Amazon Reader

Operation

Amazon Reader is a program for reading a spreadsheet file formatted to hold Amazon purchase information with each row indicating an item that was purchased and the columns representing pertanent information about the the order. It allows the user to then read in from the system clipboard web pages that are clipped from the Amazon orders site and then extracts the desired information from them, and places that data into the appropriate columns of spreadsheet image, prior to saving the image back to the spreadsheet file. It also allows reading the text data from a PDF file containing the credit card charges from Amazon for the purchases and again marks the appropriate columns with the charge information to verify which items have been completed and which are still pending, along with the credit card file id that the charge information came from. This allows a semi-automated process for keeping track of the Amazon orders and their corresponding debits and credits that are charged to the credit card to verify there are no unknown charges received.

The program can be run in 3 different fashions, but for normal use of balancing the Amazon charges the GUI interface is used. This is performed by simply running the jar file with no arguments:

```
java -jar AmazonReader-1.2.jar
```

The command should be run from the parent directory of where all the spreadsheet files for Amazon are kept. This is because it also creates a Properties file that will keep track of the directories and settings selected, so that when you start the program it will automatically use those settings so you don't have to set them up again. The details of the Properties file will be explained in a later section.

The program also contains some additional test commands that run pieces of the code for test verification. These are not accessible from the GUI, but are provided by using Command-line Options. When running from the command line, the program will only perform the actions of the Options that are supplied on the command line. An example of this would be:

```
java -jar AmazonReader-1.2.jar -s testfile.ods -l 1 true -c clip1.txt -u -save
```

Note that multiple options (each option command starts with a '-' char) can be placed in a single command line. This command, for instance, would select the spreadsheet file 'testfile.ods' and load the 1st tab into memory while performing a verification that the header information contained in the file is valid. Then it would read in and parse the information from the clipboard file 'clip1.txt' (rather than reading directly from the clipboard) and update the the spreadsheet image with any new entries it gathered from it. It would then save the updated image back to the spreadsheet file.

For more extensive testing, it is rather cumbersome to write all the option commands you want to perform on a single command line. But because the command line operation executes the command options as given and then exits, there is no way to execute sequential commands where the next command depends on the previous command, unless each commad only depends on the state of the spreadsheet file and you make sure to save changes back to the file at the end of each command to make sure the next one gets those changes. This can be done, but is a slow process since it takes a several seconds for each saving and reloading of the spreadsheet file. This can be better accompplished by using the Program operation mode. In this mode, you create a script file of what you want to execute, then pass that as the only argument to the program. It will then execute all the program statements sequentially before exiting. There are also program flow statements that allow you to perform loops and conditionals, as well as variable parameters for manipulating any data captured and testing it for validation. The format for this operation is:

```
java -jar AmazonReader-1.2.jar -f myscript.scr
```

If you want to simply run the compiler on the script file to check for errors without actually executing any script statements, use the following format:

```
java -jar AmazonReader-1.2.jar -c myscript.scr
```

Properties File

The Properties file is a file that is used to keep track of settings that are made with the command options so that it can remember these settings from previous calls. It is created (and updated) when you run AmazonReader.jar and will be placed in the directory you execute the AmazonReader.jar file from (NOT where the jar file exists, but where you run the command from). This way, each location you execute from can have its own set of parameters that it remembers. The file is a hidden file in a hidden directory called: .amazonreader/site.properties. It contains a list of the settings to be maintained each time the program is run with each having 2 parts: the identifier tag and the value. An example file is as follows:

```
#---No Comment---
#Sun Mar 30 10:01:38 EDT 2025
MaxLenDescription=100
DebugFileOut=debug.log
MsgEnable=0x2F
PdfPath=/home/dan/Records/Finance/Credit_card_statements/2025/Chase_VISA_3996
SpreadsheetPath=/home/dan/Records/Finance/Amazon/Testing
SpreadsheetFile=NewTest.ods
SpreadsheetTab=0
TestPath=/home/dan/Records/Finance/Amazon/Testing
TestFileOut=test.log
```

Note that it contains a comment line that shows the last date and time the file was updated. Every time one of the settings is changed by the running program. The definitions are:

MaxLenDescription

Defines the maximum character length to allow for the Description field when extracting content from the clipboard to the spreadsheet.

(not set by any command, must be set manually)

DebugFileOut

Defines the file name to output debug messages to in GUI mode. The file path is set to the value of SpreadsheetPath. If none, output will go to standard out.

(not set by any command, must be set manually)

MsgEnable

Selects the debug messages that are enabled (set by the -debug option and when the message checkboxes are selected on the GUI panel)

PdfPath

Defines the path to read the PDF file from. If not defined, it will use the current directory. (set by the -pfile option and when the *Balance* button is pressed from the GUI to load the PDF file)

SpreadsheetPath

Defines the path to read the Spreadsheet file from. If not defined, it will use the current directory. (set by the -sfile option if an absolute path is specified and when *Select* button is pressed from the GUI)

SpreadsheetFile

Defines the name of the Spreadsheet file to read (set by the -sfile option and when *Select* button is pressed from the GUI)

SpreadsheetTab

Defines the starting tab number of the Spreadsheet file to load (0 for $1^{\mbox{\tiny st}}$ tab).

(set by the -tab option directly and and by the -update or -pfile options (or the GUI when *Update* or *Balance* buttons are pressed) when updating the spreadsheet from the Clipboard or PDF file.

TestPath

Defines the path of used for locating the script file to run and the base path for the TestFileOut and the File Commands. This allows you to run from a different directory than where the script resides. (set by the -tfile option)

TestFileOut

Defines the file name to output debug messages to when running from a program script. If blank or omitted, output is directed to stdout.

