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# **The PEBL Manual**

Programming and Usage Guide for  
The Psychology Experiment Building Language  
PEBL Version 2.4

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# Chapter 1

## About

PEBL (Psychology Experiment Building Language) is a cross-platform, open-source programming language and execution environment for constructing programs to conduct a wide range of archetypal psychology experiments. It is entirely free of charge, and may be modified to suit your needs as long as you follow the terms of the GPL, under which the source code is licensed. PEBL is written primarily in C++, but requires a few other tools (`flex`, `yacc`) and the 2.0 branch of the SDL libraries (`SDL`, `SDL_image`, `SDL_gfx`, and `SDL_ttf`) to use. In addition, a set of audio recording functions are available using the (now old and basically unmaintained) `sdl_audioin` library. As of 2.4, it supports web deployment with via `emscripten` (instance hosted at <https://peblhub.online>), `labstreaminglayer` for syncing data with external equipment, and use of 500+ psychological scales from the OpenScales project at <http://openscales.net>.

It currently compiles and runs on Linux (using `g++`), Mac OSX (using `xcode`), and Microsoft Windows (using `code:blocks` and `mingw`) platforms using free tools. It has been developed primarily by Shane T. Mueller, Ph.D. ([smueller@obereed.net](mailto:smueller@obereed.net)). This document was prepared with editorial and formatting help from Gulab Parab and Samuele Carcagno. In addition, much of the material in the chapter on the PEBL Test battery was contributed by Bryan Rowley. Contributions are welcome and encouraged.



# Chapter 2

## Usage

Most users will be able to download a precompiled version of PEBL and run experiments directly. Some advanced users may wish to compile their own version, however. The next section describes how to do this.

### 2.1 How to Compile PEBL 2.0

Currently, there is no automated compile procedure. PEBL requires the `SDL2`, `SDL2_image`, `SDL2_gfx`, `SDL2_net`, `SDL2_audio` and `SDL2_ttf` libraries and development headers. It also uses `flex` and `bison`, but you can compile without these tools. PEBL compiles on both Linux and Windows using the free `gcc` compiler; on windows this is most easily supported through the code:blocks IDE. Note that `SDL-image` may require `jpeg`, `png`, and a `zlib` compression library, while `SDL-ttf` uses `truetype` 2.0.

#### 2.1.1 Linux

PEBL should compile by typing ‘`make`’ in its base directory once all requisite tools are installed and the source distribution is uncompressed. Currently, PEBL does not use autotools, so its make system is rather brittle. Assistance is welcome.

On Linux, compiling will fail if you don’t have an `/obj` directory and all the appropriate subdirectories (that mirror the main tree.) These will not exist if you check out from CVS.

### 2.1.2 Microsoft Windows

On Microsoft Windows, PEBL is designed to be compiled using minGW implementation of the gnu compiler toolset.

### 2.1.3 MacOS

As of version 2.4, we do not support MacOS directly, although we may in the future if there is demand. Users can use <https://peblhub.online> on OSX.

## 2.2 Installation

### 2.2.1 Linux

On Linux, there is an .appimage package available. However, it is fairly easy to compile and install from source. To begin, be sure that all the sdl packages are installed. Then, go to the main pebl directory and type:

```
>make
>sudo make install
```

Once installed, you can install the test battery into Documents/pebl-exp.X using the command `pebl -install`.

### 2.2.2 Microsoft Windows

In Microsoft Windows, we provide an installer package that contains all necessary executable binary files and .dlls. This installer places PEBL in `c:\Program Files\PEBL`, and creates a directory `pebl-exp.X` in My Documents with a shortcut that allows PEBL to be launched and programs that reside there to be run.

### 2.2.3 Linux

If you have installed PEBL into `/usr/local/bin`, you will be able to invoke PEBL by typing ‘`pebl2`’ at a command line. PEBL requires you to specify one or more source files that it will compile and run, e.g., the command:

```
> pebl2 stroop.pbl library.pbl
```

will load the experiment described in `stroop.pbl`, and will load the supplementary library functions in `library.pbl`.

Additionally, PEBL can take the `-v` or `-V` command-line parameter, which allows you to pass values into the script. This is useful for entering subject numbers and condition types using an outside program like a bash script (possibly one that invokes `dialog` or `zenity`). A sample `zenity` script that asks for subject number and then runs a sample experiment which uses that input resides in the `bin` directory. The script can be edited to use fullscreen mode or change the display dimensions, for example. See Section 2.2.4: Command-Line Arguments.

You can also specify directories without a filename on the command-line (as long as they end with `'/'`). Doing so will add that directory to the search path when files are opened.

### 2.2.4 Microsoft Windows

PEBL can be launched from the command line in Windows by going to the `pebl\bin` directory and typing `'pebl.exe'`. PEBL requires you to specify one or more source files that it will compile and run. For example, the command

```
> pebl2.exe stroop.pbl library.pbl
```

loads the experiment described in `stroop.pbl`, and loads supplementary library functions in `library.pbl`.

Additionally, PEBL can take the `-v` or `-V` command-line parameter, which allows you to pass values in to the script. This is useful for entering condition types using an outside program like a batch file. the `-s` and `-S` allow one to specify a subject code, which gets bound to the `gSubNum` variable. If no value is specified, `gSubNum` is initialized to 0. You can also specify directories without a file (as long as they end with `'\'`). Doing so will add that directory to the search path when files are opened. See Section 2.2.4: Command-Line Arguments.

Launching programs from the command-line on Windows is cumbersome. One easy way to launch PEBL on Windows is to create a shortcut to the executable file and then edit the properties so that the shortcut launches PEBL with the proper script and command-line parameters. Another way is to write and launch a batch file, which is especially useful if you wish to enter configuration data before loading the script.

## 2.3 How to stop running a program

In order to improve performance, PEBL runs at the highest priority possible on your computer. This means that if it gets stuck somewhere, you may have difficulty terminating the process. We have added an 'abort program' shortcut

key combination that will immediately terminate the program and report the location at which it became stuck in your code:

press <CTRL><SHIFT><ALT><\> simultaneously.

## 2.4 Command-line arguments

Some aspects of PEBL's display can be controlled via command-line arguments. Some of these are platform specific, or their use depends on your exact hardware and software. The following guide to command-line arguments is adapted from the output produced by invoking PEBL with no arguments:

Usage: Invoke PEBL with the experiment script files (.pbl) and command-line arguments.

Examples:

```
pebl2 experiment.pbl -s sub1 --fullscreen --display 800x600
      --driver dga
pebl2 experiment.pbl --driver xf86 --language es
pebl2 experiment.pbl -v 33 -v 2 --fullscreen --display 640x480
```

### Command-Line Options

**-v VALUE1 -v VALUE2**

Invokes script and passes VALUE1 and VALUE2 (or any text immediately following a -v) to a list in the argument of the **Start()** function.

This is useful for passing in conditions, subject numbers, randomization cues, and other entities that are easier to control from outside the script. Variables appear as strings, so numeric values need to be converted to be used as numbers.

**-s VALUE**  
**-S VALUE**

Binds VALUE to the global variable gSubNum, which is set by default to 0.

**--driver <drivername>**

Sets the video driver, when there is more than one. On all platforms, opengl and software should be available. In Linux, opengles is also available, and on windows, direct3d.

**--display <widthxheight>**

Controls the screen width and height (in pixels). Defaults to the current resolution of the screen. Unlike older versions of PEBL, after 0.12 any legal combination of width and height should work.

The screensize a PEBL script runs at depends on a number of things. If no `--display` size is given (e.g., when 'default' is chosen in the launcher), PEBL will try to determine the current screen size and use that, for both fullscreen and windowed mode. Otherwise, it will try to use the specified value.

However, these values are only a request. When the script starts, it sets the values of the global variables `gVideoWidth` and `gVideoHeight` based on either the specified values or the current screen size. These values can be changed in the script before the `MakeWindow` function is called, so that a script can require a particular screen size. Then, the window will be created with those dimensions, overriding any command-line parameters. For greatest flexibility, it is recommended that you do not hard-code screen size but rather make your test adapt to a large number of screen sizes.

Finally, if a screen size is selected that the video card cannot support (i.e., in fullscreen mode), `gVideoWidth` and `gVideoHeight` will be set to the legal screen size closest to the one you requested. PEBL should never crash because you have specified the wrong screen size, but it should rather use one it can support. The values of `gVideoWidth` and `gVideoHeight` will be changed by `MakeWindow` to whatever screen size it actually uses.

### `--depth`

Controls the pixel depth, which also depends on your video card. Currently, depths of 2,8,15,16,24, and 32 are allowed on the command-line. There is no guarantee that you will get the specified bit depth, and bit depths such as 2 and 8 are likely never useful. Changing depths can, for some drivers and video cards, enable better performance or possibly better video synchrony. Defaults to 32.

### `--language <code>`

Specifies the language for translations. Sets the global variable `gLanguage`. Can be a two-letter ISO 639-1 code (e.g., "en", "es", "fr") or any custom identifier. The translation system uses a three-tier fallback: (1) try the specified language, (2) try the system locale if no language was specified, (3) fall back to English. If not set, defaults to empty string, triggering system locale detection.

`--windowed` or `--fullscreen` Controls whether the script will run in a window or fullscreen. The screen resolution a PEBL script runs at depends on a number of things. See the `--display` option above for more details.

### `--resizeable`

#### `--resizable`

Controls whether the window will be resizeable. Only works in windowed mode. Either spelling is accepted.

### `--unicode`



Turns on Unicode text handling, with slight performance overhead. Enabled by default. Required for displaying non-ASCII characters in multiple languages.

**--pfile <filename>**

Specifies which parameter file to use. The filename is bound to the global variable `gParamFile`. Can be a local filename (prepended with “params/”) or a full URL (`http://` or `https://`) for remote parameter loading.

**--upload <filename>**

Specifies an `upload.json` configuration file to use for syncing data with a remote data server (PEBL Simple Data Server or PEBLHub). Sets `gUpload` to true and `gUploadFile` to the specified filename.

**--vsyncon**

**--vsyncoff**

Controls vertical synchronization (vsync). `--vsyncon` enables vsync for tasks requiring precise control of video refresh timing, but may be finicky on some hardware. `--vsyncoff` disables vsync (the default). The `gVSync` global variable is set accordingly and can be tested within scripts.

**--softrender**

Forces use of software renderer instead of hardware-accelerated rendering. Automatically disables vsync. Sets the `gSoftRender` global variable to true. Useful for debugging graphics issues or running on systems without proper GPU drivers.

**--help**

Displays the command-line help screen with all available options.

**--showtestresults**

Sets the global variable `gShowTestResults` to 1 (instead of 0). Allows a test to automatically show a screen with results at the end, useful for self-paced experiments or demonstrations.

## 2.5 System Status Output

To help you debug what is happening and determine the system settings, information about PEBL system settings are printed out to `stderr.txt`. When a window is created, the following information will be printed out.

### Driver information

First, the available drivers will be described. All platforms should have `opengl` and `software`, along with additional platform-specific drivers.

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```
=====
    Available drivers
=====
Render driver count: 3
Driver name (0): opengl
    the renderer uses hardware acceleration
    present is synchronized with the refresh rate
    the renderer supports rendering to texture
Driver name (1): opengles2
    the renderer uses hardware acceleration
    present is synchronized with the refresh rate
    the renderer supports rendering to texture
Driver name (2): software
    the renderer is a software fallback
    the renderer supports rendering to texture
=====
```

Next, specific information about the video display and system will be printed.

```
-----
Application settings:
Script name:                               [PEBL Launcher 2.0]
Mon Jun 20 22:02:24 2016
-----
Display Mode: Width (pixels)                [1000]
Display Mode: Height (pixels)               [700]
Display Mode: Color Depth (bits)            [32]
vsync mode:                                 [0]
Software renderer mode:                     [0]
Windowed:                                   [1]
Resizable:                                  [0]
Driver hint (gDriverHint):                  [none]
Base font (gPEBLBaseFont):                  [DejaVuSans.ttf]
Base Mono font (gPEBLBaseFontMono):         [DejaVuSansMono.ttf]
Base serif (gPEBLBaseFontSerif):            [DejaVuSerif.ttf]
Language (gLanguage):                       [en]
Parameter file (gParamFile):                [/usr/local/share/pebl2/pebl-lib/params/launcher.pbl.par]
Busy/Easy wait: (gSleepEasy):               [1]
Executable name: (gExecutableName):         [pebl2]
Resource path: (gPEBLResourcePath):         [/usr/local/share/pebl2]
Resource path: (gPEBLBasePath):             [/usr/local/share/pebl2]
Working directory: (gWorkingDirectory):     [/home/username/Documents/pebl-exp.2.0]
Renderer information:
Driver name:                                [opengl]
Software fallback:                          [no]
Hardware acceleration:                      [yes]
Vsync with refresh rate:                   [no]
Rendering to texture support                [yes]
-----
```



## Chapter 3

# How to Write a PEBL Program

### 3.1 Basic PEBL Scripts

PEBL has a fairly straightforward and forgiving syntax, and implements most of its interesting functionality in a large object system and function library of hundreds of functions. The library includes many functions specific to creating and presenting stimuli and collecting responses. Efforts, however successful, have been made to enable timing accuracy at a millisecond-scale, and to make machine limitations easy to deal with.

Each PEBL program is stored in a text file. Currently, no special authoring environment is available. A program consists of one or more functions, and *must* have a function called `Start()`. Functions are defined with the following syntax:

```
define <function_name>(parameters)
{
    statement 1
    statement 2
    ....
    return value3
}
```

The parameter list and the return value are optional. For the `Start(par){}` function, `par` is normally bound to 0. However, if PEBL is invoked with `-v` command-line parameters, each value that follows a `-v` is added to a list contained in `'par'`, which can then be accessed within the program:

```
define Start(par)
{
    Print(First(par))
}
```

A simple PEBL program that actually runs follows:

```
define Start(par)
{
    Print("Hello")
}
```

`Print()` is a standard library function. If you run PEBL from a command-line, the text inside the `Print` function will be sent to the console. On Windows, it will appear in the file `'stdout.txt'` in the PEBL directory. Although other functions do not need a parameter argument, the `Start()` function does (case values are passed in from the command-line).

A number of sample PEBL programs can be found in the `/demo` subdirectory.

## 3.2 Case Sensitivity

PEBL uses case to specify an item's token type. This serves as an extra contextual cue to the programmer, so that the program reads more easily and communicates more clearly.

Function names must start with an uppercase letter, but are otherwise case-insensitive. Thus, if you name a function `"DoTrial"`, you can call it later as `"DOTRIAL"` or `"Dottrial"` or even `"DotRail"`. We recommend consistency, as it helps manage larger programs more easily.

Unlike function names, variable names must start with an lowercase letter; if this letter is a 'g', the variable is global. This enforces a consistent and readable style. After the first character, variable names are caseinsensitive. Thus, the variable `'mytrial'` is the same as `'myTrial'`.

Currently, syntax keywords (like `loop`, `if`, `define`, etc.) must be lowercase, for technical reasons. We hope to eliminate this limitation in the future.

## 3.3 Syntax

PEBL has a simple and forgiving syntax, reminiscent of `S+` (or `R`) and `c`. However, differences do exist.

**Table 1:** PEBL Symbols and Keywords

Symbol/Keyword	Usage
+	Adds two expressions together
-	Subtracts one expression from another
/	Divides one expression by another
*	Multiplies two expressions together
^	Raises one expression to the power of another
;	Finishes a statement, or starts a new statement on the same line (is not needed at end of line)
.	The property accessor. Allows properties to be accessed by name
:	Used to specify a default value in a function definition, and to access global function definitions
<-	The assignment operator
( )	Groups mathematical operations
{ }	Groups a series of statements
[ ]	Creates a list
#	Comment—ignore everything on the line that follows
<	Less than
>	Greater than
<=	Less than or equal to
>=	Greater than or equal to
==	Equal to
<> != ~=	Not equal to
and	Logical and
break	Breaks out of a loop prematurely
not	Logical not
or	Logical or
while	Traditional while loop
loop	Loops over elements in a list
if	Simple conditional test
if...else	Complex conditional test
if...elseif...else	Extended conditional chain
define	Defines a function
return	Allows a function to return a value

Table 1 shows a number of keywords and symbols used in PEBL. These need not appear in lowercase in your program.

Note that the '=' symbol does not exist in PEBL. Unlike other languages, PEBL does not use it as an assignment operator. Instead, it uses '<-'. Because it is confusing for users to keep track of the various uses of the = and == symbols, we've eliminated the '=' symbol entirely. Programmers familiar with `c` will notice a resemblance between PEBL and `c`. Unlike `c`, in PEBL a semicolon is not necessary to finish a statement. A carriage return indicates a statement is complete, if the current line forms a complete expression. You may terminate every command with a ';' if you choose, but it may slow down parsing and execution.

Another difference between `c` and PEBL is that in PEBL, {} brackets are not optional: they are required to define code blocks, such as those found in `if` and `while` statements and loops.

## 3.4 Expressions

An expression is a set of operations that produces a result. In PEBL, every function is an expression, as is any single number. Expressions include:

```
3 + 32
(324 / 324) - Log(32)
not lVariable
Print(32323)
"String " + 33
nsuho #this is legal if nsuho has been defined already.
```

Notice that "String " 33+ is a legal expresison. It will produce another string: "String 33".

These are not expressions:

```
NSUHO          #Not an expression
( 33 + 33      #Not an expression
444 / 3342 +   #Not an expression
```

NSUHO is not a variable because it starts with a capital letter. The other lines are incomplete expressions. If the PEBL parser comes to the end of a line with an incomplete expression, it will automatically go to the next line:

```
Print("hello " +
      " world."
)
```

This can result in bugs that are hard to diagnose:

```
a <- 33 + 323 +  
Print(1331)
```

sets **a** to the string "3561331".

But if a carriage return occurs at a point where the line does make a valid expression, it will treat that line as a complete statement:

```
a <- 33 + 323  
* 34245
```

sets **a** equal to 356, but creates a syntax error on the next line.

Any expression can be used as the argument of a function, but a function may not successfully operate when given bogus arguments.

If a string is defined across line breaks, the string definition will contain a linebreak character, which will get printed in output text files and textboxes.

