

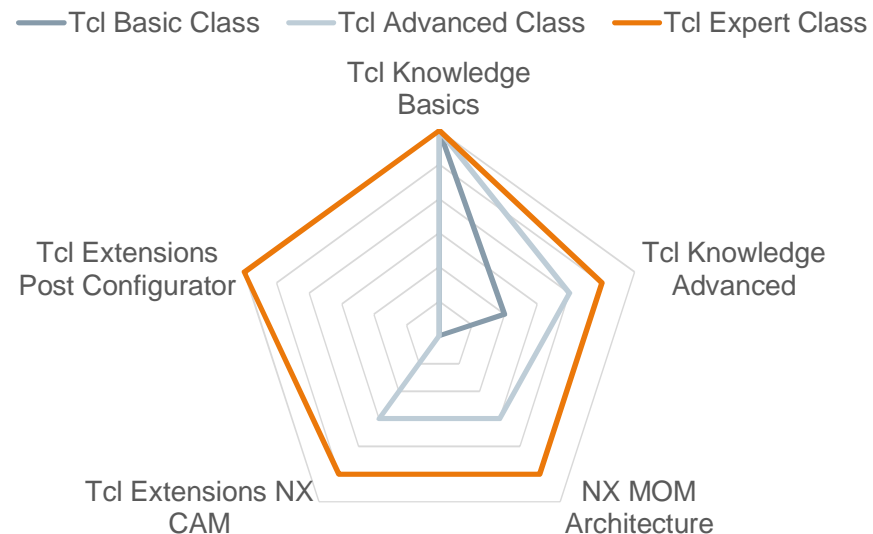
Tcl Training Class

Basic Class

Learning goals class

- ✓Tcl background and history
- ✓Syntax for simplified programming
- ✓Structure of Tcl
- ✓Working with console application
- ✓Set and get variables
- ✓Creating procedures
- ✓Expressions
- ✓If conditions
- ✓Switch conditions
- ✓Looping things
- ✓How to help myself and useful tools

Learning Curve Tcl training



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- General Introduction Tcl
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Tcl - What is it?

Tcl (pronounced "tickle" or tee cee ell /'ti: si: ɛl/[⁶]) is a high-level, general-purpose, interpreted, dynamic programming language. It was designed with the goal of being very simple but powerful.^[7] Tcl casts everything into the mold of a command, even programming constructs like variable assignment and procedure definition.^[8] Tcl supports multiple programming paradigms, including object-oriented, imperative and functional programming or procedural styles.

It is commonly used embedded into C applications,^[9] for rapid prototyping, scripted applications, GUIs, and testing.^[10] Tcl interpreters are available for many operating systems, allowing Tcl code to run on a wide variety of systems. Because Tcl is a very compact language, it is used on embedded systems platforms, both in its full form and in several other small-footprint versions.^[11]

The popular combination of Tcl with the Tk extension is referred to as **Tcl/Tk**, and enables building a graphical user interface (GUI) natively in Tcl. Tcl/Tk is included in the standard Python installation in the form of Tkinter.

Reference: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tcl>

Tcl History

The Tcl programming language was created in the spring of 1988 by [John Ousterhout](#) while working at the [University of California, Berkeley](#).^{[12][13]} Originally "born out of frustration",^[9] according to the author, with programmers devising their own languages intended to be embedded into applications, Tcl gained acceptance on its own. Ousterhout was awarded the [ACM Software System Award](#) in 1997 for Tcl/Tk.^[14]

The name originally comes from **T**ool **C**ommand **L**anguage, but is conventionally spelled "Tcl" rather than "TCL".^[15]

Reference: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tcl>

Features

Reference: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tcl>



- All **operations are commands**, including language structures. They are written in prefix notation.
- Everything can be **dynamically redefined and overridden**. Actually, there are no keywords, so even control structures can be added or changed, although this is not advisable.
- All data types can be **manipulated as strings**, including source code. Internally, variables have types like integer and double, but converting is purely automatic.
- Variables are not declared, but assigned to. Use of a **non-defined variable results in an error**.
- Fully dynamic, class-based object system, TclOO
- **Event-driven interface** to sockets and files
- All commands defined by Tcl itself generate **error messages on incorrect usage**.
- Extensibility, via C, C++, Java, Python, and Tcl.
- **Interpreted language** using bytecode, Full Unicode, Regular expressions
- **Cross-platform**: Windows API; Unix, Linux, Macintosh etc.
- cross-platform integration with windowing (GUI) interface Tk.
 - Full development version (for Windows e.g. ActiveState Tcl)
 - The Jim Interpreter, a small footprint Tcl implementation
 - Freely distributable source code under a BSD license.
 - **NX CAM MOM (Manufacturing Output Manager)** extension for post processing

