

Welcome to GML+ - Essential Extensions for the Way You Work



At XGASOFT, we love GML! The GameMaker Markup Language is both easy for beginners and powerful for veterans. It's like eating your cake and having it too. And over more than 20 years of development, it's only gotten better and better. But 20 years of organic growth can leave a few holes behind.

Unified. Simplified. Amplified.

That's where GML+ comes in: GML+ is a collection of useful functions and built-in variables designed to fill the gaps in vanilla GML and supplement it with quality-of-life enhancements it should've had all along.

Like GML itself, GML+ is not set in stone and will continue to grow with its parent language. What's more, most GML+ functions come with few external dependencies. You can pick-and-choose only the functions you need for your project. Now *that*'s the best of both worlds!

Once you go GML+, you won't want to go back!

It features...

- Automatic integration into your project--just import and start using it!
- Built-in variables and macros, such as:
 - Extended mouse variables, unifying behavior with instances
 - Frametime constants (easy delta_time)
- **Dozens of useful functions** you always wished were part of vanilla GML, such as:
 - Extended array functions, unifying behavior with data structures
 - Extended data structure functions, unifying behavior among different types
 - Extended sprite functions, unifying behavior with new GMS2 features Copyright © XGASOFT, All Rights Reserved

- Extended angle functions (robust lengthdir)
- Interpolation with easing, including custom bezier curves (robust lerp)
- Timer functions (robust alarm)
- Filesystem functions (robust file_find_*)
- Even/odd number functions
- Hex color functions
- ... And more! See the complete documentation for details!

To get started, choose a topic from the navigation menu to learn more.



Version History

1.0.0

• Initial release

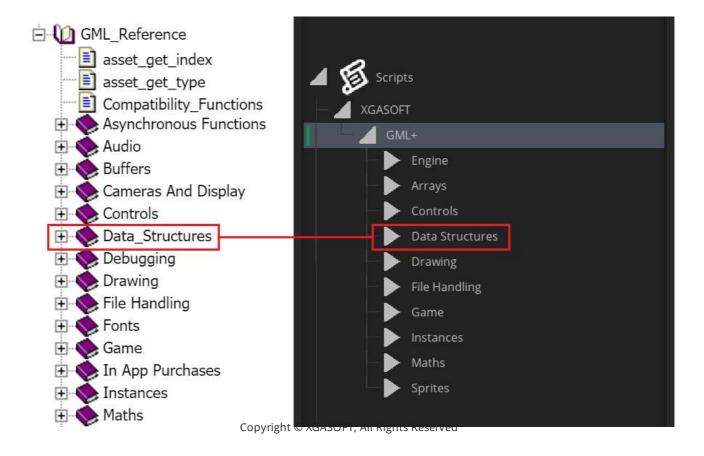


GML+ Reference Guide

GML+ is a collection of useful functions and built-in variables designed to fill the gaps in vanilla GML. This gives the package an unusually broad scope that may seem daunting at first. But don't worry! GML+ is organized to be as easy to navigate as possible.

Vanilla-Compliant Folder Structure

Most of GML+ resides in your project's Scripts folder. There, you'll find GML+ functions are organized in a structure that mimics the vanilla GML reference guide.



Self-Integrating Manager Object

Besides scripts, some GML+ components (such as built-in variables) rely on an object called <code>obj_gmlp</code>. However, you don't need to place this object in any of your rooms-ever! So long as it's in your project, it will self-create in the first available room and persist until the game ends. No further interaction is required.

Documented Dependency Requirements

But how do you know if a function requires the manager object--or other GML+ functions--to work? Just open it to find out! Every GML+ function uses JSDOC headers to define syntax and list other properties, as well as more detailed explanations and usage examples below. Look for a line beginning with <code>@requ iresfor</code> a list of external dependencies.

If this line is absent, it means there are no external dependencies and the function can be used completely independently. This way, you can pick and choose only the functions your project needs!

Detailed Reference Guide

Now that you understand the GML+ folder and dependency structure, you're all set to dive straight into the full reference guide, where we'll examine each function and built-in variable in detail.

Built-in Variables & Constants

GML+ includes a number of built-in variables and constants which can be accessed in your own code. These can provide useful information or behaviors that are commonly needed, but have no implementation in vanilla GML.

All built-in variables are provided by the <code>obj_gmlp</code> object. This object must be present in the current project, but does not need to be added to any rooms to function.

Mouse Variables

Variable	Туре	Description
mou se_hspeed	real	Stores the current horizontal mouse speed, as a value of pixels.
mou se_v speed	real	Stores the current vertical mouse speed, as a value of pixels.
mou se_speed	real	Stores the current directional mouse speed, as a value of pixels.
mou se_direction	real	Stores the current mouse direction of travel, as a value of degrees.
mou se_x start	real	Stores the mouse X coordinate upon starting the game. If no mouse is used, -1 will be returned. Like the instance x startvariable, this variable is not read-only and can be redefined if needed.
mou se_y start	real	Stores the mouse Y coordinate upon starting the game. If no mouse is used, -1 will be returned. Like the instance y startvariable, this variable is not read-only and can be redefined if needed.
mou se_x prev iou	अeal	Stores the mouse X coordinate from the prev iou Step. Like the instance x prev iou s variable, this variable is not read-only and can be redefined if needed.
mou se_y prev iou	°eal	Stores the mouse Y coordinate from the prev iou Step. Like the instance y prev iou s variable, this variable is not read-only and can be redefined if needed.
mou se_v isible	boolean	Shows or hides the mouse, while preserving cursor state and/or sprite. Set to tru eby default. Replaces cr_none, which can no longer be used while obj_gmlp is present.

(i) NOTE

GameMaker Studio 2 uses two separate functions for setting different types of cursors. For system cursors, use w indow _set_cu rsor([cu rsorFp)r sprite cursors, use GML+'s w indow _set_cu rsor_sprite([sprite]U)nlike vanilla GML, GML+ will automatically switch the cursor type when either command is used.

