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ta from an open text file into a cell array, C. The text file  
open to open the file and obtain the fileID value. When  
alling fclose(fileID).

to formatSpec, which is a string of conversion  
ughout the entire file and stops when it cannot match

file data using the formatSpec N times, where N is a  
e file after N cycles, call textscan again using the  
le by calling textscan with the same file identifier  
s reading at the point where it terminated the last read.

om a string, str, into cell array C. For strings, repeated  
nning each time. To restart a scan from the last position,

ig, str, to formatSpec, which is a string of conversion

ig data using the formatSpec N times, where N is a

tions using one or more Name, Value pair arguments, in  
vious syntaxes.

le or string position at the end of the scan as the second  
nts in the previous syntaxes. For a file, this is the value  
extscan. For a string, position indicates how many

match each field in `str` to a double-precision floating-point number.

o one decimal digit.

3 digits and a precision of 1. `textscan` reads a total of 3 digits, or the decimal point. The specifier, `%*1d`, tells `textscan` to skip the

at contains data in the following form:

```
% inf Nan Yes 5.1+3i
inf 0.001 No 2.2-.5i
10 100 No 3.1+.1i
```

appropriate conversion specifier.

```
%u %f %f %s %f');
```

alls in C.

[3x1 single]      [3x1 int8]      [3x1 uint32]

{3x1 cell}      [3x1 double]

`C{5}` is of data type `uint32`, so the first two elements of `C{5}` are the  
r, or `intmax('uint32')`.

the second column of the data from the previous example.

it.

```
2 %d8 %u %f %f %s %f');
```

l in C.

row of data type `int32`.

s example into a cell array, skipping the rest of the line.

```
'');
```

on

file, `data.csv`, that contains

```
3 %f', ...
```

textscan function converts the empty value in C{4} to -Inf, where  
t. Because MATLAB represents unsigned integer -Inf as 0, textscan  
t -Inf.

ments

file, data2.csv, that contains the lines

at as comments or empty values.

```
'','Delimiter',' ',...  
style','//');
```

that contains

delimiter, use the `MultipleDelimsAsOne` parameter, and set the value to

```
delimiter',' ','...',...
```

## Collect Numeric Data

that contains:

```
3
77.3
1.0
2.5
34.6
```

's' four times.

```
,N,'Delimiter','|');
```

```
%f')
```

```
[1 double] [4x1 double]
```

lse), so textscan returns each column of the numeric data in a

of the file.

true) to collect the consecutive columns of the same class into a  
to indicate that the %f conversion specifier should appear three  
repeats many times.

```
limiter','|');
```

```
mat('%f',[1,3]),'CollectOutput',1)
```

ected into a single 4-by-3 array.



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text file. Skip a column of strings and a column of integer data.

file called names.txt that contains:

file. Use the conversion specifier, %q to read a string enclosed by  
d string, %\*d skips an integer field, and %f reads a floating-point  
ie 'Delimiter' name-value pair argument.

```
, 'Delimiter', ',', '');
```

le quotation marks enclosing the strings are removed.

contains comma-separated values. The first column of values  
d third columns are numeric values.

```
, 'ISO-8859-15' );  
, 100.5 \n' );  
5, 102.7 \n' );  
39.8 \n' );
```

scheme associated with the file as the last input to fopen.

```
, 'ISO-8859-15' );
```

n the file using the `%{dd % MMMM yyyy}D` specifier. Specify the locale  
e pair argument.

```
%D %f %f', ...  
,',');
```

ses depending on your system locale.

quences in your data.

acter, \f. Then, to read the string using textscan, call sprintf to

```
\fin\fthe\fdead\fof\fnight' );  
,sprintf('\f' ));
```

er than the beginning.

1 reads from the beginning of the string each time. To resume a scan  
no-output argument syntax in your initial call to `textscan`.

ad the first word of the string, and then resume the scan.

```
ead of night';
)c',1);
),'%s');
```

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a number. Before reading a file with `textscan`, you must use `fopen` to

of one or more conversion specifiers. When `textscan` reads a file or  
matSpec string. If `textscan` fails to match a data field, it stops reading

res the number of cells in output array, C.