(set by the -ofile option)

Data Format Descriptions

The following indicates the format for the different categories of elements used in creating a program. The brown color represents hardcoded character values and green indicates one of the other defined data types. Braces { } can hold multiple values, each seperated by a pipe ('|') character. Optional elements are indicated by red type. If multiple occurrances of elements are permissable, a subscript will follow the bracket containing the number of the number of repititions allowed. Note that the braces, brackets, pipes and subscripts are not part of the format, they are just for conveying info about te format. Also, when an optional DblQuote or ParenLeft is used, the corresponding ending DblQuote or ParenRight must also be used.

Basic definitions

```
Printable
                 ASCII char 0x21 , 0x23 - 0x7E
                                                            (exclude space and double quote)
WS
                 { ASCII char 0x20 }<sub>1-N</sub>
                                                            (whitespace)
Underscore
                 { _ }
Dash
                 { - }
Comma
                 { , }
                 { " }
DblQuote
LParen
                 { ( }
RParen
                 { ) }
LBracket
                 { [ }
RBracket
                 { ] }
Math0p
                 { + | - | * | / | % }
Bit0p
                 { AND | OR | XOR | NOT | ROR | ROL }
                 { == | != | > | < | >= | <= }
CompSign
DecDigit
                 { 0-9 }
                 { 0-9 | A-F | a-f }
HexDigit
LowerAlpha
                 { a-z }
                 { A-Z }
UpperAlpha
Alpha
                 {UpperAlpha | LowerAlpha}
NumericHex
                 0x {HexDigit}<sub>1-8</sub>
NumericDec
                 - {DecDigit}<sub>1-10</sub>
NumericLong
                 - {DecDigit}<sub>1-19</sub>
UnquotedStr
                 {Printable}<sub>1-N</sub>
QuotedStr
                 " {Printable | WS}<sub>0-N</sub> "
Simple Data type definitions
Boolean
                 { TRUE | FALSE | true | false | 1 | 0 }
Integer
                 {NumericLong | NumericDec | NumericHex | ParamRef}
                 {NumericDec | NumericHex | ParamRef}
Unsigned
                 {UnquotedStr | QuotedStr | ParamRef}
String
Multi-element Data type definitions
                                          (whitespace is ignored between elements)
IntArray
                 Integer \{ , Integer \}_{\theta-N}
StrArray
                 String \{ , String \}_{0-N}
```

Left-side entity definitions

```
Cmd
                   {UpperAlpha}<sub>1-N</sub>
                                                                                       (from a defined list)
                   - LowerAlpha {LowerAlpha | DecDigit}<sub>1-N</sub>
                                                                                       (from a defined list)
Option
                   {Alpha} {Alpha | DecDigit | }0-19
ParamName<sub>STR</sub>
ParamName<sub>INT</sub>
                   I_ {Alpha | DecDigit | _ }<sub>1-18</sub>
ParamName<sub>UNS</sub>
                   U_ {Alpha | DecDigit | _ }<sub>1-18</sub>
ParamName<sub>BOOL</sub>
                   B_ {Alpha | DecDigit | _ }<sub>1-18</sub>
                   L_ {Alpha | DecDigit | _ }<sub>1-18</sub>
ParamName<sub>SARR</sub>
                   A_ {Alpha | DecDigit | _{-} }<sub>1-18</sub>
ParamName<sub>IARR</sub>
Right-side entity definitions
ParamValue
                   {Integer | Unsigned | Boolean | String | IntArray | StrArray}
ParamRef
                   $ ParamName
                   $ ParamName<sub>STR</sub> [ NumericDec [ - NumericDec ] ]
                                                                                                 (returns partial String)
                   $ ParamNamesarr [ NumericDec ]
                                                                                                 (returns String entry)
                   $ ParamName<sub>TARR</sub> [ NumericDec ]
                                                                                                 (returns Integer entry)
                   $ { ParamName<sub>str</sub> | ParamName<sub>sarr</sub> | ParamName<sub>iarr</sub> }.LENGTH
                                                                                                 (returns Integer length)
                   $ { ParamName<sub>STR</sub> | ParamName<sub>SARR</sub> | ParamName<sub>IARR</sub> }.ISEMPTY
                                                                                                 (returns Boolean)
                   $ ParamName<sub>STR</sub> . { UPPER | LOWER }
                                                                                                 (returns converted String)
                   $ ParamName<sub>SARR</sub> . { FIRST | LAST }
                                                                                                 (returns String entry)
                   $ ParamName<sub>IARR</sub> . { FIRST | LAST }
                                                                                                 (returns Integer entry)
CalcSegment
                   ( Integer {MathOp Integer}<sub>1-8</sub> )
                                                                                                 (for Integers)
                   ( Unsigned { {MathOp | BitOp} Unsigned}<sub>1-8</sub> )
                                                                                                                    (for Unsigned)
Calculation
                   { (\{CalcSegment\}) \}_{1-8}
                   Calculation CompSign Calculation
Comparison
Command line formats
                             (whitespace is ignored between elements in a command)
General cmd
                            {ParamValue}<sub>0-N</sub>
                   {Cmd}
FOR cmd
                   F0R
                             ParamName = Integer ; CmpSign ParamValue ; Integer
IF cmd
                   ΙF
                             ParamName CompSign ParamValue
WHILE cmd
                   WHILE
                            ParamName CompSign ParamValue
OptCommand
                   RUN
                            { Option {ParamValue}<sub>0-N</sub> }<sub>0-N</sub>
                   SET
                            ParamName = Calculation
Assignment
```

Command Line Mode

Command-line Options are defined for performing some of the Amazon Logger actions. Some have associated arguments and others do not, but all are denoted by beginning with a '-' character. This is because they are also available as command line arguments as well as being used in a program script. They can be concatenated in a command line. That is, you can place more than one command line option in one line of the script. In the *Option* command list that follows, the list of arguments is indicated and each argument will begin with a character and an underscore (_). The leading character of the argument name will indicate the data type of the argument allowed.

