  
`[ROTATION rstem/V] [ABOUT rstem/V] [CONSTRAIN cflag/V]`  
`[PRINT pflag/V] [DOCUMENT name/S | WINDOW name/S | OBJECTID number/I]`

Format: Parameter Values to enter  
 POSITION gets the coordinates of the polygon.  
 SHAPE gets the polygon shape, sides and angles.  
 ROTATION gets the rotation of the polygon.  
 ABOUT gets the rotation point.  
 CONSTRAIN gets the proportional scale flag state.  
 PRINT gets the print flag state.

DOCUMENT is the document name.  
 WINDOW is the window name.  
 OBJECTID is the number of the object. (Default=current)

Result: The object ID is returned to the RESULT variable.

POSITION:  
 pstem.centerx horizontal center coordinate  
 pstem.centery vertical center coordinate  
 pstem.radiusx horizontal radius  
 pstem.radiusy vertical radius

SHAPE:  
 sstem.type <NORJAL|STAR|PUFFY|SCALLOP|WAVY>  
 sstem.sides number of sides  
 sstem.offsetangle pre-rotation angle  
 sstem.deflection alternate point radius  
 sstem.deflectionangle alternate point angle

ROTATION:  
 rstem.mode rotate about <POINT|CENTER>  
 rstem.slant slant angle  
 rstem.twist twist angle

ABOUT:  
 rstem.x horizontal point  
 rstem.y vertical point

CONSTRAIN: returns <ON|OFF>

PRINT: returns <ON|OFF>

Example: `getpolygon position coord /* will print the polygon center coordinates ←  
 to the output console */  
 say 'Horizontal Center: ' || coord.centerx  
 say 'Vertical Center: ' || coord.centery`

Command Format

Object ID numbers

DOCUMENT, CHAPTER, WINDOW, PAGE, MASTERPAGE, MPG, STYLETAG & ARTICLE

## 1.36 getportname

GETPORTNAME

External macros only!

Purpose: Gets the name of PageStream's ARexx port.

Syntax: `getportname` (no parameters)

Result: The name is returned to RESULT.

Example: `getportname /* will return the portname */  
 name=result`

Command Format

## 1.37 getredo

GETREDO

External macros only!

Purpose: Gets the type of action that can be redone.

Syntax: `getredo [DOCUMENT name/S | WINDOW name/S]`

Format: Parameter Values to enter  
 DOCUMENT is the document name.  
 WINDOW is the window name.

Result: Returns the type of action that can be redone to RESULT. For example, if the movement of an object had just been undone, it would return "Move".

Example: `getredo  
 say "Can redo "||result /* will print the redoable action to the output ↔  
 console */`

Command Format

DOCUMENT, CHAPTER, WINDOW, PAGE, MASTERPAGE, MPG, STYLETAG & ARTICLE

## 1.38 getrefreshmode

GETREFRESHMODE

External macros only!

Purpose: Gets the refresh mode of a window.

Syntax: `getrefreshmode [WINDOW name/S]`

Format: Parameter Values to enter  
 WINDOW is the window name. (Default=current)

Result: Returns the refresh mode <ON|OFF|WAIT> to RESULT.

Example: `getrefreshmode window 'View.1' /* will print the refresh mode to the ↔  
 output console */  
 say 'Refresh Mode: '||result`

Command Format

DOCUMENT, CHAPTER, WINDOW, PAGE, MASTERPAGE, MPG, STYLETAG & ARTICLE

## 1.39 getregion

GETREGION

External macros only!

**Purpose:** Opens a small message requester to instruct the user to click on the page to return a coordinate value to the macro. The requester has a Cancel gadget.

**Syntax:** `getregion <stem/V> [MESSAGE message/S]`

**Format:**

Parameter	Values to enter
stem	is the name of a stem variable for the mouse coordinates.
MESSAGE	is the message to display in the requester. (Max length=55)

**Result:** If Cancel is chosen, it sets RC to 10. If the user clicks on the page or draws a region, it sets RC to 0 and returns the coordinates to the stem variable.

stem.x1	start horizontal coordinate
stem.y1	start vertical coordinate
stem.x2	end horizontal coordinate
stem.y2	end vertical coordinate

**Example:** `'getregion coord message "Drag to define an area"' /* will print the ↔ coordinates to the output console */`

```

button=RC
if RC=0 then do
  say coord.x1
  say coord.y1
  say coord.x2
  say coord.y2
end

```

Command Format

## 1.40 getrotation

GETROTATION

External macros only!