```
text <- "this is a line  
and so is this"
```

If you desire a long body of text without linebreaks, you must define it piecemeal:

```
text <- "This is a line " +  
"There is no line break before this line."
```

### 3.5 loop() syntax.

The main way of iterating in PEBL is via the loop syntax. Some examples include:

```
loop(i, [1,2,3])  
{  
  Print(i)  
}  
  
loop(i, ["a","b","c"])  
{  
  Print(i)  
}  
  
loop(i,10)  
{  
  Print(i)  
}
```

The loop function will execute the code in the brackets multiple times; once for each element of the list specified as the second argument. On each iteration, the variable named in the first argument will be bound to a different value. As of



2.0, the if the second argument is an integer, loop will automatically create a list and iterate over the values 1...N up to the specified number. So, the following two are identical:

```
loop(i, Sequence(1,1000,1))
{
  Print(i)
}
```

```
loop(i, 1000)
{
  Print(i)
}
```

In the future, the second version may be altered to be faster or use less memory.

## 3.6 Variables

PEBL can store the results of expressions in named variables. Unlike many programming languages, PEBL only has one type of variable: a “Variant”. This variable type can hold strings, integers, floating-point numbers, lists, graphical objects, and everything else PEBL uses to create an experiment. Unlike other languages, a variable need not be declared before it can be used. If you try to access a variable that has not yet been declared, PEBL will return a fatal error that stipulates as such.

### 3.6.1 Coercion/casting

Variants just hide the representational structure from the user. An actual string resides within the variant that holds a string. A long integer resides within the variant that holds an integer.

PEBL Variants are automatically coerced or cast to the most appropriate inner format. For example, `3232.2 + 33` starts out as a floating point and an integer. The sum is cast to a floating point number. Similarly, `"banana" + 33` starts as a string and an integer, but the combination is a string.

### 3.6.2 Variable Naming

All variables must begin with a lowercase letter. Any sequence of numbers or letters may follow that letter. If the variable begins with a lowercase ‘g’, it has global scope; otherwise it has local scope.

### 3.6.3 Variable Scope

As described above, variables can have either local or global scope. Any variable with global scope is accessible from within any function in your program. A variable with local scope is accessible only from within its own function. Different functions can have local variables with the same name. Generally, it is a good idea to use local variables whenever possible, but using global variables for graphical objects and other complex data types can be intuitive.

### 3.6.4 Copies and Assignment

Variables may contain various types of data, such as simple types like integers, floating-point ratio numbers, strings; and complex types like lists, windows, sounds, fonts, etc. A variable can be set to a new value, but by design, there are very few ways in which a complex object can be changed once it has been set. For example:

```
woof    <- LoadSound("dog.wav")
meow    <- LoadSound("cat.wav")
dog     <- woof
```

Notice that `woof` and `dog` refer to the same sound object. Now you may:

```
PlayBackground(woof)
Wait(50)
Stop(dog)
```

which will stop the sound from playing. If instead you:

```
PlayBackground(woof)
Wait(50)
Stop(meow)
```

`woof` will play until it is complete or the program ends.

Images provide another example. Suppose you create and add an image to a window:

```
mWindow <- MakeWindow()
mImage  <- MakeImage("test.bmp")
AddObject(mImage, mWindow)
Draw()
```

Now, suppose you create another variable and assign its value to `mImage`:

```
mImage2 <- mImage
Move(mImage2, 200, 300)
Draw()
```

Even though `mImage2` was never added to `mWindow`, `mImage` has moved: different variables now point to the same object. Note that this does not happen for simple (non-object) data types:

```
a <- 33
b <- a
a <- 55
Print(a + " " + b)
```

This produces the output:

```
55 33
```

This may seem confusing at first, but the consistency pays off in time. The ‘<-’ assignment operator never changes the value of the data attached to a variable, it just changes what the variable points to. PEBL is functional in its handling of simple data types, so you can’t, for example, directly modify the contents of a string.

```
a <- "my string"      #assigns a string literal to a
b <- a                #makes b refer to a's string literal
a <- "your string"    #re-assigns a to a new string literal
b <- a                #makes b refer to a's new string literal
```

### 3.6.5 Passing by Reference and by Value

The discussion in 3.6.4 on copying has implications for passing variables into functions. When a variable is passed into a function, PEBL makes a copy of that variable on which to operate. But, as discussed in 3.6.4, if the variable holds a complex data type (object or a list), the primary data structure allows for direct modification. This is practical: if you pass a window into a function, you do not want to make a copy of that window on which to operate. If the value is a string or a number, a copy of that value is made and passed into the function.

## 3.7 Functions

The true power of PEBL lies in its extensive library of functions that allow specific experiment-related tasks to be accomplished easily. For the sake of convenience, the library is divided into a number of subordinate libraries. This

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library structure is transparent to the user, who does not need to know where a function resides in order to use it. Chapter 5 includes a quick reference to functions; Chapter 12 includes a complete alphabetical reference.

To create your own function, you use the `define` keyword, followed by the (Uppercase) function name, the arguments, and the code delineated by brackets. Within a function, the passed-in arguments and any new parameters will have a scope local to that function. Any variables starting with a 'g' value will have global scope, and be available outside the function.

Version 2.0 introduces two important new features to functions: optional/default arguments and global-namespace functions.

### **Optional/Default arguments**

When you define a function, you can specify a default value by following the variable name with a colon and the default value.

```
define FunctionName(arg1, arg2:0, arg3:10)
{
    Print(arg1+arg2+arg3)
}
```

When calling a function, it must be called with all its non-optional arguments, but if an optional argument is not given, it will take on the default value. Currently, if you cannot specify non-default values for arguments that occur after the first default value you use, so in the above situation, you can call `FunctionName(1)`, `Function(1,1,1)`, or `FunctionName(1,1,1)`, but you can't skip the second argument.

### **Calling functions in the global namespace**

PEBL has two types of functions: built-in functions written in C++, and a library of functions written in PEBL (located in the `pebl-lib` directory of the PEBL directory). For all functions, if you define a function with a name identical to an already-defined function, it will use your newly-defined function instead of the original. However, if the original was a compiled function, you can still access that function by pre-pending the name with a colon.

This is useful if you want to rename a function for debugging or other purposes, but still want to access the original. For example, supposed I wanted to log the time of each `Draw()` function, I could redefine `Draw`:

```
define Draw(x)
{
    Print("Draw command issued:" + GetTime())
    :Draw(x)
}
```

}

We use this in the Debug.pbl directory, which opens up a debugging window and prints to the window.

## 3.8 A Simple Program

The previous sections provide everything you need to know to write a simple program. Here is an annotated program:

```
# Any line starting with a # is a comment.  It gets ignored.

#Every program needs to define a function called Start()
#Start always needs a parameter
define Start(par)
{

    number <- 10    ##Assign a number to a variable

    hello <- "Hello World" ##Assign a string to a variable
    ##Create a global variable (starts with little g)
    gGlobalText <- "Global Text"

    ##Call a user-defined function (defined below).
    value <- PrintIt(hello, number)
    ##It returned a value
    #Call a built-in function
    Print("Goodbye. " + value)
}

##Define a function with two variables.
define PrintIt(text, number)
{
    #Seed RNG with the current time.
    RandomizeTimer()
    #Generate a random number between 1 and number
    i <- RandomDiscrete(number) #this is a built-in function
    ##Create a counter variable
    j <- 0
    ##Keep sampling until we get the number we chose.
    while(i != number)
    {
        Print(text + " " + i + gGlobalText)
        i <- RandomDiscrete(number)
        j <- j + 1
    }

    return(j) #return the counter variable.
}
```

More sample programs can be found in the `demo/` and `experiments/` directories of the PEBL source tree.

## 3.9 Using LLMs to code

Large Language Models have become very good at writing tests in PEBL, with a few caveats. We have had great success using Claude Code. In general, you can have it review existing tests (in Battery), especially the template test, and have it read in the `notes_for_llms.txt` file available in docs, and then simply ask it to generate a particular paradigm (e.g., “create a PEBL test using a old-new recognition memory paradigm with 10 random nouns presented one at a time with instructions to rate pleasantness of each one on a 1 to 5 scale. After a brief break, each word should be shown randomly with 10 words not presented, and participant should make ‘old-new’ judgments about each one. Record all data in standard PEBL conventions. Read Notes\_For\_LLMs.txt before you begin, and test any .pbl files using the pebl-validator”

It created the following test:

```
## recognitionmemory.pbl
## Old/new recognition memory task.
## Study phase: 10 random nouns shown one at a time; participant rates
##               pleasantness 1-5.
## Test phase: 20 words (10 studied "old" + 10 new foils) shown in random
##               order; participant presses 0 (old) or N (new).
## Data saved in standard PEBL CSV format.

define Start(p)
{
    parpairs <- [ ["numwords",    10],
                  ["studytime",  3000],
                  ["isi",        500],
                  ["breaktime",  3000],
                  ["testtime",   5000],
                  ["stimfile",   "torontowordpool.txt"] ]

    gParams <- CreateParameters(parpairs, gParamFile)

    gWin <- MakeWindow("black")
    gSleepEasy <- 1

    if(gSubNum + "" == "0")
    {
        gSubNum <- GetSubNum(gWin)
    }
}
```

```
## output files
studyHeader <- "subnum,trial,word,rating,rt,abstime"
gStudyFile <- GetNewDataFile(gSubNum, gWin, "recognitionmemory-study", "csv", studyHeader)

testHeader <- "subnum,trial,word,oldnew,response,correct,rt,abstime"
gTestFile <- GetNewDataFile(gSubNum, gWin, "recognitionmemory-test", "csv", testHeader)

## select stimuli: first numwords = studied, next numwords = foils
allWords <- Shuffle(FileReadList(gParams.stimfile))
studyWords <- SubList(allWords, 1, gParams.numwords)
foilWords <- SubList(allWords, gParams.numwords + 1, gParams.numwords * 2)

StudyPhase(studyWords)
BreakPhase()
TestPhase(studyWords, foilWords)

MessageBox("The task is complete. Thank you!", gWin)
}

define StudyPhase(words)
{
  inst <- "STUDY PHASE" + CR(2) +
    "You will see " + Length(words) + " words, one at a time." + CR(1) +
    "For each word, press a key 1-5 to rate how PLEASANT it seems:" + CR(2) +
    " 1 = Very unpleasant  2 = Unpleasant  3 = Neutral" + CR(1) +
    " 4 = Pleasant         5 = Very pleasant" + CR(2) +
    "Try to remember the words -- you will be tested on them later." + CR(2) +
    "Click OK to begin."
  MessageBox(inst, gWin)
  Draw()

  wordLabel <- EasyLabel("", gVideoWidth/2, gVideoHeight/2 - 30, gWin, 52)
  promptLabel <- EasyLabel("Rate 1 (unpleasant) to 5 (pleasant)",
    gVideoWidth/2, gVideoHeight/2 + 60, gWin, 22)
  fixLabel <- EasyLabel("+", gVideoWidth/2, gVideoHeight/2, gWin, 52)

  trial <- 1
  loop(word, words)
  {
    ## fixation
    Hide(wordLabel)
    Hide(promptLabel)
    Show(fixLabel)
    Draw()
  }
}
```



```

Wait(500)
Hide(fixLabel)
Draw()
Wait(200)

## show word and prompt
wordLabel.text <- word
Show(wordLabel)
Show(promptLabel)
Draw()
t1 <- GetTime()

## collect 1-5 rating
rating <- ""
while(rating == "")
{
  key <- WaitForAnyKeyPressWithTimeout(gParams.studytime)
  if(key == "1" or key == "2" or key == "3" or key == "4" or key == "5")
  {
    rating <- key
  }
  if(rating == "" and GetTime() - t1 >= gParams.studytime)
  {
    rating <- "0"
  }
}
t2 <- GetTime()

Hide(wordLabel)
Hide(promptLabel)
Draw()
Wait(gParams.isi)

FilePrint(gStudyFile, gSubNum + "," + trial + "," + word + "," +
          rating + "," + (t2 - t1) + "," + t2)
trial <- trial + 1
}

}

define BreakPhase()
{
  inst <- "Good job!" + CR(2) +
    "Take a short break." + CR(2) +
    "Next, you will see a series of words." + CR(1) +
    "For each word, press 0 if it was in the study list (OLD)" + CR(1) +

```

```
        "or press N if it was not (NEW)." + CR(2) +
        "Click OK when you are ready."
    MessageBox(inst, gWin)
    Draw()
    Wait(gParams.breaktime)
}

define TestPhase(studyWords, foilWords)
{
    ## build test list: all study words (old) + all foils (new), shuffled
    testWords <- []
    oldNewList <- []
    loop(w, studyWords)
    {
        PushOnEnd(testWords, w)
        PushOnEnd(oldNewList, "old")
    }
    loop(w, foilWords)
    {
        PushOnEnd(testWords, w)
        PushOnEnd(oldNewList, "new")
    }

    ## shuffle together using index shuffle
    idx <- Shuffle(Sequence(1, Length(testWords), 1))
    shuffled <- []
    shuffledON <- []
    loop(i, idx)
    {
        PushOnEnd(shuffled, Nth(testWords, i))
        PushOnEnd(shuffledON, Nth(oldNewList, i))
    }

    wordLabel <- EasyLabel("", gVideoWidth/2, gVideoHeight/2 - 30, gWin, 52)
    promptLabel <- EasyLabel("OLD (O) or NEW (N)?", gVideoWidth/2, gVideoHeight/2 + 60, gWin, 22)
    fixLabel <- EasyLabel("+", gVideoWidth/2, gVideoHeight/2, gWin, 52)

    trial <- 1
    numItems <- Length(shuffled)
    iList <- Sequence(1, numItems, 1)

    loop(i, iList)
    {
        word <- Nth(shuffled, i)
        oldnew <- Nth(shuffledON, i)
    }
}
```

```
## fixation
Hide(wordLabel)
Hide(promptLabel)
Show(fixLabel)
Draw()
Wait(500)
Hide(fixLabel)
Draw()
Wait(200)

## show word
wordLabel.text <- word
Show(wordLabel)
Show(promptLabel)
Draw()
t1 <- GetTime()

## collect O/N response
response <- ""
while(response == "")
{
  key <- WaitForAnyKeyPressWithTimeout(gParams.testtime)
  lkey <- Lowercase(key)
  if(lkey == "o")
  {
    response <- "old"
  }
  if(lkey == "n")
  {
    response <- "new"
  }
  if(response == "" and GetTime() - t1 >= gParams.testtime)
  {
    response <- "none"
  }
}
t2 <- GetTime()

correct <- 0
if(response == oldnew)
{
  correct <- 1
}

Hide(wordLabel)
```

```
        Hide(promptLabel)
        Draw()
        Wait(gParams.isi)

        FilePrint(gTestFile, gSubNum + "," + trial + "," + word + "," +
                  oldnew + "," + response + "," + correct + "," +
                  (t2 - t1) + "," + t2)
        trial <- trial + 1
    }
}
```

which generates data files like this:

```
subnum,trial,word,oldnew,response,correct,rt,abstime
111,1,PROTECT,new,new,1,2076,34013
111,2,LAWYER,old,new,0,933,36150
111,3,ENVY,new,new,1,825,38180
111,4,BEDROOM,new,new,1,878,40264
111,5,CHOSEN,new,old,0,1185,42653
111,6,TENNIS,old,old,1,797,44655
```

With further prompting, you can have it create only mouse-based responses (maybe point it to `ScaleRunner.pbl` for examples of likert-scale ratings), calculate accuracy, generate a report, do multiple blocks, filler tasks, etc.



## Chapter 4

# Overview of Object Subsystems

In PEBL, complex objects are stored and automatically self-managed. These objects include lists, graphical display widgets like images and text displays, fonts, colors, audio files, and input or output files. Objects are created and modified with special functions, but many of their properties available directly for access and modification with a `variable.property` syntax. For example, the position of a textbox is controlled by `.X` and `.Y` properties, and can also be changed with the `Move()` function. To move the label `lab`, which is located at 100,100, to 150,100, you can either do `Move(lab,150,100)` or `lab.X <- 150`. The available properties and accessor function are listed in the descriptions of their relevant objects below.

### 4.1 Lists

Lists are incredibly useful and flexible storage structures that play an important role in PEBL. A list is simply a series of variables. It is the equivalent to a vector, array, or other similar data structure in many other programming languages.

Creating and accessing elements of lists can be accomplished in a number of ways. If you have a set of values you want to create a list from, you simply need to put them inside square brackets, separated by commas:

```
mylist <- [1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9]
```

Many functions related to experimental design return lists already created. Two simple functions are `Repeat` and `Sequence`:

```
list1 <- Repeat(0,10)      ##ten zeroes
```

```
list2 <- Sequence(0,20,2)  ##numbers 0 to 20 step 2
```

Accessing list items can be done in a number of ways. The simplest is using the `Nth()` function. For a slightly more complex example, suppose you want to print out every item in a list. Looping through, accessing, and printing all the items of a list using this approach:

```
list <- Sequence(1,9,1)
len <- Length(list)
i <- 1
while (i <= len)
{
  item <- Nth(list,i)
  Print(item)
  i <- i + 1
}
```

Note that prior to PEBL 0.12, using `Nth` to access list items was inefficient. Since PEBL 0.13, you can use `Nth` to access list items in amortized constant time! But nevertheless, the above method of looping is verbose and error-prone. There is an alternative. Items from lists can be iterated over using the ‘`loop`’ command:

```
list <- Sequence(1,9,1)
loop(item, list)
{
  Print(item)
}
```

These two code blocks produce identical output, but in the former block, each item of the list must be found on each iteration, but in the latter block, a list item is bound directly to ‘`item`’ on each iteration. There is no appreciable difference in the efficiency of these two methods, but the second is simpler and in many cases easier to use, and avoids some errors (like forgetting to increment `i`).

### 4.1.1 Growing Lists

Oftentimes, you want to create a list one element at a time. For example, you may have a sampling scheme for stimuli and need to pick each consecutive randomly, or you want to record response times or accuracies one trial at a time. There are two ways you can do this. If you know how long your list will be, you can create a list with as many elements as you need, and then alter each element one at a time.