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Helpful Documentation and Tools for the Class



PDF Book for Tcl Basics as reference

[http://www.freebookcentre.net/programming-books-download/Tcl-Basics-\(PDF-118P\).html](http://www.freebookcentre.net/programming-books-download/Tcl-Basics-(PDF-118P).html)

Wikibooks:

https://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/Tcl_Programming/Introduction

Online Tcl-Interpreter (**Option 2** to use for the class):

<https://www.jdoodle.com/execute-tcl-online/>

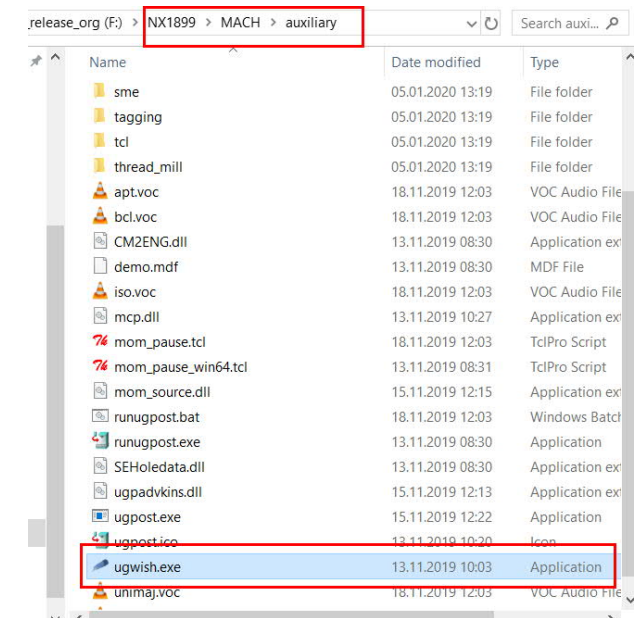
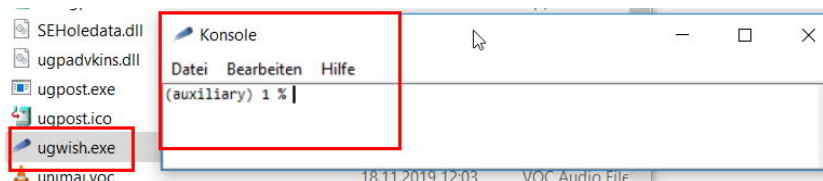
Online help Tcl Basics:

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/tagged/tcl>

Siemens NX Manufacturing Forum -> NX CAM Postprocessor Group (Post Processor specific topics)

<https://community.sw.siemens.com/s/group/0F94O0000005TFzSAM/nx-cam-postprocessor-group>

Tcl console application integrated in NX CAM (**Option 1** to use for the class)

