# Notes

# Tcl/Tk Reference Guide

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# **Conventions**

 fixed
 denotes literal text.

 this
 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 newline
                  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
                  multi-dimensional array variable
var(i,j)
                  variable substitution (also ${var}xyz)
$var
                  command substitution
[expr 1+2]
\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
```

Tcl makes the following backslash substitutions:

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

# 2. Tcl Special Variables

argc	Number of command line arguments.
argv	Tcl list of command line arguments.
arg0	Name of script or command interpreter.
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_pkgPath	List of directories to search for package loading.
tcl_platform	Array with elements byteOrder, osVersion, machine.platform and os.

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```
-type buttonSet
```

One of abortretryignore, ok, okcancel, retrycancel, yesno or yesnocancel.

### tk optionMenu w varName value [value ...]

Creates option menu with name w consisting of the given values. The current value is stored in global variable varName. Returns internal menu name.

### **tk popup** *menu x y* [*entry*]

Post popup *menu* so that *entry* is positioned at root coords x y.

### tk setPalette color

Changes the color scheme for Tk so the default background color is *color* and other default colors are computed.

### tk setPalette name color [name color ...]

Set the default color for the named options in the color scheme explicitly. Possible options are:

activeBackground highlightColor
activeForeground insertBackground
background selectColor
disabledForeground selectBackground
foreground selectForeground
highlightBackground troughColor

tcl\_precision Number of significant digits to retain when converting

floating-point numbers to strings (default 12).

tcl traceCompile

Level of tracing info output during bytecode compilation.

tcl traceExec Level of tracing info output during bytecode execution.

tcl version Current version of Tcl interpreter.