**Purpose:** Gets the rotation status of an object.

**Syntax:** `getrotation <stem/V> [DOCUMENT name/S | WINDOW name/S | OBJECTID number/I]`

**Format:**

Parameter	Values to enter
stem	is the name of a stem variable for the information.
DOCUMENT	is the document name.
WINDOW	is the window name.
OBJECTID	is the number of the object.

Result: stem.slant  
stem.twist

Example: getrotation amount /\* will print the rotation status to the output ↔  
console \*/  
say 'Slant: '||amount.slant  
say 'Twist: '||amount.twist

Command Format

Object ID numbers

DOCUMENT, CHAPTER, WINDOW, PAGE, MASTERPAGE, MPG, STYLETAG & ARTICLE

## 1.41 getrulerdisplay

GETRULERDISPLAY

External macros only!

Purpose: Gets the ruler display status.

Syntax: getrulerdisplay [OFFSET ostem/V] [ZERO zstem/V] [MSYS mstem/V]  
[DIRECTION dstem/V] [WINDOW name/S]

Format: Parameter Values to enter  
OFFSET gets the ruler offset in pixels from the top left corner  
of the window.  
ZERO gets the ruler zero point.  
MSYS gets the measurement system units for the rulers.  
DIRECTION gets the direction in which the rulers are measured.  
WINDOW is the window name. (Default=current)

Result: Returns the ruler display status <ON|OFF> to RESULT.

ostem.x	horizontal display offset
ostem.y	vertical display offset
zstem.x	horizontal zero offset
zstem.y	vertical zero offset
mstem.h	horizontal ruler measurement system <INCHES CENTIMETERS MILLIMETERS PICAS POINTS  PRINTERPICAS PRINTERPOINTS CICEROS DIDOTPOINTS FEET   METERS SAMEAS>
mstem.v	vertical ruler measurement system (same as above)
dstem.h	horizontal measurement direction <LEFT RIGHT>
dstem.v	vertical measurement direction <UP DOWN>

Example: getrulerdisplay msys system /\* will print the ruler status and ↔  
measurement system to the output console \*/  
say 'The rulers are '||result  
say 'Horizontal measurement system: '||system.h  
say 'Vertical measurement system: '||system.v

Command Format

DOCUMENT, CHAPTER, WINDOW, PAGE, MASTERPAGE, MPG, STYLETAG & ARTICLE



## 1.42 gettextframe

GETTEXTFRAME

External macros only!

**Purpose:** Gets the number of columns in a frame, and the gutter space between them.

**Syntax:** `gettextframe [COLUMNS number/V] [GUTTER space/V]  
[DOCUMENT name/S | WINDOW name/S | OBJECTID number/I]`

**Format:**

Parameter	Values to enter
COLUMNS	gets the number of columns in the frame.
GUTTER	gets the space between columns in the frame.
DOCUMENT	is the document name.
WINDOW	is the window name.
OBJECTID	is the number of the object. (Default=current)

**Result:** Returns the object's text frame status <ON|OFF> to RESULT.

**Example:** `gettextframe columns count gutter space  
if result='ON' then say 'Columns: 'count', Gutter: 'space /* will print ←  
the column count and gutter space to the output console */`

Command Format

Object ID numbers

DOCUMENT, CHAPTER, WINDOW, PAGE, MASTERPAGE, MPG, STYLETAG & ARTICLE

## 1.43 gettextobj

GETTEXTOBJ

External macros only!

**Purpose:** Gets coordinates and information for a frameless text object.

**Syntax:** `gettextobj [POSITION pstem/V] [ROTATION rstem/V] [ABOUT rstem/V]  
[CONSTRAIN cflag/V] [PRINT pflag/V]  
[DOCUMENT name/S | WINDOW name/S | OBJECTID number/I]`

**Format:**

Parameter	Values to enter
POSITION	gets the coordinates of the text object.
ROTATION	gets the rotation of the text object.
ABOUT	gets the rotation point.
CONSTRAIN	gets the proportional scale flag state.
PRINT	gets the print flag state.
DOCUMENT	is the document name.
WINDOW	is the window name.
OBJECTID	is the number of the object. (Default=current)

**Result:** The object ID is returned to the RESULT variable.

POSITION:

```

pstem.left      left coordinate
pstem.top       top coordinate
pstem.right     right coordinate
pstem.bottom    bottom coordinate

ROTATION:
rstem.mode      rotate about <POINT|CENTER>
rstem.slant     slant angle
rstem.twist     twist angle

```

```

ABOUT:
rstem.x         horizontal point
rstem.y         vertical point

```

```

CONSTRAIN: returns <ON|OFF>

```

```

PRINT: returns <ON|OFF>

```

```

Example: gettextobj position coord /* will print the text object's bounding box ←
to the output console */
say 'Left: ' || coord.left
say 'Top: ' || coord.top
say 'Right: ' || coord.right
say 'Bottom: ' || coord.bottom

```

Command Format

Object ID numbers

DOCUMENT, CHAPTER, WINDOW, PAGE, MASTERPAGE, MPG, STYLETAG & ARTICLE

## 1.44 gettextwrap

GETTEXTWRAP

External macros only!