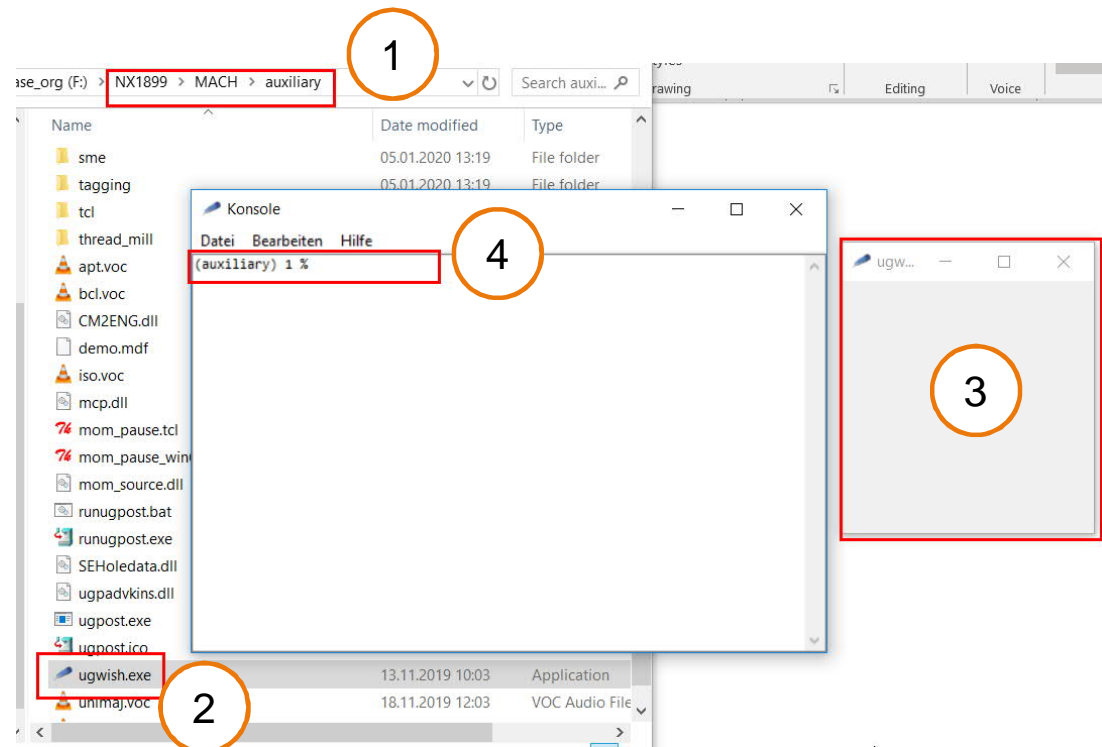


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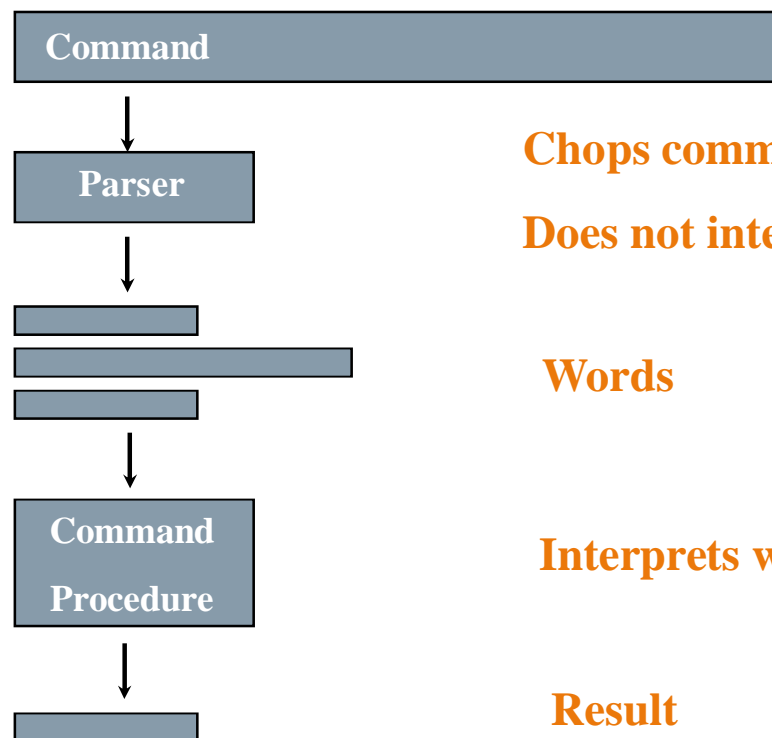
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Starting Console application

- 1 Console application folder
- 2 Select ugwish.exe to start application
- 3 Ugwish window is for graphical interface programming (not needed for this training)
- 4 Console application command line



Interpretation of a Tcl command



Chops command into words, makes substitutions.

Does not interpret values of words.

Words

Interprets words, produces string results

Result

Comment, Script and Command

Example:

- Tcl Script:

this is a comment

set A 11

set B 22

set C 33

Script

Arguments

Command

```
Konsole
Datei  Bearbeiten  Hilfe
(auxiliary) 1 % #this is a comment
(auxiliary) 2 % set A 11
11
(auxiliary) 3 % set B 22
22
(auxiliary) 4 % set C 33
33
(auxiliary) 5 % |
```

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Variables 1/3

Variable name

- Alphanumerical characters, **must start with a letter**
- **no space** in the variable name
- case sensitive
- Tcl is a type-free language

Variable value

- All **values** are stored as **strings**
- Calculations are performed by special functions/ expressions

Local and global variables

- A variable can be used as a local variable inside a procedure or in a global context

Reading variable value

- Variables are read by a prefix of "\$"

```
(auxiliary) 6 % set myvar 1
1
(auxiliary) 7 % set Myvar 2
2
(auxiliary) 8 % set MYVAR 3
3
(auxiliary) 9 % puts "$MYVAR $Myvar $myvar"
3 2 1
(auxiliary) 10 % |
```