Time Constants & Variables

Constant	Туре	Description	
frame_target	real	Stores the amount of time a single frame <i>shou ld</i> take to render at the current game speed (FPS), as a value of milliseconds.	
frame_time	real	Stores the <i>act</i> u <i>at</i> ime the previous frame took to render, as a value of milliseconds.	
frame_delta	real	Stores the difference (or delta) <i>betw een</i> the target and actual frame time, as a multiplier.	

While the use-case for these constants and variables may not be immediately obvious, in reality they're some of the most important properties in your entire project. Much game logic occurs over time, and while it may be tempting to rely on FPS as a unit of time, this will cause a host of problems down the road. FPS-based logic can never run at another framerate without altering its real-world speed-frustrating for users on high-end systems that could run the game faster, and frustrating for low-end users that can't hit the target framerate to begin with.

A better unit of time is *the time it took to render the prev iou s frame*r simply frame_time. Frame time-based logic will always run at the same real-world speed

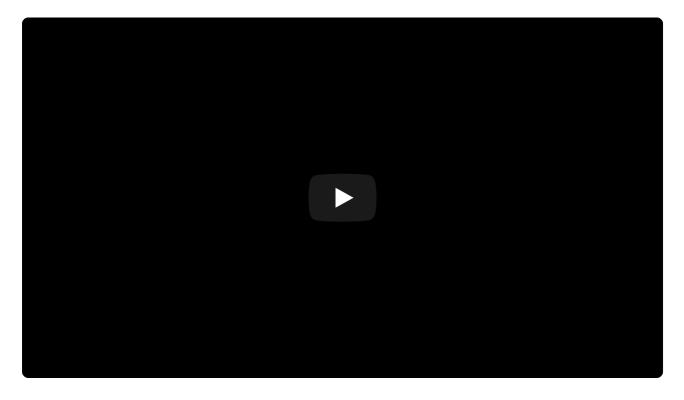
regardless of framerate. This both compensates for lag on low-end systems and allows high-end systems to run to their full potential.

You may have previously heard of this concept referred to as **delta time**. However, this is a bit of a misnomer. Strictly speaking, delta time is *not* the previous frame time, but rather *the di*Ÿ *erence betw eth*e current frame time and the previous frame time. Though the term is often misused, frame_delta is nonetheless a very useful property to be aware of. In fact, frame_time and frame_delta are like two sides of the same coin, only forming a whole when used together.

Which available time constant or variable you should use in your logic depends on the kind of logic itself. For time-based logic (e.g. clocks, timers, etc.), use frame_time as a unit of milliseconds. For distance-based logic (e.g. movement, rotation, etc.), use frame_delta as a multiplier of pixels, degrees, and so forth.

Example

For further explanation of how to implement frame time and delta time in your projects, see the video tutorial below:





The "array_create_2d" Function

Syntax

```
array _create_2(w idth, height, [v alu e]);
```

Argument	Туре	Description
w idth	real	Sets the number of horizontal cells in the array
height	real	Sets the number of vertical cells in the array
[v alu e]	real/string	Optional: Sets a value to assign to all new cells (default 0)

Description

Creates and returns a 2D array of the given with and height, optionally assigning a custom default value to each index.

Theoretically, this can be achieved in vanilla GML by declaring a 2D arrray with a single value assigned to the maximum desired index in either axis. However, many export modules do not recognize this form of declaration, resulting in crashes. By contrast, GML+ uses a safe method to initialize every cell in order to avoid errors.



The "array_fill_2d" Function

Syntax

```
array _fill_2(id, [v alu e]);
```

Argument	Type	Description
id	array	The index of a previously-created array to modify
[v alu e]	real/string	Optional: Sets a value to assign to all new cells (default 0)

Description

Unlike ds_grid, 2D arrays have non-uniform columns, meaning each can have a different height. This is often problematic, and it would be preferable to have empty cells rather than no cells at all.

This script takes an existing 2D array and fills the vertical gaps, optionally assigning a custom default value to each index.

It is **highly** recommended to run this script before array _w riter looping through 2D array contents if the height is not known to be uniform.

```
array _fill_2(my _array );
array _fill_2(my _array ,1);
```



The "array_find_col" Function

Syntax

```
array _find_co(id, v alu e);
```

Argument	Туре	Description	
id	array	The index of a previously-created array to search	
v alu e	real/string	The value to search for	

Description

Searches an array for the given value and returns the **column** index. If the value cannot not found, -1 will be returned instead.

This script should be used with **2D** arrays only, as 1D arrays will always return **0** . To find the index of a value in a 1D array, use array _find_row

```
//Find index of the target string
v arx x array _find_co(my _array ,"Items held:");
v ary y array _find_ro(my _array ,"Items held:");

//Draw the string and the corresponding value held in the following column
draw _tex(25, 25, my _array [x x , y st]img(my _array [x x1,+y y ]));
```



The "array_find_row" Function

Syntax

```
array _find_rowid, v alu e);
```

Argument	Туре	Description	
id	array	The index of a previously-created array to search	
v alu e	real/string	The value to search for	

Description

Searches an array for the given value and returns the **row** index. If the value cannot not found, -1 will be returned instead.

This script can be used to search both 1D and 2D arrays.

```
//Find index of the target string
v arx x array _find_co(my _array ,"Items held:");
v ary y array _find_ro(my _array ,"Items held:");

//Draw the string and the corresponding value held in the following column
draw _tex(25, 25, my _array [x x , y st]img(my _array [x x1,+y y ]));
```



The "array_width" Function

Syntax

```
array _w id(hd);
```

Argument	Туре	Description
id	array	The index of a previously-created array to check

Description

Returns the number of horizontal cells present in a 2D array. While this script can be used on a 1D as well, it will always return 1.

Vanilla GML array length and height functions reverse the X and Y values relative to data structures like ds_grid . This is confusing. By contrast, GML+ uses the same dimension for width and height as other data structures.

```
v arlast_cell = array _w id(my _array ) 1;
```



The "array_height" Function

Syntax

```
array _heigh(tid);
```

Argument	Type	Description
id	array	The index of a previously-created array to check

Description

Returns the number of vertical cells present in a 1D or 2D array. If the 2D array has non-uniform height among different columns, the tallest column count will be returned.