3 for numeric inputs.

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	Output Class
	int32
	int8
	int16
	int32
	int64
	uint32
	uint8
	uint16
	uint32
	uint64
	double
	single
	double
	double

⌋ for inputs that include nonnumeric characters.

⌋	Details
	Read any single character, including a delimiter.
	Read a string.
	<p>Read a string. If the string begins with a double quotation mark ("), omit the leading quotation mark and its accompanying closing mark, which is the second instance of a lone double quotation mark. Replace escaped double quotation marks (for example, "\"abc\"") with lone double quotation marks ("abc"). %q ignores any double quotation marks that appear after the closing double quotation mark.</p> <p>Example: '%q' reads '"Joe "Lightning" Smith, Jr."' as 'Joe "Lightning" Smith, Jr.'.</p>
	Read a string in the same way as %q above, and then convert to a datetime value.
	<p>Read a string in the same way as %q above, and then convert to a datetime value. <i>fmt</i> describes the format of the input string. The <i>fmt</i> input is a string of letter identifiers that is a valid value for the Format property of a datetime. textscan converts strings that do not match this format to NaT values.</p> <p>For more information about datetime display formats, see the Format property for datetime arrays.</p> <p>Example: '%{dd-MMM-yyyy}D' specifies the format of a date such as '01-Jan-2014'.</p>
	Read a string in the same way as %q, and then convert to a category name in a categorical array. textscan converts the string, <undefined> to an undefined value in the output categorical array.

<p>Read only the characters inside the brackets up to the first nonmatching character. To include ] in the set, specify it first: %[ ]...].</p> <p>Example: %[mus] reads 'summer ' as 'summ'.</p>	
<p>Exclude characters inside the brackets, reading until the first matching character. To exclude ], specify it first: %[^]...].</p> <p>Example: %[^xng] reads 'summer ' as 'summe'.</p>	

ude optional operators, which appear in the following order (includes

% \* 5.2 f

Precision      Conversion character

in sequence, unless you tell it to ignore a particular field or a portion

percent character (%) to skip a field or a portion of a character field.

any conversion specifier identifying the field to skip. textscan does not put cell for any such fields.

's %s %s %\*s %\*s %s' (spaces are optional) converts the string 'gling in the dead of night' to four output cells with the strings 'n' 'the' 'night'

acters, where  $n$  is an integer less than or equal to the number of field.

%s' converts 'abcdefg' to 'defg'. When the delimiter is a comma, %s converts 'abcde,fghijkl' to a cell array containing 'de'; 'ijkl'.

;, including delimiter characters.

or digits specified by the field width or precision, or up to the first decimal point, sign (+ or -), exponent character, and digits in the numeric digits within the field width. For complex numbers, the field width refers to the imaginary part. For the imaginary part, the field width includes + by inserting a number after the percent character (%) in the conversion

3'.

single characters (%c), textscan also reads delimiter, white-space,

ignoring white-space, so 'Day and night' reads as 'Day and'.

formatSpec), you can specify the number of decimal digits to read.

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field to the formatSpec string.

field as a positive integer.

int32 | int64 | uint8 | uint16 | uint32 | uint64

field, Value arguments. Name is the argument name and Value is the value. You can specify several name and value pairs as NameN, ValueN.

, 'HeaderLines', 3, 'Delimiter', ',', ') skips the first three lines of the file, ignoring commas as a delimiter.

## Determining data concatenation

concatenation, specified as the comma-separated pair consisting of 'Concatenate' and true, then textscan concatenates consecutive output cells of the same array.

## Text to ignore

ignore as the comma-separated pair consisting of 'CommentStyle' and a string.

ignore characters following the string on the same line. Specify a cell array of strings to ignore characters between the strings.

start of each field, not within a field.