Variables 2/3

Sample command

Result

set b 66

b=66

set a b

a=b

set a \$b

a=66

set a \$b+\$b+\$b

a=\$b+\$b+\$b=66+66+66

set a \$b.3

a=\$b.3=66.3

set a \$b4

no such variable

```
(auxiliary) 12 % set b
66
(auxiliary) 13 % set b 66
66
(auxiliary) 14 % set a b
b
(auxiliary) 15 % set a $b
66
(auxiliary) 16 % set a $b+$b+$b
66+66+66
(auxiliary) 17 % set a $b.3
66.3
(auxiliary) 18 % set a $b4
can't read "b4": no such variable
(auxiliary) 19 % |
```

Variables 3/3 - Variable Substitution

$\$varname$

take the value of the variable with the name *varname*

Sample command

Result

set a Tcl

a=Tcl

set b Class

b=Class

set c 2020

c=2020

set d \$a\$b\$c

d=\$a\$b\$c=Tcl Class 2020

```
(auxiliary) 19 % set a Tcl
Tcl
(auxiliary) 20 % set b Class
Class
(auxiliary) 21 % set c 2020
2020
(auxiliary) 22 % set d $a$b$c
TclClass2020
(auxiliary) 23 % |
```

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Everything is a string!

Expressions 1/2

- To do calculations the Tcl command “expr” must be used
- C-like (int and double), extra support for string operations
- Support for command and variable substitution within expressions

Sample command

Result

set b 5

5

expr (\$b*4)-3

17

set a 1

1

expr {\$a < \$b}

1

expr {\$a == \$b}

0

```
(auxiliary) 1 % set b 5
5
(auxiliary) 2 % expr ($b*4)-3
17
(auxiliary) 3 % set a 1
1
(auxiliary) 4 % expr {$a < $b}
1
(auxiliary) 5 % expr {$a == $b}
0
(auxiliary) 6 % |
```

Expressions 2/2 – Command Substitution

- Syntax: [script]
- Execute script, substitute result

Sample command

set a 5

5

set b 6

6

set c [expr (\$a+\$b*\$b)]

41

set c "MyValue: [expr {\$a+\$b*\$b}]" MyValue: 41

```
(auxiliary) 1 % set a 5
5
(auxiliary) 2 % set b 6
6
(auxiliary) 3 % set c [expr ($a+$b*$b)]
41
(auxiliary) 4 % set c "MyValue: [expr ($a+$b*$b)]"
MyValue: 41
(auxiliary) 5 % |
```

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Output Special Characters

Sample command	Result
puts "\\"	\
puts "\\$"	\$
puts "\t"	Tab
puts "MyTab\tMyTab"	MyTab MyTab
puts "\n"	Carriage Return
puts "CR\nNextLine"	CR NextLine
	NextLine

```
(auxiliary) 1 % puts "\\"
\  
(auxiliary) 2 % puts "\$"  
$  
(auxiliary) 3 % puts "\t"  
  
(auxiliary) 4 % puts "MyTab\tMyTab"  
MyTab    MyTab  
(auxiliary) 5 % puts "\n"  
  
(auxiliary) 6 % puts "CR\nNextLine"  
CR  
NextLine  
(auxiliary) 7 % |
```

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Word Structure

Words break at white space and semi-colons, except:

- **Double-quotes** prevent breaks:
 - set a "Funny word; has spaces"
- **Curly braces** prevent breaks and substitutions:
 - set a {nested {} braces}
- **Backslashes** quote special characters:
 - set a word\ with\ \\$\ and\ space
- **Substitutions** don't change word structure
 - set a "two words"
 - set b \$a

```
(auxiliary) 1 % set a "Funny word; has spaces"
Funny word; has spaces
(auxiliary) 2 % set a {nested {} braces}
nested {} braces
(auxiliary) 3 % set a word\ with\ \$\ and\ space
word with $ and space
(auxiliary) 4 % set a "two words"
two words
(auxiliary) 5 % set b $a
two words
(auxiliary) 6 % |
```

Excercise Task

Initial Setup

set a variable named counter to 0
Set a variable named text to My Value
Set a variable named value1 to 5
Set a variable named value2 to 10

Expected Result

```
My Value of $value1 is 5 and current counter is: 0  
Counter Incr:1  
My Value of $value2 is 10 and current counter is: 1  
The multiplication of $value1 and $value2 minus 3 is: 47  
(auxiliary) 10 % |
```

Following output is needed in the console:

First line: TextVariable of \$value1 is ValueVariable and current counter is: value of counter

Second line: Counter Incr: Increase counter by one

Third line: TextVariable of \$value2 is ValueVariable and current counter is: value of counter