Note that all files are referenced from the current test path that is specified in the Properties file. The definitions for the data types above are:

U – Unsigned integer 32-bit

I − Integer 64-bit (signed)

B – Boolean (true or false, or 1 for true and 0 for false)

S – String

L − List of Strings (array)

A – Array of Integers

-debug *U* flags

Sets the debug messages that are enabled. Note that the ERROR and WARN messages are always enabled, regardless of the debug flag value. Also, ERROR conditions will terminate the program without completing any further operations. The default value for the message selection will be pulled from the MsgEnable entry in the Properties file entry, so it will remember the last value that was set, as long as you run from the same directory.

The following is a list of the errors:

| Name | Hex value | Dec value | GUI color | GUI font | Description |
|---------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|---------------------------------------|
| NORMAL | 0×0001 | 1 | Black | Normal | Changes made to spreadsheet |
| PARSER | 0×0002 | 2 | Blue | Italic | Parser status conditions |
| SSHEET | 0×0004 | 4 | Green | Italic | Spreadsheet status conditions |
| INFO | 0×0008 | 8 | Dk Violet | Normal | Web clip and PDF file processing info |
| PR0PS | 0×0010 | 16 | Gold | Italic | Properties file changes |
| PROGRAM | 0×0020 | 32 | Dk Violet | Normal | Program interface messages |
| COMPILE | 0×0040 | 64 | Dk Violet | Normal | Compiler messages |
| VARS | 0×0080 | 128 | Dk Violet | Normal | Variable assignment messages |
| DEBUG | 0×0800 | 2048 | Brown | Normal | Low-level debugging details |
| WARN | 0×4000 | 16384 | 0range | Bold | Non-fatal warnings |
| ERR0R | 0×8000 | 32768 | Red | Bold | Fatal errors |

Examples:

To enable only the PROGRAM, DEBUG, and PROPS flags, this would have a combined value of 0x20 + 0x800 + 0x10 = 0x830 or decimal 2096, so you could do either of the following:

-debug 0x830

-debug 2096

-sfile *S* file

Sets the Spreadsheet filename to load (must be an .ods file). This value gets saved to the SpreadsheetFile entry in the Properties file entry, so it will use this last setting when you start AmazonReader if you omit sending this command. The filename can either be absolute or relative. If you specify the directory by giving the absolute pathname (it must start with either the '/' or the '~' character, where '/' specifies the root path and '~' specifies the home directory), the path portion of the name will be saved in SpreadsheetPath and the remainder in SpreadsheetFile in the Properties file. If no entry is found for SpreadsheetPath in the Properties file or no Properties file currently exists, and if the absolute path was not specified in the command, the current user directory (where the jar command is being invoked from) will be used as the path to base the file selection on.

-load **U** numTabs **B** chkHeader

Loads the selected Spreadsheet file tabs into memory (if chkHeader true, verify the header format is valid and classify the columns for use). All operation work on this *image*.

-tab <u>U_</u>tab

Sets the tab of the current Spreadsheet to use in operations

-cfile **S** file

Reads the Clipboard file selection (uses a file instead of clipboard in reading Amazon orders). This uses the TestPath path from the Properties file to base the path on if the file is specified as a relative path. If this entry is not found in the Properties file or no Properties file currently exists the current user directory (where the jar command is being invoked from) will be used as the path to base the file selection on.

-clip B_strip

Reads the system clipboard and saves the lines in \$RESPONSE array. If the optional <code>B_strip</code> argument is given, a value of TRUE will cause it to strip all leading and trailing whitespace from the lines and will eliminate any empty lines. By default, the clipboard contents will not be modified.

-update

Updates the spreadsheet from the clipboards

-pfile **S_**file

Selects and loads the PDF file to read and saves the non-empty lines in \$RESPONSE array. The directory portion of the value gets saved to the PdfPath entry in the Properties file entry, so it will use this last setting when you start AmazonReader if you omit sending this command. If no absolute path is specified, it will be relative to the PdfPath in the Properties file. If this entry is not found in the Properties file or no Properties file currently exists the current user directory (where the jar command is being invoked from) will be used as the path to base the file selection on.

-prun

Processes the PDF file loaded by the -p option to read and mark off the items processed in the spreadsheet image

-ofile *S* file

Sets the file to output the debug messages to (*S_file* is optional: if omitted, msgs go to stdout)

-tpath S_path

Sets the location of where the script file is to be executed from (in case you are running from a different directory than the script file) and where the debug output file and the File Commands are referenced from. (*S_path* is optional: if omitted, the current user directory you are executing from will be used)

-save

Saves the current image info to the spreadsheet file and reloads the file back into memory

-date L dateFields

Converts the list of fields into a date (assumes the date is in the future if a relative date given)

This command will return the response in the \$RESPONSE array

-datep L dateFields

Converts the list of fields into a date (assumes the date was in the past if a relative date given)

This command will return the response in the \$RESPONSE array

-default **U** numTabs **B** chkHeader

Sets the Spreadsheet path, file and tab selections from the Properties File settings (which will be set to the last values previously used) and then loads the spreadsheet using the same arguments as the -l option. This keeps you from having to specify the -s and -t options every time you want to load a spreadsheet file.

