



Tcl/Tk Reference Guide

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Conventions

fixed	denotes literal text.
<i>this</i>	means variable text, i.e. things you must fill in.
word	is a keyword, i.e. a word with a special meaning.
[...]	denotes an optional part.

1. Basic Tcl Language Features

; or <i>newline</i>	statement separator
\	statement continuation if last character in line
#	comments out rest of line (if first non-whitespace character)
var	simple variable
var(index)	associative array variable
var(i,j)	multi-dimensional array variable
\$var	variable substitution (also <code>\\${var}xyz</code>)
[expr 1+2]	command substitution
\char	backslash substitution (see below)
"hello \$a"	quoting with substitution
{hello \$a}	quoting with no substitution (deferred substitution)

The only data type in Tcl is a string. However, some commands will interpret arguments as numbers/boolean in which case the formats are

Integer: **123 0xff** (hex) **0377** (octal).
 Floating Point: **2.1 3. 6e4 7.91e+16**
 Boolean: **true false 0 1 yes no**

2. Tcl Special Variables

env	Array where each element name is an environment variable.
errorCode	Error code information from the last Tcl error.
errorInfo	Describes the stack trace of the last Tcl error.
tcl_library	Location of standard Tcl libraries.
tcl_patchLevel	Current patchlevel of Tcl interpreter.
tcl_platform	Array with elements osVersion , machine , platform , and os .
tcl_precision	Number of significant digits to retain when converting floating-point numbers to strings (default 6).
tcl_version	Current version of Tcl interpreter.

3. Backslash Substitutions

\a	audible alert (0x7)	\space	space
\b	backspace (0x8)	\newline	space
\f	form feed (0xC)	\ddd	octal value (<i>d</i> =0-7)
\n	newline (0xA)	\xdd	hexadecimal value (<i>d</i> =0-9, a-f)
\r	carriage return (0xD)	\c	replace <code>`c'</code> with <code>`c'</code>
\t	horizontal tab (0x9)	\	a backslash
\v	vertical tab (0xB)		

option get	<i>window name class</i>
	Obtains option value for <i>window</i> under <i>name</i> and <i>class</i> if present.
option readfile	<i>fileName [priority]</i>
	Reads options from Xdefaults-style file into option database at <i>priority</i> .
raise	<i>window [aboveThis]</i>
	Places <i>window</i> above window <i>aboveThis</i> in stacking order.
selection clear	[-displayof window] [-selection selection]
	Clears <i>selection</i> (default PRIMARY) on <i>window</i> 's display.
selection get	[-displayof window] [-selection selection] [-type type]
	Retrieves <i>selection</i> from <i>window</i> 's display using representation <i>type</i> .
selection handle	[-selection sel] [-type type] [-format fmt] win cmd
	Arranges for <i>cmd</i> to be run whenever <i>sel</i> of <i>type</i> is owned by <i>win</i> .
selection own	[-displayof window] [-selection selection]
	Returns path name of <i>window</i> which owns <i>selection</i> on <i>window</i> 's display.
selection own	[-selection selection] [-command command] window
	Causes <i>window</i> to become new owner of <i>selection</i> and arranges for <i>command</i> to be run when <i>window</i> later loses the <i>selection</i> .
send	[-displayof window] [-async] interp cmd [arg arg ...]
	Execute <i>cmd</i> with <i>args</i> in the Tk application <i>interp</i> on <i>window</i> 's display. If -async is specified, the send command will return immediately.
tk appname	<i>newName</i>
	Set the interpreter name of the application to <i>newName</i> .
tkwait variable	<i>varName</i>
	Pause program until global variable <i>varName</i> is modified.
tkwait visibility	<i>window</i>
	Pause program until <i>window</i> 's visibility has changed.
tkwait window	<i>window</i>
	Pause program until <i>window</i> is destroyed.
tk_bisque	
	Set default color palette to old bisque scheme.
tk_dialog	<i>topw title text bitmap default string [string ...]</i>
	Pops up dialog using toplevel window <i>topw</i> with a button for each <i>string</i> argument. Returns index of button user presses, starting from 0 for the leftmost button. The index <i>default</i> specifies the default button.
tk_focusNext	<i>window</i>
	Returns the next window after <i>window</i> in focus order.
tk_focusPrev	<i>window</i>
	Returns the previous window before <i>window</i> in focus order.
tk_focusFollowsMouse	
	Change focus model of application so focus follows the mouse pointer.
tk_optionMenu	<i>w varName value [value ...]</i>
	Creates option menu with name <i>w</i> consisting of the given values. The current value is stored in global variable <i>varName</i> . Returns internal menu name.
tk_popup	<i>menu x y [entry]</i>
	Post popup <i>menu</i> so that <i>entry</i> is positioned at root coords <i>x y</i> .
tk_setPalette	<i>color</i>
	Set the default background color and compute other default colors.
tk_setPalette	<i>name color [name color ...]</i>
	Set the default color for the named color options explicitly..

Codes:

%	single % sign	%w	width field
%#	last event's serial field	%x	x field
%a	above field	%y	y field
%b	button number	%A	ASCII character
%c	count field	%B	border_width field
%d	detail field	%E	send_event field
%f	focus field	%K	keysym as text
%h	height field	%N	keysym as decimal
%k	keycode field	%R	root window
%m	mode field	%S	sub_window identifier
%o	override_redirect field	%T	type field
%p	place field	%W	window pathname
%s	state field	%X	x_root field
%t	time field	%Y	y_root field

33. Other Tk Commands

bell [-displayof window]

Ring the X bell on *window*'s display.

clipboard clear [-displayof window]

Claim ownership of clipboard on *window*'s display, clearing its contents.

clipboard append [-displayof win] [-format *fmt*] [-type *type*] *data*

Append *data* to clipboard on *win*'s display.

destroy [window window ...]

Destroy the given windows and their descendants.

focus [-force] window

Sets the input focus for *window*'s display to *window*. The **-force** option cause the focus to be set even if another application has it.

focus [-displayof window]

Returns name of focus window on *window*'s display.

focus -lastfor window

Returns the window which most recently had focus and is a descendant of *window*'s toplevel.

grab current [window]

Returns name of current grab window on *window*'s display. If *window* is omitted, returns list of all windows grabbed by application.

grab release window

Releases grab on *window*.

grab [set] [-global] window

Sets a grab on *window* which will be local unless **-global** specified.

grab status window

Returns **none**, **local**, or **global** to describe grab state of *window*.

lower window [belowThis]

Places *window* below window *belowThis* in stacking order.

option add pattern value [priority]

Adds option with *pattern value* at *priority* (0-100) to database.

option clear

Clears option database and reloads from user's Xdefaults.

4. Operators and Math Functions

The **expr** command recognizes the following operators, in decreasing order of precedence:

-	!	unary minus, bitwise NOT, logical NOT
* / %		multiply, divide, remainder
+ -		add, subtract
<< >>		bitwise shift left, bitwise shift right
< > <= >=		boolean comparisons
== !=		boolean equals, not equals
&		bitwise AND
^		bitwise exclusive OR
		bitwise inclusive OR
&&		logical AND
		logical OR
x ? y : z		if x != 0, then y, else z

All operators support integers. All support floating point except **%, <<, >>, &, ^,** and **|**. Boolean operators can also be used for string operands, in which case string comparison will be used. This will occur if any of the operands are not valid numbers. The **&&**, **|**, and **?:** operators have “lazy evaluation”, as in C.

The **expr** command recognizes the following math functions:

abs	cos	hypot	sin
acos	cosh	int	sinh
asin	double	log	sqrt
atan	exp	log10	tan
atan2	floor	pow	tanh
ceil	fmod	round	

5. Regular Expressions

<i>regex</i> <i>regex</i>	match either expression
<i>regex</i> *	match zero or more of <i>regex</i>
<i>regex</i> +	match one or more of <i>regex</i>
<i>regex</i> ?	match zero or one of <i>regex</i>
.	any single character except newline
^	match beginning of string
\$	match end of string
\c	match character <i>c</i>
c	match character <i>c</i>
[abc]	match set of characters
[^abc]	match characters not in set
[a-z]	match range of characters
[^a-z]	match characters not in range
()	group expressions

6. Pattern Globbing

<code>?</code>	match any single character
<code>*</code>	match zero or more characters
<code>[abc]</code>	match set of characters
<code>[a-z]</code>	match range of characters
<code>\c</code>	match character <i>c</i>
<code>{a,b,...}</code>	match any of strings <i>a</i> , <i>b</i> , etc.
<code>~</code>	home directory (for glob command)
<code>user</code>	match <i>user's</i> home directory (for glob command)

Note: for the **glob** command, a “.” at the beginning of a file's name or just after “/” must be matched explicitly and all “/” characters must be matched explicitly.

7. Control Statements

break	Abort innermost containing loop command.
case	Obsolete, see switch .
continue	Skip to the next iteration of innermost containing loop command.
exit [<i>returnCode</i>]	Terminate the process, returning <i>returnCode</i> (an integer which defaults to 0) to the system as the exit status.
for <i>start test next body</i>	Looping command where <i>start</i> , <i>next</i> , and <i>body</i> are Tcl command strings and <i>test</i> is an expression string to be passed to expr command.
foreach <i>varname list body</i>	The Tcl command string <i>body</i> is evaluated for each item in the string <i>list</i> where the variable <i>varname</i> is set to the item's value.
foreach <i>varlist1 list1</i> [<i>varlist2 list2 ...</i>] <i>body</i>	Same as above, except during each iteration of the loop, each variable in <i>varlistN</i> is set to the current value from <i>listN</i> .
if <i>expr1</i> [then] <i>body1</i> [elseif <i>expr2</i> [then] <i>body2</i> ...] [[else] <i>bodyN</i>]	If expression string <i>expr1</i> evaluates true, Tcl command string <i>body1</i> is evaluated. Otherwise if <i>expr2</i> is true, <i>body2</i> is evaluated, and so on. If none of the expressions evaluate to true then <i>bodyN</i> is executed.
return [- code <i>code</i>] [- errorinfo <i>info</i>] [- errorcode <i>code</i>] [<i>string</i>]	Return immediately from current procedure with <i>string</i> as return value.
switch [<i>options</i>] <i>string pattern1 body1</i> [<i>pattern2 body2 ...</i>]	The <i>string</i> argument is matched against each of the <i>pattern</i> arguments in order. As soon as it finds a pattern that matches <i>string</i> , it evaluates the corresponding Tcl command string <i>body</i> . If no match is found and the last pattern is the keyword default , its command string is evaluated.
while <i>test body</i>	Evaluates the Tcl command string <i>body</i> as long as expression string <i>test</i> evaluates to true.

grid info <i>slave</i>	Returns list describing configuration state of <i>slave</i> .
grid location <i>master x y</i>	Returns column and row containing screen units <i>x y</i> in <i>master</i> . If <i>x y</i> is outside grid, -1 is returned.
grid propagate <i>master</i> [<i>boolean</i>]	Set/get whether <i>master</i> tries to resize its ancestor windows to fit grid.
grid rowconfigure <i>master row</i> [- minsize <i>size</i>] [- weight <i>float</i>]	Set/get minimum row size and relative row weight.
grid size <i>master</i>	Returns size of grid (in columns then rows) for <i>master</i> .
grid slaves <i>master</i> [- row <i>row</i>] [- column <i>column</i>]	With no options, a list of all slaves in <i>master</i> is returned. Otherwise, returns a list of slaves in specified row and/or column.