Fourth line: The multiplication of \$value1 and \$value2 minus 3 is: result

Excercise Solution

Tcl code:

puts "\$text of \\$value1 is \$value1 and current counter is: \$counter \nCounter Incr:[incr counter]\n\$text of \\$value2 is \$value2 and current counter is: \$counter\nThe multiplication of \\$value1 and \\$value2 minus 3 is:\t[expr (\$value1*\$value2-3)]"

```
(auxiliary) 9 % puts "$text of \$value1 is $value1 and current counter is: $counter \nCounter Incr:[incr counter]\n$text of \$value2 is $value2 and current counter is: $counter\nThe multiplication of \$value1 and \$value2 minus 3 is:\t[expr ($value1*$value2-3)]"
My Value of $value1 is 5 and current counter is: 0
Counter Incr:1
My Value of $value2 is 10 and current counter is: 1
The multiplication of $value1 and $value2 minus 3 is: 47
(auxiliary) 10 % |
```

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Procedures 1/6 – Simple Procedure

- Procedures behave just like built-in commands
- Scope: local and global variables
- proc command defines procedure
proc MyProcedure {} {
}

Sample procedure

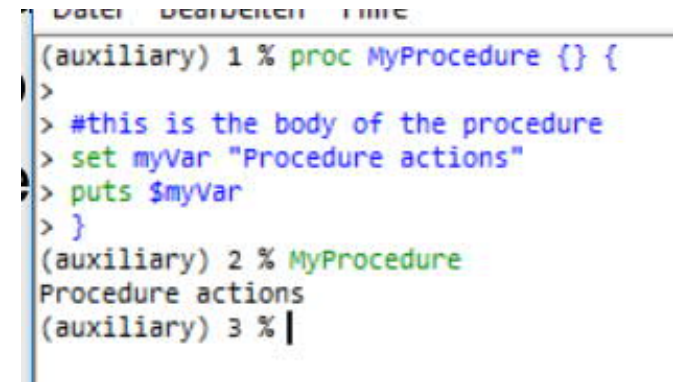
```
proc MyProcedure {} {  
#this is the body of the procedure  
set myVar "Procedure actions"  
puts $myVar  
}
```

#Calling procedure

MyProcedure

Result

Procedure actions



```
      Date:      Description:      Time:  
(auxiliary) 1 % proc MyProcedure {} {  
>  
> #this is the body of the procedure  
> set myVar "Procedure actions"  
> puts $myVar  
> }  
(auxiliary) 2 % MyProcedure  
Procedure actions  
(auxiliary) 3 % |
```


Procedures 2/6 – Local variables

- every procedure has his own variable table
- A variable which is set inside of a procedure is a local variable

```
proc MyProcedure {} {  
  #local variable  
  set localVar 5  
}
```

Sample procedure

```
proc MyProcedure {} {  
  #local variable  
  set localVar 5  
  puts $localVar  
}
```

#Calling procedure

```
MyProcedure  
puts $localVar
```

Result

5 -> due procedure call

Error -> no such variable

```
(auxiliary) 3 % proc MyProcedure {} {  
> set localVar 5  
> puts $localVar  
> }  
(auxiliary) 4 % MyProcedure  
5  
(auxiliary) 5 % puts $localVar  
can't read "localVar": no such variable  
(auxiliary) 6 % |
```

Procedures 3/6 – Global variables

- A variable which is set in source level is automatically a global variable
- A variable which is set inside of a procedure is a local variable
- To use the variable in global context “global” or namespace “::” is needed

set GlobalVar “This is global variable”

proc MyProcedure {} {

global GlobalVar

puts \$GlobalVar

or

puts \$::GlobalVar

}

```
(auxiliary) 13 % set GlobalVar "This is a global variable"
This is a global variable
(auxiliary) 14 % proc MyProcedure {} {
> #local variable
> set GlobalVar "This is still local variable"
> puts $GlobalVar
> puts $::GlobalVar
> }
(auxiliary) 15 % MyProcedure
This is still local variable
This is a global variable
(auxiliary) 16 %
```

Sample procedure

proc MyProcedure {} {

#local variable

set GlobalVar “This is still local variable”

#global variable

puts \$GlobalVar

puts \$::GlobalVar

}

set GlobalVar “This is a global variable”

#Calling procedure

MyProcedure

Use unique names of variables to keep it simple!