-maxcol

Returns the number of columns defined in the current spreadsheet tab selection in the \$RESPONSE array

-maxrow

Returns the number of columns defined in the current spreadsheet tab selection in the \$RESPONSE array

-setsize **U**_cols **U**_rows

Resizes the spreadsheet image to the specified number of columns and rows

-find S orderNum

Finds the first row containing the specified Amazon Order Number and returns it in the \$RESPONSE array

-class **U** cols **U** rows

Gets the Class type of the cell in the current tab selection of the current spreadsheet image at the specified column and row location and returns it in the \$RESPONSE array

-color **U** cols **U** rows **U** Mocolor

Sets the background color of the specified spreadsheet image cell location to the specified color of the month (*U_Mocolor* must be a value from 1 to 12 for the month, 0 for white, or -1 for black)

-RGB **U** cols **U** rows **U** RGBcolor

Sets the background color of the specified spreadsheet image cell location to the specified RGB color (6 hex digits representing 2 digits Red, 2 digits Green, 2 digits Blue)

-HSB <u>U_cols</u> <u>U_rows</u> <u>U_HSBcolor</u>

Sets the background color of the specified spreadsheet image cell location to the specified color of the month (6 hex digits representing 2 digits Hue, 2 digits Saturation, 2 digits Brightness)

-cellclr **U** cols **U** rows

Clears the text contained at the specified cell location of the current spreadsheet image

-cellget **U**_cols **U**_rows

Gets the text data contained in the specified cell location of the current spreadsheet image and returns it in the \$RESPONSE parameter

-cellput <u>U_cols</u> <u>U_rows</u> <u>S_text</u>

Sets the text at the specified cell location of the current spreadsheet image to the fields specified

-rowget **U** col **U** row **U** count

Gets the text data contained in the specified number of cells in the selected row starting from the specified column and returns it in the \$RESPONSE array. The row will be U_row and the columns will be from U_rol to U_rol + U_rount .

```
-colget <u>U_col U_row U_count</u>
```

Gets the text data contained in the specified number of cells in the selected column starting from the specified row and returns it in the \$RESPONSE array. The column will be U_{col} and the rows will be from U_{row} to U_{row} + U_{count} .

```
-rowput <u>U_col U_row L_array</u>
```

Sets the text data contained in the row of cells to the data contained in the array. The first entry in the array will be placed at \underline{U} _row, \underline{U} _col and the last entry at \underline{U} _row, \underline{U} _col + sizeof(\underline{L} _array) - 1.

```
-colput U_col U_row L_array
```

Sets the text data contained in the column of cells to the data contained in the array. The first entry in the array will be placed at <code>U_row</code> , <code>U_col</code> and the last entry at <code>U_row</code> + sizeof(<code>L_array</code>) - 1, <code>U_col</code>.

```
-rowcolor <u>U_col U_row A_array</u>
```

Sets the background color of the row of cells to the data contained in the array. The first entry in the array will be placed at <u>U_row</u>, <u>U_col</u> and the last entry at <u>U_row</u>, <u>U_col</u> + sizeof(<u>A_array</u>) - 1.

```
-colcolor <u>U_col U_row A_array</u>
```

Sets the background color of the column of cells to the data contained in the array. The first entry in the array will be placed at U_row , U_col and the last entry at U_row + sizeof(A_array) - 1, U_col .

Program Mode

Statements

A program conssts of a series of statements, some of which are for performing specific actions, some are for control of the program flow, and others are for documenting the operation being performed.

There are 4 types of statements that are allowed:

- Comments
- Command-line Options (see previous section for details)
- Program Commands
- Parameter Assignments

Comments

Comments are any statements that begin with the '#' character (leading whitespace is allowed). You can also add a comment at the end of a command line by placing "##" characters at the beginning of the comment section. Comments are ignored by the compiler.

Program Commands

Note that the program commands are always uppercase only. Optional arguments are indicated in red. If there are different types of arguments that are allowed, they will be enclosed in braces { } and separated by the pipe character, |. Multiple repititions of arguments are represented by a subscript of the number of occurrances allowed.

```
DEFINE ParamName, ParamName<sub>0-N</sub>
```

Defines one or more parameters to be used in the script. Parameters are comma separated if more than one is defined and should be enclosed in braces. All parameters must be defined before they can be used. Note that the parameter names define their type, so refer to the Parameters section for more details. *Integer* and *Unsigned* types are initialized to 0, *Boolean* types to FALSE, *Strings* to and empty String, and *Array* types to an empty array.

Refer to the Parameter Assignment statement for details (SET keyword is optional). Note that if you don't use quotes to enclose a String value, you must confine it to a single word (no spaces). Also, the Variable names are

expressed on the left side of the equals sign do not use the '\$' character, but must be used on the right side. It is meant to indicate it is a *reference* to a variable.

Examples:

```
SET String1 = SingleWord
SET String2 = "hello world!"
B_Status = TRUE
A_NumericArray = { 143, -22, 777, 0xFFFF, 999, 222, 87654, -12 }
I_ROW = ($STRVAL % 25) - (40 + (6 * ($I_COL + 5) / 10)) * -3 - 8
```

RUN Option

This will run the specified Command Option (or Options, as it can have sequential options in a single command). Refer to the *Command Line Mode* section for more information of the Command Options.

Examples:

```
RUN -s TestSheet.ods
RUN -colput $I_COL $I_ROW { 100, 200, 300, 400, 500 }

IF { ParamName_INT | ParamName_UNS } CompSign Calculation

IF { ParamName_STR } CompSign { ParamName_STR | String }

IF { NOT | ! } { ParamName_BOOL | Comparison | Boolean }
```

This is the basic conditional statement. It will verify whether the expression is true or not. If so, the program proceeds to the next command line. If it is not true, it will proceed to the next ELSE, ELSEIF or ENDIF statement it finds. The <code>CompSign</code> value is one of <code>{ ==, !=, >=, <=, >, <}</code>. The <code>Calculation</code> is an algebraic statement that can be composed of parameters, numbers, operations and parantheses. The operations allowed are: <code>{ +, -, *, /, *}</code>. For String comparisons, it will only take a String value (quoted if more than a single word) or another String parameter. Boolean comparisons take either a Boolean parameter, Boolean value, or a comparison expression that will equate to a <code>TRUE</code> or <code>FALSE</code> condition. Using a discrete <code>TRUE</code> or <code>FALSE</code> value will allow forcing it to always or never branch, which can allow temporarily branch forcing during testing.