# 3. Operators and Expressions

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
```

Possible operands are numeric values, Tcl variables (with \$), strings in double quotes or braces, Tcl comands in brackets, and the following math functions:

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

# 4. Regular Expressions

match either expression
match zero or more of regex
match one or more of regex
match zero or one of regex
any single character except newline
match beginning of string
match end of string
match character $c$ even if special
match set of characters
match characters not in set
match range of characters
match characters not in range

( ) group expressions

# 5. Pattern Globbing

? match any single character

match zero or more characters

[abc] match set of characters [a-z] match range of characters

{a,b,...} match any of strings a, b, etc.

home directory (for glob command)

*user* match *user*'s 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.

# 6. Control Statements

**break** Abort innermost containing loop command.

case Obsolete, see switch.

#### continue

Skip to the next iteration of innermost containing loop command.

#### exit [ returnCode ]

Terminate the process, returning *returnCode* (an integer which defaults to 0) to the system as the exit status.

### for start test next body

Looping command where *start*, *next*, and *body* are Tcl command strings and test is an expression string to be passed to **expr** command.

#### foreach varname list body

The Tcl command string *body* is evaluated for each item in the string *list* where the variable *varname* is set to the item's value.

### foreach varlist1 list1 [varlist2 list2 ...] body

Same as above, except during each iteration of the loop, each variable in *varlistN* is set to the current value from *listN*.

# if expr1 [ then ] body1 [ elseif expr2 [ then ] body2 ... ] [ [ else ] bodyN ] If expression string expr1 evaluates true, Tcl command string body1 is evaluated. Otherwise if expr2 is true, body2 is evaluated, and so on. If none of the expressions evaluate to true then bodyN is evaluated.

### return [-code code] [-errorinfo info] [-errorcode code] [string]

Return immediately from current procedure with string as return value.

### **switch** [options] string {pattern1 body1 [ pattern2 body2 ...] }

The *string* argument is matched against each of the *pattern* arguments in order. The *bodyN* of the first match found is evaluated. If no match is found and the last pattern is the keyword default, its *bodyN* is evaluated. Possible options are -exact, -glob, and -regexp.

### while test body

Evaluates the Tcl command string *body* as long as expression string *test* evaluates to true.

#### tkwait variable varName

Pause program until global variable varName is modified.

### tkwait visibility window

Pause program until window's visibility has changed.

#### tkwait window window

Pause program until window is destroyed.

### tk bisque

Set default color palette to old bisque scheme.

### tk chooseColor [option value ...]

Pops up dialog for user to choose color and returns choice. Options are:

-initialcolor color
 -parent window
 -title string
 Makes default choice color.
 Makes window parent of dialog.
 Makes string title of dialog window.

### **tk dialog** topw title text bitmap default string [string ...]

Pops up dialog using toplevel window *topw* with a button for each *string* argument. Returns index of button user presses, starting from 0 for the leftmost button. The index *default* specifies the default button.

### tk focusNext window

Returns the next window after *window* in focus order.

#### tk focusPrev window

Returns the previous window before *window* in focus order.

### tk focusFollowsMouse

Change focus model of application so focus follows the mouse pointer.

### tk getOpenFile [option value ...]

Pops up dialog for user to choose an existing filename and returns choice. Options are:

### -defaultextension extension

String to append to filename if no extensions exists on chosen filename.

### -filetypes filePatternList

List of filepattern elements of the form

typeName {extension [extension ...]} [{macType ...}]

-initialdir directory
-initialfile fileName
-parent window
-title string

Display files in directory.

Make default choice fileName.

Makes window parent of dialog.

Makes string title of dialog window.

### tk getSaveFile [option value ...]

Pops up dialog for user to choose a filename and returns choice. Options are same as for **tk getOpenFile**.

### tk messageBox [option value ...]

Displays a message dialog and returns the unique symbolic name of button pressed by user. Options are:

-default name
 -message string
 -parent window
 -title string
 Makes string title of dialog window.

### -icon error | info | question | warning

Adds specified icon to dialog.

destroy [window window ...]

Destroy the given windows and their descendents.

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 descendent 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.

option get window name class

Obtains option value for window under name and class if present.

option readfile fileName [priority]

Reads options from Xdefaults-style file into option database at priority.

raise window [aboveThis]

Places window above window aboveThis in stacking order.

selection clear [-displayof window] [-selection selection]

Clears selection (default PRIMARY) on window's display.

**selection get** [-displayof window] [-selection selection] [-type type] Retrieves selection from window's display using representation type.

 $\textbf{selection handle} \; [\, \textbf{-selection} \; sel ] \; [\, \textbf{-type} \; type] \; [\, \textbf{-format} \; fmt] \; win \; cmd$ 

Arranges for *cmd* to be run whenever *sel* of *type* is owned by *win*.

selection own [-displayof window] [-selection selection]

Returns path name of window which owns selection on window's display.

selection own [-selection selection] [-command command] window

Causes window to become new owner of selection and arranges for command to be run when window later loses the selection.

send [-displayof window] [-async] interp cmd [arg arg ...]

Evaluate *cmd* with *args* in the Tk application *interp* on *window*'s display. If **-async** is specified, the **send** command will return immediately.

tk appname [newName]

Set the interpreter name of the application to newName.

tk scaling [-displayof window] [floatNumber]

Set scaling factor for conversion between physical units and pixels on window's display where floatNumber is pixels per point (1/72 inch).

# 7. File Information

### file atime fileName

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

file attributes fileName [option [value ...]]

Query or set platform-specific attributes of fileName. Options are for UNIX:

-group, -owner, -permissions; for Windows -archive,

-hidden, -longname, -readonly, -shortname, -system; and for MacOS: -creator, -hidden, -readonly, -type.

file copy [-force] [- -] source [source ...] target

Makes a copy of *source* under name *target*. If multiple sources are given, *target* must be a directory. Use **-force** to overwrite existing files.

file delete [-force] [- -] fileName [fileName ...]

Removes given files. Use **-force** to remove non-empty directories.

file dirname fileName

Returns all directory path components of fileName.

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 Istat fileName varName

Same as file stat except uses the lstat kernel call.

file mkdir dirName [dirName ...]

Creates given directories.

file mtime fileName

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

file nativename fileName

Returns the platform-specific name of fileName.

file owned fileName

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

file pathtype fileName

Returns one of absolute, relative, or 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 rename [-force] [--] source [source ...] target

Renames file *source* to *target*. If *target* is an existing directory, each source file is moved there. The **-force** option forces overwriting of existing files.

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 directory separator.

### file type fileName

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

#### file volume

Returns just "/" on UNIX, list of local drives on Windows, and list of local and network drives on MacOS.

### file writable fileName

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

# 8. 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 (built-ins and procs) matching glob *pattern*. If no pattern is given, returns all commands in current namespace.

### 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.

# 32. Fonts

### font actual fontDesc [-displayof window] [option]

Returns actual value for *option* used by *fontDesc* on *window*'s display. If *option* is not given, the complete option/actual value list is returned.

### **font configure** *fontname* [option [value option value ...]]

Query/set font options for application created font fontname.

### **font create** [fontname [option value ...]]

Create new application font fontname with given font options.

### font delete fontname [fontname ...]

Delete given application created fonts.

### font families [-displayof window]

Returns list of know font families defined on window's display.

#### font measure fontDesc [-displayof window] text

Returns width in pixels used by *text* when rendered in *fontDesc* on *window*.

### font metrics fontDesc [-displayof window] [metric]

Query font metrics of *fontDesc* on *window*'s display where *metric* maybe be one of -ascent, -descent, -linespace, or -fixed. If *metric* is not given, the complete metric/value list is returned.

#### font names

Returns list of application created fonts.

### **Font Description:**

#### 1. fontname

Name of font created by the application with font create.

#### 2. systemfont

Name of platform-specific font interpreted by graphics server.

#### 3. family [size [style ...]]

A Tcl list with first element the name of a font family, the optional second element is desired size, and additional elements chosen from normal or bold. roman or italic underline and overstrike.

### 4. option value [option value ...]

A Tcl list of option/values as valid for font create.

### **Font Options:**

-family name
-size size
Size in points (or pixels if negative).

-weight weight
-slant slant
-underline boolean
-overstrike boolean
Font family (e.g. Courier, Times, Helvetica).

Either normal (default) or bold.

Either roman (default) or italic.

Whether or not font is underlined.

Whether or not font is overstriked.

# 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.

#### 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 ...]
```