Procedures 4/6 – Procedure with arguments

- Procedures can be called with multiple arguments (n-Arguments)
- If a procedure have arguments the call of procedure must contain arguments

- `proc MyProcedure {arg1 arg2} {...`

Sample procedure

```
proc MyProcedure {arg1 arg2} {  
  puts [expr ($arg1*$arg2)]  
}
```

#Calling procedure

`MyProcedure 5 10`

`set a 5`

`set b 10`

`MyProcedure $a $b`

`MyProcedure $a $c`

Result

50 – with direct values

50 – with assigned variables

Error – no such variable

```
(auxiliary) 15 % MyProcedure  
This is still local variable  
This is a global variable  
(auxiliary) 16 % proc MyProcedure {arg1 arg2} {  
> puts [expr ($arg1*$arg2)]  
> }  
(auxiliary) 17 % MyProcedure 5 10  
50  
(auxiliary) 18 % set a 5  
5  
(auxiliary) 19 % set b 10  
10  
(auxiliary) 20 % MyProcedure $a $b  
50  
(auxiliary) 21 % MyProcedure $a $c  
can't read "c": no such variable  
(auxiliary) 22 %
```

Procedures 5/6 – Procedure with arguments and default

- A procedure can have default values for input parameters
- It is an optional argument

proc MyProcedure {arg1 {arg2 5}} {...

Sample procedure

```
proc MyProcedure {arg1 {arg2 5}} {  
    puts [expr ($arg1*$arg2)]  
}
```

#Calling procedure

MyProcedure 5 10

set a 5

set b 10

MyProcedure \$a \$b

MyProcedure \$a \$c

MyProcedure \$a

Result

50 – with direct values

50 – with assigned variables

Error – no such variable

25 – second optional argument with
default will be used

```
(auxiliary) 22 % proc MyProcedure {arg1 {arg2 5}} {  
> puts [expr ($arg1*$arg2)]  
> }  
(auxiliary) 23 % MyProcedure 5 10  
50  
(auxiliary) 24 % set a 5  
5  
(auxiliary) 25 % set b 10  
10  
(auxiliary) 26 % MyProcedure $a $b  
50  
(auxiliary) 27 % MyProcedure $a $c  
can't read "c": no such variable  
(auxiliary) 28 % MyProcedure $a  
25  
(auxiliary) 29 % |
```

Exercise Task

Calculate the area of a rectangle and perimeter based on 2 input variables

2 procedures are needed

First one named **Calculate** is calculation of the area and perimeter with fixed arguments

Second one named **ValidateInputValues** to call by the user with 2 arguments for the values

Condition: If the call is without any arguments standard values will be used 10 and 15

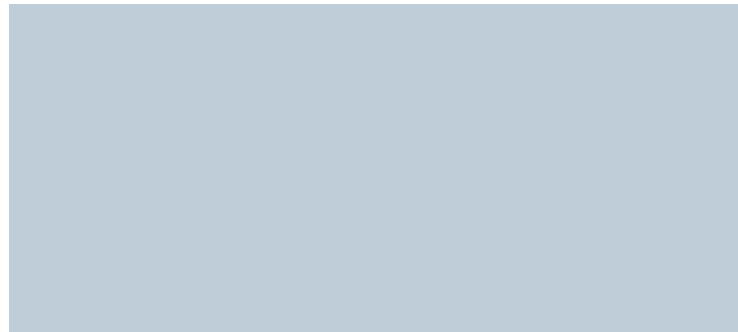
Expected Output in the console after calling ValidateInputValues with **45** and **42.2**

InputValue1: x

InputValue2: x

Calculated Area: x

Calculated Perimeter: x



Exercise Solution

Calculate is calculation of the area and scope with fixed arguments

```
proc Calculate {arg1 arg2} {  
  puts „Inputvalue1: $arg1“  
  puts „Inputvalue2: $arg2“  
  puts „Calculated Area: [expr ($arg1*$arg2)]“  
  puts „Calculated Scope: [expr ($arg1*2+$arg2*2)]“  
}
```

ValidateInputValues to call by the user with 2 arguments for the values

```
proc ValidateInputValues {{val1 10} {val2 15}} {  
  Calculate $val $val2  
}
```

Calling without any arguments

```
ValidateInputValues  
InputValue1: 10  
InputValue2: 15  
Calculated Area: 150  
Calculated Scope: 50
```