If the condition was met and the code following the IF statement is executed, it will continue to execute sequential commands until it gets to an ELSE or ELSEIF statement, which will cause it to jump to the next ENDIF statement. IF statements can also be nested inside each other.

Examples:

```
IF $A_NumArray[20] >= 730  ## checks the value of the 21<sup>st</sup> entry of the numeric array
IF $A_NumArray.SIZE < 10  ## checks if the numeric array has less than 10 entries
IF $String1 == $String2  ## checks if the 2 String variables are equal
IF $B_Flag  ## checks if the Boolean variable is TRUE
IF $L_STRArray.ISEMPTY  ## checks if the String array is empty (0 elements)</pre>
```

ELSEIF ParamName CompSign Calculation

This is the same as the IF statement in operation, but as an alternate condition if the previous IF or ELSEIF condition was not met. If the previous condition was met, this will cause the program to jump to the next ENDIF statement. Otherwise, it will test the new condition to see if this one is valid or not. If valid, program flow will continue with the subsequent line. Otherwise, it will search for the next ELSE or ELSEIF statement.

```
IF $I_Count >= 730
        I_Count -= 100
ELSEIF $I_Count >= 220
        I_Count += 100
ELSE
        I_Count += 10
ENDIF
```

ELSE

This takes no arguments and performs no action. It is simply a marker for where to redirect program flow if the condition wasn't met, and an indication to jump to the ENDIF if the previous condition was met. This also completes the conditionals, so there can be no further ELSE or ELSEIF following this command for the current IF level.

ENDIF

This takes no arguments and performs no action. It is simply a marker for where to jump to when the previous conditions have concluded.

```
FOR ParamName = InitValue ; CompSign EndValue ; StepValue
```

This allows a series of commands to be repeated for a specified number of times. It has 3 argument sections, each seperated by a semicolon. The format of the arguments is given by the ForParams entry in the *Data Format Descriptions* section. The first is the loop parameter name followed by and equals sign and the *InitValue* to initialize it to for its first pass through the loop. This can be either a hard-coded value or a parameter reference. The second section specifies the *EndValue* for the loop parameter – in other words, when this condition is met the loop will be exited. The *CompSign* value is one of { ==, !=, >=, <=, >, < }. The third and final section specifies *StepValue*, the increment size of the loop parameter (how much to add to it after each loop) and is optional. This value can be a positive or negative value and can also be a parameter reference. If omitted, the step size is an increase of 1. The loop name follows the same rules as for the String parameter, but must be different than any parameter name. Loops can also be nested, but the loop parameter name must be different for each loop. The loop parameter name can be reused once outside its current loop. Note that the loop will not run at all if the *InitValue* exceeds the conditions of the *EndValue*.

Examples:

```
FOR I_Index = 1 ; <= 10 ; 1  ## will perform 10 iterations
    IF $I_Count >= $I_Index
        PRINT $I_Count  ## if I_Count >= I_Index, will print value of I_Count
        BREAK  ## then will go to ENDFOR statement to exit loop
    ELSEIF $I_Count < 10
        CONTINUE  ## if I_Count < 10, will go to NEXT statement
    ENDIF
NEXT  ## adds 1 to I_Index and return to FOR statement
ENDFOR  ## ends the loop & proceeds to subsequent statement</pre>
```

BRFAK

This is used within the most recent FOR loop and will cause the program to jump to the next ENDFOR statement.

CONTINUE

This is used within the most recent FOR loop and will cause the program to jump to the following NEXT command, which will increase the loop parameter by the *StepValue* and then test to see if the *EndValue* condition has been met. If so, it will jump to the next ENDFOR statement, otherwise it will jump back to the beginning of the loop.

NEXT

This is used within the most recent FOR loop and will cause the program to increase the loop parameter by the *StepValue* and then test to see if the *EndValue* condition has been met. If so, it will jump to the next ENDFOR statement, otherwise it will jump back to the beginning of the loop.

ENDFOR

This takes no arguments and performs no action. It is simply a marker for where to jump to when the loop has completed.

Array-only commands

These commands are only available to *StrArray* and *IntArray* parameters.

```
INSERT ParamName<sub>SARR</sub> String
INSERT ParamName<sub>IARR</sub> Integer
```

This command will insert the specified value at the beginning of the array.

```
APPEND ParamName<sub>SARR</sub> String

APPEND ParamName<sub>IARR</sub> Integer
```

This command will append the specified value at the end of the array.

```
MODIFY ParamName<sub>SARR</sub> DecValue String
MODIFY ParamName<sub>IARR</sub> DecValue Integer
```

This command will change the entry value at the index specified by *DecValue* to the specified value. It will cause an error to occur if the index value exceeds the size of the array.

```
REMOVE { ParamName<sub>SARR</sub> | ParamName<sub>IARR</sub> } DecValue
```

This command will remove the selected index entry from the array. It will cause an error to occur if the index value exceeds the size of the array.

```
TRUNCATE { ParamName_sarr | ParamName_sarr } DecValue
```

This command will remove the specified number of entries from the end of the array. If the value exceeds the size of the array, it will remove all entries from the array. The number of entries can be omitted, in which case it will only remove the last entry.

```
POP { ParamName<sub>SARR</sub> | ParamName<sub>IARR</sub> } DecValue
```