Sets how slave windows should be managed by grid geometry master.

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

### qrid bbox master [column row [column2 row2]]

Returns bounding box in pixels of space occupied by whole grid (no args), the cell (2 args), or area spanning between given cells (4 args).

### grid columnconfigure master columnList [options]

Set/query column properties of given columns in grid master.

```
    -minsize size Minimum size of column.
    -pad amount Padding to add to sides of largest slave.
    -weight int Relative weight for apportioning extra space.
```

### grid forget slave [slave ...]

Removes (and unmaps) each slave from grid forgetting its configuration.

### grid info slave

Returns list describing configuration state of slave.

### grid location master x y

Returns column and row containing screen units x y in master. If x y is outside grid, -1 is returned.

### grid propagate master [boolean]

Set/query whether *master* tries to resize its ancestor windows to fit grid.

### grid remove slave [slave ...]

Removes (and unmaps) each slave from grid remembering its configuration.

### grid rowconfigure master rowList [options]

Set/query row properties of given rows in grid *master*. Same options as for **columnconfigure** but for rows.

#### grid size master

Returns size of grid (as columns rows) for master.

#### grid slaves master [-row row] [-column column]

With no options, a list of all slaves in *master* is returned. Otherwise, returns a list of slaves in specified row or column.

### **Grid Relative Placement**

- Increases columnspan of slave to the left.
- x Leave an empty column.
- Extends the rowspan of slave above.

### 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 in current namespace matching glob *pattern* (default \*).

### 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 \*).

# 9. 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*.

#### Irange list first last

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

### **Ireplace** *list first last [value value ...]*

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

### **Isearch** [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.

### Isort [switches] list

Returns new list formed by sorting list according to switches. These are

	, ,
-ascii	string comparison (default)
-dictionary	like -ascii but ignores case and is number smart.
-index ndx	treats each elements as a sub-list and sorts on the <i>ndx</i> th element
-integer	integer comparison

-real	floating-point comparison		
-increasing	sort in increasing order (default)		
-decreasing	sort in decreasing order		
-command $cmd$	Use <i>cmd</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.

# 10. 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.

### parray arrayName [pattern]

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

# 11. Strings and Binary Data

#### append varName [value value ...]

Appends each of the given values to the string stored in varName.

### binary format formatString [arg arg ...]

Returns a binary string representation of *args*s composed according to *formatString*, a sequence of zero or more field codes each followed by an optional integer count. The possible field codes are:

a	chars (null padding)	C	8-bit int	£	float
A	chars (space padding)	s	16-bit int (little)	d	double
b	binary (low-to-high)	S	16-bit int (big)	x	nulls
В	binary (high-to-low)	i	32-bit int (little)	X	backspace
h	hex (low-to-high)	I	32-bit int (big)	@	absolute position
H	hex (high-to-low)				

```
-count number
                        %c
                             Expose
-detail detail
                        %d
                             Enter, Leave, Focus
-focus boolean
                        %f
                             Enter, Leave
-height size
                        %h
                             Configure
-keycode number
                             KeyPress, KeyRelease
                             KeyPress, KeyRelease
-keysym name
                        %K
-mode notify
                             Enter, Leave, Focus
-override boolean
                             Map, Reparent, Configure
-place where
                        %p
                             Circulate
                        %R
-root window
-rootx coord
                        %X
                        ٧¥
-rooty coord
                        %E
                             all events
-sendevent boolean
-serial number
                             all events
-state state
                        %s
                             all events
-subwindow window
                        %S
-time integer
                        %t
                             †, Property
-x coord
                        ٧X
                             †, §
                        %y
                             †, §
-y coord
    KeyPress, KeyRelease, ButtonPress, ButtonRelease,
          Enter, Leave, Motion
    Expose, Configure, Gravity, Reparent
```