Output in the console after calling ValidateInputValues with **45** and **42.2**

```
InputValue1: 45  
InputValue2: 42.2  
Calculated Area: 1899.000...  
Calculated Scope: 174.4
```

```
(auxiliary) 37 % proc Calculate {arg1 arg2} {  
> puts "InputValue1: $arg1"  
> puts "InputValue2: $arg2"  
> puts "Calculated Area: [expr ($arg1*$arg2)]"  
> puts "Calculated Scope: [expr ($arg1*2+$arg2*2)]"  
> }  
(auxiliary) 38 % proc ValidateInputValues {{val1 10} {val2 15}} {  
> Calculate $val1 $val2  
> }  
(auxiliary) 39 % validateInputValues  
invalid command name "validateInputValues"  
(auxiliary) 40 % ValidateInputValues  
InputValue1: 10  
InputValue2: 15  
Calculated Area: 150  
Calculated Scope: 50  
(auxiliary) 41 % ValidateInputValues 45 42.2  
InputValue1: 45  
InputValue2: 42.2  
Calculated Area: 1899.0000000000002  
Calculated Scope: 174.4  
(auxiliary) 42 % |
```


Procedures 6/6 – Overwrite existing procedures

Existing procedure can be overwritten

Q: What is Rule 1?

A: Everything is a string!

It's not recommend to overwrite existing functionality but sometimes it can be necessary

Overwriting e.g. puts command will result in no more longer possibility to output lines to the console

```
(auxiliary) 1 % puts "test"
test
(auxiliary) 2 % proc puts {} {
> }
(auxiliary) 3 % puts "test"
wrong # args: should be "puts"
(auxiliary) 4 % |
```

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Errorhandling

- Errors normally abort commands in progress
- application displays message (Console or Syslog NX CAM in post processor context)

Typical issues:

- Local/ global variables
 - “no such variable”
- Case sensitive
 - Take care of lower and uppercase
 - If calling standard commands use documentation or Tcl auto complete functionality (if available)
 - Read the call stack to understand the issue
- Invalid command
 - Check command name
- Wrong number of arguments when calling a procedure
- Syntax error in expression

```
(auxiliary) 1 % puts $var
can't read "var": no such variable
(auxiliary) 2 % set var 1
1
(auxiliary) 3 % Puts $var
invalid command name "Puts"
(auxiliary) 4 % puts $Var
can't read "Var": no such variable
(auxiliary) 5 % puts $var $var
can not find channel named "1"
(auxiliary) 6 % puts [expr {$var*2+var}]
invalid bareword "var"
in expression "$var*2+var";
should be "$var" or "{var}" or "var(...)" or ...
(auxiliary) 7 % |
```

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If conditions

- C-like appearance
- Just commands that take Tcl scripts as arguments
- Operators: ==, !=, <, <=, >, >=, &&, ||
- Take care of braces

Sample procedure

```
proc MyIfProcedure {arg1} {  
    if {$arg1<5} {  
        puts "$arg1 is too small!"  
    }  
}
```

set a 4

#Calling procedure

MyIfProcedure \$a

```
(auxiliary) 11 % proc MYIfProcedure {arg1} {  
if {$arg1<5} {  
puts "$arg1 is too small!"  
}  
}  
(auxiliary) 12 % MYIfProcedure $a  
4 is too small!  
(auxiliary) 13 %
```

If conditions with else

- C-like appearance
- Just commands that take Tcl scripts as arguments
- Operators: ==, !=, <, <=, >, >=, &&, ||
- Take care of braces

Sample procedure

```
proc MyIfProcedure {arg1} {  
    if {$arg1<5} {  
        puts "$arg1 is too small!"  
    } else {  
        puts "$arg1 is output by else condition"  
    }  
}  
  
set a 4  
  
#Calling procedure  
MyIfProcedure $a  
  
set a 5  
  
MyIfProcedure $a
```

```
(auxiliary) 13 % proc MyIfProcedure {arg1} {  
> if {$arg1<5} {  
> puts "$arg1 is too small!"  
> } else {  
> puts "$arg1 is output by else condition"  
> }  
> }  
(auxiliary) 14 % set a 4  
4  
(auxiliary) 15 % MyIfProcedure $a  
4 is too small!  
(auxiliary) 16 % set a 5  
5  
(auxiliary) 17 % MyIfProcedure $a  
5 is output by else condition  
(auxiliary) 18 % |
```

Switch condition

- C-like appearance
- Just commands that take Tcl scripts as arguments
- Can be variable values or command substitution
- Take care of braces
- Default option