(!) IMPORTANT

Just because a 2D array has a certain height does not guarantee that data exists at the highest column index of every row. Attempting to access data in shorter columns will result in an error. To avoid this behavior, it is recommended to use

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dimension for width and height as other data structures.

```
v arlast_cell = array _heigh(my _array ) 1;
```



The "array_read" Function

Syntax

```
array _rea(string);
```

Argument	Туре	Description
string	string	A previously-encoded string to decode as an array

Description

Takes a string encoded with array _w ritand returns the contents as a 1D or 2D array.

This script also accepts strings encoded with ds_grid_w riteand can be used to convert ds_grids to arrays.

```
my _array _rea(str_array );
```



The "array_write" Function

Syntax

```
array _w ri(ėd);
```

Argument	Туре	Description
id	array	The index of a previously-created array to encode as a string

Description

Takes a 1D or 2D array and returns the contents as an encoded string for use with array _read

The resulting string can also be decoded with <code>ds_grid_read</code> and can be used to convert an array to a <code>ds_grid</code>.

```
my _array =0[ 1, 2, 3, 4];
str_array =array _w ri(my _array );
```



The "window_set_cursor_sprite" Function

Syntax

```
w indow _set_cu rsor_spr(sprite);
```

Argument	Туре	Description
sprite	sprite	The sprite to assign as a mouse cursor

Description

Assigns a sprite to the cursor using consistent syntax with the primary w indow _set_cu rsourction. Note that the sprite origin point will be used as the cursor hotspot.

While it is not required, it is highly recommended to include <code>obj_gmlp</code> in the project when using this script. The <code>obj_gmlp</code> object will handle automatically switching between system and sprite cursor types, as well as provide additional mouse coordinate and visibility variables. (See Built-in Variables for a complete list.)

To disable the cursor sprite, use <code>cr_none</code> . However, if <code>obj_gmlp</code> is present, <code>cr_none</code> will be ignored, and you should use <code>mou se_v isible = false</code> hide the <code>cursor</code>, or <code>w indow _set_cu rsor(cr_defau lot)</code> restore the system cursor instead.

```
w indow _set_cu rsor_spr(spr_cu rso);
```



The "window_get_cursor_sprite" Function

Syntax

```
w indow _get_cu rsor_spr();e
```

Argument	Туре	Description
N/A	N/A	No parameters

Description

Returns the current sprite assigned to the cursor, if any, using consistent syntax with the primary w indow _get_cu rsounction. If no sprite is currently assigned, cr_none will be returned instead.

```
if (w indow _get_cu rsor_spr()e== cr_none) {
    w indow _set_cu rsor_spr(spr_cu rso);
}
```



The

"device_mouse_check_region" Function

Syntax

```
dev ice_mou se_check_regi()dev ice,x, y, rot, w idth, [height],
[halign, v align]);
```

Argument	Туре	Description
dev ice	integer	The mouse or touch point to check, where 0 is first
х	real	The horizontal room coordinate for the region to check
у	real	The horizontal room coordinate for the region to check
rot	real	The rotation of the region to check, if rectangular
w idth	real	The width (or radius) in pixels of the region to check
[height]	real	Optional: The height in pixels of the region to check (use none for circular)
[halign]	constant	Optional: The horizontal alignment of the region to check (use none for fa_center)
[v align]	constant	Optional: The vertical alignment of the region to check (use none for fa_middle)

Description

Checks whether the mouse is currently within a certain region relative to room coordinates and returns tru eor false. If only a region width is specified, it will be interpreted as a radius and the region to check will be circular. For other shapes, a rotated rectangle can be used to cover most areas.

By default, the region to check will be aligned to the center, but this can be changed by specifying optional halign and v alignvalues using font alignment constants such as fa_left and fa_top. Alignment must be input as a pair.

```
//Rectangular region
if (dev ice_mou se_check_regi(0, 640, 480, 0, 512, 384)) {
    //Action
}

//Diamond region
if (dev ice_mou se_check_regi(0, 640, 480, 45, 256, 256)) {
    //Action
}

//Circular region with custom alignment
if (dev ice_mou se_check_regi(0, 256, 128, 0, 512, fa_left, fa_top)) {
    //Action
}
```



The

"device_mouse_check_region_gu i" Function

Syntax

dev ice_mou se_check_region_g(dev ice,x, y, rot, w idth, [height], [halign, v align]);

Argument	Туре	Description
dev ice	integer	The mouse or touch point to check, where 0 is first
х	real	The horizontal GUI coordinate for the region to check
у	real	The horizontal GUI coordinate for the region to check
rot	real	The rotation of the region to check, if rectangular
w idth	real	The width (or radius) in pixels of the region to check
[height]	real	Optional: The height in pixels of the region to check (use none for circular)
[halign]	constant	Optional: The horizontal alignment of the region to check (use none for fa_center)
[v align]	constant	Optional: The vertical alignment of the region to check (use none for fa_middle)

Description

Checks whether the mouse is currently within a certain region relative to GUI coordinates and returns tru eor false. If only a region width is specified, it will be interpreted as a radius and the region to check will be circular. For other shapes, a rotated rectangle can be used to cover most areas.

By default, the region to check will be aligned to the center, but this can be changed by specifying optional halign and v alignvalues using font alignment constants such as fa_left and fa_top. Alignment must be input as a pair.

```
//Rectangular region
if (dev ice_mou se_check_region_g(0; 640, 480, 0, 512, 384)) {
    //Action
}

//Diamond region
if (dev ice_mou se_check_region_g(0; 640, 480, 45, 256, 256)) {
    //Action
}

//Circular region with custom alignment
if (dev ice_mou se_check_region_g(0; 256, 128, 0, 512, fa_left, fa_top)) {
    //Action
}
```



The "ds_grid_delete_col" Function

Syntax

ds_grid_delete_col(id, col);

Argument	Туре	Description
id	ds_grid	The data structure to remove a column from
col	integer	The index of a column to remove

Description

Removes a column from the specified ds_grid while preserving other data.