32. Bindings

bind <i>tag</i>	Returns list of all sequences for which a bindings exists for <i>tag</i> .
bind <i>tag</i> < <i>modifier-modifier-type-detail</i> >	Returns the script bound to the given sequence for <i>tag</i> .
bind <i>tag</i> < <i>modifier-modifier-type-detail</i> > <i>script</i>	Binds <i>script</i> to the given sequence for <i>tag</i>
bind <i>tag</i> < <i>modifier-modifier-type-detail</i> > + <i>script</i>	Appends <i>script</i> to the current bindings of sequence for <i>tag</i> .
bindtags <i>window</i> [<i>tagList</i>]	Sets the current precedence order of tags for <i>window</i> to <i>tagList</i> .

Modifiers:

Any	Triple	Button1, B1	Mod3, M3
Control	Button1, B1	Meta, M	Mod4, M4
Shift	Button1, B1	Mod1, M1	Mod5, M5
Lock	Button1, B1	Mod2, M2	Alt
Double	Button1, B1		

Types:

ButtonPress, Button	Expose	Leave
ButtonRelease	FocusIn	Map
Circulate	FocusOut	Property
Colormap	Gravity	Reparent
Configure	KeyPress, Key	Unmap
Destroy	KeyRelease	Visibility
Enter	Motion	

Details: for buttons, a number 1-5
for keys, a keysym (/usr/include/X11/keysymdef)

Tags: internal window (applies to just that window)
toplevel window (applies to all its internal windows)
window class name (applies to all widgets in class)
a11 (applies to all windows)

31. Geometry Management

The pack Command

pack [**configure**] *slave* [*slave* ...] [*options*]

Details how slave windows should be managed.

-after *sibling* -in *master* -pady *pixels*
 -anchor *anchor* -ipadx *pixels* -fill **none** | **x** | **y** | **both**
 -before *sibling* -ipady *pixels* -side **top** | **bottom** | **left** | **right**
 -expand *boolean* -padx *pixels*

pack forget *slave* [*slave* ...]

Unmanages the given slave windows.

pack info *slave*

Returns list containing current pack configuration of window *slave*.

pack propagate *master* [*boolean*]

Enables or disables propogation for the window *master*.

pack slaves *master*

Returns lists of slaves in the window *master*.

The place Command

place [**configure**] *window* *option value* [*option value* ...]

Details how given windows should be managed.

-anchor *anchor* -relheight *size* -x *location*
 -height *size* -relwidth *size* -y *location*
 -in *master* -relx *location* -bordermode **inside** | **outside** | **ignore**
 -width *size* -rely *location*

place forget *window*

Unmanages *window*.

place info *window*

Returns list containing current place configuration of *window*.

place slaves *window*

Returns lists of slaves in the window *master*.

The grid Command

grid [**configure**] *slave* [*slave* ...] [*option value* ...]

-column *n* -ipady *amount* -row *n*
 -columnspan *n* -padx *amount* -rowspan *n*
 -in *other* -pady *amount* -sticky [**n**][**s**][**e**][**w**]
 -ipadx *amount*

grid bbox *master column row*

Returns bounding box in pixels of space occupied by *column row*.

grid columnconfigure *master column* [-**minsize** *size*] [-**weight** *float*]

Set/get minimum column size and relative column weight.

grid forget *slave* [*slave* ...]

Removes (and unmaps) each slave from grid of its master.

8. File Information

file atime *fileName*

Time *fileName* was last accessed as seconds since Jan. 1, 1970.

file dirname *fileName*

Returns all characters in *fileName* up to but not including last slash.

file executable *fileName*

Returns 1 if *fileName* is executable by user, 0 otherwise.

file exists *fileName*

Returns 1 if *fileName* exists (and user can read its directory), 0 otherwise.

file extension *fileName*

Returns all characters in *fileName* after and including the last dot.

file isdirectory *fileName*

Returns 1 if *fileName* is a directory, 0 otherwise.

file isfile *fileName*

Returns 1 if *fileName* is a regular file, 0 otherwise.

file join *name* [*name* ...]

Joins file names using the correct path separator for the current platform.

file lstat *fileName* *varName*

Same as **file stat** except uses the lstat kernel call.

file mtime *fileName*

Time *fileName* was last modified as seconds since Jan. 1, 1970.

file owned *fileName*

Returns 1 if *fileName* owned by the current user, 0 otherwise.

file pathtype *fileName*

Returns one of **absolute**, **relative**, **volumerelative**.

file readable *fileName*

Returns 1 if *fileName* is readable by current user, 0 otherwise.

file readlink *fileName*

Returns value of symbolic link given by *fileName*.

file rootname *fileName*

Returns all the characters in *fileName* up to but not including last dot.

file size *fileName*

Returns size of *fileName* in bytes.

file split *fileName*

Returns list whose elements are the path components of *fileName*.

file stat *fileName* *varName*

Place results of stat kernel call on *fileName* in variable *varName* as an array with elements **atime**, **ctime**, **dev**, **gid**, **ino**, **mode**, **mtime**, **nlink**, **size**, **type**, and **uid**.

file tail *fileName*

Return all characters in *fileName* after last slash.

file type *fileName*

Returns string giving type of *fileName*. Possible values are **file**, **directory**, **characterSpecial**, **blockSpecial**, **fifo**, **link**, or **socket**.

file writable *fileName*

Returns 1 if *fileName* is writable by current user, 0 otherwise.

9. Tcl Interpreter Information

info args *procName*

Returns list describing in order the names of arguments to *procName*.

info body *procName*

Returns the body of procedure *procName*.

info cmdcount

Returns the total number of commands that have been invoked.

info commands [*pattern*]

Returns list of Tcl commands matching glob *pattern* (default *).

info complete *command*

Returns 1 if *command* is a complete Tcl command, 0 otherwise. Complete means having no unclosed quotes, braces, brackets or array element names

info default *procName arg varName*

Returns 1 if procedure *procName* has a default for argument *arg* and places the value in variable *varName*. Returns 0 if there is no default.

info exists *varName*

Returns 1 if the variable *varName* exists in the current context, 0 otherwise.

info globals [*pattern*]

Returns list of global variables matching glob *pattern* (default *).

info hostname

Returns name of computer on which interpreter was invoked.

info level

Returns the stack level of the invoking procedure.

info level *number*

Returns name and arguments of procedure invoked at stack level *number*.

info library

Returns name of library directory where standard Tcl scripts are stored.

info loaded [*interp*]

Returns list describing packages loaded into *interp*.

info locals [*pattern*]

Returns list of local variables matching glob *pattern* (default *).

info nameofexecutable

Returns full pathname of binary from which the application was invoked.

info patchlevel

Returns current patch level for Tcl.

info procs [*pattern*]

Returns list of Tcl procedures matching glob *pattern* (default *). Differs from **info commands** in that built-ins are excluded.

info script

Returns name of Tcl script currently being evaluated.

info sharedlibextension

Returns extension used by platform for shared objects.

info tclversion

Returns version number of Tcl in *major.minor* form.

info vars [*pattern*]

Returns list of currently-visible variables matching glob *pattern* (default *).

wm focusmodel *window* [**active** | **passive**]

Specifies the focus model for *window*.

wm frame *window*

Returns the X window identifier for the outermost decorative frame containing *window*. If *window* has none, returns X id of *window* itself.

wm geometry *window* [*newGeometry*]

Changes geometry of *window* to *newGeometry*.

wm grid *window* [*baseWidth baseHeight widthInc heightInc*]

Indicates that *window* is to be managed as a gridded window with the specified relation between grid and pixel units.

wm group *window* [*pathName*]

Gives path name for leader of group to which *window* belongs.

wm iconbitmap *window* [*bitmap*]

Specifies a bitmap to use as icon image when *window* is iconified.

wm iconify *window*

Arrange for *window* to be iconified.

wm iconmask *window* [*bitmap*]

Specifies a bitmap to use to mask icon image when *window* is iconified.

wm iconname *window* [*newName*]

Specifies name to use as a label for *window*'s icon.

wm iconposition *window* [*x y*]

Specifies position on root window to place *window*'s icon.

wm iconwindow *window* [*pathName*]

Sets path name of window to use as the icon when *window* is iconified.

wm maxsize *window* [*width height*]

Specifies maximum size *window* may be resized to in each direction.

wm minsize *window* [*width height*]

Specifies minimum size *window* may be resized to in each direction.

wm overriddenirect *window* [*boolean*]

Set or unset the override-redirect flag of *window* commonly used by window manager to determine whether window should decorative frame.

wm positionfrom *window* [**program** | **user**]

Indicate from whom the *window*'s current position was requested.

wm protocol *window* [*name*] [*command*]

Specify a Tcl command to be invoked for messages of protocol *name*.

wm resizable *window* [*widthBoolean heightBoolean*]

Specifies whether *window*'s width and/or height is resizable.

wm sizefrom *window* [**program** | **user**]