1 textscan should interpret month and day of week names and  
19 the %D format specifier.

characters as separate delimiters, and returns an empty value to the output

ne white-space characters. The default white-space characters are '  
name-value pair argument to specify alternate white-space

sequences as a delimiter, `texts` can convert that sequence to the

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limited text files, specified as the comma-separated pair consisting of

sequence at the end of the last line in a file, then `textscan` returns at individual cells in output cell array, `C`, are the same size.

space-separated pair consisting of 'ExpChars' and a string. The default

comma-separated pair consisting of 'HeaderLines' and a positive integer specifying the number of lines to skip at the beginning of the file, using the remainder of the current line.

**Header handling**

Comma-separated pair consisting of 'MultipleDelimsAsOne' and a logical value. If true, consecutive delimiters are treated as a single delimiter. Repeated delimiters are treated as a single delimiter. You must also specify the Delimiter option.

**textscan fails to read or convert**

Header, specified as the comma-separated pair consisting of 'HeaderLines' and a positive integer. If true, textscan terminates without an error and returns all fields that were successfully read. If false, textscan returns an error and does not return an output cell array.

**Empty value**

Comma-separated pair consisting of 'TreatAsEmpty' and a single character. If true, the character is treated as an empty value. This option applies to numeric fields.

Comma-separated pair consisting of 'Whitespace' and a string of one or more characters, char(32), to specify the whitespace characters to use in the conversion specifier.

By default, textscan converts sequences of white-space characters to a single white-space character.




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matSpec, the textscan function returns a K-by-1 MATLAB numeric array, where K is the number of times that textscan finds a field matching the specifier.

textSpec, the textscan function returns a K-by-1 cell vector of strings, where K is the number of times that textscan finds a field matching the specifier. For each character conversion specifier, textscan returns a K-by-M character array, where M is the field width.

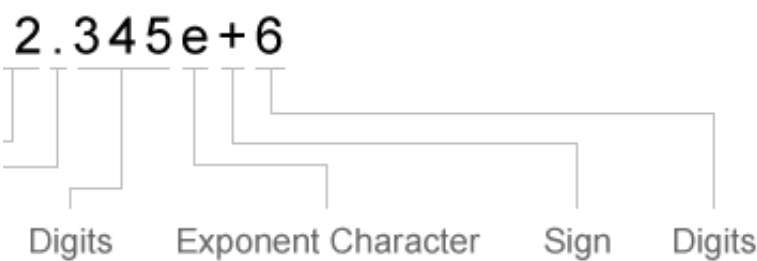
delimiterSpec, the textscan function returns a K-by-1 cell array of character arrays, where K is the number of times that textscan finds a field matching the specifier, C, where K is the number of times that textscan finds a field matching the specifier.

position, returned as an integer of class double. For a file, ftell(fileID) returns the current file position. For a string, position indicates how many characters have been read.

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formatSpec, the textscan function returns a K-by-1 MATLAB numeric array, where K is the number of times that textscan finds a field matching the specifier. For example, MATLAB represents an integer NaN as zero. If textscan encounters a format specifier (such as %d or %u), it returns the empty value as zero.

delimiterSpec, textscan reads until it finds a delimiter or an end-of-line character. For a character conversion specifier, textscan reads until it finds a nonnumeric character. For a format specifier, it attempts to match the data to a particular conversion specifier, it attempts to match the data to a particular conversion specifier, it attempts to match the data to a particular conversion specifier. Sign (+ or -), exponent characters, and decimal point.



	Digits	Exponent Character	Sign	Digits
nt	If there is a decimal point, read one or more digits that immediately	Read one exponent character if it exists.	If there is an exponent character, read one sign character.	If there is an exponent character, read one or more digits that follow it.

follow it.			
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whole into a complex numeric field, converting the real and imaginary  
d or %f). Valid forms for a complex number are:

	Example: 5.7-3.1i
	Example: -7j

omplex number. textscan interprets embedded white space as a field

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