When complete, ds_grid_w idthwill be reduced by 1. For this reason, a column should only be deleted when there are at least two columns in the grid, otherwise the entire grid will be destroyed.

```
if (ds_grid_w idt(my _grid) >1) {
    ds_grid_delete_col(my _grid,1);
}
```



The "ds_grid_delete_row" Function

Syntax

```
ds_grid_delete_row(id, row );
```

Argument	Туре	Description
id	ds_grid	The data structure to remove a row from
row	integer	The index of a row to remove

Description

Removes a row from the specified ds_grid while preserving other data.

When complete, ds_grid_height will be reduced by 1. For this reason, a row should only be deleted when there are at least two rows in the grid, otherwise the entire grid will be destroyed.

```
if (ds_grid_height(my _grid) >1) {
    ds_grid_delete_row(my _grid,1);
}
```



The "ds_grid_insert_col" Function

Syntax

```
ds_grid_insert_col(id, col, [v alu e]);
```

Argument	Туре	Description
id	ds_grid	The data structure to insert a row into
col	integer	The index of the new column to insert
[v alu e]	real/string	Optional: A value to assign to all new cells (default 0)

Description

Adds a new column to a ds_grid at the given index, shifting any columns that follow. Optionally also sets a value for empty new cells in the grid (default value is 0).

When complete, ds_grid_w idthwill be increased by 1. For this reason, the new column index can be input as less than *or equ* al to the current value of ds_grid_w idth

```
ds_grid_insert_col(my _grid, ds_grid_w idt(my _grid) -2);
ds_grid_insert_col(my _grid, ds_grid_w idt(my _grid) -2, -1);
```



The "ds_grid_insert_row" Function

Syntax

```
ds_grid_insert_row(id, row , [v alu e]);
```

Argument	Туре	Description
id	ds_grid	The data structure to insert a row into
row	integer	The index of the new row to insert
[v alu e]	real/string	Optional: A value to assign to all new cells (default 0)

Description

Adds a new row to a ds_grid at the given index, shifting any rows that follow. Optionally also sets a value for empty new cells in the grid (default value is 0).

When complete, ds_grid_height will be increased by 1. For this reason, the new row index can be input as less than *or equ* al to the current value of ds_grid_height.

```
ds_grid_insert_row(my _grid, ds_grid_height(my _grid) -2);
ds_grid_insert_row(my _grid, ds_grid_height(my _grid) -2, -1);
```



The "ds_list_combine" Function

Syntax

```
ds_list_combine(id, sou rce, [pos]);
```

Argument	Туре	Description	
id	ds_list	The data structure to add new data to	
sou rce	ds_list	The data structure to be added	
pos	integer	Optional: The index at which to insert new data (use none for end of list)	

Description

Copies the values of one ds_list into another ds_list . Unlike ds_list_copy , ds_list_combine does not clear the list of existing values.

By default, this script will insert new values at the end of the list. A different position can be optionally supplied instead, ranging from 0 to ds_list_siz e(id).

Both lists must have already been created before running this script.

```
my _list =ds_list_create();
my _list[|0] = "Hello, ";

my _other_list =ds_list_create();
my _other_list[|0] = "w orld!",

ds_list_combine(my _list, my _other_list);
```



The "ds_list_add_list" Function

Syntax

```
ds_list_add_list(id, sou rce);
```

Argument	Туре	Description
id	ds_list	The data structure to add new data to
sou rce	ds_list	The data structure to be added

Description

Adds the contents of a previously-created ds_list to the specified ds_list .

Intended only for use with JSON functions. Normally, adding one data structure to another simply stores a **reference** to the data structure, therefore this function is necessary to flag the list value as a data structure itself so its contents are written to the JSON file.

As JSON data is unordered by nature, there is no need to input an index at which to insert the new list.

```
my _list =ds_list_create();
my _other_list =ds_list_create();
ds_list_add_list(my _list, my _other_list);
```



The "ds_list_add_map" Function

Syntax

```
ds_list_add_map(id, sou rce);
```

Argument	Туре	Description
id	ds_list	The data structure to add new data to
sou rce	ds_map	The data structure to be added

Description

Adds the **contents** of a previously-created ds_map to the specified ds_list .

Intended only for use with JSON functions. Normally, adding one data structure to another simply stores a **reference** to the data structure, therefore this function is necessary to flag the map value as a data structure itself so its contents are written to the JSON file.

As JSON data is unordered by nature, there is no need to input an index at which to insert the new map.

```
my _list =ds_list_create();
my _map =ds_map_create();

ds_list_add_map(my _list, my _map);
```



The "ds_list_replace_list" Function

Syntax

ds_list_replace_list(id, oldlist, new list);

Argument	Туре	Description
id	ds_list	The data structure to add new data to
oldlist	ds_list	The data structure to be replaced
new list	ds_list	The data structure to be added

Description

Replaces a ds_list previously added to another ds_list with the **contents** of a new ds_list.



Because data structures are referenced by numerical values, this script may not behave as you expect! If a numerical entry in the parent <code>ds_list</code> happens to match the value of a child <code>ds_list</code>, there is no guarantee which value will be replaced!

Intended only for use with JSON functions. Normally, adding one data structure to another simply stores a **reference** to the data structure, therefore this function is necessary to flag the list value as a data structure itself so its contents are written to the JSON file.

```
my _list =ds_list_create();
my _other_list =ds_list_create();
my _new _list #s_list_create();

ds_list_add_list(my _list, my _other_list);

ds_list_replace_list(my _list, my _other_list, my _new _list);
```



The "ds_list_replace_map" Function

Syntax

ds_list_replace_map(id, oldlist, new list);

Argument	Туре	Description
id	ds_list	The data structure to add new data to
oldmap	ds_map	The data structure to be replaced
new map	ds_map	The data structure to be added

Description

Replaces a ds_map previously added to a ds_list with the **contents** of a new ds_map .



Because data structures are referenced by numerical values, this script may not behave as you expect! If a numerical entry in the parent <code>ds_list</code> happens to match the value of a child <code>ds_map</code>, there is no guarantee which value will be replaced!