Indicate from whom the *window*'s current size was requested.

wm state *window*

Returns current state of *window*: **normal**, **iconic**, or **withdrawn**.

wm title *window* [*string*]

Set title for *window*'s decorative frame to *string*.

wm transient *window* [*master*]

Informs window manager that *window* is a transient of the window *master*.

wm withdraw *window*

Arranges for *window* to be withdrawn from the screen.

wininfo screenheight *window*
Returns the height in pixels of *window*'s screen.

wininfo screenmmheight *window*
Returns the height in millimeters of *window*'s screen.

wininfo screenmmwidth *window*
Returns the width in millimeters of *window*'s screen.

wininfo screenvisual *window*
Returns the visual class of *window*'s screen. Maybe one of : directcolor, grayscale, pseudocolor, staticcolor, staticgray, or truecolor.

wininfo screenwidth *window*
Returns the width in pixels of *window*'s screen.

wininfo toplevel *window*
Returns the pathname of the top-level window containing *window*.

wininfo visual *window*
Returns the visual class of *window* (see **wininfo screenvisual**).

wininfo visualsavailable *window*
Returns a list whose elements describe the visuals available for *window*'s screen including class and depth..

wininfo vrootheight *window*
Returns the height of the virtual root window associated with *window*.

wininfo vrootwidth *window*
Returns the width of the virtual root window associated with *window*.

wininfo vrootx *window*
Returns the x-offset of the virtual root window associated with *window*.

wininfo vrooty *window*
Returns the y-offset of the virtual root window associated with *window*.

wininfo width *window*
Returns *window*'s width in pixels.

wininfo x *window*
Returns x-coordinate, in *window*'s parent, of the upper-left corner of *window*.

wininfo y *window*
Returns y-coordinate, in *window*'s parent, of the upper-left corner of *window*.

30. The Window Manager

wm aspect *window* [*minNumer minDenom maxNumer maxDenom*]
Inform window manager of desired aspect ratio range for *window*.

wm client *window* [*name*]
Store *name* in *window*'s **WM_CLIENT_MACHINE** property. Informs window manager of client machine on which the application is running.

wm colormapwindows *window* [*windowList*]
Store *windowList* in *window*'s **WM_COLORMAP_WINDOWS** property which identifies the internal windows within *window* with private colormaps.

wm command *window* [*value*]
Store *value* in *window*'s **WM_COMMAND** property. Informs window manager of command used to invoke the application.

wm deiconify *window*
Arrange for *window* to be mapped on the screen.

10. Lists

concat [*arg arg ...*]
Returns concatenation of each list *arg* as a single list.

join *list* [*joinString*]
Returns string created by joining all elements of *list* with *joinString*.

lappend *varName* [*value value ...*]
Appends each *value* to the end of the list stored in *varName*.

lindex *list index*
Returns value of element at *index* in *list*.

linsert *list index element* [*element ...*]
Returns new list formed by inserting given new elements at *index* in *list*.

list [*arg arg ...*]
Returns new list formed by using each *arg* as an element.

llength *list*
Returns number of elements in *list*.

lrange *list first last*
Returns new list from slice of *list* at indices *first* through *last* inclusive.

lreplace *list first last* [*value value ...*]
Returns new list formed by replacing elements *first* through *last* in *list* with given values.

lsearch [*mode*] *list pattern*
Returns index of first element in *list* that matches *pattern* (-1 for no match). Mode may be **-exact**, **-glob** (default), or **-regexp**.

lsort [*switches*] *list*
Returns new list formed by sorting *list* according to *switches*. These are

-ascii	string comparision (default)
-integer	integer comparison
-real	floating-point comparision
-increasing	sort in increasing order (default)
-decreasing	sort in decreasing order
-command <i>cmd</i>	Use <i>command</i> which takes two arguments and returns an integer less than, equal to, or greater than zero.

split *string* [*splitChars*]
Returns a list formed by splitting *string* at each character in *splitChars*.

Note: list indices start at 0 and the word **end** may be used to reference the last element in the list.

11. Arrays

array anymore *arrayName searchId*
Returns 1 if anymore elements are left to be processed in array search *searchId* on *arrayName*, 0 otherwise.

array donesearch *arrayName searchId*
Terminates the array search *searchId* on *arrayName*.

array exists *arrayName*
Returns 1 if *arrayName* is an array variable, 0 otherwise.

array get *arrayName*
Returns a list where each odd element is an element name and the following even element its corresponding value.

array names *arrayName* [*pattern*]
Returns list of all element names in *arrayName* that match glob *pattern*.

array nextelement *arrayName* *searchId*
Returns name of next element in *arrayName* for the search *searchId*.

array set *arrayName* *list*
Sets values of elements in *arrayName* for list in **array get** format.

array size *arrayName*
Return number of elements in *arrayName*.

array startsearch *arrayName*
Returns a search id to use for an element-by-element search of *arrayName*.

pparray *arrayName* [*pattern*]
Print to standard output the names and values of all element names in *arrayName* that match glob *pattern*.

12. Strings

append *varName* [*value value ...*]
Appends each of the given values to the string stored in *varName*.

format *formatString* [*arg arg ...*]
Returns a formatted string generated in the ANSI C **sprintf** manner.

regexp [*switches*] *exp string* [*matchVar*] [*subMatchVar ...*]
Returns 1 if the regular expression *exp* matches part or all of *string*, 0 otherwise. If specified, *matchVar* will be set to all the characters in the match and the following *subMatchVar*'s will be set to matched parenthesized subexpressions. The **-nocase** switch can be specified to ignore case in matching. The **-indices** switch can be specified so that *matchVar* and *subMatchVar* will be set to the start and ending indices in *string* of their corresponding match.

regsub [*switches*] *exp string subSpec varName*
Replaces the first portion of *string* that matches the regular expression *exp* with *subSpec* and places results in *varName*. Returns count of number of replacements made. The **-nocase** switch can be specified to ignore case in matching. The **-all** switch will cause all matches to be substituted for.

scan *string formatString varName* [*varName ...*]
Extracts values into given variables using ANSI C **scanf** behavior.

string compare *string1 string2*
Returns -1, 0, or 1, depending on whether *string1* is lexicographically less than, equal to, or greater than *string2*.

string first *string1 string2*
Return index in *string2* of first occurrence of *string1* (-1 if not found).

string index *string charIndex*
Returns the *charIndex*'th character in *string*.

string last *string1 string2*
Return index in *string2* of last occurrence of *string1* (-1 if not found).

string length *string*
Returns the number of characters in *string*.

wininfo geometry *window*
Returns the pixel geometry for *window*, in the form *widthxheight+x+y*.

wininfo height *window*
Returns height of *window* in pixels.

wininfo id *window*
Returns a hexadecimal string indicating the X identifier for *window*.

wininfo interps [**-displayof** *window*]
Returns a list of all Tcl interpreters registered on *window*'s display.

wininfo ismapped *window*
Returns 1 if *window* is currently mapped, 0 otherwise.

wininfo manager *window*
Returns the name of the geometry manager currently responsible for *window*.

wininfo name *window*
Returns *window*'s name within its parent, as opposed to its full path name.

wininfo parent *window*
Returns the path name of *window*'s parent.

wininfo pathname [**-displayof** *window*] *id*
Returns the path name of the window whose X identifier is *id* on *window*'s display.

wininfo pointerx *window*
Returns mouse pointer's x coordinate on *window*'s screen.

wininfo pointery *window*
Returns mouse pointer's y coordinate on *window*'s screen.

wininfo pointerxy *window*
Returns mouse pointer's x and y coordinates on *window*'s screen.

wininfo pointery *window*
Returns mouse pointer's y coordinate on *window*'s screen.

wininfo pixels *window number*
Returns the number of pixels in *window* corresponding to the distance given by *number*, rounded to nearest integer.

wininfo reqheight *window*
Returns a decimal string giving *window*'s requested height, in pixels.

wininfo reqwidth *window*
Returns a decimal string giving *window*'s requested width, in pixels.

wininfo rgb *window color*
Returns a list of the three RGB values that correspond to *color* in *window*.

wininfo rootx *window*
Returns the x-coordinate, in the root window of the screen, of the upper-left corner of *window* (including its border).

wininfo rooty *window*
Returns the y-coordinate, in the root window of the screen, of the upper-left corner of *window* (including its border).

wininfo server *window*
Returns server information on *window*'s display.

wininfo screen *window*
Returns the name of the screen associated with *window*, in the form *displayName.screenIndex*.

wininfo screencells *window*
Returns the number of cells in the default color map for *window*'s screen.

wininfo screendepth *window*
Returns the depth (bits per pixel) of *window*'s screen.

imageName **get** *x y*

Returns RGB value of pixel at coords *x y* as list of three integers.

imageName **put** *data [-to x1 y1 x2 y2]*

Sets pixels values for the region *x1 y1 x2 y2* for 2-D array *data*.

imageName **read** *fileName [option value ...]*

Reads image data from file *fileName* into image using given options.

-format *format-name*

Specifies image format of file.

-from *x1 y1 x2 y2*

Specifies a rectangular region of the image file to copy from.

-shrink

Will clip image so copied region is in bottom-right corner.

-to *x y*

Specifies coords of the top-left corner in image to copy into.

imageName **redither**

Redither the image.

imageName **write** *fileName [option value ...]*

Writes image data from image into file *fileName*.

-format *format-name*

Specifies image format for the file.

-from *x1 y1 x2 y2*

Specifies a rectangular region of the image to copy from.