This command will remove the specified number of entries from the beginning of the array. If the value exceeds the size of the array, it will remove all entries from the array. The number of entries can be omitted, in which case it will only remove the first entry.

```
CLEAR { ParamName<sub>SARR</sub> | ParamName<sub>IARR</sub> | RESPONSE }
```

This command will remove all entries from the specified array. Note that this command will also accept RESPONSE as a parameter name.

```
FILTER ParamName<sub>SARR</sub> Filter { !, !LEFT, !RIGHT, LEFT, RIGHT }

FILTER ParamName<sub>IARR</sub> CompSign Value

FILTER RESET
```

This command will set a filter to eliminate entries from being listed when the .FILTER extension is added to the variable name. The filter is stackable in that multiple passes of filters can be applied to filter the results. Using the RESET will reset the filter to not eliminate anything. For String Arrays, you can search for onlt entries that have a <code>Filter</code> string contained in them. The optional argument allows only matching the first (<code>LEFT</code>) or the last (<code>RIGHT</code>) characters of the string. Also a <code>!</code> char can be used to block the selected entries instead of passing them. For Integer Arrays it works the same except it is only passing values that match the numeric comparison. Note that if you have 2 arrays of the same length, they can use the same filter, allowing you to have 2 arrays that are associated with each other (such as item description and cost columns of a spreadsheet) and filter both arrays with the same data.

File commands

These commands perform actions on the I/O (files or console output). Note that all file references will be relative to the directory specified by *TestPath* in the Properties file, or from the execution directory if *TestPath* is not found.

PRINT String

This command will output the specified text to the console (can include parameter references using \$).

DIRECTORY Path { -f | -d }

This command will return the directory information of *Path* (relative to the TestPath) in \$RESPONSE. Optionally allows - *f* to only return files or - *d* to only return directories. Default is to return both.

FEXISTS Filename { EXISTS | READABLE | WRITABLE | DIRECTORY }

This command will test whether the specified filename exists and will return a TRUE if so and a FALSE if not in the \$STATUS parameter. Optionally you can specify whether to test whether the entry is a readable or writable file, or a directory. By default, it simply tests if the file or directory name exists.

FDELETE Filename

This command will delete the specified file, if it exists. An error will be reported if the file does not exist.

FCREATER Filename

This command will create the specified file and open it for reading. If a file is already open or already exists, it will report an error.

FCREATEW Filename

This command will create the specified file and open it for writing. If a file is already open or already exists, it will report an error.

FOPENR Filename

This command will open the specified file for reading. If a file is already open or does not exist, it will report an error.

FOPENW Filename

This command will open the specified file for writing. If a file is already open or does not exist, it will report an error.

FCLOSE Filename

This command will close the specified file. It will report an error if the file is not currently open.

FREAD Unsigned

This command will read the specified number of lines from the currently opened Read file and place the contents in the \$RESPONSE array, each index entry receiving 1 line. If there is no file currently open for reading, it will indicate an error.

FWRITE String

This command will append the specified String as a line to the end of the currently opened Write file. If there is no file currently open for writing, it will indicate an error.

Parameter Assignments

Sets a parameter to the specified value. The value can be a concrete entry (such as 125 or "hello") or can be a parameter or a formula such as (RESULT * 4) + 23. Note that parameters in the formula must all be preceded with a '\$' and care must be taken to only assign numeric entries to the numeric parameters (I_U and I_U). If a String parameter value is assigned, it must contain a valid numeric value, or an error will occur. This is equivalent to the Parameter Assignment statement (SET keyword is optional). The following shows some examples:

```
Profit = "5000"

I_Value = ($U_Cost + $I_Tax) * ($Profit + 20)

I_Index = 22
```

The only assignments that can be done with String parameters is assignment to a concrete value, a String parameter (or portion of a String parameter using the bracketed version), or a concatenation of either concrete or parameter values using the '+' sign.

```
DisplayVal = "Hello"
Person = "everybody!"
Greeting = $DisplayVal + " " + $Person
```

Variables

Variables are a feature that allows data to be collected, manipulated, reported and used to allow commands to be issued with dynamically changing values. The format of all variable names must begin with an alpha character (A-Z or a-z) and be composed of only alphanumeric characters and the underscore character. All variables are case sensitive (Hench Param1 and param1 are distinctly different names). When defining a variable, you simply use the name of the variable to defined followed by an '=' sign and then the value to assign to it. When using a variable in a command (or as the right-hand field of an assignment) you must preceed the name with a '\$' character to indicate you are specifying a variable and not a String value.

There are 6 types of variables that can be defined:

- *Integer* they are 64-bit signed values defined by the name starting with "I_"
- *Unsigned* they are 32-bit unsigned values defined by the name starting with "U"
- Boolean they are TRUE or FALSE values defined by the name starting with "B"
- String they are defined by default, the name starts with anything other than I_, U_, B_, A_ or L_.
- IntArray they are an array of Integer types that are defined by the name starting with "A_"
- StrArray they are an array of String types that are defined by the name starting with "L"

Booleans

Booleans consist of the values *TRUE* or *FALSE* (or *true* / *false*). If an *Integer* value is assigned to it, a 0 will be converted to FALSE and a 1 will be converted to TRUE, with any other value causing an error. If a *String* value is assigned to it, it must be composed of either the values TRUE or FALSE (case insensitive) or a numeric value that will again be interpreted as FALSE for 0 and TRUE otherwise. No operations are valid for *Booleans*, but it can take a *String* or *Integer* comparison value that returns a *Boolean* result.

```
B_Value = TRUE
B_Value = $I_Value > 75
```

Integer

Integers consist of either an optional sign followed by numeric digits, or "x" or "0x" followed by hexadecimal digits. If hexadecimal digits are represented, the value is taken as an unsigned 32-bit integer value having a range of 0x000000000 to 0xFFFFFFFF. A String variable can be assigned to an Integer variable only if it follows the previous rule mentioned on the requirements for an Integer value. Boolean variables can be assigned to an Integer variable where a TRUE value will be converted to a 1 and FALSE to a 0. The following operations are allowed for Integers: { +, -, *, /, % }.