Intended only for use with JSON functions. Normally, adding one data structure to another simply stores a **reference** to the data structure, therefore this function is necessary to flag the list value as a data structure itself so its contents are written to the JSON file.

```
my _list =ds_list_create();
my _map =ds_map_create();
my _new _map ds_map_create();

ds_list_add_map(my _list, my _map);

ds_list_replace_map(my _list, my _map, my _new _map);
```



The "make_color_hex" Function

Syntax

make_color_hex("#RRGGBB");

Argument	Туре	Description
"#RRGGBB"	string	A three or six-character hex color code, as a string

Description

Returns an RGB color from a Hex color code.

Note that including a # at the beginning of the hex code is optional, and if any unacceptable input is made, the script will return c_w hiteor the nearest usable color value to the malformed input. It is also acceptable to input only three values, in which case the secondary value will be assumed to match the first.

If you are not familiar with Hex color notation, you can choose a color using the color picker below. Click the notation to cycle between RGB, HSL, and Hex color notations.

Choose a color:

^{*} Requires Chromium browser

```
color = make_color_hex("#0066FF");
color = make_color_hex("0066FF");
color = make_color_hex("#06F");
color = make_color_hex("06F");
```



The "color_get_hex" Function

Syntax

```
color_get_hex(color);
```

Argument	Туре	Description
color	color	An RGB color to convert to Hex

Description

Returns a Hex color code as a string from an RGB color.

```
color = color_get_hex(c_red);
```



The "file_list" Function

Syntax

```
file_list(dname, attr, [recu rse]);
```

Argument	Туре	Description
dname	string	The full path of the target directory, including drive letter
attr	integer/constant	Enables filtering results as directories (fa_directory) or files (anything else)
[recu rse]	boolean	Optional: Enables including subdirectories in scan results (disabled by default)

Description

Scans a directory and returns the contents as a <code>ds_list</code> , including relative paths (if any), filenames, and extensions.

The attribute filter and recursive options can only be used on Windows. All other platforms should set attr to 0 and ignore the optional recurseargument.

If the attribute filter is supported and set to fa_directory, only directories will be returned. This is the only supported filter, and all other options will return a list of files instead.



To achieve best processing speed, files without extensions are not supported by this script.

(!) IMPORTANT

w orking_directory or elsewhere previously granted access via the get_sav e_filename function. On desktop platforms, this limitation can be removed by disabling the filesystem sandbox in Game Settings.

```
v ardirs = file_list("C:\\my \\folder", fa_directory, tru );
v arfiles = file_list("C:\\my \\folder", 0);
```



The "file_move" Function

Syntax

```
file_mov @fname, dest);
```

Argument	Туре	Description
fname	string	The full path of the file to move, including name and extension
dest	string	The destination folder to move file to, not including filename

Description

Moves a file on the disk to a new folder, removing it from the original location. Will also return tru eor false to indicate if the operation succeeded.



On Android, files must be loaded into memory to be moved. It is not recommended to move very large files that could exceed the RAM capacity of some users' phones.

(!) IMPORTANT

By default, this script can only be used to scan directories within

w orking_directory or elsewhere previously granted access via the

get_sav e_filename function. On desktop platforms, this limitation can be removed by disabling the filesystem sandbox in Game Settings.

Example

file_mov @w orking_directory+ "temp.sav ", w orking_directory+
"sav es");



The "filename_is_dir" Function

Syntax

```
filename_is_dir(fname);
```

Argument	Туре	Description
fname	string	The full path to check

Description

Checks if a filename appears to be a directory based on string properties and returns tru eor false. This is faster than directory _ex ist, and is useful for checking paths outside the sandbox.



To achieve best processing speed, files without extensions are not supported by this script.

```
v arfile = file_find_first("C:\\*", fa_directory);
if (filename_is_dir(file)) {
    //Directory exists!
}
```



The "game_get_step" Function

Syntax

```
game_get_step();
```

Argument	Туре	Description
N/A	N/A	No arguments

Description

Returns the number of Steps that have been run for the entire current game session.

While it is not strictly required, this script will not have perfect accuracy without including <code>obj_gmlp</code> in the current project. The <code>obj_gmlp</code> object will automatically track any lost steps (i.e. dropped frames) that occur as a result of system lag, window dragging, and similar events, which will then be accounted for in this script.

```
if (is_ev e(game_get_step())) {
    //Action on even Steps
} else {
    //Action on odd Steps
}
```



The "game_get_time" Function

Syntax

```
game_get_time([ty pe]);
```

Argument	Туре	Description
[ty pe]	constant	Optional: Sets whether to return a value in milliseconds (gamespeed_fps) or microseconds (gamespeed_microseconds) (use none for milliseconds)

Description

Returns the number of milliseconds or microseconds the entire current game session has been running. If no [ty pe] is specified, milliseconds will be returned by default.

```
v arhou rs_play ed floor(game_get_time(gamespeed_fps)/1000/60/60);
v arms_play ed = game_get_time(gamespeed_microseconds)/100000);
```



The "instance_find_var" Function

Syntax

```
instance_find_v a(v ar n);
```

Argument	Туре	Description
v ar	string	The variable name to search for, as a string
n	integer	The ordinal instance number to return, if multiple results are found

Description

Searches existing instances for a particular variable and returns the ID of the containing instance, or keyword noone if not found.

If multiple matching instances exist, you can specify which number to return with the n argument, where the first instance is 0. If the input number is greater than the number of matching instances, the last result will be returned.

(!) IMPORTANT

GameMaker instance order can vary based on many factors, so when multiple instances exist, this script may not always return the same ID each time!

```
v arinst = instance_find_v a("my _v ar"0);
if (inst == noone) {
    ex it;
}
```



Introduction to Angle Functions

In simple terms, trigonometry is the study of triangles. In programming, it is often used to determine the 2D coordinates of points which have been rotated a certain distance away from another point. You may have a mental image of a line being drawn from point A to point B, creating an angle. While calculating this angle is the objective we're trying to achieve, how we get there is by imagining not just a *line*, but a *triangle* instead--two flat lines following the X and Y axis like normal, while the angle is the triangle's hypotenuse.

