




MATLAB


IO display: high level functions

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input / output

- Interactive IO - display
 - Input
 - Displaying results




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Interactive IO




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input (command line)

- MATLAB has functions for the basic input of variables from the keyboard: command line and GUI
- `input`: gives the user the prompt in the text string and then waits for input from the keyboard
- Numeric input
 - `numVessels = input('Enter number of vessels: ')`
- String input (specify the string option)
 - The input is not evaluated; the characters are simply returned as a MATLAB characterstring.
 - `nameUser = input('Enter the user name: ', 's')`



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GUI input

- A set of predefined dialog boxes are available
- Check: <https://www.mathworks.com/help/matlab/predefined-dialog-boxes.html>
 - `inputdlg` Create and open input dialog box
 - `listdlg` Create and open list-selection dialog box
 - `msgbox` Create and open message box
 - `errordlg` Create and open error dialog box
 - `helpdlg` Create and open help dialog box
 - `uigetdir` Open standard dialog box for selecting directory
 - `uigetfile` Open standard dialog box for retrieving files

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GUI input

- Input is returned as a cell array
 - Extract data with `{}`
 - Numeric values are returned as text, use `str2double` to convert

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Displaying results

- MATLAB has functions for the formatted output of variables
- Display the results:
 - `disp`
 - `fprintf`
 - Formatted layout

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disp

- Display value of a workspace variable or text
 - `disp(variable_name)`
 - `disp('text as string')`

```
A = 10;  
A % no ;  
disp(A);  
disp('=====')
```

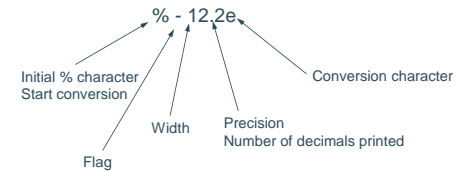
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fprintf

- `fprintf` allows for a formatted output:
- Syntax: `fprintf('format', variable(s)).`
 - **format** refers to the formatting of the data, its syntax is identical to that used in C.
`fprintf(fid, '%6.2f --- %12.8f\n', aa, ab)`
 - The **%** symbol signifies that a **variable** will be represented. All formatting must be contained within single quotes; therefore, all non-% symbol characters will appear directly.
 - **variable** is the name of the variable that will supply values to each %-symbol marker.
 - File: `io fprintf_screen.m`

fprintf: Format string



See: https://nl.mathworks.com/help/matlab/matlab_prog/formatting-strings.html

fprintf: Format string

- The format argument is a string containing C language conversion specifications.
- A conversion specification controls the notation, alignment, significant digits, field width, and other aspects of output format.
- Conversion specifications begin with the % character and contain these optional and required elements:
 - Flags (optional)
 - Width and precision fields (optional)
 - A subtype specifier (optional)
 - Conversion character (required)

Format string: flag

	Description	Example
A minus sign (-)	Left-justifies the converted argument in its field.	<code>%-5d</code>
A plus sign (+)	Always prints a sign character (+ or -).	<code> %+5d</code>
Zero (0)	Pad with zeros rather than spaces.	<code>%05d</code>

Format string: field width and precision specification

	Description	Example
Field width	A digit string specifying the minimum number of digits to be printed.	<code>%6f</code>
Precision	A digit string including a period (.) specifying the number of digits to be printed to the right of the decimal point.	<code>%6.2f</code>

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Format string: conversion character

Conversion	Description	Example
<code>%d,i</code>	Integer, decimal notation (signed)	<code>fprintf('%d', 32)</code>
<code>%u</code>	Integer, decimal notation (unsigned)	<code>fprintf('%u', 32)</code>
<code>%o</code>	Octal representation	<code>fprintf('%o', 32)</code>
<code>%x,X</code>	Hexadecimal representation	<code>fprintf('%x', 32)</code>
<code>%f</code>	Fixed point notation	<code>fprintf('%12.6f', -1/pi)</code>
<code>%e,E</code>	Exponential notation	<code>fprintf('%14.6e', -1/pi)</code>
<code>%g,G</code>	The more compact of <code>%e</code> or <code>%f</code>	<code>fprintf('%14.6g', -1/pi)</code>
<code>%s</code>	Series of non-white-space characters, string	<code>fprintf('%14s', 'Hello world')</code>
<code>%c</code>	Single character	<code>fprintf('%c', 'H')</code>

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Format string: escape character

Escape character	Description	Example
<code>\b</code>	Backspace	
<code>\f</code>	Form feed	
<code>\r</code>	Carriage return	
<code>\n</code>	New line	<code>fprintf('\nBHP %5.2f\n', 40.93)</code>
<code>\t</code>	Horizontal tab	
<code>\\</code>	Backslash	
<code>%%</code>	Percent character	<code>fprintf('Return = %5.2f%%', 6.8)</code>

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Hands-on

- File: `io_display.mlx`

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