Purpose: Gets the text wrap status of an object.

```

Syntax: gettextwrap [REGION mode/V] [WRAP type/V] [STANDOFF stem/V]
[DOCUMENT name/S | WINDOW name/S | OBJECTID number/I]

```

```

Format: Parameter Values to enter
REGION      is the wrap mode.
WRAP        is the wrap type.
STANDOFF    is the offset of the text from the object.
DOCUMENT    is the document name.
WINDOW      is the window name.
OBJECTID    is the number of the object. (Default=current)

```

Result: The information is returned to the variables.

```

REGION: returns <SHAPE|BOUNDINGBOX|FENCE>

```

```

WRAP: returns <NOWRAP|WRAPLEFT|WRAPRIGHT|WRAPJUMP|WRAPAROUND|
WRAPINSIDE to the specified variable.

```

```

STANDOFF:
stem.x    horizontal offset
stem.y    vertical offset

```

```

Example: gettextwrap region mode wrap type standoff offset /* will print the ←
text wrap status to the output console */
if mode~='NOWRAP' then
say 'Text will '||type||' by '||offset.x||' horizontally, and '|| ←
offset.y||' vertically.'

```

Command Format

Object ID numbers

DOCUMENT, CHAPTER, WINDOW, PAGE, MASTERPAGE, MPG, STYLETAG & ARTICLE

## 1.45 getscreenname

GETSCREENNAME

External macros only!

Purpose: Gets the name of the screen on which PageStream is opened.

Syntax: getscreenname (no parameters)

Result: The name is returned to RESULT.

```

Example: getscreenname /* will return the screenname */
screen=result

```

Command Format

## 1.46 getstring

GETSTRING

External macros only!

Purpose: Opens a requester with one text string gadget into which the user can type a string, and two buttons for exit gadgets.

Syntax: getstring [STRING default/S] [TITLE label/S] [POSBUTTON label/S]  
[NEGBUTTON label/S]

Format:	Parameter	Values to enter
	STRING	is the default string for the text string gadget. (Default=blank)
	TITLE	is the label for the text string gadget (Max length=8) (Default=blank)
	POSBUTTON	is the label for the left button. (Max length=8) (Default=_Ok)
	NEGBUTTON	is the label for the right button. (Max length=8) (Default=_Cancel)

Result: If NEGBUTTON is chosen, it sets RC to 10. If POSBUTTON is chosen, it sets RC to 0 and returns the string to the RESULT variable.

Notes: If you want a different requester layout, or a, design a custom macro requester with the ALLOCAREXXREQUESTER command.

Precede the character to underscore as a bound keyboard equivalent in the label name. For example, "\_Ok" would make "O" the keyboard shortcut for the "Ok" gadget.

```
Example: 'getstring string "Erase this." title "_Text" posbutton "_Yes" negbutton ←
        "_No"
        userstring=RESULT
        button=RC
```

Command Format

## 1.47 gettextlinkdisplay

GETTEXTLINKDISPLAY

External macros only!

Purpose: Gets the text frame link display status.

Syntax: gettextlinkdisplay [WINDOW name/S]

Format: Parameter Values to enter  
 WINDOW is the window name. (Default=current)

Result: Returns the text link display status <ON|OFF> to RESULT.

```
Example: gettextlinkdisplay /* will print the textlink display status to the ←
        output console */
        say 'Text Frame Link Display: '||result
```

Command Format

DOCUMENT, CHAPTER, WINDOW, PAGE, MASTERPAGE, MPG, STYLETAG & ARTICLE

## 1.48 getundo

GETUNDO

External macros only!

Purpose: Gets the type of action that can be undone.

Syntax: getundo [DOCUMENT name/S | WINDOW name/S]

Format: Parameter Values to enter  
 DOCUMENT is the document name.

WINDOW is the window name.

Result: Returns the type of action that can be undone to RESULT. For example, if an object had just been rotated, it would return "Rotate".

Example: getundo

```
say "Can undo "||result /* will print the undoable action to the output ↔
console */
```

Command Format

DOCUMENT, CHAPTER, WINDOW, PAGE, MASTERPAGE, MPG, STYLETAG & ARTICLE

## 1.49 getwindowpos

GETWINDOWPOS

Purpose: Gets the size and position of a document window.