# 31. Geometry Management

### The pack Command

```
pack [configure] slave [slave ...] [options]
```

Sets how slave windows should be managed by pack geometry master.

```
-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 propagation 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 ...]

Sets how given windows should be placed inside their master.

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

#### bindtags window [tagList]

Sets the current precedence order of tags for window to tagList. If tagList is an empty list, the tags are set back to the defaults.

### event add <<virtual>> sequence [sequence ...]

Arrange for virtual event << virtual >> to be triggered when anyone of given sequences occur.

### event delete <<virtual>> [sequence ...]

Deletes given sequences (or all if none given) from list that triggers the virtual event <<virtual>>.

### event generate window event [-when when] [option value ...]

Generate event in window as if it came from window system. Possible options are listed in the Event Field table below. The -when option sets when the event will be processed. Possible values for when are:

process immediately (default) now tail place at end of event queue head place at beginning of event queue

same as head but behind previous generated events

### event info [<<virtual>>]

Returns list of sequences that trigger virtual event << virtual >> (if not given, returns list of defined virtual events).

The sequence argument is a list of one or more event patterns. An event pattern may be a single ASCII character, a string of the form <modifier-modifier-type-detail>, or <<name>>(virtual event).

### **Modifiers:**

Any Control	Triple Button1, B1	Button5, B5 Meta, M	Mod3, M3 Mod4, M4
Shift	Button2, B2	Mod1, M1	Mod5, M5
Lock Double	Button3, B3 Button4, B4	Mod2, M2	Alt

#### Types:

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

**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)

all (applies to all windows)

### **Event Fields:**

Generate Option	Code	Valid Events
-above window	%a	Configure
-borderwidth size	%B	Configure
-button number	%b	ButtonPress, ButtonRelease

**binary scan** string formatString varName [varName ...]

Extracts values into varName's from binary string according to formatString. Returns the number of values extracted. Field codes are the same as for binary format except for:

a chars (no stripping) A chars (stripping) x skip forward

### **format** *formatString* [arg arg ...]

Returns a formated string generated in the ANSI C sprintf-like manner. Placeholders have the form [argpos][flag][width][.prec][h|1]charwhere argpos, width, and prec are integers and possible values for char are:

d signed decimal **X** unsigned HEX **E** float (0E0) u unsigned decimal c int to char auto float (f or e) G auto float (f or E) signed decimal string unsigned octal f float (fixed) % plain % x unsigned hex **e** float (0e0)

### and possible values for flag are:

left-justified zero padding alternate output always signed space space padding

### 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 match Var 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 sscanf behavior. Returns the number of values extracted. Placeholders have the form [\*][width][char]where \* is for discard, width is an integer and possible values for char are:

đ	decimal	е	float	s	string (non-whitespace)
0	octal	£	float	[chars]	chars in given range
x	hex	g	float	[ $^{\wedge}chars$ ]	chars not in given range
_	alaan ta int				

### char to int

### 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 occurance 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 occurance of *string1* (-1 if not found).

### string length string

Returns the number of characters in string.

#### 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** [-nobackslashes] [-nocommands] [-novariables] *string*

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

# 12. 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* which recognizes (at least) the following placeholders:

%%	%	%H	hour $(00 - 23)$	%U	week $(01 - 52)$
%a	weekday (abbr)	%h	hour $(00 - 12)$	%W	weekday $(0-6)$
%A	weekday (full)	%j	day (001 - 366)	%X	locale date
%b	month (abbr)	%m	month $(01 - 12)$	%X	locale time
%B	month (full)	%M	minute $(00 - 59)$	%y	year (00 - 99)
%c	locale date & time	%p	AM/PM	%Y	year (full)
%d	dav (01 - 31)	%S	seconds $(00 - 59)$	%7.	time zone

The default format is "%a %b %d %H:%M:%S %Z %Y".

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

Convert *dateString* to an integer clock value. If *dateString* contains a 24 hour time only, the date given by *clockVal* is used.

#### clock seconds

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

### 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 overrideredirect 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, icon, 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.

# 30. Binding and Virtual Events

### bind tag

Returns list of all sequences for which a bindings exists for tag.

### bind tag sequence

Returns the script bound to the given sequence for tag.

### bind tag sequence script

Binds *script* to the given sequence for *tag*. If *script* is the empty string, the binding is deleted. If the first character of *script* is a +, then it is appended to the currently associated script.

### winfo screenwidth window

Returns the width in pixels of window's screen.

### winfo toplevel window

Returns the pathname of the top-level window containing window.

#### winfo visual window

Returns the visual class of window (see winfo screenvisual).

#### winfo visualsavailable window

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

### winfo vrootheight window

Returns the height of the virtual root window associated with window.

### winfo vrootwidth window

Returns the width of the virtual root window associated with window.

#### winfo vrootx window

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

### winfo vrooty window

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

#### winfo width window

Returns window's width in pixels.

### winfo x window

Returns x-coordinate of the upper-left corner of window in its parent.

### winfo y window

Returns y-coordinate of the upper-left corner of window in its parent.

# 29. 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.

### wm focusmodel window [active | passive]

Specifies the focus model for window.

### wm frame window

Returns the platform window identifier for the outermost decorative frame containing window. If window has none, returns platform 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.

### 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
```