```
##I need ten items
```

```
items <- Repeat(0,10)
i <- 1
while(i <= Length(items))
{
  SetElement(items,i,Random())
}
```

Oftentimes, however, this is difficult because you do not know how long the list should be at the beginning. The `Append()` function is able to add an item to the end of a list, and you can use that to 'grow' a list one item at a time:

```
##I need ten items
```

```
items <- []
i <- 1
while(i <= 10)
{
  items <- Append(items,Random())
}
```

This idiom is used in many places in PEBL test batteries. However, it can be inefficient as the length of the list grows. This is because on each iteration, a new list is created that is 1 element longer than the previous list (and each element is copied to the new list). For small lists, even ones hundred of items long, this overhead is pretty small and you hardly notice. But as a list gets thousands of items long, this can start to slow things down, especially if you are doing something complex between each trial. As of PEBL 0.13, we support another function called `PushOnEnd()`:

```
items <- []
i <- 1
while(i <= 10)
{
  PushOnEnd(items,Random())
}
```

`PushOnEnd` will alter `items` directly, and do so in a very efficient way. Notice that you don't need to copy the new list and overwrite itself. However, for ease of use, `PushOnEnd()` returns the current copy of the list, and so you can often use it as a drop-in replacement for `Append` (in cases where you are throwing away the original list). In tests, this method appears to be only 5-10% less efficient than using `PushOnEnd` alone, and so it should hardly be noticed.

```
items <- []
i <- 1
while(i <= 10)
{
```



```
    items <- PushOnEnd(items,Random())  
}
```

A caveat when using lists: Some functions operate on lists to produce new lists (sub-lists, re-ordered lists, etc.). When the lists contain simple data types (numbers, strings, etc.), entirely new data structures are created. But when the data structures are complex (windows, sounds, images, etc.), the objects are not copied. Only new pointers to the original objects are created. So if you change the original object, you may end up accidentally changing the new object. Although that is relatively difficult, because PEBL allows only limited modification of existing data structures, it is still possible. This is a special case of the copy/assignment issue discussed in Section 3.6.4: Copies and Assignment.

### 4.1.2 Recursion on lists

Many mathematical functions that take a single argument can be applied either to a number or a list of numbers. When applied to an entire list, it will return the function applied to each element of that list. For example, `Ln(1)` return 0, but `Ln([1,1,1])` returns `[0,0,0]`.

A list of functions that support this include:

- `Log10`      • `Log2`      • `Ln`      • `Exp`
- `Sqrt`      • `Tan`      • `Sin`      • `Cos`
- `ATan`      • `ASin`      • `ACos`      • `DegToRad`
- `RadToDeg`   • `Round`   • `Floor`   • `Ceiling`
- `AbsFloor`   • `Sign`      • `Abs`

In addition, a number of math functions that take two arguments will apply themselves recursively to the first argument should it be a list. For example, `LogN([1,1,1],5)` will return `[0,0,0]`. Functions that support this include:

- `LogN`   • `Pow`   • `NthRoot`

## 4.2 Fonts

PEBL uses truetype fonts for the display of text in labels and other text widgets. In addition to the filename, font objects have the following properties: style (i.e., normal, bold, italic, underline), size (in points), foreground color, background color, and whether it should be rendered anti-aliased.

We distribute a series of high-quality freely available and redistributable fonts, including the DejaVu series, freefont series, and a few others. These include the typeface/files shown below 1:

These should always be available for use in experiments. The `fonts.pbl` script in the `demo/` directory will display what symbols from each of these fonts looks like.

To use, you need only specify the font name in the `MakeFont()` function:

```
colorRed  <- MakeColor("red")
colorGrey <- MakeColor("grey")
myFont    <- MakeFont("VeraMono.ttf",0,22,colorRed,colorGrey,1)
```

This code makes a red 22-point anti-aliased font on a grey background. Other fonts may be used by specifying their absolute pathname or copying them to the working directory and using them.

Accessible font properties:

```
font.FILENAME
font.BOLD
font.UNDERLINE
font.ITALIC
font.SIZE
font.FGCOLOR
font.BGCOLOR
font.ANTIALIASED
```

Having the right fonts is important for translating PEBL scripts into new languages. Previously, this was challenging because the default font used in many scripts was Vera, and Vera has poor support for international characters. As of PEBL 0.11, a few things have changed to make international character support easier:

- Three new fonts that support international characters much better (“DejaVuSans.ttf”, “DejaVuSansMono.ttf”, and “DejaVuSerif.ttf”) are now included and available.
- Three new global variables are set on initiation: `gPEBLBaseFont`, `gPEBLBaseFontMono`, and `gPEBLBaseFontSerif`, which are set by default to these three font names.

**Table 1:** Typeface/Files Available in PEBL

Filename	Description
FreeFont Fonts	
FreeSans.ttf	Simple Clean sans serif font
FreeSansBold.ttf	
FreeSansOblique.ttf	
FreeSansBoldOblique.ttf	
FreeMono.ttf	Courier-like fontface
FreeMonoBold.ttf	
FreeMonoOblique.ttf	
FreeMonoBoldOblique.ttf	
FreeSerif.ttf	Similar to Times New Roman
FreeSerifBold.ttf	
FreeSerifItalic.ttf	
FreeSerifBoldItalic.ttf	
Fontforge Fonts	
Caliban.ttf	Helvetica-style
CaslonRoman.ttf	Quirky Roman Font series
CaslonBold.ttf	
CaslonItalic.ttf	
Caslon-Black.ttf	
Humanistic.ttf	Sharp, refined fontface
SIL Fonts	
DoulosSILR.ttf	Comprehensive font with roman and cyrillic glyphs
GenR102.ttf	Includes many latin alphabet letters
GenI102.ttf	Like doulos, optimized for printing
CharisSILR.ttf	
CharisSILB.ttf	
CharisSILI.ttf	
CharisSILBI.ttf	
PEBL Fonts	
Stimulasia.ttf	A small set of arrow/boxes
Bitstream Vera Series (Deprecated in favor of DejaVu)	
Vera.ttf	Sans serif Roman-style base font
VeraMono.ttf	Sans serif Roman-style mono-spaced base font
VeraSe.ttf	Serif Roman-style base font (similar to times)
VeraBd.ttf	Bold Vera
VeraIt.ttf	Italic Vera
VeraBI.ttf	Bold Italic Vera
VeraMoBd.ttf	Bold Vera Mono
VeraMoIt.ttf	Italic Vera Mono
VeraMoBI.ttf	Bold Italic Vera Mono
VeraSeBd.ttf	Bold Serif Vera
DejaVu Series (Version of Vera with international characters)	
DejaVuSerif.ttf	Serif Roman-style base font (similar to times)
DejaVuSans.ttf	Serif Roman-style base font
DejaVuSansMono.ttf	Sans serif Roman-style mono-spaced base font
3CJK Fonts	
wqy-zenhei.ttc	All-purpose font with support for Chinese, Korean and Japanese

- Helper functions and battery tests are all updated to use these values to set up fonts.

So now, many international characters will be handled by default. For character sets that aren't handled by DejaVu, simply needs to change `gPEBLBaseFont` to name a font that can handle your characters (and include that font in the program directory), and everything should work out fine.

### 4.3 Colors

Colors are PEBL objects. A color can be created by specifying its name using the `MakeColor()` function, or by specifying its RGB values using the `MakeColorRGB()` function. A list of colors and their respective RGB values can be found in the `Colors.txt` file in the documentation directory, or in the final chapter of the manual. There are nearly 800 from which to choose, so you can create just about anything you can imagine.

Accessible color properties:

```
color.RED  
color.GREEN  
color.BLUE  
color.ALPHA
```

### 4.4 Windows

To run an experiment, you usually need to create a window in which to display stimuli. This is done with the `MakeWindow()` function. `MakeWindow()` will create a grey window by default, or you can specify a color. Currently, an experiment can have only one window.

### 4.5 Graphical Widgets

Graphical “widgets” are the building blocks of experimental stimuli. Currently, four widgets are available: images, labels, canvasses, and textboxes. More complicated widgets are in progress or planned. There are also a number of shapes that in some ways behave like widgets, but are technically not.

To be used, a widget must be created and added to a parent window, and then the parent window must be drawn. You can hide widgets with the `Hide()` function, and show them with the `Show()` function; however, this affects only the visibility of the widget: it is still present and consuming memory. Widgets

can be moved around on the parent window using the `Move()` function. `Move()` moves the center of an image or label to the specified pixel, counting from the upper-left corner of the screen. `Move()` moves the upper left-hand corner of textboxes. For the sake of convenience, the `MoveCorner` function is available, which will move an image or label by its upper left-hand corner.

You should remove widgets from their parent window when you are finished using them.

All widgets have several properties available for controlling their behavior.

```
widget.name
widget.X
widget.Y
widget.WIDTH
widget.HEIGHT
widget.VISIBLE
widget.ROTATION
widget.ZOOMX
widget.ZOOMY
```

## 4.6 Images

PEBL can read numerous image types, courtesy of the `SDL_image` library. Use the `MakeImage()` function to read an image into an image object. As images are often used as stimuli, `Move()` centers the image on the specified point. To move by the upper-left hand corner, use the PEBL-defined `MoveCorner()` function:

```
define MoveCorner(object, x, y)
{
  size    <- GetSize(object)
  centerX <- x + First(size)/2
  centerY <- y + Last(size)/2
  Move(object, centerX, centerY)
}
```

Images have all the properties available for widgets, but the width and height can only be read, and not set. Width and height are controlled by the dimensions of the image file.

## 4.7 Canvases

A canvas is a blank rectangle, sort of like an 'imageless' image. As with an image,

`Move()` centers the image on the specified point. A canvas appears similar to a `Rectangle()` shape, but differs in some important ways. First, a Canvas has a piece of video memory associated with it—shapes do not. This means that other objects can be added to a canvas, just as it can be added to a window. If you move the canvas around, the attached objects will move with the canvas.

Second, individual pixels of a canvas can be set, using the `SetPoint()` function. `SetPoint` works on images too, but not on text. This is because a `Draw()` command re-renders text, and so will wipe out any pixel damage you have done. This can be useful for making special-purpose drawing functions to create stimuli, especially noise distributions.

Finally, a canvas can be drawn on with another object. In fact, you can use another image as a brush. Add an image to a canvas, and anytime you call `Draw()` on the canvas (rather than without an argument), the image gets imprinted on the canvas. This will remain until you call `ResetCanvas()`.

For example:

```
tb <- MakeCanvas(600,400,d)
AddObject(tb,win)

##add the image to canvas, not win
pebl <- MakeImage("pebl.png")
AddObject(pebl,tb)

##Nothing will appear on the screen in these intermediate draws
Move(pebl,100,100)
Draw(pebl)
Move(pebl,200,100)
Draw(pebl)
Move(pebl,200,200)
Draw(pebl)
Move(pebl,100,200)
Draw(pebl)

Draw() ##Now, we will see the canvas with 4 pebl images on it.
```

The draw-on trick can be used to add noise to a text stimulus. Make a label and add it to a canvas, use `Draw()` on the label, then hide the label, and add noise to the canvas by using `SetPoint()`. Anything drawn on the canvas won't get reset until the `ResetCanvas()` function is called.

Images have all the properties available for widgets. Size cannot be updated once the canvas is created.

Note that the background color can have an alpha value. If you use an alpha value of 0, the background will be invisible.

## 4.8 Shapes

PEBL allows you to define a number of shape objects that can be added to another widget. A demonstration script exercising these shapes is found in `demo/shapes.pbl`.

The following is a list of shape and their properties.

### 4.8.1 Circle

*Description:* A standard circle. Move commands move the center of the circle to the specified location.

*Command:* `Circle(<x>,<y>,<r>,<color>,<filled>)`

*Properties:* `.name`  
`.filled = 0,1` (whether it is filled)  
`.color` (color)  
`.x` (x position of center)  
`.y` (y position of center)  
`.height` (read-only height)  
`.width` (read-only width)  
`.R` (radius)

### 4.8.2 Ellipse

*Description:* An ellipse, with height and width differing. Cannot be pointed in an arbitrary direction. Move commands move the center of the shape to the specified location.

*Command:* `Ellipse(<x>,<y>,<rx>,<ry>,<color>,<filled>)`

*Properties:* `.name`  
`.filled = 0,1` (whether it is filled)  
`.color` (color)  
`.x` (x position of center)  
`.y` (y position of center)  
`.height` (read-only height)  
`.width` (read-only width)  
`.rx` (x radius)  
`.ry` (y radius)

### 4.8.3 Square

*Description:* A square. Move commands move the center of the shape to the specified location.

*Command:* `Square(<x>,<y>,<size>,<color>,<filled>)`

*Properties:*

`.name`  
`.filled = 0,1` (whether it is filled)  
`.color` (color)  
`.x` (x position of center)  
`.y` (y position of center)  
`.height` (read-only height)  
`.width` (read-only width)  
`.dx, .dy, .size` (Length of side)

### 4.8.4 Rectangle

*Description:* A Rectangle. Move commands move the center of the rectangle to the specified location.

*Command:* `Rectangle(<x>,<y>,<dx>,<dy>,<color>,<filled>)`

*Properties:* `.name`

`.filled = 0,1` (whether it is filled)  
`.color` (color)  
`.x` (x position of center)  
`.y` (y position of center)  
`.height` (read-only height)  
`.width` (read-only width)  
`.dx, (width) .dy, (height)`

### 4.8.5 Line

*Description:* A Line. Move commands move the center of the line to the specified location.

*Command:* `Line( <x>, <y>,<dx>,<dy>,<color>)`

*Properties:* `.color` (color)

`.x` (x position of start)



.y (y position of start)  
.width, (x length)  
.height, (y length)

#### 4.8.6 Polygon

*Description:* An arbitrary polygon.

*Command:* Polygon( <x>, <y>,<xpoints>,<ypoints>,<color>,<filled>)

*Properties:* .name  
.color (color)  
.x (x position of start)  
.y (y position of start)

#### 4.8.7 Bezier

*Description:* An arbitrary bezier curve.

*Command:* Bezier( <x>, <y>,<xpoints>,<ypoints>,<steps>,<color>)

*Properties:* .name  
.color (color)  
.x (x position of start)  
.y (y position of start)

## 4.9 Text Labels

You can create a text label object with the `MakeLabel()` function, which requires specifying a font, and the foreground and background colors. Labels are only a single line of text. Like images, when you move them, they center on the specified point.

The text inside a label can be extracted with `GetText()` and set with `SetText()`. When you change a text object, it will not appear until the next time you call a `Draw()` function.

Text labels have all the regular widget properties, plus:

```
label.TEXT  
label.FONT
```

The `.HEIGHT` and `.WIDTH` accessible, but cannot be changed because they are controlled by the text and the font size.

## 4.10 Text Boxes

A text box is a graphical widget that contains a body of text. Text automatically wraps when it is too long to fit on a single line. Like labels, the text inside a `TextBox` can be extracted with `GetText()` and set with `SetText()`. When a text object is changed, it rerenders immediately, but does not appear until the next time a `Draw()` function is called.

Textbox properties:

```
textbox.EDITABLE  
textbox.CURSORPOS  
textbox.DIRECTION  
textbox.LINEHEIGHT  
textbox.LINEWRAP
```

### 4.10.1 Adaptive TextBoxes

The `AdaptiveTextBox()` function creates a textbox that automatically adapts to fit content that doesn't fit in the specified dimensions. This is particularly useful for instructions or messages that need to be displayed on smaller screens (e.g., 800x600 minimum) where overflow could be a problem.

**Usage:**

```
box <- AdaptiveTextBox(text, x, y, window, fontsize,
```

width, height, adaptive, maxlines)

**Parameters:**

- **text:** The text content to display
- **x, y:** Position coordinates (upper-left corner)
- **window:** Parent window object
- **fontsize:** Initial font size in points
- **width, height:** Target box dimensions in pixels
- **adaptive:** Adaptation strategy - 0 (none), "scalebox", or "scalefont"
- **maxlines:** Maximum number of lines allowed (default: 30)

**Adaptation Strategies:**

- 0 – No adaptation; creates standard textbox (text may overflow)
- "scalebox" – Expands box to fit all text maintaining aspect ratio, then scales down using zoom to original size. Preserves original font size and uses SDL2 anisotropic filtering for high-quality rendering.
- "scalefont" – Iteratively reduces font size until text fits within the specified dimensions. Preserves box dimensions exactly (minimum 8pt font size).

**Example:**

```
##Create long instruction text
instructions <- "Welcome to the experiment. This is a " +
               "long text that demonstrates adaptive " +
               "textbox functionality..."