29. Window Information

wininfo **allmapped** *window*

Returns 1 if *window* and all its ancestors are mapped, 0 otherwise.

wininfo **atom** *[-displayof window] name*

Returns integer identifier for atom given by *name* on *window*'s display.

wininfo **atomname** *[-displayof window] id*

Returns textual name of atom given by integer *id* on *window*'s display.

wininfo **cells** *window*

Returns number of cells in the colormap for *window*.

wininfo **children** *window*

Returns list containing path names of all the children of *window*.

wininfo **class** *window*

Returns the class name of *window*.

wininfo **colormapfull** *window*

Return 1 if the colormap for *window* is full, 0 otherwise.

wininfo **containing** *[-displayof window] rootX rootY*

Returns path name of window containing the point *rootX rootY* on *window*'s display..

wininfo **depth** *window*

Returns the depth (bits per pixel) of *window*.

wininfo **exists** *window*

Returns 1 if *window* exists, 0 if it doesn't.

wininfo **fpixels** *window number*

Returns floating-point value giving the number of pixels in *window* corresponding to the distance given by *number*.

string **match** *pattern string*

Returns 1 if glob *pattern* matches *string*, 0 otherwise.

string **range** *string first last*

Returns characters from *string* at indices *first* through *last* inclusive.

string **tolower** *string*

Returns new string formed by converting all chars in *string* to lower case.

string **toupper** *string*

Returns new string formed by converting all chars in *string* to upper case.

string **trim** *string [chars]*

Returns new string formed by removing from *string* any leading or trailing characters present in the set *chars* (defaults to whitespace).

string **trimleft** *string [chars]*

Same as **string trim** for leading characters only.

string **trimright** *string [chars]*

Same as **string trim** for trailing characters only.

string **wordend** *string index*

Returns index of character just after last one in word at *index* in *string*.

string **wordstart** *string index*

Returns index of first character of word at *index* in *string*.

subst *[-noblackslashes] [-nocommands] [-novariables] string*

Returns result of backslash, command, and variable substitutions on *string*. Each may be turned off by switch.

13. File Input/Output

close *fileId*

Close the open file channel *fileId*.

eof *fileId*

Returns 1 if an end-of-file has occurred on *fileId*, 0 otherwise.

fblocked *fileId*

Returns 1 if last read from *fileId* exhausted all available input.

fconfigure *fileId [option [value]]*

Sets and gets options for I/O channel *fileId*. Options are:

-blocking *boolean* Whether I/O can block process.

-buffering *full | line | none* How to buffer output.

-buffersize *byteSize* Size of buffer.

-eofchar *char | {inChar outChar}*
Sets character to serve as end-of-file marker.

-translation *mode | {inMode outMode}*
Sets how to translate end-of-line markers.
Modes are **auto**, **binary**, **cr**, **crlf**, and **lf**.

For socket channels (read-only settings):

-sockname
Returns three element list with address, host name and port number.

-peername
For client and accepted sockets, three element list of peer socket.

fileevent *fileId readable | writable [script]*

Execute *script* when channel *fileId* becomes readable/writable.

flush *fileId*

Flushes any output that has been buffered for *fileId*.

gets *fileId* [*varName*]

Read next line from channel *fileId*, discarding newline character. Places characters of line in *varName* if given, otherwise returns them.

open *fileName* [*access*] [*perms*]

Opens *fileName* and returns its channel id. If a new file is created, its permission are set to the conjunction of *perms* and the process umask. The *access* may be

- r** Read only. File must exist.
- r+** Read and write. File must exist.
- w** Write only. Truncate if exists.
- w+** Read and write. Truncate if exists.
- a** Write only. File must exist. Access position at end.
- a+** Read and write. Access position at end.

puts [**-nonewline**] [*fileId*] *string*

Write string to *fileId* (default **stdout**) optionally omitting newline char.

read [**-nonewline**] *fileId*

Read all remaining bytes from *fileId*, optionally discarding last character if it is a newline.

read *fileId* *numBytes*

Read *numBytes* bytes from *fileId*.

seek *fileId* *offset* [*origin*]

Change current access position on *fileId* to *offset* bytes from *origin* which may be **start**, **current**, or **end**.

socket [*option* ...] *host* *port*

Open a client-side TCP socket to server *host* on *port*. Options are:

- myaddr** *addr* Set network address of client (if multiple available).
- myport** *port* Set connection port of client (if different from server).
- async** Make connection asynchronous.

socket -server *command* [**-myaddr** *addr*] *port*

Open server TCP socket on *port* invoking *command* on connect.

tell *fileId*

Return current access position in *fileId*.

14. System Interaction

cd [*dirName*]

Change working directory to *dirName*.

clock clicks

Returns hi-res system-dependent integer time value.

clock format *clockVal* [**-format** *string*] [**-gmt** *boolean*]

Convert integer *clockVal* to human-readable format defined by *string*.

clock scan *dateString* [**-base** *clockVal*] [**-gmt** *boolean*]

Convert *dateString* to an integer clock value. If *dateString* contains a time only, the date of *clockVal* is used.

clock seconds

Return current date and time as system-dependent integer value.

image width *name*

Returns pixel width of image *name*.

When an image is created, Tk creates a new command with the name of the image. For all image types, this command supports the **cget** and **configure** methods in the same manner as widgets for changing and querying configuration options.

The bitmap Image Type

-background *color*

Set background color for bitmap.

-data *string*

Specify contents of bitmap in X11 bitmap format.

-file *fileName*

Gives name of file whose contents define the bitmap in X11 bitmap format.

-foreground *color*

Set foreground color for bitmap.

-maskdata *string*

Specify contents of mask in X11 bitmap format.

-maskfile *fileName*

Gives name of file whose contents define the mask in X11 bitmap format.

The photo Image Type

-data *string*

Specify contents of image in a supported format.

-format *formatName*

Specify format for data specified with the **-data** or **-file** options. In standard Tk4.0, only the GIF/PGM/PPM formats are supported.

-file *fileName*

Gives name of file whose contents define the image in supported format.

-height *number*

Specifies pixel height of the image.

-palette *paletteSpec*

Set the resolution of the color cube to be allocated for image.

-width *number*

Specifies pixel width of the image.

imageName blank

Blanks the image so has no data and is completely transparent.

imageName copy *sourceImage* [*option* *value* ...]

Copy a region from *sourceImage* to *imageName* using given options.

-from *x1 y1 x2 y2*

Specifies rectangular region of source image to be copied.

-to *x1 y1 x2 y2*

Specifies rectangular region of target image to be affected.

-shrink

Will clip target image so copied region is in bottom-right corner.

-zoom *x y*

Magnifies source region by *x y* in respective direction.

-subsample *x y*

Reduces source image by using only every *x y*th pixel.

-width *width*

Narrow dimension of scrollbar (not including border).

Elements: arrow1, trough1, slider, trough2, arrow2

scrollbar activate [*element*]

Display *element* with active attributes.

scrollbar delta *deltaX deltaY*

Returns fractional position change for slider movement of *deltaX deltaY*.

scrollbar fraction *x y*

Returns a real number between 0 and 1 indicating where the point given by pixel coords *x y* lies in the trough area of the scrollbar.

scrollbar get

Returns current scrollbar settings as the list *{first last}*.

scrollbar identify *x y*

Returns name of element under pixel coords *x y*.

scrollbar set *first last*

Describes current view of associated widget where *first last* are the percentage distance from widget's beginning of the start and end of the view.

Toplevel

-borderwidth

-highlightbackground **-relief**

-cursor

-highlightcolor **-takefocus**

-height

-highlightthickness **-width**

-background *color*

Same as standard but may be empty to preserve colormap space.

-class *string*

Class name for the window to be used by option database.

-colormap *colormap*

Color map to use for window. May be the word **new**, pathname of other colormap, or empty for the default colormap of screen.

-screen *screen*

Screen on which to place the window.

-visual *visual*

Specifies visual to use for window.

28. Images

image create *type [name] [options value ...]*

Creates new image of *type* with *options* and returns *name*.

image delete *name*

Deletes the image *name*.

image height *name*

Returns pixel height of image *name*.

image names

Returns a list of the names of all existing images.

image type *name*

Returns the type of image *name*.

image types

Returns a list of valid image types.

exec [**-keepnew**] *arg [arg ...]*

Execute subprocess using each *arg* as word for a shell pipeline and return results written to standard out, optionally retaining the final newline char. The following constructs can be used to control I/O flow.

	pipe (stdout)
&	pipe (stdout and stderr)
<fileName	stdin from file
<@ fileName	stdin from open file
<<value	pass value to stdin
>fileName	stdout to file
2>fileName	stderr to file
>& fileName	stdout and stderr to file
>>fileName	append stdout to file
2>>fileName	append stderr to file
>>& fileName	stdout and stderr to file
>@ fileName	stdout to open file
2>@ fileName	stderr to open file
>&@ fileName	stdout and stderr to open file
&	run in background

glob [**-nocomplain**] *pattern [pattern ...]*

Returns list of all files in current directory that match any of the given csh-style glob patterns, optionally suppressing error on no match.

pid [*fileName*]

Return process id of process pipeline *fileName* if given, otherwise return process id of interpreter process.

pwd Returns the current working directory.

15. Command History

history add *command [exec]*

Adds *command* to history list, optionally executing it.

history change *newValue [event]*

Replaces value of *event* (default current) in history with *newValue*.

history event [*event*]

Returns value of *event* (default -1) in history.

history info [*count*]

Returns event number and contents of the last *count* events.

history keep [*count*]

Set number of events to retain in history to *count*.

history nextid

Returns number for next event to be recorded in history.

history redo [*event*]

Re-executes *event* (default -1).

history substitute *old new [event]*

Re-executes *event* (default -1) replacing any occurrence of string *old* with *new* in *event's* value.

history words *selector [event]*

Returns the *selector*'th word in value of *event* if *selector* is a number or the

last word if *selector* is **\$**. Otherwise, *selector* is treated as a glob pattern, and words that match it are returned.