Trigonometry demonstrates that it is possible to determine the position, orientation, and length of a triangle's hypotenuse based on its other two sides. While the formulae required are logically quite simple, actually calculating them is not. For programs that heavily rely on trigonometry, having an efficient way to perform these calculations is important. And for newcomers who may not yet be used to working with trigonometry in programming, making them easy to understand is equally so.

GML+ has many angle functions which fundamentally boil down to only three:

rot_prefetch, rot_point_x, and rot_point_y. However, by applying the same basic principles in different ways, users may find other angle functions to be easier for their particular use-cases. In this section, we'll examine each one in detail.



The "rot_prefetch" Function

Syntax

```
rot_prefetch(deg);
```

Argument	Туре	Description
deg	real	The angle to calculate sine and cosine, in degrees

Description

Pre-calculates the sine and cosine of an angle in degrees, which can then be used by future angle functions without calculating them again. This is highly useful for improving performance when calculating multiple points based on the same rotation.

Other angle functions will also prefetch rotation, if supplied, in which case running this script separately is not necessary. However, prefetching rotation manually can still be quite useful in some scenarios (such as calculations spread across multiple events) or simply maintaining clean code.

```
rot_prefetch(90);
x = rot_point_x(5, 10);
y = rot_point_y(5, 10);
```



The "rot_point_x" Function

Syntax

```
rot_point_x(x, y, [deg]);
```

Argument	Туре	Description
X	real	The horizontal distance from the rotation center point
у	real	The vertical distance from the rotation center point
[deg]	real	Optional: The angle to calculate sine and cosine, in degrees

Description

Returns the X component of a point the given distance away rotated by the given angle in degrees. (Center point is assumed as 0.)

Supplying a rotation is optional. As calculating the sine and cosine of angles is costly to performance, these values are stored in memory for use with further instances of angle functions based on the same rotation. If no rotation is supplied, the previous angle's sine and cosine will be used. This is highly useful for improving performance when calculating multiple points based on the same rotation.

```
x = 128 + rot_point_x(64, 64, image_angle);
y = 128 + rot_point_y(64, 64);
```



The "rot_point_y" Function

Syntax

```
rot_point_y(x, y, [deg]);
```

Argument	Туре	Description
X	real	The horizontal distance from the rotation center point
у	real	The vertical distance from the rotation center point
[deg]	real	Optional: The angle to calculate sine and cosine, in degrees

Description

Returns the Y component of a point the given distance away rotated by the given angle in degrees. (Center point is assumed as 0.)

Supplying a rotation is optional. As calculating the sine and cosine of angles is costly to performance, these values are stored in memory for use with further instances of angle functions based on the same rotation. If no rotation is supplied, the previous angle's sine and cosine will be used. This is highly useful for improving performance when calculating multiple points based on the same rotation.

```
x = 128 + rot_point_x(64, 64, image_angle);
y = 128 + rot_point_y(64, 64);
```



The "rot_dist_x" Function

Syntax

```
rot_dist_x(dist, [deg]);
```

Argument	Туре	Description	
dist	real	The distance from the rotation center point	
[deg]	real	Optional: The angle to calculate sine and cosine, in degrees	

Description

Returns the X component of a point the given distance away rotated by the given angle in degrees. (Center point is assumed as 0.)

Supplying a rotation is optional. As calculating the sine and cosine of angles is costly to performance, these values are stored in memory for use with further instances of angle functions based on the same rotation. If no rotation is supplied, the previous angle's sine and cosine will be used. This is highly useful for improving performance when calculating multiple points based on the same rotation.

```
x = 128 + rot_dist_x(64, image_angle);
y = 128 + rot_dist_y(64);
```



The "rot_dist_y" Function

Syntax

```
rot_dist_y(dist, [deg]);
```

Argument	Туре	Description	
dist	real	The distance from the rotation center point	
[deg]	real	Optional: The angle to calculate sine and cosine, in degrees	

Description

Returns the Y component of a point the given distance away rotated by the given angle in degrees. (Center point is assumed as 0.)

Supplying a rotation is optional. As calculating the sine and cosine of angles is costly to performance, these values are stored in memory for use with further instances of angle functions based on the same rotation. If no rotation is supplied, the previous angle's sine and cosine will be used. This is highly useful for improving performance when calculating multiple points based on the same rotation.

```
x = 128 + rot_dist_x(64, image_angle);
y = 128 + rot_dist_y(64);
```



The "rot_vec_x" Function

Syntax

```
rot_dist_x(dist, [deg]);
```

Argument	Туре	Description
x 1	real	The horizontal center point
y 1	real	The vertical center point
x 2	real	The horizontal distance from the rotation center point
y 2	real	The vertical distance from the rotation center point
[deg]	real	Optional: The angle to calculate sine and cosine, in degrees

Description

Returns the X component of a point the given distance away from the given center point and rotated by the given angle in degrees. (Or in other words, the X component of the tip of a rotated line.)

Supplying a rotation is optional. As calculating the sine and cosine of angles is costly to performance, these values are stored in memory for use with further instances of

angle functions based on the same rotation. If no rotation is supplied, the previous angle's sine and cosine will be used. This is highly useful for improving performance when calculating multiple points based on the same rotation.

```
x = rot_v ec_{128, 128, 64, 64, image_angle);
y = rot_v ec_{128, 128, 64, 64);
```



The "rot_vec_y" Function

Syntax

```
rot_v ec_{dist, [deg]);
```

Argument	Туре	Description
x 1	real	The horizontal center point
y 1	real	The vertical center point
x 2	real	The horizontal distance from the rotation center point
y 2	real	The vertical distance from the rotation center point
[deg]	real	Optional: The angle to calculate sine and cosine, in degrees

Description

Returns the Y component of a point the given distance away from the given center point and rotated by the given angle in degrees. (Or in other words, the Y component of the tip of a rotated line.)