<@ fileId 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
>@ fileId stdout to open file
2>@ fileId stderr to open file

>&@ fileId 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 [fileId]

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

**pwd** Returns the current working directory.

# 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.

For serial device channels:

### -mode baud,parity,data,stop

Set baud rate, parity, data bits, and stop bits of channel.

### fcopy inId outId [-size size] [-command callback]

Transfer data to *outld* from *inld* until eof or *size* bytes have been transferred. If -command is given, copy occurs in background and runs *callback* when finished appending number of bytes copied and possible error message as arguments.

#### fileevent fileId readable | writable [script]

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

### flush fileId

Flushes any output that has been buffered for fileId.

### qets 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 conjuction 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.
- 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* once connected with three arguments: the channel, the address, and the port number.

#### tell fileId

Return current access position in fileId.

#### winfo manager window

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

#### winfo name window

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

#### winfo parent window

Returns the path name of window's parent.

### winfo pathname [-displayof window] id

Returns the path name of the window whose X identifier is *id* on *window*'s display.

### winfo pointerx window

Returns mouse pointer's x coordinate on window's screen.

#### winfo pointerxy window

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

#### winfo pointery window

Returns mouse pointer's y coordinate on window's screen.

#### winfo pixels window number

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

### winfo reqheight window

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

#### winfo reqwidth window

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

### winfo rgb window color

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

#### winfo rootx window

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

### winfo rooty window

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

### winfo server window

Returns server information on window's display.

#### winfo screen window

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

#### winfo screencells window

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

### winfo screendepth window

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

#### winfo screenheight window

Returns the height in pixels of window's screen.

#### winfo screenmmheight window

Returns the height in millimeters of window's screen.

#### winfo screenmmwidth window

Returns the width in millimeters of window's screen.

#### winfo screenvisual window

Returns the visual class of window's screen. Maybe one of:

 $\label{linear_discolor} \mbox{\tt directcolor}, \mbox{\tt grayscale}, \mbox{\tt pseudocolor}, \mbox{\tt staticcolor}, \\ \mbox{\tt staticgray}, \mbox{\tt or truecolor}.$ 

#### -shrink

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

#### - to x v

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.

# 28. Window Information

#### winfo allmapped window

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

### winfo atom [-displayof window] name

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

### winfo atomname [-displayof window] id

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

### winfo cells window

Returns number of cells in the colormap for window.

#### winfo children window

Returns list containing path names of window's children in stacking order.

### winfo class window

Returns the class name of window.

### winfo colormapfull window

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

#### winfo containing [-displayof window] rootX rootY

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

### winfo depth window

Returns the depth (bits per pixel) of window.

### winfo exists window

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

#### winfo fpixels window number

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

#### winfo geometry window

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

#### winfo height window

Returns height of window in pixels.

### winfo id window

Returns a hexadecimal string indicating the platform identifier for *window*.

### winfo interps [-displayof window]

Returns a list of all Tcl interpreters registered on window's display.

#### winfo ismapped window

Returns 1 if window is currently mapped, 0 otherwise.

# 14. 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(s) path and all its slave interpreters.

### interp eval path arg [arg ...]

Evalutes concatenation of args as command in interpreter path.

### interp exists path

Returns 1 if interpreter path exists, 0 otherwise.

#### **interp expose** path hiddenCmd [exposedCmd]

Make hiddenCmd in interp path exposed (optionally as exposedCmd).

#### **interp hide** path exposedCmd [hiddenCmd]

Make *exposedCmd* in interp *path* hidden (optionally as *hiddenCmd*).

#### interp hidden path

Returns list of hidden commands in interp path.

### interp invokehidden path [-global] hiddenCmd [arg ...]

Invokes *hiddenCmd* with specified *args* in interp *path* (at the global level if **-global** is given).

### interp issafe [path]

Returns 1 if interpreter path is safe, 0 otherwise.

### interp marktrusted [path]

Marks interp *path* as trusted.

### interp share srcPath fileId destPath

Arranges for I/O channel *fileId* in interpreter *srcPath* to be shared with interpreter *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.

For each slave interpreter created, a new Tcl command is created by the same name in its master. This command has the **alias**. **aliases**. **eval**. **expose**. **hide**. **hidden**.