Operations

The operations for *Integers* work as follows:

- + Addition
- Subtraction
- * Multiplication
- / Integer division (truncates result)
- % Modulus (get remainder of integer division

The operators are used as Parameter = Value1 OP Value2, where Parameter is the variable being modified, op is the specified operation and Value can either be a discreet *Integer* value or a Variable having an *Integer* value. The equation can consist of multiple operations as well as parenthesis for forcing the order they are performed in. The calculation uses the standard order of operations: Parenthesis first, followed by math, division and modulus (from left to right), followed by addition and subtraction (from left to right).

```
I_Value = 127 * $I_Mult
I FlaqBits = 0x007F
```

Unsigned

Unsigned variables consist of either numeric digits, or "x" or "0x" followed by hexadecimal digits. If hexadecimal digits are represented, the value is taken as an unsigned 32-bit integer value having a range of 0x00000000 to 0xFFFFFFFF. Integer values can be assigned to an Unsigned variable, but will be truncated to 32-bits and treated as an unsigned value. String variables can be assigned to an Unsigned variable only if they follow the previous rule mentioned on the requirements for an Unsigned value. Boolean variables can be assigned to an Unsigned variable where a TRUE value will be converted to a 1 and FALSE to a 0. The following operations are allowed for Unsigned: { +, -, *, /, % } and the following additional bitwise operators: { AND, OR, XOR, ROL, ROR } and the '!' char can be placed in front of either a variable, a numeric value, or a parenthesized block to invert the result.

Operations

The operations for *Unsigned* are the same as for *Integers* as listed above.

The additional bitwise operators are used as follows (Note: the value must be an unsigned 32-bit value and the result of the operation will always keep the result as an unsigned 32-bit value):

! Invert all 1's and 0's of the value following it
AND value bitwise AND with value

OR value bitwise OR with value

XOR value bitwise exclusive-OR with value

ROL *bits* Rotate bits left by specified amount of *bits* (for N = 1 to 31, bit_N gets bit_{N-1} and bit₀ gets bit₃₁ value) ROR *bits* Rotate bits right by specified amount of *bits* (for N = 0 to 30, bit_N gets bit_{N+1} and bit₃₁ gets bit₀ value)

```
I_Value = 127 * $I_Mult
I FlagBits XOR= 0x007F
```

String

Strings consist of any ASCII printable character (values 0x20 - 0x7E), which may be enclosed in double quotes. If the String is to consist of multiple words, that is, some spaces will be included in it, you MUST enclose the String with quotes. If it is a single word, the quotes are optional. *Integers* and *Booleans* can be assigned to a *String* variable (the Boolean value will be converted to "TRUE" or "FALSE"). Operations that are allowed for *Strings*: { +, CONCAT, TRUNCL, TRUNCR, LENGTH, UPPER, LOWER, SUB }.

Operations

The operations allowed for *Strings* are as follows:

+ *StrVal* Concatenate StrVal to the right of the current *String* value

Extensions

Extensions are additions that can be placed on the end of a variable on the right side of a calculation, assignment, or comparison.

.UPPER Converts the *String* to all uppercase characters .LOWER Converts the *String* to all lowercase characters

.SIZE returns *Integer* length the *String*

.ISEMPTY returns Boolean TRUE if the the String is empty, FALSE otherwise

Examples

MyString = FirstMyString is now: FirstMyString = \$MyString + SecondMyString is now: FirstSecondMyString = \$MyString.TRUNCL 2MyString is now: rstSecondMyString = \$MyString.UPPERMyString is now: RSTSECONDI_Length = \$MyString.LENGTHI_Lemgth is now: 9

IntArray

IntArrays consist of a comma series of 0 or more *Integer* values enclosed in braces. You can access (read or modify) any entry in the *IntArray* using the square brackets with the numeric index (starting at 0), such as I Value = **\$A** Table [6] to get the 7th value in the array and assign it to the variable I Value. If an assignment is done to an *Integer* or the use in a command requires a Integer instead of an IntArray and the variable is an IntArray type, only the 1st element will be used from the *IntArray* (element [0]).

Operations

INSERT ParamName Integer

These are commands that are only supported by the array type variables. They are used like the other program commands in that the command comes first, followed by the variable name it applies to, followed by any other additional parameters.

inserts Integer at beginning of ParamName array APPEND ParamName Integer appends Integer to end of ParamName array modifies the Index entry in ParamName array to the value of Integer MODIFY ParamName Index Integer removes the Index entry from ParamName array REMOVE ParamName Index removes Integer entries from the end of ParamName array (default to 1 entry) TRUNCATE ParamName Integer

POP ParamName Integer removes Integer entries from the start of ParamName array (default to 1 entry)

Extensions

Extensions are additions that can be placed on the end of a variable on the right side of a calculation, assignment, or comparison.

The extensions for *IntArrays* work as follows:

returns Integer value of the specified index entry [index] .SIZE returns *Integer* number of entries in the *IntArray*

returns Boolean TRUE if the the IntArray is empty, FALSE otherwise .ISEMPTY .FILTER returns IntArray that has entries filtered by the FILTER command

Examples

A_Table1 = { 22, 25, 27, 29 } A_Table1 is now: 22 25 27 29 A_Table2 is now: 10 16 A_Table2 = \$I_Values 16 A_Table1.REMOVE A_Table1 is now: 22 25 27 A_Table2.PUSH \$RESPONSE A_Table2 is now: 29 10 16

StrArray

StrArrays consist of a comma-separated series of 0 or more String formatted words enclosed in braces. You can access (read or modify) any entry in the StrArray using the square brackets with the numeric index (starting at 0), such as StrValue = \$L_Table[3] to get the 4^h value in the StrArray and assign it to the variable StrValue. The individual String element returned from a [x] nomenclature follows the same rules as any other String. If an assignment is done to a String or the use in a command requires a String instead of a StrArray and the variable is a StrArray type, only the 1st element will be used from the StrArray (element [0]). If the command requires or allows a StrArray type, using the StrArray name will supply the entire list of entries. The valid operations for StrArrays are: { ADD, REMOVE, PUSH, POP, SIZE, ISEMPTY, LIST }.