Syntax: getwindowpos [AT atstem/V] [SIZE sizestem/V]  
[WINDOW name/S]

Format:	Parameter	Values to enter
	AT	gets the window position.
	SIZE	gets the window size in pixels.
	WINDOW	is the window name. (Default=current)

Result: atstem.x horizontal window position.  
atstem.y vertical window position.  
sizestem.w window width  
sizestem.h window height

Example: getwindowpos at coords size coords /\* prints the window position and ↔  
size to the output console \*/  
say 'Left: '||coords.x  
say 'Top: '||coords.y  
say 'Width: '||coords.w  
say 'Height: '||coords.h

Command Format

DOCUMENT, CHAPTER, WINDOW, PAGE, MASTERPAGE, MPG, STYLETAG & ARTICLE

## 1.50 getwindows

GETWINDOWS

External macros only!

Purpose: Gets the names of the open view windows for a document.

Syntax: getwindows <stem/V> [DOCUMENT name/S]

Format: Parameter Values to enter  
 stem is the name of a stem variable for the window names.  
 DOCUMENT is the document name. (Default=current)

Result: The number of open windows is returned to RESULT.

The names of the open windows are returned to stem.# where # is a number from 0 to the number of open windows less 1.

Example: `getwindows winnames /* will print the window names to the output ↵`  
`console */`  
`numwins=result`  
`do count=0 to numwins-1`  
`say winnames.count`  
`end count`

Command Format

DOCUMENT, CHAPTER, WINDOW, PAGE, MASTERPAGE, MPG, STYLETAG & ARTICLE

## 1.51 greeking

GREEKING

Purpose: Changes the text greeking status.

Syntax: `greeking <ON | OFF | TOGGLE> [WINDOW name/S]`

Format: Parameter Values to enter  
 ON toggles on the greeking option.  
 OFF toggles off the greeking option.  
 TOGGLE toggles greeking on and off.  
 WINDOW is the window name. (Default=current)

Example: `greeking off`

Command Format

DOCUMENT, CHAPTER, WINDOW, PAGE, MASTERPAGE, MPG, STYLETAG & ARTICLE

## 1.52 group

GROUP

Purpose: Groups selected objects into a logical group.

Syntax: `group [POSITION left/D top/D right/D bottom/D]`  
`[CONTENTOFFSET offsetx/D offsety/D] [CONTENTSCALE scalex/P scaley/P]`  
`[ROTATE angle/A | SKEW slantangle/A twistangle/A | SLANT angle/A |`  
`TWIST angle/A] [ABOUT pointx/D pointy/D | ABOUTCENTER]`  
`[CONSTRAIN | FREE] [PRINT | NOPRINT] [INFRONT | INBACK | BEST]`  
`[DOCUMENT name/S | WINDOW name/S]`

Format: Parameter Values to enter

POSITION is the coordinates of the frame. (Default=current)  
 CONTENTOFFSET is the offset in the frame. (Default=0,0)  
 CONTENTSCALE is the scale of the object in the frame. (Default=0)  
 ROTATE is the rotation angle. (Default=0)  
 SKEW is the slant and twist angle. (Default=0)  
 SLANT is the slant angle. (Default=0)  
 TWIST is the twist angle. (Default=0)  
 ABOUT is the rotation point.  
 ABOUTCENTER rotates around its center. (Default)  
 CONSTRAIN toggles on the resizing constraint.  
 FREE toggles off the resizing constraint.  
 PRINT toggles on the print flag.  
 NOPRINT toggles off the print flag.  
 INFRONT creates at the top of the stack. (Default)  
 INBACK creates at the bottom of the stack.  
 BEST creates at the optimum stack position.  
 DOCUMENT is the document name. (Default=current)  
 WINDOW is the window name. (Default=current)

**Result:** The identification number (handle) of the new object is returned to the RESULT variable.

**Example:** group  
 group best  
 group 1 1 5.23 6.24 document 'project.doc'

See also UNGROUP.

Command Format

Object ID numbers

DOCUMENT, CHAPTER, WINDOW, PAGE, MASTERPAGE, MPG, STYLETAG & ARTICLE

## 1.53 hidewindow

HIDEWINDOW

**Purpose:** Hides the current window, all windows for the document, or all open windows.

**Syntax:** hidewindow [CURRENT | ALL | EXCEPT | WINDOW name/S]

**Format:** Parameter Values to enter  
 CURRENT will hide the current window. (Default)  
 ALL will hide all open windows.  
 EXCEPT will hide all but the current window.  
 WINDOW will hide a specific window.

**Example:** hidewindow  
 hidewindow all

See also REVEALWINDOW

Command Format

DOCUMENT, CHAPTER, WINDOW, PAGE, MASTERPAGE, MPG, STYLETAG & ARTICLE