16. Multiple Interpreters

interp alias *srcPath srcCmd*

Returns list whose elements are the *targetCmd* and *args* associated with the alias *srcCmd* in interpreter *srcPath*.

interp alias *srcPath srcCmd*

Deletes the alias *srcCmd* in interpreter *srcPath*.

interp alias *srcPath srcCmd targetPath targetCmd* [*arg ...*]

Creates an alias *srcCmd* in interpreter *srcPath* which when invoked will run *targetCmd* and *args* in the interpreter *targetPath*.

interp aliases [*path*]

Returns list of all aliases defined in interpreter *path*.

interp create [-safe] [-] [*path*]

Creates a slave interpreter (optionally safe) named *path*.

interp delete *path* [*path ...*]

Deletes the interpreter *path* and all its slave interpreters.

interp eval *path arg* [*arg ...*]

Evaluates concatenation of *args* as command in interpreter *path*.

interp exists *path*

Returns 1 if interpreter *path* exists, 0 otherwise.

interp issafe [*path*]

Returns 1 if interpreter *path* is safe, 0 otherwise.

interp share *srcPath fileId destPath*

Causes I/O channel *fileId* to be shared between interpreters *srcPath* and *destPath*.

interp slaves [*path*]

Returns list of names of all slave interpreters of interpreter *path*.

interp target *path alias*

Returns Tcl list describing target interpreter of *alias* in interpreter *path*.

interp transfer *srcPath fileId destPath*

Moves I/O channel *fileId* from interpreter *srcPath* to *destPath*.

slave aliases

Returns list of all aliases defined in interpreter *slave*.

slave alias *srcCmd*

Returns list whose elements are the *targetCmd* and *args* associated with the alias *srcCmd* in interpreter *slave*.

slave alias *srcCmd*

Deletes alias *srcCmd* in interpreter *slave*.

slave alias *srcCmd targetCmd* [*arg ...*]

Creates an alias *srcCmd* in interpreter *slave* that consists of running *targetCmd* and *args* in its master.

slave eval *arg* [*arg ...*]

Evaluates concatenation of *args* as command in interpreter *slave*.

slave issafe

Returns 1 if interpreter *slave* is safe, 0 otherwise.

-digits *integer*

An integer specifying how many significant digits should be retained.

-from *number*

A real value corresponding to left or top end of the scale.

-label *string*

A string to display as label for the scale.

-length *size*

Specifies the height (width) for vertical (horizontal) scales.

-resolution *number*

Real value to which scale's value will be rounded to an even multiple of.

-showvalue *boolean*

Whether or not scale's current value should be displayed in side label.

-sliderlength *size*

Size of the slider, measured along the slider's long dimension.

-sliderrelief *relief*

Specify the relief used to display the slider.

-tickinterval *number*

A real value to specify the spacing between numerical tick marks displayed.

-to *number*

A real value corresponding to the right or bottom end of the scale.

-variable *variable*

Name of a global variable to link to the scale.

-width *width*

Narrow dimension of scale (not including border).

scale coords [*value*]

Returns x and y coordinates of point corresponding to *value*.

scale get [*x y*]

If *x y* is given, returns scale value at that coordinate position. Otherwise, scale's current value is returned.

scale identify *x y*

Returns string indicating part of scale at position *x y*. Maybe one of **slider**, **trough1**, **trough2** or empty.

scale set *value*

Changes the current value of scale to *value*.

Scrollbar

-activebackground	-highlightcolor	-repeatdelay
-background	-highlightthickness	-repeatinterval
-borderwidth	-jump	-takefocus
-cursor	-orient	-troughcolor
-highlightbackgroundrelief		

-activerelief *number*

Relief to use when displaying the element that is active.

-command *tclCommandPrefix*

Prefix of a Tcl command to invoke to change the view in the widget associated with the scrollbar.

-elementborderwidth *width*

Width of borders around internal elements (arrows and slider).

-aspect *integer*

Ratio of text width to text height times 100 to use to display text.

Radiobutton

-activebackground	-font	-pady
-activeforeground	-foreground	-relief
-anchor	-height	-state
-background	-highlightbackground	-takefocus
-bitmap	-highlightcolor	-text
-borderwidth	-highlightthickness	-textvariable
-command	-image	-underline
-cursor	-justify	-width
-disabledforeground-padx		-wraplength

-indicatoron *boolean*

Whether or not the indicator should be drawn.

-selectcolor *color*

Color used to fill in indicator when selected.

-selectimage *image*

Image displayed in indicator when selected.

-value *value*

Value given to variable specified with **-variable** option when the radiobutton is selected.

-variable *variable*

Variable to associate with radiobutton.

radiobutton deselect

Deselect the radiobutton.

radiobutton flash

Alternate radiobutton between active and normal colors.

radiobutton invoke

Toggle the selection state of the radiobutton and invoke the Tcl command specified with **-command**, if any.

radiobutton select

Select the radiobutton.

Scale

-activebackground	-highlightbackground	-repeatdelay
-background	-highlightcolor	-repeatinterval
-borderwidth	-highlightthickness	-state
-cursor	-orient	-takefocus
-foreground	-relief	-troughcolor
-font		

-bigincrement *number*

A real value to use for large increments of the scale.

-command *tclCommand*

Specified a TCL command to invoke when scale's value is changed. The scale's value will be appended as an additional argument.

17. Packages

package forget *package*

Remove all info about *package* from interpreter.

package ifneeded *package version* [*script*]

Tells interpreter that if *package version* is needed, running *script* will provide it.

package names

Returns list of all packages in the interpreter that are currently provided or have an **ifneeded** script available.

package provide *package* [*version*]

Tells interpreter that *package versions* is now provided. Without *version*, the provided version of *package* is returned.

package require [**-exact**] *package* [*version*]

Tells interpreter that *package* must be provided. Only packages with versions equal to or later than *version* (if provided) are acceptable. If **-exact** is specified, the exact version specified must be provided.

package unknown [*command*]

Specifies a last resort Tcl command to provide a package.

package vcompare *version1 version2*

Returns -1 if *version1* is earlier than *version2*, 0 if equal, and 1 if later.

package versions *package*

Returns list of all versions numbers of *package* with an **ifneeded** script.

package vsatisfies *version1 version2*

Returns 1 if *version2* scripts will work unchanged under *version1*.

18. Other Tcl Commands

after *ms* [*arg1 arg2 arg3 ...*]

Arrange for command (concat of *args*) to be run in *ms* milliseconds. With no *args*, program will sleep for *ms* milliseconds.

after cancel *id* [*arg1 arg2 ...*]

Cancel previous **after** command either by command or the id returned.

after idle [*arg1 arg2 arg3 ...*]

Arrange for command (concat of *args*) to be run later when Tk is idle.

after info [*id*]

Returns information on event handler *id*. With no *id*, returns a list of all existing event handler ids.

auto_execok *execFile*

Returns 1 if an executable file by the name *execFile* exists in user's PATH.

auto_load *cmd*

Attempts to load definition for *cmd* by searching *\$auto_path* and *\$env(TCLLIBPATH)* for a tclIndex file which will inform the interpreter where it can find *cmd*'s definition.

auto_mkindex *directory pattern* [*pattern ...*]

Generate a tclIndex file from all files in *directory* that match glob patterns.

auto_reset

Destroys cached information used by **auto_execok** and **auto_load**.

bgeerror *message*

User defined handler for background Tcl errors. Default exists for Tk.

catch *script* [*varName*]

Evaluate *script* storing results into *varName*. If there is an error in evaluation, a non-zero error code is returned and an error message stored in *varName*.

error *message* [*info*] [*code*]

Interrupt command interpretation with an error described in *message*. Global variables **errorInfo** and **errorCode** will be set to *info* and *code*.

eval *arg* [*arg* ...]

Returns result of evaluating the concatenation of *args*'s as a Tcl command.

expr *arg* [*arg* ...]

Returns result of evaluating the concatenation of *arg*'s as an operator expression. See *Operators* for more info.

global *varName* [*varName* ...]

Declares given *varName*'s as global variables.

incr *varName* [*increment*]

Increment the integer value stored in *varName* by *increment* (default 1).

load *file* [*pkgName* [*interp*]]

Load binary code for *pkgName* from *file* (dynamic lib) into *interp*.

proc *name* *args* *body*

Create a new Tcl procedure or replace existing one.

rename *oldName* *newName*

Rename command *oldName* so it is now called *newName*. If *newName* is the empty string, command is deleted.

set *varName* [*value*]

Store *value* in *varName* if given. Returns the current value of *varName*.

source *fileName*

Read file *fileName* and evaluate its contents as a Tcl *script*.

time *script* [*count*]

Call interpreter *count* (default 1) times to evaluate *script*. Returns string of the form "503 microseconds per iteration".

trace *variable* *varName* *ops* *command*

Arrange for *command* to be executed whenever *varName* is accessed in one of the ways specified with *ops*. Possible values are **r** for read, **w** for written, **u** for unset, and any combination of the three.

trace *vdelete* *varName* *ops* *command*

Remove any previous trace specified with the given arguments.

trace *vinfo* *varName*

Returns list describing each trace on *varName*.

unknown *cmdName* [*arg* *arg* ...]

Called when the Tcl interpreter encounters an undefined command name.

unset *varName* [*varName* ...]

Removes the given variables and arrays from scope.

update [*idletasks*]

Handle pending events. If *idletasks* is specified, only those operations normally deferred until idle state are processed.

uplevel [*level*] *arg* [*arg* ...]

Evaluates concatenation of *arg*'s in the variable context indicated by *level*, an integer that gives the distance up the calling stack. If *level* is preceded by "#", then it gives the distance down the calling stack from toplevel.

Frame

-borderwidth	-highlightbackground	-relief
-cursor	-highlightcolor	-takefocus
-height	-highlightthickness	-width

-background *color*

Same as standard expect it may be the empty string to preserve colormap.

-class *name*

Class name to use in querying the option database and for bindings.

-colormap *colormap*

Colormap to use for the window if different from parent.

-visual *visual*

Visual info to use for the window if different from parent.

Label

-anchor	-height	-pady
-background	-highlightbackground	-relief
-bitmap	-highlightcolor	-takefocus
-borderwidth	-highlightthickness	-text
-cursor	-image	-textvariable
-font	-justify	-underline
-foreground	-padx	-width
		-wraplength

Menubutton

-activebackground	-foreground	-relief
-activeforeground	-height	-state
-anchor	-highlightbackground	-takefocus
-background	-highlightcolor	-text
-bitmap	-highlightthickness	-textvariable
-borderwidth	-image	-underline
-cursor	-justify	-width
-disabledforeground	-padx	-wraplength
-font	-pady	

-indicatoron *boolean*

If true then a small indicator will be displayed on the buttons's right side and the default menu bindings will treat this as an option menubutton.

-menu *pathName*

Pathname of menu widget to post when button is invoked.