Supplying a rotation is optional. As calculating the sine and cosine of angles is costly to performance, these values are stored in memory for use with further instances of

angle functions based on the same rotation. If no rotation is supplied, the previous angle's sine and cosine will be used. This is highly useful for improving performance when calculating multiple points based on the same rotation.

```
x = rot_v ec_{128, 128, 64, 64, image_angle);
y = rot_v ec_{128, 128, 64, 64);
```



The "approx" Function

Syntax

```
approx(v alu e, min, [max ]);
```

Argument	Туре	Description	
v alu e	real	The numerical value to check	
min	real	The minimum closeness, or alternatively, minimum value to accept	
[max]	real	Optional: The maximum value to accept (use none for +/-min)	

Description

Checks if a value is between two numbers and returns tru eor false.

By default, the input value will be tested plus or minus the min value, but an explicit max value can also be supplied to set the exact range.

```
if (approx(enemy x - x, 128)) {
    //Enemy is near play er on left or right
}
```



The "interp" Function

Syntax

interp(a, b, amou nt, ease, [bx 1, by 1, bx 2, by 2]);

Argument	Туре	Description
a	real	The starting value to interpolate from
b	real	The target value to interpolate to
amou nt	real	The amount, or percentage to interpolate between values (variable recommended)
ease	integer/macro	Sets the easing method for the interpolation (see options below)
[bx 1]	real	Optional: X percentage for left control point of a cubic bezier curve (0-1)
[by 1]	real	Optional: Y percentage for left control point of a cubic bezier curve (0-1)
[bx 2]	real	Optional: X percentage for right control point of a cubic bezier curve (0-1)
[by 2]	real	Optional: Y percentage for right control point of a cubic bezier curve (0-1)

Description

Returns a value interpolated between the two input values with optional easing methods to create a smooth start and/or end to animations.

The first input value should equal the original state of the value and the second input the target state of the value. For example, to move an object from x = 0to x = 50, 0 and 50 would be the two input values here.

The third input value can be thought of as a percentage of completion. Using the same example, an input amount of 0.5 would return x = 25

In order to create animations with this script, the interpolation amount must be input as a variable which is incremented externally.

The fourth and final value is an integer specifying the easing method used during interpolation. True or false can be used here to specify basic in/out interpolation or linear interpolation (i.e. no easing), but in addition to these basic modes there are 30 different easing techniques, featured below. Easing techniques are ordered from shallowest to deepest curve, with a few special techniques added on at the end as well.

For memorability, it is recommended to use an easing macro from the list below in place of an integer value:

Easing Macro	Value	Easing Macro	Value
ease_none	-4	ease_ex po	16
ease_sin	1	ease_ex po_in	17
ease_sin_in	2	ease_ex po_ou t	18
ease_sin_ou t	3	ease_circ	19
ease_qu ad	4	ease_circ_in	20
ease_qu ad_in	5	ease_circ_ou t	21
ease_qu ad_ou t	6	ease_ru bber	22
ease_cu bic	7	ease_ru bber_in	23
ease_cu bic_in	8	ease_ru bber_ou t	24
ease_cu bic_ou t	9	ease_elastic	25
ease_qu art	10	ease_elastic_in	26
ease_qu art_in	11	ease_elastic_ou t	27
ease_qu art_ou t	12	ease_bou nce	28
ease_qu int	13	ease_bou nce_in	29
ease_qu int_in	14	ease_bou nce_ou t	30
ease_qu int_ou t	15	ease_bez ier	31

If the bezier ease mode is selected, four more arguments can be supplied to act as control points for a custom interpolation curve. These values range from 0-1, but Y values can be less or greater to create a rubber-banding effect. See https://cubic-bezier.com/ for an interactive visual example.

```
du ration =5;
time += delta_time/1000000;

x = interp(0, 50, time/du ration, ease_qu art);
y = interp(0, 50, time/du ration, ease_bez ier0.66, -0.33, 0.33, 1.33);
```



The "is_even" Function

Syntax

```
is_ev e(n);
```

Argument	Туре	Description
n	real	A number to check parity of

Description

Returns tru eif a given number is even, and false if odd. Invalid inputs will be returned as even.

```
if (is_ev e(v ar_nu m)) {
    show _message("I'm ev en!");
} else {
    show _message("I'm odd!");
}
```



The "is_odd" Function

Syntax

```
is_odd(n);
```

Argument	Туре	Description
n	real	A number to check parity of

Description

Returns tru eif a given number is odd, and false if even. Invalid inputs will be returned as even.

```
if (is_odd(v ar_nu m)) {
    show _message"I'm odd!");
} else {
    show _message"I'm ev en!");
}
```



The "round_to" Function

Syntax

```
rou nd_tov alu e, mu ltiple);
```

Argument	Туре	Description
v alu e	real	The value to round
mu ltiple	real	The number to round to, as a multiple

Description

Rounds to a multiple of the specified number (rather than to the nearest whole) and returns the result. Unlike normal rounding, rounding to fractional values is supported.

Note that this script uses "banker's rounding", meaning if a value is exactly half the multiplier, it will round to the nearest **even** number.

Also note that the multiplier should **always** be positive. The value to round can be either positive or negative.

```
score = rou nd_t(score, 10);
```



The "timer" Function

Syntax

```
timer(id, [du ration]);
```

Argument	Туре	Description
id	string	Sets a unique timer ID, as a string
[du ration]	real	Optional: Sets the duration of time to countdown, in seconds (use none to create timer only)

Description

Sets and/or counts down a timer and returns false until the time has expired, after which it will return tru e (To return the actual time value, see timer_get .)

The timer ID should be a unique string value. Timers and their IDs are local to the running instance, so multiple timers can use the same ID in different instances. However, the same ID cannot be reused within a single instance. Otherwise, there is no limit on the quantity of timers that can exist at once.

Timer duration is measured in seconds. This value is automatically adapted to framerate and delta time.

```
if (timer("t_alarm", 3)) {
    //Action after 3 seconds
}
```



The "timer_set" Function

Syntax

```
timer_set(id, du ration, [instance]);
```

Argument	Туре	Description
id	string	The unique timer ID to modify, as a string (or keyword all for all local timers)
du ration	real	Sets the duration of time to countdown, in seconds
[instance]	instance	Optional: Sets the object instance containing the timer to modify (use none for self)

Description

Overrides the current time in the specified timer, restarting the countdown process. If the timer does not exist, it will be created, but not countdown.