IntArrays and *StrArrays* can also be assigned to a *Boolean* variable using the element selection [x] to identify which element is being referred to (or will default to the 1st element).

When parameters are referenced in an assignment to a variable or in a command as a replacement for a value, they must be preceded by the '\$' character to indicate this. If the variable is not found and the assignment is to a *String* or *StrArray* parameter, the value will be accepted at face value. That is, if the command **StrParam** = **\$NotFound** is used and **NotFound** is not a defined parameter, the value of StrParam will be "\$NotFound".

Operations

These are commands that are only supported by the array type variable. They are used like the other program commands in that the command comes first, followed by the variable name it applies to, followed by any other additional parameters.

INSERT ParamName String inserts String at beginning of ParamName array

APPEND ParamName String appends String to end of ParamName array modifies the Index entry in ParamName array to the value of String

REMOVE ParamName Index removes the Index entry from ParamName array

TRUNCATE ParamName Integer removes Integer entries from the end of ParamName array (default to 1 entry)

POP ParamName Integer removes Integer entries from the start of ParamName array (default to 1 entry)

Extensions

Extensions are additions that can be placed on the end of a parameter on the right side of a calculation, assignment, or comparison.

The operations for *StrArrays* work as follows:

[index] returns String value of the specified index entry

.SORT returns the StrArray alphabetically sorted (note: A-Z comes before a-z)

.REVERSE returns the StrArray in reverse order

.SIZE returns Integer number of entries in the StrArray

.ISEMPTY returns Boolean TRUE if the the StrArray is empty, FALSE otherwise

.FILTER returns StrArray that has entries filtered by the FILTER command

```
L_Table1 = { This is a StrArray sample }

L_Table2 = Silly

MODIFY L_Table1 3 $L_Table2

L_Table2 is now: This is a StrArray sample

L_Table1 is now: Silly

L_Table1 is now: This is a Silly sample

L_Table2 is now:

L_Table2 is now:

L_Table2 is now:

L_Table2 is now:

L_Table2 is now:
```

Reserved Variables

There are several pre-defined variables that can be used on the right-side of equations or as arguments to commands. These give access to some common information that can be useful:

\$RESPONSE

This is defined as a StrArray type and is set from several of the commands as a way of returning String and multi-string response values to the script. The commands that do this are:

| DIRECTORY | multi-entry | returns the directory contents |
|-----------|-------------|--|
| -clip | multi-entry | returns the clipboard file lines (one line per array entry) |
| -pfile | multi-entry | returns the PDF file lines (one line per array entry) |
| -date | 1 entry | returns the formatted date (assumes future date if a relative day was given) |
| -datep | 1 entry | returns the formatted date (assumes past date if a relative day was given) |
| -maxcol | 1 entry | returns the max column size of spreadsheet loaded |
| -maxrow | 1 entry | returns the max row size of spreadsheet loaded |
| -find | 1 entry | returns the row of the item number found in spreadsheet |
| -class | 1 entry | returns the |
| -cellget | 1 entry | returns the currents cell contents) |
| -cellclr | 1 entry | returns the previous cell contents before clearing entry |
| -cellput | 1 entry | returns the previous cell contents before writing new value |
| -colget | multi-entry | returns the contents of the column read |
| -rowget | multi-entry | returns the contents of the row read |

It allows the same options as the StrArray parameters – that is, you can use [brackets] to select a specific String entry and the following Extensions are allowed:

.SIZE

.ISEMPTY

Note that the values are always appended to the current array contents. If you want only the data from a single command, you must first clear the \$RESPONSE netry before issuing the command. This parameter can be cleared with the command:

CLEAR \$RESPONSE

\$STATUS

This is defined as an Boolean type and is set by the following commands:

FEXISTS returns the the status of command (TRUE or FALSE)

\$RANDOM

This is defined as an Unsigned type and returns a random number between 0 and the MaxRandom value. The MaxRandom value is initially set to 1000000000. The value generated will be a value >= 0 and < MaxRandom. The MaxRandom value can be changed by the command:

RANDOM = UnsignedValue

\$TIME

This is defined as an String type and returns the current time formatted as: HH:MM:SS.mmm

\$DATE

This is defined as an String type and returns the current time formatted as: YYYY-MM-DD

It allows the the following Extensions:

```
.DAY returns a String of the Day of the Week as a name (e.g. MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, etc) .MONTH returns a String of the Month of the Year as a name (e.g. APRIL, AUGUST, etc) .DOW returns an Unsigned value of Day of the Week (range: 1-7, where 1=MONDAY) .DOM returns an Unsigned value of Day of the Month (range: 1-31Y) .DOY returns an Unsigned value of Day of the Year (range: 1-366) .MOY returns an Unsigned value of Month of the Year (range: 1-12)
```

Parameter Conversions

Boolean

Boolean parameters must be assigned a numeric value

Integer

Integer parameters must be assigned a numeric value

Unsigned

Unsigned parameters must be assigned a numeric value

String

String parameters must be assigned a numeric value

IntArray

IntArray parameters must be assigned a numeric value

StrArray

StrArray parameters must be assigned a numeric value