Sample procedure

```
proc MySwitchProcedure {arg1} {  
    switch $arg1 {  
        "4" {puts "\$arg1 is: $arg1"}  
        "myString" {puts "\$arg1 is: $arg1"}  
        default {puts "\$arg1 is something else: $arg1"}  
    }  
}
```

set a 4

MySwitchProcedure \$a

set a myString

MySwitchProcedure \$a

set a 1899

MySwitchProcedure \$a

```
(auxiliary) 19 % proc MySwitchProcedure {arg1} {  
switch $arg1 {  
    "4" {puts "\$arg1 is: $arg1"}  
    "myString" {puts "\$arg1 is: $arg1"}  
    default {puts "\$arg1 is something else: $arg1"}  
}  
(auxiliary) 20 % set a 4  
4  
(auxiliary) 21 % MySwitchProcedure $a  
$arg1 is: 4  
(auxiliary) 22 % set a myString  
myString  
(auxiliary) 23 % MySwitchProcedure $a  
$arg1 is: myString  
(auxiliary) 24 % set a 6  
6  
(auxiliary) 25 % MySwitchProcedure $a  
6 is something else: 6  
(auxiliary) 26 %
```

Other Control Structures

for

```
proc MyForLoop {arg1} {  
  for {set i $arg1} {$i < 10} {incr i} {  
    puts "I inside first loop: $i" }  
  }  
}
```

set a 0

MyForLoop \$a

```
(auxiliary) 29 % proc MyForLoop {arg1} {  
  for {set i $arg1} {$i < 10} {incr i} {  
    puts "I inside first loop: $i"  
  }  
}  
(auxiliary) 30 % set a 0  
0  
(auxiliary) 31 % MyForLoop $a  
I inside first loop: 0  
I inside first loop: 1  
I inside first loop: 2  
I inside first loop: 3  
I inside first loop: 4  
I inside first loop: 5  
I inside first loop: 6  
I inside first loop: 7  
I inside first loop: 8  
I inside first loop: 9  
(auxiliary) 32 % |
```

foreach

```
proc MyForEachLoop {arg1} {  
  foreach i {1 2 3 4 5} {  
    puts „Result: [expr ($arg1*$i)]"  
  }  
}
```

set a 2

MyForEachLoop \$a

```
(auxiliary) 32 % proc MyForEachLoop {arg1} {  
  > foreach i {1 2 3 4 5} {  
    > puts "Result: [expr ($arg1*$i)]"  
    > }  
  > }  
(auxiliary) 33 % set a 2  
2  
(auxiliary) 34 % MyForEachLoop $a  
Result: 2  
Result: 4  
Result: 6  
Result: 8  
Result: 10  
(auxiliary) 35 % |
```

while

```
proc MyWhileLoop {arg1} {  
  while {$arg1 < 10} {  
    puts „Result: $arg1,,  
    incr arg1  
  }  
}
```

set a 0

MyWhileLoop \$a

```
(auxiliary) 35 % proc MyWhileLoop {arg1} {  
  > while {$arg1 < 10} {  
    > puts "Result: $arg1"  
    > incr arg1  
    > }  
  > }  
(auxiliary) 36 % set a 0  
0  
(auxiliary) 37 % MyWhileLoop $a  
Result: 0  
Result: 1  
Result: 2  
Result: 3  
Result: 4  
Result: 5  
Result: 6  
Result: 7  
Result: 8  
Result: 9  
(auxiliary) 38 % |
```


Keep it simple to read!

Exercise Task

Task 1:

- A small program is needed to calculate area/perimeter for rectangle, square and circle
- The user want to call easily a procedure where he can input the option and for rectangle/ square the length and for the circle the diameter
- Dependent on the selected options following output is expected in the console:

Output Option: circle/ rectangle/ square

If circle: Entered Diameter

If square: Entered length

If rectangle: entered length both sides

Calculated Area: x

Calculated perimeter: x

Task 2:

- A procedure is needed called MOM_output_literal and MOM_output_text
- Initially a sequence number variable is set to 1
- If using MOM_output_literal in the console the sequence number will be increased by one, MOM_output_text will output only the string
- Use a loop in the console to output 100 lines

Example:

MOM_output_literal „LineText“

Expected Result: N(n) LineText

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Additional Tcl standard commands

- String manipulation commands:

string	format	split	regexp
scan	join		

- File I/O commands:

Open	seek	file	close
tell	glob	gets	flush
cd	read	eof	pwd

- Subprocesses with exec command:

exec grep foo << \$input | wc

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Summary

- Script = commands separated by new line, semi-colons
- Command = words separated by white spaces
- \$ causes variable substitution
- [] causes command substitution
- "" quotes whitespace and semicolons
- {} quotes all special characters
- \ quotes next character, provides C-like substitutions
- # for comments (must be at the beginning of command)

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Thank you.