**invokehidden**, **issafe**, and **marktrusted** subcommands like **interp**, but without the *srcPath* and *path* arguments (they default to the slave itself) and without the *targetPath* argument (it defaults to the slave's master).

A safe interpreter is created with the following commands exposed:

ne mierpretei	15 CICALCA WILL	the following c	ommands expose	u.
after	eval	incr	Isearch	split
append	expr	info	Isort	string
array	fblocked	interp	package	subst

break	fileevent	join	pid	switch
case	flush	lappend	proc	tell
catch	for	lindex	puts	trace
clock	foreach	linsert	read	unset
close	format	list	rename	update
concat	gets	llength	return	uplevel
continue	global	lower	scan	upvar
eof	history	Irange	seek	vwait
error	if	Ireplace	set	while

A safe interpreter is created with the following commands hidden:

cd	fconfigure	load	pwd	source
exec	file	open	socket	vwait
exit	alob			

# 15. Packages

### package forget package

Remove all info about package from interpreter.

### package ifneeded package version [script]

Tells interpreter that if version *version* of *package*, evaluating *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 version* is now provided. Without *version*, the currently 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 which have append as its final two arguments the desired package and version.

### 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*, 0 otherwise.

# 16. Namespaces

#### namespace children [namespace] [pattern]

Returns list of child namespaces belonging to *namespace* (defaults to current) which match *pattern* (default \*).

### namespace code script

Returns new script string which when evaluated arranges for *script* to be evaluated in current namespace. Useful for callbacks.

#### namespace current

Returns fully-qualified name of current namespace.

#### -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 Tk, the GIF/PGM/PPM formats are supported.

#### -file fileName

Specifies image data should be read from file *fileName*.

### -height number

Fixes the height of the image to *number* pixels.

### -palette paletteSpec

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

#### -width number

Fixes the width of the image to *number* pixels.

### 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 v1 x2 v2

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 yth pixel.

### imageName get x v

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 v1 x2 v2

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

### **Toplevel**

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

#### -background color

Same as standard but my 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 toplevel, or empty for the default colormap of screen.

#### -container boolean

Whether toplevel is a container used to embed another application.

#### -menu pathName

Menu widget to be used as a menubar.

#### -use windowID

Toplevel should be embedded inside window identified by windowID (see winfo id) which was created as a container.

#### -screen screen

Screen on which to place the window.

#### -visual visual

Specifies visual to use for window.

# 27. 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.

#### image width name

Returns pixel width of image name.

When an image is created, Tk creates a new command with the same name as 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.

### namespace delete [namespace ...]

Each given namespace is deleted along with their child namespaces, procedures, and variables.

### namespace eval namespace arg [arg ...]

Activates namespace and evaluates concatenation of args's inside it.

### namespace export [-clear] [pattern ...]

Adds to export list of current namespace all commands that match given *pattern*'s. If **-clear** is given, the export list is first emptied.

### namespace forget [namespace::pattern ...]

Removes from current namespace any previously imported commands from *namespace* that match *pattern*.

### namespace import [-force] [namespace::pattern ...]

Imports into current namespace commands matching *pattern* from *namespace*. The **-force** option allows replacing of existing commands.

### namespace inscope namespace listArg [arg ...]

Activates *namespace* (which must already exist) and evaluates inside it the result of lappend of *arg*'s to *listArg*.

### namespace origin command

Returns fully-qualified name of imported command.

### namespace parent [namespace]

Returns fully-qualified name of parent namespace of namespace.

### namespace qualifiers string

Returns any leading namespace qualifiers in string.

### namespace tail string

Returns the simple name (strips namespace qualifiers) in string.

### namespace which [-command | -variable] name

Returns fully-qualified name of the command (or as variable, if **-variable** given) *name* in the current namespace. Will look in global namespace if not in current namespace.

### variable [name value ...] name [value]

Creates one or more variables in current namespace (if *name* is unqualified) initialized to optionally given *values*. Inside a procedure and outsize a **namespace eval**, a local variable is created linked to the given namespace variable.

# 17. Other Tcl Commands

# after ms [arg1 arg2 arg3 ...]

Arrange for command (concat of *args*) to be run after *ms* milliseconds have passed. With no *args*, program will sleep for *ms* milliseconds. Returns the id of the event handler created.

### 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. Returns the id of the event handler created.

#### 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 full pathname if an executable file by the name *execFile* exists in user's PATH, empty string otherwise.

### auto load command

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 *command*'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**.

### bgerror message

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

#### catch script [varName]

Evaluate *script* and store results into *varName*. If there is an error, 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.

### 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 clea

Erase the history list and reset event numbers.

### 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-evaluates event (default -1).

### 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) called *name* where *args* is a list of arguments and *body* Tcl commmands to evaluate when invoked.