Message

-anchor	-highlightbackground	-relief
-background	-highlightcolor	-takefocus
-borderwidth	-highlightthickness	-text
-cursor	-justify	-textvariable
-font	-padx	-width
-foreground	-pady	

-anchor	-height	-state
-background	-highlightbackground	-takefocus
-bitmap	-highlightcolor	-text
-borderwidth	-highlightthickness	-textvariable
-command	-image	-underline
-cursor	-justify	-width
-disabledforeground-padx		-wraplength

button flash

Alternate checkbox between active and normal colors.

button invoke

Toggle the selection state of the checkbox and invoke the Tcl command specified with **-command**, if any.

Checkbox

-activebackground	-font	-pady
-activeforeground	-foreground	-relief
-anchor	-height	-state
-background	-highlightbackground	-takefocus
-bitmap	-highlightcolor	-text
-borderwidth	-highlightthickness	-textvariable
-command	-image	-underline
-cursor	-justify	-width
-disabledforeground-padx		-wraplength

-indicatoron *boolean*

Whether or not the indicator should be drawn.

-offvalue *value*

Value given to variable specified with **-variable** option when the checkbox is deselected.

-onvalue *value*

Value given to variable specified with **-variable** option when the checkbox is selected.

-selectcolor *color*

Color used to fill in indicator when selected.

-selectimage *image*

Image displayed in indicator when selected.

-variable *variable*

Variable to associate with checkbox.

checkboxbutton deselect

Deselect the checkbox.

checkboxbutton flash

Alternate checkbox between active and normal colors.

checkboxbutton invoke

Toggle the selection state of the checkbox and invoke the Tcl command specified with **-command**, if any.

checkboxbutton select

Select the checkbox.

checkboxbutton toggle

Toggle the selection state of the checkbox.

upvar [*level*] *otherVar* *myVar* [*otherVar myVar ...*]

Makes *myVar* in local scope equivalent to *otherVar* at context *level* so they share the same storage space.

vwait *varName*

Pause program until global variable *varName* is modified.

19. General Tk Widget Information

All widget are created with

widget pathname [*option1 value1* [*option2 ...*]]

where *widget* is the Tcl command corresponding to the class of widget desired (eg. **button**) and *pathname* is a string which will be used to identify the newly created widget. In general, a widget name is the concatenation of its parent's name followed by a period (unless the parent is the root window ".") and a string containing no periods (eg. **.mainframe.btnframe.btn1**).

Widget configuration options may be passed in the creation command. Options begin with a "-" and are always followed by a value string. After creation, options may be changed using the **configure** widget command

pathname configure option1 value1 [*option2 ...*]

and queried using the **cget** command

pathname cget option

Some of the widget options which multiple widgets support are described here for brevity. For options that take screen units, values are in pixels unless an optional one letter suffix modifier is present — **c** (cm), **i** (inch), **m** (mm), or **p** (points).

-activebackground *color*

Background color of widget when it is active.

-activeborderwidth *width*

Width in screen units of widget border when it is active.

-activeforeground *color*

Foreground color of widget when it is active.

-anchor *anchorPos*

How information is positioned inside widget. Valid *anchorPos* values are **n**, **ne**, **e**, **se**, **s**, **sw**, **w**, **nw**, and **center**.

-background *color*

Background color of widget in normal state (Abbrev: **-bg**).

-bitmap *bitmap*

Bitmap to display in the widget (error, gray12, gray50, gray25, hourglass, info, questhead, question, warning, @filename).

-borderwidth *width*

Width in screen units of widget border in normal state (Abbrev: **-bd**).

-command *tclCommand*

Tcl command to run when widget is invoked.

-cursor *cursor*

Cursor to display when mouse pointer is in widget.

-disabledforeground *color*

Foreground color of widget when it is disabled.

-exportselection *boolean*

Whether or not a selection in the widget should also be the X selection.

-font *font*
Font to use when drawing text inside the widget.

-foreground *color*
Foreground color of widget in normal state (Abbrev: **-fg**).

-geometry *widthxheight*
Geometry for the widget's window. The units for *width* and *height* depend on the particular widget (usually in characters when widget has text).

-height *width | textChars*
Height of widget. Units depend on widget.

-highlightbackground *color*
Color of the rectangle drawn around the widget when it does not have the input focus.

-highlightcolor *color*
Color of the rectangle drawn around the widget when it has the input focus.

-highlightthickness *width*
Width in screen units of highlight rectangle drawn around widget when it has the input focus.

-image *image*
Image to display in the widget (see Images).

-insertbackground *color*
Color to use as background in the area covered by the insertion cursor.

-insertborderwidth *width*
Width in screen units of border to draw around the insertion cursor.

-insertofftime *milliseconds*
Time the insertion cursor should remain "off" in each blink cycle.

-insertontime *milliseconds*
Time the insertion cursor should remain "on" in each blink cycle.

-insertwidth *width*
Width in screen units of the insertion cursor.

-jump *boolean*
Whether to notify scrollbars and scales connected to the widget to delay updates until mouse button is released.

-justify *left | center | right*
How multiple lines line up with each other.

-orient *horizontal | vertical*
Which orientation widget should use in layout.

-padx *width*
Extra space in screen units to request for the widget in X-direction.

-pady *height*
Extra space in screen units to request for the widget in Y-direction.

-relief *flat | groove | raised | ridge | sunken*
3-D effect desired for the widget's border.

-repeatdelay *milliseconds*
Time a button or key must be held down before it begins to auto-repeat.

-repeatinterval *milliseconds*
Time between auto-repeats once action has begun.

-selectbackground *color*
Background color to use when displaying selected items.

-selectborderwidth *width*
Width in screen units of border to draw around selected items.

text search [*switches*] *pattern index [stopIndex]*
Returns index of first character matching *pattern* in text range *index* to *stopIndex*. Switches: **-forwards**, **-backwards**, **-exact**, **-regexp**, **-count** *var*, **-nocase**

text see *index*
Adjust the view in window so character at *index* is completely visible.

text tag add *tagName index1 [index2]*
Apply tag *tagName* to range (*index2* defaults to *index1* + 1 char).

text tag bind *tagName [sequence [script]]*
Arrange for *script* to be run whenever event *sequence* occurs for a character with tag *tagName*.

text tag cget *tagName option*
Return current value of *option* for tag *tagName*.

text tag configure *tagName [option [value [option value ...]]]*
Modifies tag-specific options for the tag *tagName*.

text tag delete *tagName [tagName ...]*
Delete all tag information for given tags.

text tag lower *tagName [belowThis]*
Change priority of tag *tagName* so it is just below tag *belowThis*.

text tag names [*index*]
Returns a list of the names of all tags associated with character at *index*. If *index* is not given, returns list of all tags defined in widget.

text tag nextrange *tagName index1 [index2]*
Searches character range *index1* to *index2* (default **end**) for the first region tagged with *tagName*. Returns character range of region found.

text tag prevrange *tagName index1 [index2]*
Like **nextrange** but searches backwards from *index1* to *index2* (default 1.0).

text tag raise *tagName [aboveThis]*
Change priority of tag *tagName* so it is just above tag *aboveThis*.

text tag ranges *tagName*
Returns a list describing all character ranges tagged with *tagName*.

text tag remove *tagName index1 [index2]*
Remove tag *tagName* for all characters in range *index1* to *index2*.

text window cget *index option*
Return current value of *option* for embedded window at *index*.

text window configure *index [option [value [option value ...]]]*
Modifies embedded window-specific options for the window at *index*.

text window create *index [option value ...]*
Create a new embedded window at position *index* with specified options.

text window names
Returns list of names of all windows embedded in widget.

text xview | yview *args*
See Widget Scroll Commands above.

27. Other Standard Widgets

Button

-activebackground	-font	-pady
-activeforeground	-foreground	-relief

Text Embedded Window Options

- align** *top* | *center* | *bottom* | *baseline*
Where window is displayed on the line.
- create** *script*
Script to create and return window pathname if no **-window** option is given.
- padx** *width*
Extra space in screen units to leave on the left and right side of window.
- pady** *height*
Extra space in screen units to leave on the top and bottom of window.
- stretch** *boolean*
Whether window should be stretched vertically to fill line.
- window** *pathName*
Name of window to display

Text Widget Commands

- text bbox** *index*
Returns a list {*x y width height*} bounding character at *index*.
- text compare** *index1 op index2*
Compares indices *index1* and *index2* according to relational operator *op*.
- text delete** *index1* [*index2*]
Delete range of characters (*index2* defaults to *index1* + 1 char).
- text dlineinfo** *index*
Returns a list {*x y width height baseline*} describing the screen area taken by display line at *index*.
- text dump** [*switches*] *index1* [*index2*]
Returns detailed info on text widget contents in range *index1* to *index2*.
Switches include **-all**, **-mark**, **-tag**, **-text**, **-window** for specifying type of info returned. The switch **-command** *command* exists to invoke a procedure on each element type in the range.
- text get** *index1* [*index2*]
Returns string of characters in range (*index2* defaults to *index1* + 1 char).
- text index** *index*
Returns position *index* in *line.char* notation.
- text insert** *index* [*string* [*tagList string tagList* ...]]
Insert *string* into text at *index* applying tags from *tagList*.
- text mark gravity** *markName* [**left** | **right**]
Returns (or sets) which adjacent character a mark is attached to.
- text mark names**
Returns a list of the names of all marks currently set.
- text mark next** | **previous** *index*
Return name of next/previous mark at or after/before *index*.
- text mark set** *markName index*
Set mark *markName* to position just before character at *index*.
- text mark unset** *markName* [*markName* ...]
Remove each mark specified so they are no longer usable as indices.
- text scan** *args*
See Widget Scroll Commands above.

- selectforeground** *color*
Foreground color to use when displaying selected items.
- setgrid** *boolean*
Whether this widget controls the resizing grid for its toplevel window.
- state** **normal** | **disabled** (| **active** for button-type widgets)
Current state of widget.
- takefocus** *focusType*
If 0 or 1, signals that the widget should never or always take the focus. If empty, Tk decides. Otherwise, evaluates argument as script with widget name appended as argument. Returned value must be 0, 1 or empty.
- text** *string*
Text to be displayed inside the widget.
- textvariable** *variable*
Variable which contains a text string to be displayed inside the widget.
- troughcolor** *color*
Color to use for the rectangular trough areas in widget.
- underline** *index*
Integer index of a character to underline in the widget.
- width** *width* | *textChars*
Width of widget. Units depend on widget.
- wraplength** *length*
Maximum line length in screen units for word-wrapping.
- xscrollcommand** *cmdPrefix*
Prefix for a command used to communicate with horizontal scrollbars.
- yscrollcommand** *cmdPrefix*
Prefix for a command used to communicate with vertical scrollbars.