##Scale font to fit - reduces text size
box1 <- AdaptiveTextBox(instructions, 50, 50, win,
                        24, 400, 100, "scalefont")

##Scale box - preserves font size
box2 <- AdaptiveTextBox(instructions, 50, 200, win,
                        24, 400, 100, "scalebox")
```

The function relies on the `textComplete` property (returns 1 if all text rendered, 0 if truncated) to detect when adaptation is complete.

## 4.11 User-Editable Text Boxes

Text box editing can be performed using the `GetInput(<textbox>,<escape-key>)` function. This returns the text that is present in the box when the participant hits the key associated with `<escape-key>`. `<escape-key>` is just a text-based code that describes the keypress that should be checked for exit. Typical escape-key options include:

```
"<return>"
"<esc>"
"<backspace>"
"<kp_enter>"
" "
"A"
```

See the Keyboard Entry section below for a more complete list.

Translation from string to keyboard input is still crude, and is handled in `src/utility/PEBLUtility.cpp:TranslateString`

## 4.12 Audio

Currently, audio output is supported through a software mixer library, although there are no facilities for recording or analyzing audio input.

PEBL can load both raw and compressed audio files, including .wav, .mp3, .ogg, .flac, and .midi files, which are handled seamlessly with the `LoadSound()` function. This returns an audio stream object that can be played with either the `PlayForeground()` or `PlayBackground()` functions. The `PlayForeground()` function returns once the sound is finished playing; `PlayBackground()` returns immediately and the sound plays in a separate thread. When using `PlayBackground`, playing can be stopped using the `Stop()` function.

The volume of an audio sample can be manipulated using `SetPanning`. Here, each channel (left and right) volume is set independently, from 0 to 1.0. Also, the `SetPlayRepeats` will repeat playback a sound until stopped. This could be good for a signal that is played until a response is made.

## 4.13 Movie Files

As of 2.0, Playback of movies is not enabled.

If compiled to support them, PEBL can read numerous video and audio media files `waave` library and `ffmpeg`. Use the `LoadMovie()` function to read a movie file into a movie object. The `Move()` function moves the upper left corner of the movie to the specified point. An audio file can be similarly loaded using the `LoadAudioFile` function.

Movie playback is done via a handler placed in the event loop. This handler is placed there with the `StartPlayback` function. Then, when the event loop runs, the movie will get updated in proper time sequence. The event loop is used for most `WaitFor` type events. This allows you to play a movie and wait for a response at the same time. Alternately, a complete movie file can be played in full (with no possibility for stopping early) using the `PlayMovie()` function.

Movies have a number of properties that can be set to change playback or determine aspects of the movie. These are all accessible via `.property` syntax, and can be printed by the `PrintProperties` function. Properties include:

- `DURATION`: time in ms
- `FILENAME`: filename
- `HEIGHT`: pixels high
- `NAME`: <MOVIE>

- **PLAYBACKPOSITION**: where playback is
- **ROTATION**: Inherited; will not work
- **VISIBLE**: whether hidden or visible
- **VOLUME**: volume on a logarithmic scale—can go from 0 to +infinity
- **WIDTH**: screen width in pixels
- **X**: upper left corner x
- **Y**: upper left corner y
- **ZOOMX**: scaling; not used (just set width)
- **ZOOMY**: scaling; not used (just set height)

## 4.14 Custom objects

Along with the built-in objects, PEBL lets you create your own object with properties that can be added, changed, and accessed using the `.property` notation. With appropriate use of the `CallFunction` command, you can also specify function handlers for functions such as `Move()`, `Draw()`, `Inside()`, or whatever you want. The object system in PEBL is fairly (and intentionally) primitive, without things you might expect from full-fledged object-oriented languages (i.e., accessor functions, inheritance, methods, constructors, etc.). Nevertheless, it can be very useful for encapsulating a lot of information about a computing object, and is used heavily in the GUI objects found in the launcher and other PEBL tools.

Use `MakeCustomObject(name)` to create a custom object. Then, a property can be added by assigning `obj.name`. For example, suppose you want an object to represent the x,y location of a point.

```
p1 <- MakeCustomObject("point")
p1.x <- 100
p1.y <- 100
```

Now, if you want to use access the x and y properties, do:

```
Print("position is:" p1.x + "," + p1.y)
```

An object can take a function name as a property. For example:

```
p1.inside <- "InsidePoint"
```

With the function `InsidePoint` defined as:

```
define InsidePoint(x,y,p)
{
  return (x==p.x and y==p.y)
```

```
}
```

If you had a bunch of objects, you could define the `.inside` property of each differently. Then, later, you could define `InsideObject` to check any of them:

```
define InsideObject(x,y,p)
{
    CallFunction(p.inside,[x,y,p])
}
```

## 4.15 Keyboard Entry

PEBL can examine the state of the keyboard, and wait for various keyboard events to happen. Functions such as `WaitForKeyDown()`, `WaitForAnyKeyDown()`, etc., allow you to collect responses from subjects. Most keys are specified by their letter name; others have special names:

```
"<left>"
"<up>"
"<down>"
"<right>"
"<enter>"
"<return>"
"<esc>"
"<backspace>" or "<back>"
"<kp_0>" through "<kp_9>", as well as "<kp_period>", "<kp_divide>",
"<kp_multiply>", "<kp_minus>", "<kp_plus>", "<kp_equals>",
"<kp_enter>" for keypad keys.
```

"<insert>", "<delete>", "<home>", "<end>", "<pageup>", "<pagedown>" for other special keys.

Function keys "<F1>" through "<F15>".

Also, the traditional "modifier" keys can serve as normal keys:

```
<lshift>, <rshift> <numlock>, <capslock>, <scrollock>,
<rctrl>, <lctrl>, <ralt>, <lalt>, <rmeta>, <lmeta>, <lsuper>,
<rsuper>, <mode>, <compose>
```

## 4.16 Joystick Input

PEBL supports input with a joystick. In order to use a joystick, you first need to poll the computer to determine whether a joystick is attached, and create a

joystick object. The file `joysticktest.pbl` in the demo directory creates a simple visual depiction of a fairly standard gamepad.

A joystick will have up to four types of inputs on it: buttons, axes, hats, and balls. But different joysticks are different, and so you may need to do some checking and testing for your particular setup. PEBL currently does not support force-feedback or rumble functions available on some joysticks.

### Axes:

Each axis takes on a value between 1 and 32768. For a normal hand-grasp joystick, the first two axes will be determined by the relative x and y positions of the joystick. Gamepads often have triggers that are additional axes, or sometimes there are throttles (or gas/brake pedals in driving devices) that are mapped to axes. Find out how many axes exist with `GetNumJoystickAxes()`. Get the state of a particular axis with `GetJoystickAxisState()`.

### Hats:

Hats are the little 8-way buttons that control direction on many game pads. They are sort of a digital axis, because each state is absolute. The entire hat state takes on a single integer number between 0 and 15. It is binary coded to specify whether each of the four major axes buttons are depressed:

- left: 8
- bottom: 4
- right: 2
- top: 1

The mechanics of the hat allows two buttons to be pressed simultaneously, indicating, for example, southeast or northwest. An example of how to extract the bitwise button states is found in the `joysticktest.pbl` file.

### Buttons:

Usually, the state of each of the buttons on the joystick can be identified. Button state is coded so that 0=unpressed, 1=pressed. There can easily be a dozen or more buttons on a joystick, enabling some pretty elaborate response modes for experiments.



### Balls:

Balls are very rare; you may have seen them in old-style arcade games like Arkenoid. No consumer joysticks available today appear to have balls that operate this way, and they have not been tested in PEBL. If you want to support trackballs, there are plenty of trackball mice that work as normal joystick controllers.

A number of functions are available for creating a joystick object and polling the joystick's current state:

Summary of joystick functions:

```
GetNumJoysticks()
OpenJoystick()
GetNumJoystickAxes()
GetNumJoystickBalls()
GetNumJoystickButtons()
GetNumJoystickHats()
GetJoystickAxisState()
GetJoystickHatState()
GetJoystickButtonState()
```

Currently, the joystick state is not integrated into PEBL's event loop. Consequently, there are no functions such as `WaitForJoystickButton()`, and no way to create or monitor events. To use the joystick, you need to monitor the state of the device manually, and create a polling loop yourself, like:

```
##This will keep looping until you press the first button
js <- OpenJoystick(1)  ##open the first joystick connected to the system
gCont <- 1
while (gCont)
{
  state <- GetJoystickAxisState(js,1)
  Print(state)
  ##Do something with the axis1 here

  gCont <- GetJoystickButtonState(1)
}
```

The file `demo/joysticktest.pbl` uses most of the available joystick functions to display a virtual gamepad on the screen as it captures input.

## 4.17 Files

Files are objects that can be read from or written to using several PEBL functions. To use a file object, create one using one of the functions listed below. Each function returns a file object:

```
FileOpenRead()  
FileOpenWrite()  
FileOpenOverwrite()  
FileOpenAppend()  
GetNewDataFile()  
ReadCSV()
```

For example, you can use the command:

```
myfile <- FileOpenRead("stimuli.txt")  
to create 'myfile', a readable file stream.
```

**FileOpenWrite** is made with a safety backup. It will never overwrite an existing file; instead it will create a new file name by appending a number (i.e. 1) to the end of the base file name. The new filename will be saved as in the `.filename` property of the resulting file. The function **FileOpenOverwrite()** will overwrite any existing files, and should not be used for data files when you have the chance for a collision in a subject code.

The function **GetNewDataFile()** offers another all-in-one path for creating a data file. It will take a base name and a subject identifier, a file extension, and a header. If the file has not previously been created, it will create the new file and add a header row. If it has been created before, it will ask you whether to append to the current data file (in which case it won't add a header row), or select a new data file. Data files are created in separated subdirectories (one per participant) within the data directory of the experiment.

Because some of the **FileOpen** commands will create a file with a name you didn't ask for (to avoid overwriting), a successfully opened file has a property `.filename` that provides the actual file name selected.

Other Functions described below allow filestreams to be written to or read from. When you are finished, you can close a filestream Using the '**FileClose()**' function.

A number of related functions have been created to help make reading and writing to files easier. For example, the following functions enable reading an entire file into either a string variant, a list (with one list item per row), or a table:

```
ReadCSV()  
FileReadCharacter()  
FileReadLine()  
FileReadWord()  
FileReadTable()  
FileReadText()
```

`FileReadList()`  
`FileExists()`

## 4.18 Network Connections

PEBL has limited ability to open and communicate via TCP/IP connections, either some other system (e.g., for synchronizing with an e.e.g. or eyetracking computer), or another computer running PEBL (e.g., to create multi-subject game theory experiments or to have an experimenter controlling the task from another computer.)

### 4.18.1 TCP/IP Overview

TCP/IP is a protocol by which computers can talk to one another. It is fairly barebones, and PEBL tries to hide much of its complexity. The information you send from one computer to another is guaranteed to arrive in the correct order, at the potential cost of serious delays, especially if the computers are on different networks or in different locations. Furthermore, connecting PEBL to another computer in this way is a potential security risk. However, the ability to transfer information between computers opens up huge potential for the types of experiments that can be constructed.

### 4.18.2 Addresses and Ports

To do this, you first must open a network object to communicate with another computer. To do this, you must know (1) the IP number (like 127.0.0.1) or hostname (like myname.myschool.edu) of the computer you want to connect to, and (2) the port you want to connect on. You can even use the protocol to connect to another program running on your own computer, by specifying an IP address of 127.0.0.1, or the hostname “localhost”. A port is a number—usually 2 to 5 digits, specifying a type of service on your computer. Many ports are frequently used for specific types of communication, but you can use any port you wish to communicate, as long as both computers know this port. Most ports on your computer should be blocked by default, so you may need to turn off your firewall or allow your chosen port to pass through the security or you may have trouble communicating.

To allow two PEBL programs to communicate, you need to decide that one computer is the “server” and the other is the “client”. On the server, you execute the function `WaitForNetworkConnection(port)`, which listens on the specified port until the client tries to connect. After the server is started, the client calls `ConnectToHost(hostname, port)` or `AcceptNetworkConnection(port)` `ConnectToIP(ipnum, port)`, depending upon whether you are using the hostname or ip address. Typically, ip numbers are specified by four three-digit

numbers separated by dots, like 196.168.0.1. This actually represents a 4-byte integer, and this 4-byte integer is what `ConnectToIP()` expects. To create that integer, use the function

`ConvertIPString(ipnum)`, which accepts an IP address specified in a string. So, you can use:

```
net <- ConnectToIP(ConvertIPString( "127.0.0.1"), 1234)
```

to create a connection to another program listening on port 1234 on your own computer. These functions all return a network object (e.g., `net`) that must be used in later communication.

### 4.18.3 Sending and Receiving Data

Once connected, the distinction between client and server essentially disappears. However, to communicate, one computer must send data with the `SendData(net, data)`, and the other must receive the data, using the `GetData(net, size)` function. PEBL can only send text strings, and you must know the length of the message you want to receive. More complex communication can be done by creating a set of PEBL functions that encapsulate messages into text strings with templated headers that specify the message length. Then, to receive a message, you first read the fixed-length header, determine how much more data needs to be read, then read in the rest of the data.

### 4.18.4 Closing networks

If you are using a network connection to synchronize timing of two computers, you probably want to close the network connection with `CloseNetworkConnection(net)` after you have synchronized, to avoid any extra overhead.

A simple example of an experiment that uses TCP/IP to communicate is the NIM game in `demo/nim.pbl`.

## 4.19 Parallel Port

Starting with Version 0.12, PEBL can send and receive information via a standard parallel (printer) port. These don't appear on many computers anymore, but you can still get them, and they are still important ways to interface with hardware devices such as EEG and MRI machines and homebrew button boxes. Currently, parallel port access is fairly limited to setting and getting the state of the 8 data bits. Parallel ports have a number of bits you can play with, but currently PEBL only supports the basic 8 data bits. Basically, you can set the state of the bits or read the state of the bits, which can either control things

like LEDs, or be impacted by making connections between the ground and the data bit.

If you have a parallel port, it is mapped to one of three ports: LPT1, LPT2, or LPTX. To initialize access to a port, you must call `OpenPPort` with the name of your port: "

```
port <- OpenPPort("LPT1")
```

Parallel ports have two modes, input and output. To read data in, it needs to be in input mode; to change the state of the bits, it needs to be in output mode. Set the state with `SetPPortMode(port,"<input>")` or `SetPPortMode(port,"<output>")`.

To access the state of a port, use `GetPPortState(port)`. It will return a string of "|" separated 1s and 0s, which specify the state of each of the 8 bits.

To set the state of the port, use `SetPPortState(port,state)`. state should be a list of 8 0s or 1s:

```
SetPPortState(port, [0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1])
```

The internal c++ parallel port classes have substantially more flexibility, and can be adapted to do more complex access of parallel ports.

## 4.20 Serial Port

A number of devices are supported via the `comport` (serial port) library. This can include newer USB devices that simulate a comport.

The following functions are relevant:

- `OpenCOMPort(portnum,baud,mode)`
- `COMPORTSENBYTE(port,message)`
- `COMPORTGETBYTE(port)`

The general process is to use `OpenComPort` to create the port, and then send and receive text strings from that port. These are sent one byte at a time. The mode argument is a 3-character string that specifies aspects of the mode (see Teunis van Beelen's rs232 library at <http://www.teuniz.net/RS-232/>. The first character is the data bits (5,6,7 or 8), parity (n=none, e=even, o=odd), and the third is the stop bit (1 or 2 bits).

Within the demo directory, there is some basic code for communicating with the cedrus response box that uses these functions. In addition, that script provide a `NumToASCII()` function that can be useful in translating numbers to strings to communicate with a device.

## 4.21 The Event Loop

To assist in testing for multiple input events simultaneously, PEBL implements an event loop that will quickly scan multiple conditions and execute proper results whenever any one condition is met.

The event loop works by maintaining a list of triggers that can be satisfied by various conditions. The conditions typically specify a device or other data source to examine, such as the timer. On each cycle of the loop, all events are examined, and when any of them are satisfied, either a specified function will be executed, or the event loop will exit. Most of the timing and input functions use the event loop behind the scenes.

As of Version 0.12, simple means to program the event loop are available. Three functions include:

- **RegisterEvent()**. This allows you to specify a condition and a function name which executes whenever the condition is true.
- **StartEventLoop()**. This starts the event loop, with all available events.
- **ClearEventLoop()**. This clears out the event loop so other events can be used.

Note that because other functions, such as `Wait()`, use the event loop, you can pre-load extra events and start the event loop with one of these functions.

These are used in a number of test battery tasks. However, their use is currently somewhat experimental, and their names and arguments may change in the future, and so we will not provide a detailed description of their use here.

## 4.22 Parameter Setting

PEBL offers an interface to set a large set of experimental parameters from a text file. Furthermore, the PEBL launcher allows you to edit and save new parameter sets. This allows you to create common versions of a test that you call, without editing the PEBL script.

The PEBL parameter system is based on a custom object created with the `CreateParameters()` function. To use this, it requires you to set default parameters (in case the parameter file is not found or damaged). Create default parameters as a nested list containing property-value pairs. For example:

```
parameterpairs <- [ ["length",10],  
                    ["trialsperblock",15],  
                    ["numblocks",3]]
```

If you want to override these values, create a text file (typically saved in the params folder with the extension .par) that contains comma-separated values parname,value, like this:

```
length,5
trialsperblock,25
numblocks,5
```

Then, create a parameter object using `CreateParameters`:

```
gParams <- CreateParameters(pairlist, filename)
```

Any values in the .par file will override the values in the default list. PEBL tries to convert text values to numbers, and the value will be a number whenever the round-trip from text-to-number-to-text does not change the original value. Thus, avoid using floating-point values for parameters, and you may need to write “0.1” instead of “.1” if you do.

The PEBL launcher offers a way to set parameters. To do so, it needs more information, including the default values and a description. It looks for a .schema file in the params folder with the same name as the experiment. This file uses the | character to separate field (this allows you to use commas in the description):

```
length|10|The number of words per trial
trialsperblock|15|Trials in each block
numblock|3|Number of blocks.
```

Notice that quotes are not used in these files. The values in this file are **ONLY** relevant to the PEBL launcher. These are used to reset the values in a .par file or tell the experiment what typical values are. They can differ from the default values in the .pbl file, but for clarity they should not.

## 4.23 Errors and Warnings

PEBL does a great deal of error-checking to ensure that your program will run. If you crash with a segmentation fault, this is an error and you should report it. When a fatal error or non-fatal warning occurs, PEBL attempts to identify the location in your input file that led to the warning. On Linux, the warning and this location are printed to the command-line upon exit; on MS Windows or if you are using the launcher on any platform, they are printed to the file `stderr.txt`. In addition, when a fatal error is signalled, a dialog box will appear that displays the main message, after which PEBL will shut down.

You can do error checking in your own scripts with the `SignalFatalError()` function. This is especially useful in combination with the functions testing the type of object passed into the function. To ensure proper processing and ease of debugging, test the format of an argument passed into a function:

```
define MyFunction(par)
{
  if(not IsList(par))
  {
    SignalFatalError("MyFunction passed a non-list variable.")
  }
  ##Do other stuff here
}
```

Sometimes, you want to exit a program at a specific point, but don't want the error message dialog box to appear. You can use the `ExitQuietly(<message>)` function to do this.

## 4.24 Paths and Path Searching

Numerous functions and objects open files on your computer to read in information such as graphics, sounds, fonts, program files, and text files. When you attempt to open a file, PEBL will search in a number of places, in this order:

- The (current) working directory
- The directory of each file specified in the command line arguments
- media/fonts
- media/sounds
- media/images
- media/text

You can also specify other paths to be searched by specifying them on the command line. Be sure to end the directory with whatever is appropriate for your platform, e.g. `'\'` on Microsoft Windows or `'/'` on Linux.

On OSX, as of version 0.12, the `media/` directory is located within the `Resources/` subdirectory of the application package.

## 4.25 Controlling the Video settings

As part of PEBL 2.0, PEBL now uses hardware-accelerated graphics subsystems that permit better and more accurate control of the video system. For the most part, this should operate transparently, but the aspects of the video system can be controlled both by command-line arguments and can be overridden within a script using special global variables. The launcher works by using command-line arguments, but these can always be overridden within a script.



For the most part, these global variables must be set before a `MakeWindow()` function is called. The video system has several distinct aspects:

#### 4.25.1 Screen resolution

By default, the window will open up the same size as the current window. However, you can specify a specific resolution using the pulldown menu of the launcher, which also allows you to specify a custom screen size. This is most useful if you are debugging or running on a multi-screen setup. Regardless of what the specified screen resolution specified in the launcher, the selected screen resolution will be specified using the `gVideoWidth` and `gVideoHeight` global parameters, stores the specified values in pixels.

#### 4.25.2 Fullscreen mode

When you are testing a script, you usually want it run in a window so you can more easily cancel the script or edit parameter values. When testing, you usually want to run in fullscreen mode because it will help prevent participants from trying to do other things on the computer. This is controlled with the `-fullscreen` and `-windowed` command line parameters, which is settable using the fullscreen checkbox in the launcher.

#### 4.25.3 Video drivers

Depending on the platform, different graphics drivers may be available. The launcher tries to determine the available drivers and gives options of these in a drivers pulldown menu. These will typically include `opengl` and `software`. On windows, a `direct3d` option should be available; on linux, `opengles` may be available as well. Depending on your operating system, drivers, and hardware, you may have more or less success with one or another of the available drivers. The software driver is a fallback that should work if hardware drivers are causing troubles. The `vsync` option will only be available on a hardware-accelerated driver, such as `opengl` and `direct3d`.

#### 4.25.4 Synchronize to vertical refresh signal (vsync)

For hardware-accelerated drivers, you are able to synchronize the `Draw()` functions to the blank between each screen refresh. On a typical 60-hz LCD screen, this means that the screen will refresh (roughly) every 16.67 ms. This is set within the launcher, which using the `-vsyncon` argument. It can be examined or overridden within a script by using the `gVSync` function (setting to 1 for on or 0 for off). This allows you to have very precise control over the timing of video stimuli.

When vsync is on, the Draw() command will block until the video update has happened. This gives you (typically) roughly 15 ms to perform any updating you need to do, but sometimes this is not enough, and you take care to record the presentation timing if you are relying on video display timing, to ensure you are getting the timing you are hoping for.

The test file in demo/tests/testrefresh.pbl will test the effective update frequency you are achieving with your current video settings.

### 4.25.5 Multiple windows

You can open multiple windows simply by calling the MakeWindow() function more than once. The window dimensions will be taken directly from the values of gVideoWidth

*Multiple Windows* PEBL can open multiple windows for testing. This can be useful if you want to have separate screens for a subject and an experimenter. You can open multiple windows by calling the MakeWindow() function more than once. If you do this, each window should be set to its own parameter. Any Draw() command will update both windows.

For example, you can open a new window in several ways:

```
gWin <- MakeWindow()
```

Creates a window with the default (black) background, with the screen size identical to gVideoWidthxgVideoHeight, which may have been specified either earlier in the script or by the launcher program.

```
gWin <- MakeWindow("Red")
```

This creates a window with a red background. Note that you can use any one of hundreds of color names available.

```
color <- MakeColor("white")
gWin <- MakeWindow(color)
```

This creates a window with a specified color object. This could allow you to reuse the color object, or use a custom RGB color with MakeColorRGB().