#### -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 v

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 -relief
-background -highlightthickness -repeatdelay
-borderwidth -jump -repeatinterval
-cursor -orient -takefocus
-highlightbackground -troughcolor
```

#### -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).

### -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.

### -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

### -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.

#### -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.

#### rename oldName newName

Rename command *oldName* so it is now called *newName*. If *newName* is the empty string, command *oldName* 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 evaluated whenever varName is accessed in one of the ways specified with ops. Possbile values are  $\mathbf{r}$  for read,  $\mathbf{w}$  for written,  $\mathbf{u}$  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 the 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 the global level.

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

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

### vwait varName

Enter Tcl event loop until global variable varName is modified.

# 18. 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  $-\mathbf{c}$  (cm),  $\mathbf{i}$  (inch),  $\mathbf{m}$  (mm), or  $\mathbf{p}$  (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, gray25, gray50, gray75, 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

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Cursor to display when mouse pointer is in widget. Valid formats:

name [fgColor [bgColor]

Name of cursor from /usr/include/X11/cursorfont.h.

@sourceName maskName fgColor bgColor

Get source and mask bits from files sourceName and maskName.

@sourceName fgColor

Get source bits from file sourceName (background transparent).

### -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.

#### Menubutton

-activebackground	-roreground	-rerrer
-activeforeground	-height	-state
-anchor	-highlightbackgroun	d-takefocus
-background	-highlightcolor	-text
-bitmap	-highlightthickness	-textvariable
-borderwidth	-image	-underline
-cursor	-justify	-width

-relief

-wraplength

-disabledforeground -padx -font -pady

#### -direction direction

Where to pop up menu where *direction* is one of above, below, left, right, and flush.

### -indicatoron boolean

If true then a small indicator will be displayed on the button'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	-padv	

#### -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	$-{\tt textvariable}$
-command	-image	-underline
-cursor	-justify	-width
-disabledforeground	-wraplength	

### -indicatoron boolean

Whether or not the indicator should be drawn.

#### -selectcolor color

Color used to fill in indicator when selected.

#### -offvalue value

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

#### -onvalue value

Value given to variable specified with -variable option when the checkbutton 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 checkbutton.

#### checkbutton deselect

Deselect the checkbutton.

#### checkbutton flash

Alternate checkbutton between active and normal colors.

### checkbutton invoke

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

#### checkbutton select

Select the checkbutton.

#### checkbutton toggle

Toggle the selection state of the checkbutton.

### 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.

#### -container boolean

Whether the frame will be a container to embed another application.

### -visual visual

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

### Label

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

### -font font

Font to use when drawing text inside the widget.

### foreground color

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

### -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.

### $\verb|-selectborderwidth| \textit{width}$

Width in screen units of border to draw around selected items.

#### -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 *focusType* as script with the widget name appended as argument. The return value of the script 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.

#### -vscrollcommand cmdPrefix

Prefix for a command used to communicate with vertical scrollbars.

# 19. 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.

# 20. 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.

### 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 text widget.

### text xview | yview args

See Widget Scroll Commands above.

# 26. Other Standard Widgets

#### Button

-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 -wrapleng			

#### -default state

Set state of default ring, one of active, normal, or disabled.

#### button flash

Alternate checkbutton between active and normal colors.

### button invoke

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

### Checkbutton

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

#### -indicatoron boolean

Whether or not the indicator should be drawn.

#### text image create index [option value ...]

Create a new embedded image at position index with specified options.

### text image names

Returns list of names of all images embedded in text widget.

#### 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.

### 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 characters in given range.

### 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.

### 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-tenths (unit) or nine-tenths (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-tenths (unit) or nine-tenths (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 vview index

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

# 21. The Canvas Widget

### **Canvas Options**

-background	-insertbackground	-selectborderwidth
-borderwidth	$\hbox{-insertborderwidth}$	-selectforeground
-cursor	-insertofftime	-takefocus
-height	-insertontime	-width
-highlightbackground	-insertwidth	-xscrollcommand
-highlightcolor	-relief	<pre>-yscrollcommand</pre>
-highlightthickness	-selecthackground	

#### -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.

### -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*.

### **Text Embedded Window Options**

-align top | center | bottom | baseline

How window is vertically aligned with its 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 Embedded Image Options**

-align top | center | bottom | baseline

Where image is displayed on the line.

-image image

Specifies Tk image to use for embedded image.

-name imageName

Specifies name which may be used to reference the embedded image.

-padx width

Extra space in screen units to leave on the left and right side of image.

-pady height

Extra space in screen units to leave on the top and bottom of image.

### **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 given text range.

text dlineinfo index

Returns a list  $\{x \text{ } y \text{ } width \text{ } height \text{ } baseline\}$  describing the screen area taken by display line at index.

text dump [switches] index1 [index2]

Returns detailed info on text widget contents in given text range. 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 given range.

text image cget index option

Return current value of option for embedded image at index.

text image configure index [option [value [option value ...]]]

Modifies embedded image-specific options for the image at index.

-variable variable

Name of global variable to set when checkbutton or radiobutton is selected.

# 25. The Text Widget

### **Text Widget Options**

-background -highlightthickness -selectbackground -borderwidth -insertbackground -selectborderwidth -cursor -insertborderwidth -selectforeground -exportselection -insertofftime -setgrid

 -exportselection
 -insertofftime
 -setgrid

 -font
 -insertontime
 -state

 -foreground
 -insertwidth
 -takefocus

 -height
 -padx
 -width

-highlightbackground-pady -xscrollcommand -highlightcolor -relief -yscrollcommand

-spacing1 size
 -spacing2 size
 -spacing3 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

(embedded window), *imageName* (embedded image)

Modifier:  $\pm count \text{ chars}, \pm count \text{ lines}, \text{ linestart}, \text{ lineend},$ 

wordstart, wordend

Ranges: Ranges include all characters from the start index up to but not

including the character at the stop index.

### **Text Tag Options**

-background -justify -spacing2 -borderwidth -relief -spacing3 -font -spacing1 -wrap

-foreground

-bgstipple bitmap
 -fgstipple bitmap
 Stipple pattern for background.
 Stipple pattern for foreground.

-lmargin1 size Left margin of first line of a paragraph.
 -lmargin2 size Left margin of wrapped lines of a paragraph.
 -offset size Offset of baseline from normal baseline.

-overstrike boolean Whether to overstrike text.
-rmargin size Right margin of all lines.

-tabs tabList Set of tab stops (see -tabs above).

-underline boolean Whether to underline text.

### 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 a 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.

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 v [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.

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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 outline Width
-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 tagslist
-background color -foreground color
canvas create image x y [option value ...]
-anchor anchorPos
                          -image image
                                                -tags tagslist
canvas create line x1 y1 ... xN yN [option value ...]
-fill color
                          -stipple bitmap -width outline Width
-smooth boolean
                          -tags tagList
-arrownone|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 ...]

-smooth boolean

-stipple bitmap

-tags tagList

-width outlineWidth

-fill color

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-outline color