20. Tk Special Variables

- tk_library**
Directory containing library of standard Tk scripts.
- tk_patchLevel**
Integer specifying current patch level for Tk.
- tkPriv**
Array containing information private to standard Tk scripts.
- tk_strictMotif**
When non-zero, Tk tries to adhere to Motif look-and-feel as closely as possible.
- tk_version**
Current version of Tk in *major.minor* form.

21. Widget Scroll Commands

The Canvas, Listbox and Text widgets support the following scrolling commands. The Entry widget supports the **xview** command and the **scan** command with the *y* coordinate dropped.

- widget scan mark** *x y*
Records *x* and *y* as widget's current view anchor.

widget scan dragto *x y*

Shift the view by 10 times the difference between the coordinates *x* and *y* and the current view anchor coordinates.

widget xview

Return a two element list specifying the fraction of the horizontal span of the widget at the left and right edges of the window.

widget xview moveto *fraction*

Adjust the view in the window so that *fraction* of the total width of the widget is off-screen to the left.

widget xview scroll *number units* | *pages*

Shift the view by *number* one-tenth's (**unit**) or nine-tenth's (**pages**) the window's width in the horizontal direction.

widget yview

Return a two element list specifying the fraction of the vertical span of the widget at the top and bottom edges of the window.

widget yview moveto *fraction*

Adjust the view in the window so that *fraction* of the total height of the widget is off-screen to the top.

widget yview scroll *number units* | *pages*

Shift the view by *number* one-tenth's (**unit**) or nine-tenth's (**pages**) the window's height in the vertical direction.

The Text Widget also supports the following:

text yview [**-pickplace**] *index*

Changes view of widget's window to make character at *index* visible. If **-pickplace** is specified, *index* will appear at the top of the window.

The Entry (**xview** only) and Listbox Widget also supports the following:

listbox xview *index*

Adjusts view so that character position *index* is at left edge.

listbox yview *index*

Adjusts view so that element at *index* is at top of window.

22. The Canvas Widget

Canvas Options

-background	-insertbackground	-selectborderwidth
-borderwidth	-insertborderwidth	-selectforeground
-cursor	-insertofftime	-takefocus
-height	-insertontime	-width
-highlightbackground	-insertwidth	-xscrollcommand
-highlightcolor	-relief	-yscrollcommand
-highlightthickness	-selectbackground	

-closeenough *float*

How close the mouse cursor must be to an item before it is considered to be "inside" the item.

-confine *boolean*

Whether it is allowable to set the canvas's view outside the scroll region.

26. The Text Widget

Text Widget Options

-background	-highlightthickness	-selectbackground
-borderwidth	-insertbackground	-selectborderwidth
-cursor	-insertborderwidth	-selectforeground
-exportselection	-insertofftime	-setgrid
-font	-insertontime	-state
-foreground	-insertwidth	-takefocus
-height	-padx	-width
-highlightbackground	-pady	-xscrollcommand
-highlightcolor	-relief	-yscrollcommand

-spacing1 *size*

Space in screen units above paragraphs.

-spacing2 *size*

Space in screen units between paragraph lines.

-spacing3 *size*

Space in screen units below paragraphs.

-tabs *tabList*

Set of tab stops as a list of screen distances giving their positions. Each stop may be followed by one of **left**, **right**, **center**, or **numeric**.

-wrap none | **char** | **word** How to wrap lines.

Text Indices

Syntax: *base* [*modifier ...*]

Base: *line.char*, *@x,y*, *end*, *mark*, *tag.first*, *tag.last*, *pathName*

Modifier: \pm *count* **chars**, \pm *count* **lines**, **linestart**, **lineend**, **wordstart**, **wordend**

Ranges: Ranges include all characters from the start index upto but not including the character at the stop index.

Text Tag Options

-background	-justify	-spacing2
-borderwidth	-relief	-spacing3
-font	-spacing1	-wrap
-foreground		
-bgstipple <i>bitmap</i>	Stipple pattern for background.	
-fgstipple <i>bitmap</i>	Stipple pattern for foreground.	
-lmargin1 <i>size</i>	Left margin of first line of a paragraph.	
-lmargin2 <i>size</i>	Left margin of wrapped lines of a paragraph.	
-offset <i>size</i>	Offset of baseline from normal baseline.	
-overstrike <i>boolean</i>	Whether to overstrike text.	
-rmargin <i>size</i>	Right margin of all lines.	
-tabs <i>tabList</i>	Set of tab stops (see -tabs above).	
-underline <i>boolean</i>	Whether to underline text.	

menu entryconfigure *index* [*option value ...*]
Set option values for entry at *index*.

menu index *index*
Returns the numerical index corresponding to *index*.

menu insert *index type* [*option value ...*]
Same as **add** but inserts new entry just before entry at *index*.

menu invoke *index*
Invoke the action of the menu entry at *index*.

menu post *x y*
Display menu on screen at root-window coordinates given by *x y*.

menu postcascade *index*
Post submenu associated with cascade entry at *index*.

menu type *index*
Returns type of menu entry at *index*.

menu unpost
Unmap window so it is no longer displayed.

menu yposition *index*
Returns the y-coordinate within the menu window of the topmost pixel in the entry specified by *index*.

Menu Entry Options

The following options work for all cascade, checkbox, command, and radiobutton entries unless otherwise specified.

-activebackground	-bitmap	-image
-activeforeground	-font	-state
-background	-foreground	-underline

-accelerator *string*
Specifies string to display at right side of menu entry.

-command *tclCommand*
TCL command to execute entry is invoked.

-indicatoron *boolean*
Whether indicator for checkbox or radiobutton entry should be displayed.

-label *string*
Textual string to display on left side of menu entry.

-menu *pathName*
Pathname to a menu to post when cascade entry is active.

-offvalue *value*
Value to store in checkbox entry's associated variable when deselected.

-onvalue *value*
Value to store in checkbox entry's associated variable when selected.

-selectcolor *color*
Color for indicator in checkbox and radiobutton entries.

-selectimage *image*
Image to draw in indicator for checkbox and radiobutton entries.

-value *value*
Value to store in radiobutton entry's associated variable when selected.

-variable *variable*
Name of global variable to set when checkbox or radiobutton is selected.

-scrollregion *corners*
List of four coordinates describing the left, top, right, and bottom of a rectangular scrolling region.

-xscrollincrement *distance*
Specifies the increment for horizontal scrolling in screen units.

-yscrollincrement *distance*
Specifies the increment for vertical scrolling in screen units.

Coordinate examples: 5 (pixel), 2.2i (inch), 4.1c (cm), 3m (mm), 21p (pts)
Larger y-coordinates refer to points lower on the screen.
Larger x-coordinates refer to points farther to the right.

Character positions: *charIndex*, **end**, **insert**, **sel.first**, **sel.last**, @*x,y*

Canvas Commands

canvas addtag *tag searchSpec* [*arg arg ...*]
Add *tag* to the list of tags associated with each item that satisfy *searchSpec*. See Canvas Search Specs below.

canvas bbox *tagOrId* [*tagOrId ...*]
Returns a list with four elements giving an approximate bounding box for all the items named by the *tagOrId* arguments.

canvas bind *tagOrId* [*sequence* [*command*]]
Associates *command* to be invoked on events specified with *sequence* with the items given by *tagOrId*.

canvas canvasx *screenx* [*gridspacing*]
Returns the canvas x-coordinate that is displayed at screen x-coordinate *screenx* possibly rounding to nearest multiple of *gridspacing* units.

canvas canvasy *screeny* [*gridspacing*]
Returns the canvas x-coordinate that is displayed at screen y-coordinate *screeny* possibly rounding to nearest multiple of *gridspacing* units.

canvas coords *tagOrId* [*x0 y0 ...*]
Query or modify the coordinates that define an item.

canvas create *type x y* [*x y ...*] [*option value ...*]
Create a new item of type *type* at specified coordinates and with list options.

canvas dchars *tagOrId first* [*last*]
For items given by *tagOrId*, delete the characters in the range given by *first* and *last* (defaults to *first*), inclusive.

canvas delete [*tagOrId ...*]
Delete each of the items given by each *tagOrId*.

canvas dtag *tagOrId* [*tagToDelete*]
Remove tag *tagToDelete* from the taglist of items given by *tagOrId*.

canvas find *searchSpec* [*arg arg ...*]
Returns a list of the items that satisfy the specification *searchSpec*. See Canvas Search Specs below.

canvas focus *tagOrId*
Set the focus to the first textual item given by *tagOrId*.

canvas gettags *tagOrId*
Return a list of the tags associated with the first item given by *tagOrId*.

canvas **icursor** *tagOrId* *index*

Set the insertion cursor for the item(s) given by *tagOrId* to just before the character position *index*.

canvas **index** *tagOrId* *index*

Returns a decimal string giving the numerical index within *tagOrId* corresponding to character position *index*.

canvas **insert** *tagOrId* *beforeThis* *string*

Insert *string* just before character position *beforeThis* in items given by *tagOrId* that support textual insertion.

canvas **itemcget** *tagOrId* *option*

Returns the value *option* for the item given by *tagOrId*.

canvas **itemconfigure** *tagOrId* [*option value* ...]

Modifies item-specific options for the items given by *tagOrId*.

canvas **lower** *tagOrId* [*belowThis*]

Move the items given by *tagOrId* to a new position in the display list just before the first item given by *belowThis*.

canvas **move** *tagOrId* *xAmount* *yAmount*

Move the items given by *tagOrId* in the canvas coordinate space by adding *xAmount* and *yAmount* to each items x and y coordinates, respectively.

canvas **postscript** [*option value* ...]