```
gWin <- MakeColor("black",300,300)
```

Here, the dimensions of the window are optionally fed into the MakeWindow() function.

Support for multiple windows is currently experimental. For example, mouse and keyboard events don't currently tell you which window they occurred on, although this will be possible in the future.

Although the gVideoWidth and gVideoHeight global variables are still available, these won't necessarily match any particular window if you create a window with

the last method above. Thus, you can get the screen size of any window using the `.width` and `.height` arguments of the window.

## 4.26 StickyKeys

On Windows, there are several hidden control options that are useful for users with limited mobility or dexterity. These include stickykeys—for keys such as the shift key, control key, etc. clicking on them will latch them down (like shift-lock), so that they can be used without touching both keys at once. By default in many versions of Windows, clicking the left shift key five times in a row will bring up the dialog to turn on/off stickykeys.

Unfortunately, many of the PEBL tests use left/right shift keys as default manual entry keys. So, the first time you run a test, it will pop up the dialog in the middle of the test asking you whether you want to turn on stickykeys. If this happens, you should generally go to the control panel and turn this off.

As of 2.0, PEBL will disable this option. This means that if you want to use the left-shift shortcut to start stickykeys, you may be out of luck—especially within the test. There are ways to turn it back on again automatically, and future versions of PEBL may attempt to do this, but currently it turns off when PEBL runs.

## 4.27 Provided Media Files

PEBL comes with various media files that can be specified from any script without including the complete path. If a user's file has the same name, it will be loaded before the PEBL-provided version. Table 2 describes the files included.

**Table 2:** Media Files Provided with PEBL

Name	Description
<b>In ‘media/fonts/’:</b>	
Listing of fonts appears in Table 1	
<b>In ‘media/images/’:</b>	
pebl.bmp	Demonstration bitmap image
pebl.png	Demonstration PNG image
pebl2.png	PEBL2 logo

Name	Description
smiley-small.png	25x25 smiley face
frowney-small.png	25x25 frowney face
smiley-large.png	100x100 smiley face
frowney-large.png	100x100 frowney face
plus.png	A green plus sign
x.png	A red x sign, matching the red plus
<b>In ‘media/sounds/’:</b>	
buzz500ms.wav	A 500-ms buzzer
chirp1.wav	A chirp stimulus
boo.wav	A really bad booing sound
cheer.wav	A pretty lame cheering sound
beep.wav	A simple beep
boo.wav	Boo—useful for errors
cheer.wav	A cheer—useful for correct feedback
kaching.wav	Sound of a coin in a jar
knock.wav	simple knocking/click sound
0.wav through 9.wav	Recording of numerals, used in digit span and others
correct.wav	correct feedback
incorrect.wav	Incorrect feedback
H,R,N,K,X,Y,W.wav	Female voice letters for n-back
<b>In ‘media/text/’:</b>	
Consonants.txt	List of all consonants, both cases
Digits.txt	List of digits 0-9
DigitNames.txt	List of digit names
Letters.txt	All letters, both cases
Lowercase.txt	Lowercase letters
LowercaseConsonants.txt	Lowercase Consonants
LowercaseVowels.txt	Lowercase Vowels
Uppercase.txt	Uppercase Letters
UppercaseConsonants.txt	Uppercase Consonants
UppercaseVowels.txt	Uppercase Vowels
Vowels.txt	Vowels (both cases)

Additionally, the PEBL Project distributes a number of other media files separately from the base system. These are available for separate download on the pebl website (<http://pebl.sourceforge.net>), and include a set of images (including shapes and sorting-task cards), and a set of auditory recordings (including beeps, the digits 0-10, and a few other things).

## 4.28 Special Variables

There are a number of special variables that be set by PEBL, and can later be accessed by an experiment. These are described in table 3.

**Table 3:** Special Variables in PEBL

Name	Purpose
<code>gKeepLooping</code>	Controls continued execution in event loop (unused).
<code>gSleepEasy</code>	Sets 'busy-waiting' to be either on or off. Busy-waiting can improve timing, but is often not needed and pegs CPU.
<code>gVideoWidth</code>	The width in pixels of the display (set by default or command-line option). Changing this before calling <code>MakeWindow</code> will change display width, if that width is available.
<code>gVideoHeight</code>	The height in pixels of the display (set by default or command-line). Change this before using <code>MakeWindow()</code> to change the display height
<code>gVideoDepth</code>	The bit depth of the video.
<code>gSubNum</code>	A global variable set to whatever follows the <code>--s</code> or <code>--S</code> command-line argument. Defaults to "0".
<code>gScriptName</code>	Specifies the name on the window, and some printed output.
<code>gVSync</code>	Determines whether script should be run with vsync on
<code>gLanguage</code>	A global variable specified on the command line which can be used by a script to target a specific language. Defaults to 'en'.
<code>gQuote</code>	A quotation mark: ". Use it to add quotes in text.
<code>gClick</code>	[x,y] location last click in <code>WaitForClickOnTarget</code> .
<code>gPEBLBaseFont</code>	Name of the default font to use in helper functions and most battery tasks. By default, set to "DejaVuSans.ttf". Change to override.
<code>gPEBLBaseFontMono</code>	Name of the default mono-spaced font By default, it is set to "DejaVuSansMono.ttf".
<code>gPEBLBaseFontSerif</code>	Name of the default serif font. By default, it is set to "DejaVuSerif.ttf".

## Chapter 5

# Function Quick Reference

Table 1 lists the functions available for use with PEBL. Those that are unimplemented are noted as such. If you want the functionality of an unimplemented function, or want functionality not provided in any of these functions, contact us, or better yet, contribute to the PEBL project by implementing the function yourself.

**Table 1:** Function Quick Reference

Name	Arguments	Description
Math Functions		
Log10	<num>	Log base 10 of <num>
Log2	<num>	Log base 2 of <num>
Ln	<num>	Natural log of <num>
LogN	<num> <base>	Log base <base> of <num>
Exp	<pow>	$e$ to the power of <pow>
Pow	<num> <pow>	<num> to the power of <pow>
Sqrt	<num>	Square root of <num>
NthRoot	<num> <root>	<num> to the power of $1/\text{<root>}$
Tan	<deg>	Tangent of <deg> degrees
Sin	<deg>	Sine of <deg> degrees
Cos	<deg>	Cosine of <deg> degrees
ATan	<num>	Inverse Tan of <num>, in degrees
ASin	<num>	Inverse Sine of <num>, in degrees
ACos	<num>	Inverse Cosine of <num>, in degrees
DegToRad	<deg>	Converts degrees to radians
RadToDeg	<rad>	Converts radians to degrees
Round	<num>, <precision> (opt)	Rounds <num> to nearest integer, or optionally power of 1/ten precision.

Name	Arguments	Description
Floor	<num>	Rounds <num> down to the next integer
Ceiling	<num>	Rounds <num> up to the next integer
AbsFloor	<num>	Rounds <num> toward 0 to an integer
Mod	<num> <mod>	Returns <num> mod <mod> or remainder of <num>/<mod>
Div	<num> <mod>	Returns <code>round(&lt;num&gt;/&lt;mod&gt;)</code>
ToInteger	<num>	Rounds a number to an integer, and changes internal representation
ToFloat	<num>	Converts number to internal floating-point representation
ToNumber	<>	
ToString	<num>	Converts a numerical value to a string representation
Sign	<num>	Returns +1 or -1, depending on sign of argument
Abs	<num>	Returns the absolute value of the number
CumNormInv	<p>	Returns accurate numerical approximation of cumulative normal inverse.
NormalDensity	<x>	Returns density of standard normal distribution.
SDTDPrime	<hr>,<far>, <tol>(opt)	Computes SDT dprime.
SDTBeta	<hr>,<far>, <tol>(opt)	Computes SDT beta.
Order	<list>	Returns a list of integers representing the order of <list>
Rank	<list>	Returns integers representing the ranked indices of the numbers of<list>
Median	<list>	Returns the median value of the numbers in <list>
Min	<list>	Returns the smallest of <list>
Max	<list>	Returns the largest of <list>
Bound	<val>, <min>, <max>	Returns val, bounded by min and max.
StDev	<list>	Returns the standard dev of <list>
Sum	<list>	Returns the sum of the numbers in <list>
CumSum	<list-of-numbers>	Returns the cumulative sums of a set of numbers
VecSum	<list1>,<list2>	Returns the pairwise sums of two lists of numbers

Name	Arguments	Description
VecTimes	<list1>,<list2>	Returns the pairwise products of two lists of numbers
Median	<list>	Returns the median of a set of values
Quantile	<list> <num>	Returns the <num> quantile of the numbers in <list>
SummaryStats	<data>,<cond>	Returns statistics (cond, N, median, mean, sd) computed on data for each distinct value of <cond>
SeedRNG	<num>	Seeds the random number generator with <num> to reproduce a random sequence
RandomizeTimer	-	Seeds the RNG with the current time
Random	-	Returns a random number between 0 and 1
RandomDiscrete	<num>	Returns a random integer between 1 and <num>
RandomUniform	<num>	Returns a random floating-point number between 0 and <num>
RandomNormal	<mean> <stdev>	Returns a random number according to the standard normal distribution with <mean> and <stdev>
RandomExponential	<mean>	Returns a random number according to exponential distribution with mean <mean> (or decay 1/mean)
RandomLogistic	<p>	Returns a random number according to the logistic distribution with parameter <p>
RandomLogNormal	<median> <spread>	Returns a random number according to the log-normal distribution with parameters <median> and <spread>
RandomBinomial	<p> <n>	Returns a random number according to the Binomial distribution with probability <p> and repetitions <n>
RandomBernoulli	<p>	Returns 0 with probability (1-<p>) and 1 with probability <p>
ZoomPoints	<[xs,yy]>, <xzoom>,<yzoom>	Zooms a set of points in 2 directions
ReflectPoints	<[xs,yy]>	Reflects points on vertical axis
RotatePoints	<[xs,yy]>,<angle>	Rotates point <angle> degrees
GetAngle	<x>,<y>	Returns the angle in degrees of a vector.
Dist	<x1,y1>,<[x2,y2]>	Returns distance between two points.
ToRight	<p1,p2,p3>	Determines whether p3 is to the right of line p1p2



Name	Arguments	Description
GetAngle3	<a,b,c>	Gets angle abc.
SegmentsIntersect	<ax,ay, bx,by, cx,cy, dx,dy>	Determines whether line segment ab intersects cd.
NonOverlapLayout	<xmin,xmax, ymin,ymax, tol,num>	Creates a set of num points that don't overlap, but fails gracefully
LayoutGrid	<minx,maxx, miny,maxy, height,width, vertical>	Creates [x,y] pairs in a grid for graphical layout

Name	Arguments	Description
<b>File/Network/Device Functions</b>		
Print	<value>	Prints <value> to <code>stdout</code> , appending a new line afterwards. <code>stdout</code> is the console (in Linux) or the file <code>stdout.txt</code> (in Windows)
Print_	<value>	Prints <value> to <code>stdout</code> , without appending a newline afterwards
PrintList	<value>	Prints <list>, getting rid of '[' , ']' and ',' characters.
Format	<object> <size>	Prints a number with specified spaces by truncating or padding
ZeroPad	<number> <size>	Pads the beginning of a number with 0s so the number is size long
FileOpenRead	<filename>	Opens a filename, returning a stream to be used for reading information
FileOpenWrite	<filename>	Opens a filename, returning a stream that can be used for writing information. Creates new file if file already exists
FileOpenOverwrite	<filename>	Opens a filename, returning a stream that can be used for writing information. Overwrites if file already exists
FileOpenAppend	<filename>	Opens a filename, returning a stream that can be used for writing info. Appends if the file already exists, opens if file does not
FileClose	<filestream>	Closes a filestream variable. Pass the variable name, not the filename
FilePrint	<filestream> <value>	Like Print, but to a file.
FilePrint_	<filestream> <value>	Like Print_, but to a file.
FilePrintList	<file><list>	Prints <list> to <file>, getting rid of '[' , ']' and ',' characters.
FileReadCharacter	<filestream>	Reads and returns a single character from a filestream
FileReadWord	<filestream>	Reads and returns a 'word' from a file; the next connected stream of characters not including a ' ' or a newline. Will not read newline characters

Name	Arguments	Description
FileReadLine	<filestream>	Reads and returns a line from a file; all characters up until the next newline or the end of the file
FileReadList	<filename>	Given a filename, will open it, read in all the items into a list (one item per line), and close the file afterwards
FileReadTable	<filename>	Like FileReadList, but reads in tables.
GetNewDatafile	<opt-sep> <id-code>, <window>, <basename>, <extension>, <header>	Optionally, specify a token separator Opens a data file in subnum directory
ReadCSV	<filename>	Opens a csv file returning a table with its elements
FileReadText	<filename>	Reads all of the text in the file into a variable
EndOfLine	<filestream>	Returns true if at end of line
EndOfFile	<filestream>	Returns true if at the end of a file
GetDirectoryListing	<path>	Returns a list of all the files/subdirectories in a path
FileExists	<path>	Checks whether a file exists
IsDirectory	<path>	Checks whether a file is a directory
MakeDirectory	<path>,<dirname>	Creates a directory in path
AppendFile	<file1>,<file2>	Appends a file2 to file1
CopyFile	<file>,<newfile>	Makes a copy of a file
DeleteFile	<file1>	Deletes a file
ConnectToIP	<ip> <port>	Connects to a port on another computer, returning network object.
ConnectToHost	<hostname> <port>	Connects to a port on another computer, returning network object.
WaitForNetwork Connection	<port>	Listens on a port until another computer connects, returning a network object
CloseNetwork Connection	<network>	Closes network connection
SendData	<network> <datastring>	Sends a data string over connection.
GetData	<network> <length>	return a string from network connection
ConvertIPString	<ip-as-string>	Converts an ip-number-as-string to usable address
OpenNetworkListener	<port>	Opens a port for listening

Name	Arguments	Description
CheckForNetwork Connection	<network>	Checks for incoming connection
GetHTTPFile	<server>, <file>, <outputfile>	Gets and saves a file from a website
GetHTTPText	<server>, <file>	Gets a file from a website and saves it to a variable.
PostHTTP	<host>,<page>, <headers>, <content>	Post to a server form.
MD5Sum	<text>	Computes MD5 checksum on text
MD5File	<filename>	Computes MD5 Checksum on file.
WritePNG	<filename>, <object>	Makes a .png from a window or object
GetNumJoysticks	no argument	Determines how many joysticks are available
OpenJoystick	joystick_id	Gets a joystick object
GetNumJoystickAxes	joystick_object	Counts how many axes on a joystick
GetNumJoystickBalls	joystick_object	Counts how many balls on a joystick
GetNum JoystickButtons	joystick_object	Counts how many buttons on a joystick
GetNumJoystickHats	joystick_object	Counts how many hats on a joystick
GetJoystickAxisState	joystick_object, axis_id	Gets the state of a joystick axis
GetJoystickHatState	joystick_object, hat_id	Gets the state of a joystick hat
GetJoystick ButtonState	joystick_object, button_id	Gets the state of a joystick button
GetJoystickBallState	joystick_object, ball_id	Gets the state of a joystick ball
OpenCOMPort	<portnum>, <baud>	Opens a serial (com) port
COMPortGetByte	<port>	Gets a byte from the comport
COMPortSendByte	<port>,<byte>	Sends a character to the comport
OpenPPort	<portname>	Opens parallel port
SetPPortMode	<port> <mode>	Sets parallel port mode (input/output)
SetPPortState	<port> <state>	Sets parallel port state
GetPPortState	<port>	Gets state of parallel port data bits
<b>Graphical Objects Functions</b>		
MakeWindow	<colorname> (opt), <width>(opt), <height>(opt)	Creates main window, in color named by argument, or grey if no argument is named
MakeImage	<filename>	Creates an image by reading in an image file (jpg, gif, png, bmp, etc.)

Name	Arguments	Description
MakeLabel	<text> <font>	Creates a single line of text filled with <text> written in font <font>
MakeTextBox	<text> <font> <width> <height>	Creates a sized box filled with <text> written in font <font>
MakeCanvas	<width>, <height>, <color>	Creates a blank canvas
ResetCanvas	<canvas>	to add objects to or draw on Resets a canvas to its background, erasing anything drawn on the canvas
EasyLabel	<text>      <x><y> <win><fontsize>	Creates a single line of text and adds it to win at <x><y>
EasyTextBox	<text> <x> <y> <win> <fontsize> <width> <height>	Creates a textbox and adds it to <win> at <x><y>
MakeColor	<colorname>	Creates a color based on a color name
MakeColorRGB	<red>      <green> <blue>	Creates a color based on red, green, and blue values
RGBToHSV	<color>	Converts a color to HSV triple
MakeFont	<ttf_filename> <style>      <size> <fgcolor> <bgcolor> <anti-aliased>	Creates a font which can be used to make labels
SetCursorPosition	<textbox> <position>	Move the editing cursor in a textbox
GetCursorPosition	<textbox>	Gets the position of the editing cursor
GetAbsolutePosition	<widget>	Gets the absolute window position of a widget
SetEditable	<textbox> <status>	Turns on or off the editing cursor
GetTextBoxCursor FromClick	<relx>, <rely>	Gets a cursor position (in characters) from a mouse click.
GetText	<textobject>	Returns the text in a textbox or label
GetInput	<textbox> <escape-key>	Allows a textbox to be edited by user, returning its text when <escape-key> is pressed.
SetText	<textobject>, <text>	Sets the text in a textbox or label
SetFont	<textobject>, <font>	Changes the font of a text object

Name	Arguments	Description
Move	<object> <x> <y>	Move an object (e.g., an image or a label to an x,y location)
MoveCorner	<object> <x> <y>	Moves an image or label by its upper corner.
GetSize	<object>	Returns a list of dimensions <x,y> of a graphical object.
GetLineBreaks	<textbox>	Computes the line breaks for a textbox text.
GetParent	<widget>	Gets the parent widget of a widget.
AddObject	<object> <parent>	Adds an object to a parent object (window)
RemoveObject	<object> <parent>	Removes an object from a parent window
RemoveObjects	<list-of-objects> <parent>	Removes a (possibly nested) list of objects from a parent window
Show	<object>	Shows an object
Hide	<object>	Hides an object
ShowCursor	<object>	Hides or show mouse cursor.
GetMouse		Gets [x,y] position of mouse
CursorPosition		
GetMouseState		Gets [x,y,b1,b2,b3] list of mouse state, including button states
SetMouse	<x>,<y>	Sets x,y position of mouse
CursorPosition		
Draw	<object> or no argument	Redraws a widget and its children
DrawFor	<object> <cycles>	Draws for exactly <cycles> cycles, then returns
Circle	<x> <y> <r> <color> <filled>	Creates circle with radius r centered at position x,y
Ellipse	<x> <y> <rx> <ry><color> <filled>	Creates ellipse with radii rx and ry centered at position x,y
Square	<x> <y> <size> <color> <filled>	Creates square with width size centered at position x,y
Rectangle	<x> <y> <dx> <dy><color> <filled>	Creates rectangle with size (dx, dy) centered at position x,y
Line	<x> <y> <dx> <dy> <color>	Creates line starting at x,y and ending at x+dx, y+dy
Polygon	<x> <y> <xpoints> <ypoints> <color><filled>	Creates polygon centered at x,y with relative points <xpoints>,<ypoints>

Name	Arguments	Description
Bezier	<x> <y> <xpoints> <ypoints> <steps> <color>	Creates bezier curve centered at x,y with relative points
BlockE	<x> <y> <h> <w> <thickness> <orientation> <color>	Creates a block E as a useable polygon which can be added to a window directly.
Plus	<x> <y> <size> <w> <color>	Creates a plus sign as a useable polygon which can be added to a window directly.
MakeStarPoints	<r_outer> <r_inner> <npeaks>	Creates points for a star, which can then be fed to Polygon
MakeNGonPoints	<radius> <npeaks>	Creates points for a polygon, which can then be fed to Polygon
ThickLine	<x1> <y1> <x2> <y2> <thickness> <color>	Creates a thick line between two points
MakeAttneave	<radius>, <numpoints>, <minangle>, <maxangle>	Makes a complex “Attneave” polygon
ConvexHull	<list-of-pts>	Returns a convex subset of points for a set
KaneszaSquare	<squaresize>, <circleradius>, <fg>, <bg>	Creates a 'Kanesza Square' stimulus.
KaneszaPolygon	<points>, <circTF>, <circleradius>, <fg>, <bg>,<show>	Create generic Kanesza polygon.
Inside	<[x,y]> <object>	Determines whether a point is inside a graphical object
SetPixel	x,y,color	Sets the color of a pixel on an image or canvas to color
SetPoint	x,y,color	Sets the color of a pixel on an image or canvas to color
GetPixelColor	<obj>,x,y	Gets the color of a specified pixel on a widget
MakeGabor	<size>, <freq>, <sd>, <angle>, <phase>, <bglev>	Creates a 'gabor patch' with specified parameters

Name	Arguments	Description
<b>Sound Objects Functions</b>		
LoadSound	<filename>	Loads a soundfile from the filename, returning a variable that can be played
PlayForeground	<sound>	Plays the sound 'in the foreground', not returning until the sound is complete
PlayBackground	<sound>	Plays the sound 'in the background', returning immediately
SetPanning	<sound>, +<left>+, +<right>+	Sets volume of left and right channel.
SetPlayRepeats	<sound>, +<reps>+	Sets a repeat count on a sound playback.
Stop	<sound>	Stops a sound playing in the background from playing
MakeSineWave	freq, duration, amplitude	Creates a pure sine wave.
MakeAudioInputBuffer	<time-in-ms>	Creates a buffer to record audio input
SaveAudioToWaveFile	<filename>, <buffer>	Saves buffer to a .wav file format
GetVocalResponseTime	<buffer>, <threshold>, <duration>	A simple voice key
LoadMovie	<movie_filename> <window>, <width>,<height>	Load a movie file
LoadAudioFile	<audio_filename>	Load an audio file
PlayMovie	<movie>	Plays a movie until its end
StartPlayback	<movie>	Initiates playback in background, updated with Wait()
PausePlayback	<movie>	Pauses playback of movie
<b>Graphical User Interface Functions</b>		
GetTime	<>	Gets a number, in milliseconds, representing the time since the PEBL program began running.
MakeButton	<label><x>,<y> <win>,<width>	Makes a button for clicking on.
PushButton	<button><[x,y]>	Pushes a button and releases.
MakeCheckBox	<label><x>,<y>, <win>,<width>	Makes a two-state checkbox on a button background.
ClickCheckBox	<checkbox><[x,y]>	Handles checkbox click and updates state.
SetCheckBox	<checkbox><state>	Sets checkbox state.



Name	Arguments	Description
MakeScrollingTextBox	<text>, <x>, <y>, <win>, <fontsize>, <width>, <height>, <linewidth>	Make a box for text that can be scrolled if too long.
SetScrollingText	<obj><text>, <linewidth>	Changes text of a scrolling textbox.
MakeScrollBar	<opts>, <header>, <x>, <y>, <win>, <fontsize>, <width>, <height>, <selected>	Make a scrolling selection box.
UpdateScrollBar	<obj>	Recalculates scrollbar layout.
DrawScrollBar	<obj>	Draws a scrollbar.
ClickOnScrollBar	<obj>, <click>	Handles click on scrollbar.
PopUpMessageBox	<label><win>	Makes a small message box at the mouse location.
PopUpEntryBox	<label><win><[x,y]>	Makes a small entry box at [xy] location.
MakePullDown	<optionlist>, <x>, <y>, <win>, <fontsize>, <width>, <selected>	Make a pulldown selection box for a list.
PullDown	<obj><[x,y]>	Handle click on a pulldown.
UpdatePullDown	<obj>, <newlist>	Updates the list of a pulldown.
DrawPullDown	<obj>	Redraws a pulldown if state changes.
MakeTextlist	<list>, <listoffset>, <prebuffer>	Creates a text body from a list.
InsideTB	<[xy]><obj>	Determine inside for a textbox-style object (location is upper left)
MakeMenu	<header>, <x>, <y>, <win>, <fontsize>, <width>, <subitems>, <functions>	Creates menu with suboptions.

Name	Arguments	Description
MakeMenuItem	<text>, <x>, <y>, <win>, <fontsize>, <width>, <function>	Creates menu sub-item.
ClickOnMenu	<obj>, <[x,y]>	Handles menu click, calling the .clickon function of menu.
OpenSubMenus	<obj>, <[x,y]>	Opens the sub-menus of a menu.

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**Custom and Built-in Object Functions**

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VariableExists	<variable-name>	Tests whether a variable exists.
PrintProperties	<object>	Prints a list of all available properties of an object (for debugging)
GetPropertyList	<object>	Gets a list of all the property names of an object
PropertyExists	<object> <prop>	Determines whether a particular property exists
SetProperty	<object> <prop> <value>	Sets property of an object
GetProperty	<object> <prop>	Returns value of property
MakeCustomObject	<name>	Creates custom object.
IsCustomObject	<object>	Tests whether object is a custom object.
DrawObject	obj	Calls the .draw property of an object
MoveObject	obj, x, y	Calls the .move property of an object
Clickon	obj, [x,y]	Calls the .clickon property of an object

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**Misc Event Functions**

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GetTime	<>	Gets a number, in milliseconds, representing the time since the PEBL program began running.
Wait	<time>	Pauses execution for <time> ms
IsKeyDown	<keyval>	Determines whether the key associated with <keyval> is down
IsKeyUp	<keyval>	Determines whether the key associated with <keyval> is up
IsAnyKeyDown	<>	Determines whether any key is down.
WaitForKeyDown	<keyval>	Waits until <keyval> is detected to be in the down state
WaitForAnyKeyDown	<>	Waits until any key is detected in down state
WaitForKeyUp	<keyval>	Waits until <keyval> is in up state.
WaitForAllKeysUp		Waits until all keys are in up state

Name	Arguments	Description
WaitForAnyKeyDown WithTimeout	<time>	Waits for a key to be pressed, but only for<time> ms
WaitForKeyListDown	<list-of-keyvals>	Waits until one of the keys is in down state
WaitForKeyPress	<key>	Waits until <key> is pressed
WaitForAnyKeyPress	<>	Waits until any key is pressed
WaitForKeyRelease	<key>	Waits until <key> is released
WaitForListKeyPress	<list-of-keys>	Waits until one of <list-of-keys> is pressed
WaitForListKeyPress WithTimeout	<list-of-keyvals> <timeout>	Waits for either a key to be pressed or a time to pass.
WaitForMouseButton		Waits until any of the mouse buttons is pressed or released, and returns message indicating what happened
WaitForMouseClicked WithTimeout	<timeout>	Waits until any of the mouse buttons is pressed, or a prespecified timeout has elapsed.
WaitForClickOnTarget	<target>	Waits until any of a set of target objects are clicked.
WaitForClickOnTarget WithTimeout	<target>, <timeout>	Waits with a max time for a set of targets to be clicked.
WaitForDownClick		Waits for mouse button to be clicked
RegisterEvent	<>	Registers events to trigger based on particular conditions
StartEventLoop	<>	Starts the event loop
ClearEventLoop	<>	Clears all trigger events from event loop
SignalFatalError	<message>	Halts execution, printing out message
ExitQuietly	<message>	Halts execution, printing a message to terminal but not a pop-up
TranslateKeyCode	<>	Converts a keycode to a key name
TimeStamp		Returns a string containing the current date and time
GetPEBLVersion	<>	Returns a string indicating which version of PEBL you are using
GetSystemType	<>	Identifies the type of operating system being used.
CopyToClipboard	<text>	Puts argument in system clipboard.
CopyFromClipboard	<>	Copies text from system clipboard.
GetVideoModes	opt:<screen>	Gets list of available screen resolutions
GetDrivers		Gets a list of possible video drivers
GetCurrent ScreenResolution	<>	Gets the current widthxheight of the screen

Name	Arguments	Description
SystemCall	<command> <optional-args>	Executes command in operating system
LaunchFile	<file>	Launches a file using platform-specific handlers
GetNIMHDemographics	<code> <window> <file>	Asks NIMH-related questions
GetSubNum	<window>	Asks user to enter subject number
MessageBox	<text> <win>	Pops up a message, overtop the entire screen, and waits for a click to continue.
GetEasyInput	<text> <win>	Gets typed input based on a prompt.
GetEasyChoice	<text>, <choices>, <output>, <window>	Simple multiple choice
GetEasyMultiChoice	<text>, <choices>, <output>, <window>, <min>(opt), <max>(opt)	Simple select-multiple choice
CountDown	<window>, <bg>(opt)	Displays a 3 2 1 countdown on screen
IsAudioOut	<variant>	Tests whether <variant> is a AudioOut stream
IsCanvas	<variant>	Tests whether <variant> is a Canvas
IsColor	<variant>	Tests whether <variant> is a Color
IsFileStream	<variant>	Tests whether <variant> is a FileStream
IsFloat	<variant>	Tests whether <variant> is a floating-point number
IsFont	<variant>	Tests whether <variant> is a Font
IsImage	<variant>	Tests whether <variant> is an Image
IsInteger	<variant>	Tests whether <variant> is an integer-type number
IsLabel	<variant>	Tests whether <variant> is a Text Label
IsList	<variant>	Tests whether <variant> is a List
IsNumber	<variant>	Tests whether <variant> is a number
IsTextBox	<variant>	Tests whether <variant> is a TextBox
IsText	<variant>	Tests whether <variant> is a text string

Name	Arguments	Description
IsShape	<variant>	Tests whether <variant> is any drawing shape, such as a circle, square or polygon
IsString	<variant>	Tests whether <variant> is a string
IsWidget	<variant>	Tests whether <variant> is any Widget
IsWindow	<variant>	Tests whether <variant> is any Window

#### List Manipulation Functions

Shuffle	<list>	Returns a new list with the items in list shuffled randomly.
ShuffleRepeat	<list> <times>	Generates a list of n shuffled versions of <list>
ShuffleWithout Adjacents	<nested-list>	Shuffle specifying items that should not appear adjacently
Repeat	<item> <n>	Repeats an item n times in a list
RepeatList	<list> <n>	Makes a new list containing the elements of <list> repeated <n> times
Sequence	<start> <end> <step>	Makes a sequence of numbers from <start> to <end>, with <step>-sized increments
ChooseN	<list> <n>	Returns a sublist of <n> items from a list, in the order they appear in the original list
Sample	<list>	Picks a single item randomly from <list>.
SampleN	<list> <n>	Returns a randomly-ordered sublist of <n> items from a list
SampleN WithReplacement	<list> <n>	Returns a sublist of <n> items from a list
DesignLatinSquare	<list1> <list2>	Simple latin square
LatinSquare	<list>	A simple latin square constructor
DesignGreco LatinSquare	<list1> <list2> <list3>	Create design
DesignBalanced Sampling	<list> <number>	Sample equally from list
DesignFull Counterbalance	<list1> <list2>	Create all combinations
CrossFactorWith outDuplicats	<list>	Returns a list of all pairs of items in the list, excluding pairs that where an element appears twice.
Rotate	<list> <n>	Rotates a list by <n> items.

Name	Arguments	Description
FoldList	<list> <n>	Folds list into length-n sublists.
Flatten	<list>	Flattens a nested list completely
FlattenN	<list> <n>	Flattens n levels of a nested list
Length	<list>	Returns the number of elements in a list.
First	<list>	Returns the first item in a list.
Last	<list>	Returns the last item in a list.
Merge	<list1> <list2>	Combines two lists.
Append	<list> <item>	Returns new list combining <list> and <item>
PushOnEnd	<list> <item>	Adds <item> to <list> efficiently
List	<item1> <item2>...	Makes a list out of items
Sort	<list>	Sorts a list by its values.
SortBy	<list> <key>	Sorts list by the values in <key>
Nth	<list> <n>	Returns the nth item in a list.
Subset	<list> <list-of-indices>	returns a subset of items from a list
SetElement	<list>, <index>, <value>	Sets an element of list to value
Match	[list],<item>	Returns a list of 0/1s, indicating which elements of list match item.
Filter	[list], <indicators>	Filters a list based on a 0/1 list produced by Match.
Levels	[list]	Returns a sorted list of unique elements in list.
Rest	<list>	Returns a list minus its first element
ExtractListItems	<list> <list-of-indices>	Gets a subset of items from a list
IsMember	<item> <list>	Checks whether <item> is a member of <list>
Replace	<template> <replacementList>	Replaces items in a data structure
Lookup	<key> <keylist> <database>	returns element in <database> corresponding to element of <keylist> that matches <key>.
Transpose	<list-of-lists>	Transposes a list of equal-length lists.
SubList	<list> <start> <finish>	Returns a sublist of a list.
RemoveSubset	<list> <list-of-pos>	Removes items at positions <list-of-pos> from a list.
ConcatenateList	<list>, <sep>(opt)	Combines list
ListToString	<list>, 	

Name	Arguments	Description
ModList	<sep> (opt), <prebuffer>(opt)	Concatenates all elements of a list into a single string
Insert	<list>, <pre>, <post>	Adds pre- and post- elements to each list member
ListBy	<list>,<item>,<pos> <list>,<conds>	Inserts <item> into <list> at <pos> Segments a list into sublist by the values of a second list

#### String Management Functions

CR	<num>	Returns string with <num> linefeeds.
Tab	<num>	Returns string with <num> tabs.
Format	<value> <num>	Makes string from value exactly <num> characters by truncating or padding.
Enquote	<text>	Returns string surrounded by quote marks.
Uppercase	<string>	Returns uppercased string
Lowercase	<string>	Returns lowercased string
ReplaceChar	<string> <char> <char2>	Substitutes <char2> for <char> in <string>.
SubstituteStrings	<text>,<replist>	Makes multiple substitutions in text
SplitString	<string> <split>	Splits <string> into a list of <split>-delimited substrings
SplitStringSlow	<string> <split>	Splits <string> into a list of <split>-delimited substrings
StringLength	<string>	Returns the length of a string
SubString	<string> <position> <length>	Returns a substring
FindInString	<string> <key> <pos>	Returns position of <key> in <string>, starting at position <pos>
StripSpace	<string>	Strips whitespace from the start and end of <string>.
StripQuotes	<string>	Strips quotation marks from the start and end of <string>.

## Chapter 6

# The PEBL Layout & Response System

### 6.1 Overview

The PEBL Layout & Response System provides a unified interface for creating structured experimental layouts with automatic screen scaling and platform-aware response handling. This system simplifies the creation of battery tasks by providing:

- **Zone-based layouts** with automatic positioning and scaling
- **Platform-aware response modes** (keyboard, mouse, touch)
- **Single-function API** with intelligent defaults
- **Theme support** and accessibility features
- **Integration** with parameters, translations, and data upload

### 6.2 Quick Start

The simplest way to use the Layout & Response System is with two function calls:

```
define Start(p)
{
  gWin <- MakeWindow("black")
```



```
gParams <- CreateParameters(parpairs, gParamFile)

## Create layout with response system
gLayout <- CreateLayout("mytask", gWin, gParams)

## Set zone content
gLayout.header.text <- "My Task - Trial 1"
gLayout.footer.text <- "Press a response key"

Draw()

## Wait for response (returns "left" or "right")
response <- WaitForLayoutResponse(gLayout, 5000)

Print("Response: " + response)
}
```

This creates a full-screen layout with five zones (header, subheader, stimulus, response, footer) and handles both keyboard and mouse responses automatically based on the platform.

## 6.3 Layout Zones

The layout system divides the screen into five configurable zones:

### 6.3.1 Zone Structure

- **Header Zone** - Title and primary information (default: 50px height, 28pt font)
- **Subheader Zone** - Trial counter, status (default: 25px height, 18pt font, optional)
- **Stimulus Zone** - Main content area (flexible height, takes remaining space)
- **Response Zone** - Response key/target labels (default: 50px height, 20pt font)
- **Footer Zone** - Instructions, prompts (default: 50px height, 16pt font)

All zones scale proportionally based on screen resolution. The default baseline is 800x600, with all dimensions scaling up or down to match the actual screen size.

### 6.3.2 Accessing Zones

Zone labels are accessed as properties of the layout object:

```
gLayout.header.text <- "Trial " + trial
gLayout.subheader.text <- "Block " + block
gLayout.footer.text <- "Press LEFT or RIGHT"
```

```
## Control visibility
gLayout.header.visible <- 1 ## show
gLayout.subheader.visible <- 0 ## hide
```

### 6.3.3 Stimulus Region

The stimulus region is the flexible area where experimental stimuli are presented:

```
## Center of stimulus region
centerX <- gLayout.stimulusRegion.centerX
centerY <- gLayout.stimulusRegion.centerY

## Add stimuli
stim <- Circle(centerX, centerY, 50, MakeColor("red"), 1)
AddObject(stim, gWin)
```

The stimulus region automatically adjusts its size based on which zones are visible and the current screen dimensions.

## 6.4 Response Modes

The Layout & Response System supports multiple response modes that can be selected via parameters:

### 6.4.1 Keyboard Modes

**keyboardShift** - Left/right shift keys (native platforms only)

- **Keys:** Left Shift, Right Shift
- **Labels:** "LEFT-SHIFT", "RIGHT-SHIFT"
- **Platform:** Native only (avoids Windows Sticky Keys dialog)
- **Use case:** Traditional two-alternative tasks on desktop

**keyboardSafe** - Browser-safe letter keys

- **Keys:** Z, / (slash)

- **Labels:** "Z", "/"
- **Platform:** All (default for Emscripten/browser)
- **Use case:** Web-based experiments, avoids modifier key issues

### 6.4.2 Mouse Modes

**mousetarget** - Click on labeled targets

- **Target:** Clickable response zone labels
- **Labels:** "Click LEFT", "Click RIGHT"
- **Platform:** All
- **Use case:** Touch screens, tablets, mouse-based interfaces

**mousebutton** - Left/right mouse buttons

- **Buttons:** Left button (1), Right button (3)
- **Labels:** "LEFT-CLICK", "RIGHT-CLICK"
- **Platform:** All
- **Use case:** Tasks requiring fast mouse-based responses

### 6.4.3 Platform-Aware Selection

When **responsemode** is set to "auto" (the default), the system automatically selects:

- **Native platforms** (Linux, macOS, Windows): keyboardShift
- **Emscripten/Browser:** keyboardSafe

This ensures optimal performance and user experience across platforms.

## 6.5 Parameter Integration

The Layout & Response System integrates with PEBL's parameter management system. The most important parameter is **responsemode**, which determines how participants respond.

### 6.5.1 Basic Usage

Pass parameters to the layout to control response mode:

```
define Start(p)
{
  ## Define parameters including responsemode
  parpairs <- [
    ["responsemode", "auto"], ## Platform-aware by default
    ["numTrials", 20]
  ]

  ## Load parameters
  gParams <- CreateParameters(parpairs, gParamFile)

  ## Pass to layout (reads gParams.responsemode)
  gLayout <- CreateLayout("taskname", gWin, gParams)
}
```

### 6.5.2 Response Mode Parameter

The `responsemode` parameter accepts:

- "auto" - Platform-aware (keyboardShift on native, keyboardSafe on web)
- "keyboardShift" - Left/right shift keys
- "keyboardSafe" - Z and / keys (browser-safe)
- "mousetarget" - Click on labeled targets
- "mousebutton" - Left/right mouse buttons

For complete details on parameters, schemas, presets, and remote loading, see Chapter 7.

## 6.6 Translation Support

The Layout & Response System integrates with PEBL's translation system for multilingual support.

### 6.6.1 Basic Usage

Load translations and use them in layout zones:

```
define Start(p)
{
  ## Load translations for current language
  gStrings <- GetTranslations("taskname", gLanguage)
```

```
## Use translated strings in layout zones
gLayout.header.text <- gStrings.HEADER_TITLE
gLayout.footer.text <- gStrings.INSTRUCTIONS

Draw()
}
```

### 6.6.2 Running in Different Languages

```
## English (default)
pebl2 taskname.pbl

## Spanish
pebl2 taskname.pbl -v language=es

## French
pebl2 taskname.pbl -v language=fr
```

For complete details on translation file structure, special characters, creating translations, and best practices, see Chapter 7.

## 6.7 Data Upload Integration

Tasks using the Layout & Response System can integrate with PEBL's data upload functionality to provide feedback during upload.

### 6.7.1 Basic Usage

Use layout zones to show upload status:

```
define Start(p)
{
  ## ... run experiment ...

  FileClose(gFileOut)

  ## Upload with status display
  if(gParams.uploadData)
  {
    ## Show upload screen
    gLayout.header.text <- "Uploading Data"
    gLayout.footer.text <- "Please wait..."
    Draw()
  }
}
```

```
## Upload file
success <- UploadFile(gSubNum, gFileOut)

## Show result
if(success)
{
  gLayout.footer.text <- "Upload complete!"
} else {
  gLayout.footer.text <- "Upload failed. Data saved locally."
}

Draw()
Wait(2000)
}
}
```

The layout system provides a clean way to show upload progress and results without requiring popup dialogs.

**For complete details on data upload configuration, server setup (PEBL Simple Data Server and PEBLHub), and best practices, see Chapter 7.**

## 6.8 Layout Customization

The Layout & Response System can be customized per-task or globally.

### 6.8.1 Custom Layout Configuration

Create a custom layout file `battery/taskname/layout/taskname.pbl.layout.json`:

```
{
  "name": "Custom Task Layout",
  "version": "1.0",
  "baseline": {
    "width": 800,
    "height": 600
  },
  "margins": {
    "x": 25,
    "y": 25,
    "bottomReserve": 25
  },
  "zones": {
    "header": {
```

```
        "height": 60,
        "fontSize": 32,
        "visible": true
    },
    "subheader": {
        "height": 30,
        "fontSize": 20,
        "visible": true
    },
    "stimulus": {
        "flexGrow": true,
        "fontSize": 24
    },
    "response": {
        "height": 70,
        "fontSize": 24,
        "visible": true
    },
    "footer": {
        "height": 60,
        "fontSize": 18,
        "visible": true
    }
},
"responseDefaults": {
    "type": "auto",
    "numAlternatives": 2
}
}
```

### 6.8.2 Modifying Global Defaults

To change the default layout for all tasks, edit:

`media/settings/default-layout.json`

Changes to the default layout affect all tasks that don't have a custom layout configuration.

## 6.9 Complete Example

Here is a complete example demonstrating all features:

```
define Start(p)
```

```
{
##-----
## 1. SETUP
##-----
gScriptname <- "My Task"

## Parameters
parpairs <- [
  ["numPracticeTrials", 5],
  ["numTestTrials", 20],
  ["responsemode", "keyboardShift"],
  ["uploadData", 0],
  ["uploadURL", ""]
]
gParams <- CreateParameters(parpairs, gParamFile)

## Window and subject
gWin <- MakeWindow("black")
if(gSubNum+" " == "0") {
  gSubNum <- GetSubNum(gWin)
}

## Load translations
gStrings <- GetTranslations("mytask", gLanguage)

##-----
## 2. CREATE LAYOUT
##-----
gLayout <- CreateLayout("mytask", gWin, gParams)

## Configure zones
gLayout.header.text <- gStrings.TITLE
gLayout.footer.text <- gStrings.INSTRUCTIONS

##-----
## 3. DATA FILE
##-----
gFileOut <- GetNewDataFile(gSubNum, gWin, "mytask", "csv",
  "subnum,trial,phase,stimulus,response,correct,rt,timestamp")

##-----
## 4. PRACTICE TRIALS
##-----
gLayout.subheader.text <- "PRACTICE"
Draw()
WaitForAnyKeyPress()
```



```
loop(trial, Sequence(1, gParams.numPracticeTrials, 1))
{
  result <- RunTrial("practice", trial)
  FilePrint(gFileOut, result)
}

##-----
## 5. TEST TRIALS
##-----
gLayout.subheader.text <- "TEST"
gLayout.footer.text <- gStrings.TEST_INSTRUCTIONS
Draw()
WaitForAnyKeyPress()

loop(trial, Sequence(1, gParams.numTestTrials, 1))
{
  result <- RunTrial("test", trial)
  FilePrint(gFileOut, result)
}

##-----
## 6. UPLOAD & DEBRIEF
##-----
FileClose(gFileOut)

if(gParams.uploadData and gParams.uploadURL != "")
{
  UploadFile(gFileOut, gParams.uploadURL)
}

gLayout.header.text <- gStrings.COMPLETE
gLayout.subheader.visible <- 0
gLayout.footer.text <- gStrings.DEBRIEF
Draw()
Wait(3000)
}

define RunTrial(phase, trialNum)
{
  ## Update display
  gLayout.header.text <- gStrings.TITLE + " - Trial " + trialNum

  ## Show stimulus
  stim <- Circle(gLayout.stimulusRegion.centerX,
                 gLayout.stimulusRegion.centerY,
```

```
        50, MakeColor("red"), 1)
AddObject(stim, gWin)
Draw()