```
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 v
      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 vposition 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, checkbutton, command, and
radiobutton entries unless otherwise specified.
-activebackground -bitmap
-activeforeground -font
-background
                          -foreground
-accelerator string
      Specifies string to display at right side of menu entry.
-command tclCommand
      TCL command to evaluate when entry is invoked.
-columnbreak value
      When value is 1, entry appears at top of a new column in menu.
-hidemargin value
      When value is 1, the standard margins are not drawn around entry.
-indicatoron boolean
      Whether indictor for checkbutton 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 checkbutton entry's associated variable when deselected.
-onvalue value
      Value to store in checkbutton entry's associated variable when selected.
-selectcolor color
      Color for indicator in checkbutton and radiobutton entries.
```

-image

-state

-underline

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-selectimage image

Image to draw in indicator for checkbutton and radiobutton entries.

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

### 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.

# 24. 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 checkbutton 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.

#### -title string

Uses *string* for title of window used when the menu is torn off.

### -type type

Used at creation where type is one of menubar, tearoff, or normal.

```
Entry Types: cascade, checkbutton, 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 clone newMenuName [cloneType]

Clones menu as a new menu newMenuName of type cloneType (see -type).

### 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.

### menu entryconfigure index [option value ...]

Set option values for entry at index.

#### -splinesteps number

Degree of smoothness desired for curved perimeter.

```
canvas create rectangle x1 y1 x2 y2 [option value ...]
```

```
-fill color -stipple bitmap -width outline Width -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*.

#### -pagev 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.

#### -v position

Set the y-coordinate of the top edge of canvas area to print.

# 22. The Entry Widget

### **Entry Widget Options**

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

#### -show char

Show char rather than actual characters for each character in entry.

### **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.

#### 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 is 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.

# 23. The Listbox Widget

### **Listbox Widget Options**

```
-background -height -selectborderwidth
-borderwidth -highlightbackground-selectforeground
-cursor -highlightcolor -setgrid
-exportselection -highlightthickness -takefocus
-font -relief -width
```

 $\hbox{-} {\tt foreground} \qquad \hbox{-} {\tt selectbackground} \quad \hbox{-} {\tt xscrollcommand}$ 

```
-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  $\{x \mid y \text{ width height}\}$  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.

### 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.