Generate a Encapsulated Postscript representation for part or all of the canvas. See Canvas Postscript Options below.

canvas **raise** *tagOrId* [*aboveThis*]

Move the items given by *tagOrId* to a new position in the display list just after the first item given by *aboveThis*.

canvas **scale** *tagOrId* *xOrigin* *yOrigin* *xScale* *yScale*

Rescale items given by *tagOrId* in canvas coordinate space to change the distance from *xOrigin*, *yOrigin* by a factor of *xScale*, *yScale* respectively.

canvas **scan** *args*

See Widget Scroll Commands above.

canvas **select adjust** *tagOrId* *index*

Adjust nearest end of current selection in *tagOrId* to be at *index* and set the other end to be the new selection anchor.

canvas **select clear**

Clear the selection if it is in the widget.

canvas **select from** *tagOrId* *index*

Set the selection anchor in *tagOrId* to just before the character at *index*.

canvas **select item**

Return id of the selected item. Returns an empty string if there is none.

canvas **select to** *tagOrId* *index*

Set the selection to extend between *index* and anchor point in *tagOrId*.

canvas **type** *tagOrId*

Returns the type of the first item given by *tagOrId*.

canvas **xview** | **yview** *args*

See Widget Scroll Commands above.

Canvas Search Specifications

above *tagOrId*

Selects the item just after the one given by *tagOrId* in the display list.

listbox **selection anchor** *index*

Set the selection anchor to element at *index*.

listbox **selection clear** *first* [*last*]

Deselect elements between *first* and *last* inclusive.

listbox **selection includes** *index*

Returns 1 if element at *index* is selected, 0 otherwise.

listbox **selection set** *first* [*last*]

Add all elements between *first* and *last* inclusive to selection.

listbox **see** *index*

Adjust the view in window so element at *index* is completely visible.

listbox **size**

Returns number of elements in listbox.

listbox **xview** | **yview** *args*

See Widget Scroll Commands above.

25. The Menu Widget

Menu Widget Options

-activebackground **-borderwidth** **-font**
-activeborderwidth **-cursor** **-foreground**
-activeforeground **-disabledforeground** **-relief**
-background

-postcommand *tclCommand*

Specify Tcl command to invoke immediately before the menu is posted.

-selectcolor *color*

Specifies indicator color for checkbox and radiobutton entries.

-tearoff *boolean*

Whether to include a tear-off entry at top of menu.

-tearoffcommand *tclCmd*

Specifies command to be run when menu is torn off. The name of the menu and the new torn-off window will be appended on invocation.

-transient *boolean*

Whether menu should be displayed as transient or not.

Entry Types: cascade, checkbox, command, radiobutton, separator

Menu Indices: *number*, **active**, **last**, **none**, *@y-coord*, *matchPattern*

Menu Widget Commands

menu **activate** *index*

Change state of entry at *index* to be sole active entry in menu.

menu **add** *type* [*option value* ...]

Add new entry of type *type* to bottom of menu. See below for options.

menu **delete** *index1* [*index2*]

Delete all entries between *index1* and *index2* inclusive.

menu **entrycget** *index* *option*

Return current value of *option* for entry at *index*.

entry **selection adjust** *index*

Adjust nearest end of current selection to be at *index* and set the other end to the anchor point.

entry **selection clear**

Clear the selection if currently in the widget.

entry **selection from** *index*

Set the anchor point to be at *index*.

entry **selection present**

Returns 1 if any characters are selected, 0 otherwise.

entry **selection range** *start end*

Select the characters from *start* through character just before *end*.

entry **selection to** *index*

Set the selection to extend between *index* and anchor point.

24. The Listbox Widget

Listbox Widget Options

-background	-height	-selectborderwidth
-borderwidth	-highlightbackground	-selectforeground
-cursor	-highlightcolor	-setGrid
-exportselection	-highlightthickness	-takefocus
-font	-relief	-width
-foreground	-selectbackground	-xscrollcommand
		-yscrollcommand

-selectMode *single* | *browse* | *multiple* | *extended*

Listbox Indices: *number* (starts at 0), **active**, **anchor**, **end**, @*x,y*

Listbox Widget Commands

listbox **activate** *index*

Sets the active element to *index*.

listbox **bbox** *index*

Returns a list {*x y width height*} bounding element at *index*.

listbox **curselection**

Returns list of indices of all elements currently selected.

listbox **delete** *index1* [*index2*]

Delete range of elements from *index1* to *index2* (defaults to *index1*).

listbox **get** *index1* [*index2*]

Return as a list contents of elements from *index1* to *index2*.

listbox **index** *index*

Returns position *index* in *number* notation.

listbox **insert** *index* [*element* ...]

Insert specified elements just before element at *index*.

listbox **nearest** *y*

Return index of element nearest to *y*-coordinate.

listbox **scan** *args*

See Widget Scroll Commands above.

all Selects all the items in the canvas.

below *tagOrId*

Selects the item just before the one given by *tagOrId* in the display list.

closest *x y* [*halo*] [*start*]

Select the topmost, closest item to @*x,y* that is below *start* in the display list.

Any item closer than *halo* to the point is considered to overlap it.

enclosed *x1 y1 x2 y2*

Selects all the items completely enclosed within *x1 y1 x2 y2*.

overlapping *x1 y1 x2 y2*

Selects all the items that overlap or are enclosed within *x1 y1 x2 y2*.

withtag *tagOrId*

Selects all the items given by *tagOrId*.

Canvas Item Types

canvas **create arc** *x1 y1 x2 y2* [*option value* ...]

-fill *color* **-stipple** *bitmap* **-width** *outlineWidth*

-outline *color* **-tags** *tagList*

-extent *degrees*

Size of the angular range occupied by arc.

-outlinestipple *bitmap*

Bitmap stipple to use to draw arc's outline.

-start *degrees*

Starting angle measured from 3-o'clock position.

-style *pieslice* | *chord* | *arc*

How to "complete" the region of the arc.

canvas **create bitmap** *x y* [*option value* ...]

-anchor *anchorPos* **-bitmap** *bitmap* **-tags** *taglist*

-background *color* **-foreground** *color*

canvas **create image** *x y* [*option value* ...]

-anchor *anchorPos* **-image** *image* **-tags** *taglist*

canvas **create line** *x1 y1* ... *xN yN* [*option value* ...]

-fill *color* **-stipple** *bitmap* **-width** *outlineWidth*

-smooth *boolean* **-tags** *tagList*

-arrow *none* | *first* | *last* | *both*

Specify on which ends of the line to draw arrows.

-arrowshape *shape*

Three element list which describes shape of arrow.

-capstyle *butt* | *projecting* | *round*

How to draw caps at endpoints of the line. Default is *butt*.

-joinstyle *bevel* | *miter* | *round*

How joints are to be drawn at vertices. Default is *miter*.

-splinesteps *number*

Degree of smoothness desired for curves.

canvas create oval *x1 y1 x2 y2* [*option value ...*]
-fill *color* **-stipple** *bitmap* **-width** *outlineWidth*
-outline *color* **-tags** *tagList*

canvas create polygon *x1 y1 ... xN yN* [*option value ...*]
-fill *color* **-smooth** *boolean* **-tags** *tagList*
-outline *color* **-stipple** *bitmap* **-width** *outlineWidth*
-splinesteps *number*
Degree of smoothness desired for curved perimeter.

canvas create rectangle *x1 y1 x2 y2* [*option value ...*]
-fill *color* **-stipple** *bitmap* **-width** *outlineWidth*
-outline *color* **-tags** *tagList*

canvas create text *x y* [*option value ...*]
-anchor *anchorPos* **-font** *font* **-tags** *tagList*
-fill *color* **-stipple** *bitmap* **-text** *string*

-justify *left | right | center*
How to justify text within its bounding region.
-width *lineLength*
Maximum line length for the text. If zero, break only on \n.

canvas create window *x y* [*option value ...*]
-anchor *anchorPos* **-tags** *tagList*
-height *height* Height in screen units to assign item's window.
-width *width* Width in screen units to assign item's window.
-window *pathName* Window to associate with item.

Canvas Postscript Options

-colormap *varName*
Specifies a color mapping to use where *varName* is an array variable whose elements specify Postscript code to set a particular color value.
-colormode *color | grey | mono*
Specifies how to output color information.
-file *fileName*
Specifies the name of the file in which to write the Postscript. If not specified, the Postscript is returned as the result of the command.
-fontmap *varName*
Specifies a font mapping to use where *varName* is an array variable whose elements specify the Postscript font and size to use as a two element list.
-height *size*
Specifies the height of the area of the canvas to print. Defaults to the height of the canvas window
-pageanchor *anchor*
Specifies which point of the printed area should be appear over the positioning point on the page. Defaults to **center**.
-pageheight *size*
Specifies that the Postscript should be scaled in both x and y so that the printed area is *size* high on the Postscript page.

-pagewidth *size*
Specifies that the Postscript should be scaled in both x and y so that the printed area is *size* wide on the Postscript page.
-pagex *position*
Set the x-coordinate of the positioning point on the page to *position*.
-pagey *position*
Set the y-coordinate of the positioning point on the page to *position*.
-rotate *boolean*
Whether the printed area is to be rotated 90 degrees. ("landscape").
-width *size*
Specifies the width of the area of the canvas to print. Defaults to the width of the canvas window
-x *position*
Set the x-coordinate of the left edge of canvas area to print.
-y *position*
Set the y-coordinate of the top edge of canvas area to print.

23. The Entry Widget

Entry Widget Options

-background	-highlightcolor	-relief
-borderwidth	-highlightthickness	-selectbackground
-cursor	-insertbackground	-selectborderwidth
-exportselection	-insertborderwidth	-selectforeground
-font	-insertofftime	-state
-foreground	-insertontime	-takefocus
-highlightbackground	-insertwidth	-textvariable
	-justify	-width

-show *boolean*
Whether to show actual character or "*" in entry.

Entry Indices: *number, anchor, end, insert, sel.first, sel.last, @x-coord*

Entry Widget Commands

entry bbox *index*
Returns bounding box of character given by *index*.
entry delete *first [last]*
Delete characters from *first* through character just before *last*.
entry get
Returns the entry's string.
entry icursor *index*
Display insertion cursor just before character at *index*.
entry index *index*
Returns the numerical index corresponding to *index*.
entry insert *index string*
Insert *string* just before character at *index*.
entry scan *option args*
See Widget Scroll Commands above.