Note that if this script is run in an event that is executed every frame (e.g. Step), the timer will be unable to countdown! If this is required, use an 'if' statement to only set the timer under certain conditions.

```
timer("t_alarm", 5);
timer("t_other", 5, my _other_inst);
```



The "timer_get" Function

Syntax

```
timer_get(id, [instance]);
```

Argument	Туре	Description
id	string	The unique timer ID to check, as a string
[instance]	instance	Optional: Sets the object instance containing the timer to check (use none for self)

Description

Returns the time remaining for the timer running in the current or specified instance, as a value of seconds. If the instance or timer does not exist, -1 will be returned instead.

```
v arinst_streetlight = instance_find(obj_streetlight, 0);
v arrace_started = (timer_get("t_streetlight", inst_streetlight) == 0);
```



The "timer_set_speed" Function

Syntax

```
timer_set_speed(id, speed, [instance]);
```

Argument	Туре	Description
id	string	The unique timer ID to modify, as a string (or keyword all for all local timers)
du ration	real	Sets the speed multiplier of time countdown, where 1 is default
[instance]	instance	Optional: Sets the object instance containing the timer to modify (use none for self)

Description

Sets the speed multiplier for the specified timer, increasing or decreasing the countdown rate. The default value of 1 equals real time.

```
timer_set_speed("t_alarm", 0.5);
timer_set_speed(all, 1, my _other_inst);
```



The "timer_get_speed" Function

Syntax

```
timer_get_speed(id, [instance]);
```

Argument	Туре	Description
id	string	The unique timer ID to check, as a string
[instance]	instance	Optional: Sets the object instance containing the timer to check (use none for self)

Description

Returns the speed multiplier for the timer running in the current or specified instance, where a value of 1 is real time. If the instance or timer does not exist, 0 will be returned instead.

```
v army _timer_speed =timer_get_speed("my _timer");
my _timer_speed += & - my _timer_speed) 0.25;
timer_set_speed("my _timer", my _timer_speed);
```



The "timer_set_pause" Function

Syntax

```
timer_set_pau s@id, enable, [instance]);
```

Argument	Туре	Description
id	string	The unique timer ID to modify, as a string (or keyword all for all local timers)
enable	boolean	Enables, disables, or toggles the pause state
[instance]	instance	Optional: Sets the object instance containing the timer to modify (use none for self)

Description

Pauses or unpauses the specified timer. Can also toggle pause state if other is supplied instead of tru eor false.

```
timer_set_pau set_lalarm", other);
timer_set_pau setall, tru p my _other_inst);
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```



The "timer_get_pause" Function

Syntax

```
timer_get_pau s@id, [instance]);
```

Argument	Туре	Description
id	string	The unique timer ID to check, as a string
[instance]	instance	Optional: Sets the object instance containing the timer to check (use none for self)

Description

Returns the pause state for the timer running in the current or specified instance. If the instance or timer does not exist, tru ewill be returned, as the timer is not running.

```
if (timer_get_pau seumer) {
   timer_set("my _timer", 5);
}
```



The "wait" Function

Syntax

```
w aitdu ration, [offset]);
```

Argument	Туре	Description
du ration	real	Sets the duration of time to wait, in seconds
[offset]	real	Optional: Sets the amount of time to offset the timer

Description

Returns false for a specified interval, as a value of seconds, after which tru ewill be returned for **one frame**. Repeats endlessly.

Note that this script's starting time is based on *instance creation time*, and will always return tru eat the same time for every instance of any object created in the same Step. Sometimes this synchronization is not desirable, in which case an optional offset time can also be supplied. Unlike the main time interval, the offset value can be either positive or negative. For example, to base starting time on global session time, use <code>-game_get_time()</code> (must be a variable declared in an event that is not run every Step).

```
//STEP EVENT
if (x != x prev io) or (y != y prev io) §
    if (w ai(1)) {
       stamina--;
    }
} else {
   if (w ai(2)) {
       stamina++;
    }
}
//LEFT MOUSE PRESSED EVENT
click_time = -game_get_time();
//LEFT MOUSE DOWN EVENT
if (w ai(0.15, click_time)) {
   instance_create_lay e(x, y, lay er obj_bu lle);
}
```



The "sprite_get_index" Function

Syntax

```
sprite_get_index(sprite, [offset]);
```

Argument	Туре	Description
sprite	sprite	The sprite to retrieve image index of
[offset]	real	Optional: Sets the number of frames to offset the sprite index

Description

Every instance has a built-in <code>image_index</code> variable which tracks the animation frame for the sprite assigned to <code>sprite_index</code>, adjusted for <code>image_speed</code>. But many objects draw multiple sprites, each of which may have a different speed. This script returns the <code>image_index</code> value for any sprite, factoring in both sprite speed and delta time.

Note that this script is based on *global session time*, and will always return the same index at the same time for every instance of the sprite. Sometimes this synchronization is not desirable, in which case an optional offset time can also be supplied, as a value of frames. For example, to base starting time on instance creation Copyright © XGASOFT, All Rights Reserved

time, use -sprite_get_index ()(must be a variable declared in an event that is not run every Step).

```
//CREATE EVENT
v aroffset = -sprite_get_index(my _sprite);

//DRAW EVENT
draw _sprit@my _sprite, sprite_get_index(my _sprite, offset), x + 32, y - 32);
```



The "sprite_get_speed_fps" Function

Syntax

```
sprite_get_speed_fps(sprite);
```

Argument	Туре	Description
sprite	sprite	The sprite to retrieve speed of

Description

Returns the target sprite speed as defined in the sprite editor, forcing the results to be interpreted as **frames per-second**.

```
v arspeed_fps = sprite_get_speed_fps(my _sprite);
```



The "sprite_get_speed_real" Function

Syntax

```
sprite_get_speed_real(sprite);
```

Argument	Type	Description
sprite	sprite	The sprite to retrieve speed of

Description

Returns the target sprite speed as defined in the sprite editor, forcing the results to be interpreted as **frames per-game frame**.

```
v arspeed_real = sprite_get_speed_real(my _sprite);
```



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