## Collect response
startTime <- GetTime()
response <- WaitForLayoutResponse(gLayout, 5000)
rt <- GetTime() - startTime

## Clean up
RemoveObject(stim, gWin)

## Return data
return(gSubNum + "," + trialNum + "," + phase +
      ",red_circle," + response + ",,+ rt + "," + TimeStamp())
}
```

## 6.10 Best Practices

### 6.10.1 Layout Usage

- Use `CreateLayout()` once at the start of your experiment
- Store the result in `gLayout` for global access
- Update zone text as needed, don't recreate the layout
- Use `Draw()` after updating zone content

### 6.10.2 Response Handling

- Always pass `gParams` to `CreateLayout()` for response mode support
- Use semantic responses ("left", "right") not raw keys in your logic
- Handle timeout cases (`response == "<timeout>"`)
- Provide clear instructions that match the response mode

### 6.10.3 Parameters

- Always provide a schema file with descriptions and defaults
- Use descriptive parameter names (not single letters)
- Create preset JSON files for common configurations
- Document parameter options in the schema

### 6.10.4 Translations

- Use UPPERCASE keys by convention
- Include all participant-visible text
- Test with at least two languages
- Provide English (`-en.json`) as the default

## 6.11 Reference

### 6.11.1 Core Functions

#### **CreateLayout(testName, win, params)**

Creates a layout with zones, response labels, and scaling.

- **testName**: Name of your task (string)
- **win**: Window object from `MakeWindow()`
- **params**: Parameter object with `.responsemode` (optional)
- **Returns**: Layout object (also sets `gLayout` global)

#### **WaitForLayoutResponse(layout, timeout)**

Waits for a response according to the layout's response mode.

- **layout**: Layout object from `CreateLayout()`
- **timeout**: Maximum wait in milliseconds (default: 60000)
- **Returns**: Semantic response ("left", "right", etc.) or "<timeout>"

### 6.11.2 Layout Properties

- `layout.header.text` - Header text
- `layout.header.visible` - Header visibility (0/1)
- `layout.subheader.text` - Subheader text
- `layout.subheader.visible` - Subheader visibility (0/1)
- `layout.footer.text` - Footer text
- `layout.footer.visible` - Footer visibility (0/1)
- `layout.stimulusRegion.centerX` - Stimulus area center X
- `layout.stimulusRegion.centerY` - Stimulus area center Y
- `layout.stimulusRegion.width` - Stimulus area width
- `layout.stimulusRegion.height` - Stimulus area height
- `layout.responseLabels` - List of response label objects
- `layout.responseMode.type` - Current response mode type

### 6.11.3 Default Configuration

The default layout configuration (800x600 baseline) includes:

- Margins: 25px (x and y)
- Bottom reserve: 25px (no-go zone for windowed mode)
- Header: 50px height, 28pt font
- Subheader: 25px height, 18pt font (visible by default)
- Response: 50px height, 20pt font
- Footer: 50px height, 16pt font
- Stimulus: Flexible (takes remaining space, typically 70% of screen)



## Chapter 7

# Structured Task Creation Architecture

### 7.1 Overview

PEBL provides a comprehensive architecture for creating structured, reusable, and maintainable psychological tests. This optional layer sits atop the core PEBL language and provides standardized systems for:

- **Layout & Response System** - Unified screen layouts with platform-aware responses (Chapter 6)
- **Parameter Management** - JSON/CSV configuration with schemas and presets
- **Translation System** - Multi-language support with structured translation files
- **Data Upload** - Centralized data collection via web servers

These systems work together to create battery tasks that are:

- **Configurable** - Parameters control all aspects without code changes
- **International** - Full translation support for any language
- **Platform-aware** - Automatic adaptation to native/web environments
- **Data-ready** - Built-in upload to servers or PEBLHub

**Important:** All of these systems are optional. Core PEBL functionality works independently, but these systems significantly reduce development time and

improve maintainability for battery tasks.

## 7.2 Parameter Management System

The parameter system allows experiments to be configured without modifying code. Parameters are defined with defaults, loaded from files or URLs, and accessed as properties throughout the experiment.

### 7.2.1 Basic Parameter Usage

Define parameters with defaults in your PEBL script:

```
define Start(p)
{
  ## Define parameters with defaults
  parpairs <- [
    ["numTrials", 20],
    ["responsemode", "keyboardShift"],
    ["showFeedback", 1],
    ["stimulusDuration", 1000]
  ]

  ## Load parameters (from file or use defaults)
  gParams <- CreateParameters(parpairs, gParamFile)

  ## Access parameters as properties
  loop(trial, Sequence(1, gParams.numTrials, 1))
  {
    ShowStimulus(gParams.stimulusDuration)

    if(gParams.showFeedback)
    {
      ShowFeedback()
    }
  }
}
```

The `CreateParameters()` function:

- Returns a property list with all parameters
- Merges file values over defaults
- Supports both JSON and CSV formats
- Uses defaults if file doesn't exist or is empty

### 7.2.2 Parameter Files

PEBL supports two parameter file formats:

#### JSON Format (Recommended)

Modern format, ideal for web integration:

**File:** `params/taskname.pbl.par.json`

```
{
  "numTrials": 30,
  "responsemode": "mousetarget",
  "showFeedback": 1,
  "stimulusDuration": 1500
}
```

#### Advantages:

- Web-friendly (easy JavaScript parsing/generation)
- Supports complex types (arrays, nested objects)
- Human-readable and editable
- Can be fetched from URLs

#### CSV Format (Legacy)

Traditional format, still fully supported:

**File:** `params/taskname.pbl.par`

```
numTrials,30
responsemode,mousetarget
showFeedback,1
stimulusDuration,1500
```

**Note:** No code changes needed to support both formats. `CreateParameters()` auto-detects the format.



### 7.2.3 Parameter Schemas

Schema files provide rich metadata about parameters for documentation and web UIs. They are entirely optional but highly recommended for battery tasks.

**File:** `params/taskname.pbl.schema.json`

```
{
  "test": "taskname",
  "version": "1.0",
  "description": "A psychological test measuring...",
  "citation": "Smith et al. (2020)",
  "parameters": [
    {
      "name": "numTrials",
      "type": "integer",
      "default": 20,
      "min": 1,
      "max": 100,
      "step": 1,
      "label": "Number of Trials",
      "description": "Total number of test trials to present"
    },
    {
      "name": "responsemode",
      "type": "string",
      "default": "keyboardShift",
      "options": ["keyboardShift", "keyboardSafe",
                  "mousetarget", "mousebutton"],
      "label": "Response Mode",
      "description": "How participants respond (keyboard/mouse)"
    },
    {
      "name": "showFeedback",
      "type": "boolean",
      "default": 1,
      "label": "Show Feedback",
      "description": "Display feedback after each trial"
    },
    {
      "name": "stimulusDuration",
      "type": "integer",
      "default": 1000,
      "min": 100,
      "max": 5000,
      "step": 100,

```

```
    "unit": "ms",
    "label": "Stimulus Duration",
    "description": "How long each stimulus is displayed"
  }
]
}
```

**Schema fields:**

- **name** - Parameter identifier (used in code)
- **type** - Data type (integer, string, boolean, number, array)
- **default** - Default value
- **label** - Human-readable name
- **description** - Detailed explanation
- **min/max/step** - Numeric constraints (optional)
- **unit** - Display unit (ms, sec, px, etc.) (optional)
- **options** - Valid choices for dropdowns (optional)

### 7.2.4 Parameter Presets

Create named presets for common configurations:

**File:** params/short-version.json

```
{
  "name": "Short Version",
  "description": "Quick testing with reduced trials",
  "parameters": {
    "numTrials": 10,
    "responsemode": "keyboardShift",
    "showFeedback": 1,
    "stimulusDuration": 800
  }
}
```

**File:** params/tablet-version.json

```
{
  "name": "Tablet Version",
  "description": "Touch-screen optimized configuration",
  "parameters": {
    "numTrials": 20,
    "responsemode": "mousetarget",
    "showFeedback": 1,
  }
}
```

```
    "stimulusDuration": 1500
  }
}
```

**Usage:**

```
## Command line:
pebl2 taskname.pbl -v jsonparam=params/tablet-version.json

## Or via launcher preset dropdown
```

### 7.2.5 Loading Parameters from URLs

For web-based studies, parameters can be fetched from remote servers:

```
pebl2 taskname.pbl --pfile https://study.example.com/api/params?token=ABC123
```

The server can:

1. Read the task's `.pbl.schema.json` to understand parameters
2. Generate custom parameter JSON based on study configuration
3. Serve it to PEBL with appropriate authentication
4. Track which parameters were used for each participant

**Example workflow:**

1. Researcher configures study on web platform
2. Platform generates URL with authentication token
3. PEBL fetches JSON parameters at runtime
4. Experiment runs with server-specified configuration

### 7.2.6 Best Practices

**Parameter Naming:**

- Use descriptive names (`stimulusDuration`, not `sd`)
- Use camelCase for multi-word names
- Group related parameters with common prefixes

**Defaults:**

- Always provide sensible defaults
- Default to the most common use case
- Document defaults in schema descriptions

### Validation:

- Validate parameters at script start
- Check ranges, types, and valid options
- Provide clear error messages for invalid values

```
## Validate parameters
if(gParams.numTrials < 1 or gParams.numTrials > 100)
{
  MessageBox("Error: numTrials must be between 1 and 100", gWin)
  QuitPEBL()
}

if(not IsMember(gParams.responseMode,
  ["keyboardShift", "keyboardSafe", "mousetarget", "mousebutton"]))
{
  MessageBox("Error: Invalid responseMode", gWin)
  QuitPEBL()
}
```

## 7.3 Translation System

The translation system enables complete internationalization of battery tasks. All participant-visible text is stored in JSON files, allowing tasks to run in any language without code changes.

### 7.3.1 Basic Translation Usage

Store translations in JSON files and load them at runtime:

**File:** translations/taskname.pbl-en.json

```
{
  "INSTRUCTIONS": "Press the key corresponding to the stimulus color.",
  "PRACTICE_BEGIN": "Practice trials will begin. Press any key.",
  "PRACTICE_COMPLETE": "Practice complete! Press any key for test.",
  "TEST_BEGIN": "Test trials will begin. Press any key.",
  "TRIAL_HEADER": "Trial",
  "CORRECT_FEEDBACK": "Correct!",
  "INCORRECT_FEEDBACK": "Incorrect.",
  "TOO_SLOW": "Too slow!",
  "DEBRIEF": "Thank you for participating!"
}
```

**Load and use in PEBL:**

```
define Start(p)
{
  ## Load translations for current language
  gStrings <- GetTranslations("taskname", gLanguage)

  ## Use throughout experiment
  MessageBox(gStrings.INSTRUCTIONS, gWin)

  gLayout.header.text <- gStrings.TRIAL_HEADER + " " + trialNum
  gLayout.footer.text <- gStrings.INSTRUCTIONS

  ## Dynamic text with substitution
  feedback <- gStrings.CORRECT_FEEDBACK
  ShowMessage(feedback)
}
```

### 7.3.2 Translation File Structure

**Naming convention:** translations/taskname.pbl-LANG.json

Where LANG is the two-letter ISO 639-1 language code:

- en - English
- es - Spanish
- fr - French
- de - German
- pt - Portuguese
- cn - Chinese
- he - Hebrew
- ru - Russian
- it - Italian
- etc.

**Key conventions:**

- Use UPPERCASE for all keys (recommended)
- Use underscores to separate words (TRIAL\_HEADER)
- Group related strings with common prefixes
- Keys are case-insensitive in PEBL (can access as `.trial_header`)

### 7.3.3 Creating Translations

**Step 1:** Create English baseline

```
translations/taskname.pbl-en.json
```

**Step 2:** Copy to new language

```
cp translations/taskname.pbl-en.json \  
  translations/taskname.pbl-es.json
```

**Step 3:** Translate all values (keep keys unchanged)

**Before (English):**

```
{  
  "INSTRUCTIONS": "Press the key corresponding to the color.",  
  "PRACTICE_BEGIN": "Practice will begin. Press any key."  
}
```

**After (Spanish):**

```
{  
  "INSTRUCTIONS": "Presione la tecla correspondiente al color.",  
  "PRACTICE_BEGIN": "La práctica comenzará. Presione cualquier tecla."  
}
```

**Step 4:** Test with new language

```
pebl2 taskname.pbl -v language=es
```

### 7.3.4 Special Characters and Formatting

**Line breaks:** Use CR(1) function in PEBL, not \n

```
## In translation file - single line  
"MULTI_LINE": "First line. Second line. Third line."
```

```
## In PEBL code - split with CR(1)  
lines <- SplitString(gStrings.MULTI_LINE, ".")  
text <- lines[1] + CR(1) + lines[2] + CR(1) + lines[3]
```

**Unicode characters:** JSON supports full Unicode for international languages.

Translation files can contain any UTF-8 text including:

- Hebrew, Arabic (right-to-left scripts)
- Chinese, Japanese, Korean characters
- Accented Latin characters (Spanish, French, etc.)
- Special symbols and emoji

**Dynamic substitution:** Use placeholders and string replacement

```
## Translation file
"TRIAL_PROGRESS": "Trial <NUM> of <TOTAL>"

## PEBL code
text <- SubstituteStrings(gStrings.TRIAL_PROGRESS,
                        [[ "<NUM>", trial + "" ],
                          [ "<TOTAL>", gParams.numTrials + "" ]])
## Result: "Trial 5 of 20"
```

### 7.3.5 Fallback Strategy

The translation system uses a sophisticated three-tier fallback mechanism to ensure translations are always available:

#### Three-Tier Fallback

**Tier 1: Explicit Language** (if gLanguage is non-empty)

```
## Try language specified via --language or -v language=XX
pebl2 taskname.pbl --language es
## Looks for: translations/taskname.pbl-es.json
```

**Tier 2: System Locale** (if gLanguage is empty or Tier 1 failed)

The system automatically detects the operating system locale using `GetSystemLocale()`:

```
## On a Spanish-language system (locale: es_ES)
pebl2 taskname.pbl
## Automatically looks for: translations/taskname.pbl-es.json
```

```
## On a Chinese system (locale: zh_CN)
pebl2 taskname.pbl
## Automatically looks for: translations/taskname.pbl-zh.json
```

The system extracts the two-letter language code from the full locale string (e.g., “es\_ES” becomes “es”, “zh\_CN” becomes “zh”).

**Tier 3: English Fallback** (if both tiers fail)

```
## If neither explicit language nor system locale translation exists
## Falls back to: translations/taskname.pbl-en.json
```

## Fallback Examples

### Example 1: Explicit language overrides system

```
## System locale: de_DE (German)
## Command: pebl2 taskname.pbl --language fr
## Result: Uses French translation (tier 1 explicit override)
```

### Example 2: System locale detection

```
## System locale: ja_JP (Japanese)
## Command: pebl2 taskname.pbl
## gLanguage is empty, so system locale is detected
## Result: Uses Japanese translation (tier 2 system locale)
```

### Example 3: English fallback

```
## System locale: ko_KR (Korean)
## Command: pebl2 taskname.pbl
## But translations/taskname.pbl-ko.json doesn't exist
## Result: Falls back to English (tier 3)
```

### Example 4: Custom language identifiers

The `-language` parameter accepts any string, not just ISO 639-1 codes. This enables custom language variants:

```
pebl2 taskname.pbl --language es-mx
## Looks for: translations/taskname.pbl-es-mx.json
## (Mexican Spanish variant)
```

```
pebl2 taskname.pbl --language en-uk
## Looks for: translations/taskname.pbl-en-uk.json
## (British English variant)
```

## Checking Translation Availability

Always check if strings are available for error handling:

```
gStrings <- GetTranslations("taskname", gLanguage)

if(Length(GetPropertyList(gStrings)) == 0)
{
  MessageBox("Warning: No translation file found. Using defaults.", gWin)
  ## Provide hardcoded fallback strings
}
```

However, with the three-tier fallback system, this should only occur if no translation files exist at all (including English).



### 7.3.6 Translation Best Practices

**What to translate:**

- All instructions and debriefing text
- Header and footer text
- Feedback messages
- Response labels ("LEFT", "RIGHT", etc.)
- Error messages
- Any participant-visible text

**What NOT to translate:**

- Stimulus content (if language-specific by design)
- Data file headers and output
- Internal debug messages
- Parameter names

**Testing translations:**

- Test with at least two languages
- Verify text fits in layout zones
- Check right-to-left languages (Hebrew, Arabic)
- Ensure special characters display correctly
- Have native speakers review translations

**Organizing large translation sets:** For tasks with many strings, group by function:

```
{
  "INST_1": "First instruction...",
  "INST_2": "Second instruction...",
  "PRACTICE_HEADER": "Practice",
  "PRACTICE_BEGIN": "Practice will begin...",
  "PRACTICE_COMPLETE": "Practice complete...",
  "TEST_HEADER": "Test",
  "TEST_BEGIN": "Test will begin...",
  "FEEDBACK_CORRECT": "Correct!",
  "FEEDBACK_INCORRECT": "Incorrect.",
  "DEBRIEF_THANKS": "Thank you..."
}
```

## 7.4 Data Upload System

The data upload system enables centralized collection of experimental data to web servers. PEBL supports uploading to two server types:

- **PEBL Simple Data Server** - Included with PEBL (`dataserver/`)
- **PEBLHub Online** - Cloud platform at `peblhub.online`

### 7.4.1 Upload Configuration

Create an `upload.json` file specifying server details:

**File:** `upload.json`

```
{
  "server": "your-domain.com",
  "page": "/pebl-data/upload.php",
  "port": "80",
  "username": "admin",
  "upload_password": "yourpassword",
  "taskname": "stroop"
}
```

**For HTTPS (recommended):**

```
{
  "server": "your-domain.com",
  "page": "/pebl-data/upload.php",
  "port": "443",
  "username": "admin",
  "upload_password": "yourpassword",
  "taskname": "stroop"
}
```

**File location:** Place `upload.json` in the same directory as your `.pbl` script.

### 7.4.2 Using Upload in PEBL Scripts

#### Basic Upload

Upload data files after experiment completes:

```
define Start(p)
{
  ## ... run experiment ...
```

```
## Close data file
FileClose(gFileOut)

## Upload to server
if(FileExists("upload.json"))
{
  success <- UploadFile(gSubNum, gFileOut)

  if(success)
  {
    MessageBox("Data uploaded successfully!", gWin)
  } else {
    MessageBox("Upload failed. Data saved locally.", gWin)
  }
}
}
```

### **Parameter-Controlled Upload**

Allow upload to be enabled/disabled via parameters:

```
define Start(p)
{
  ## Define parameters
  parpairs <- [
    ["uploadData", 0],
    ["uploadURL", ""],
    ["numTrials", 20]
  ]

  gParams <- CreateParameters(parpairs, gParamFile)

  ## ... run experiment ...

  FileClose(gFileOut)

  ## Upload if enabled
  if(gParams.uploadData)
  {
    ## Show upload screen
    MessageBox("Uploading data, please wait...", gWin)

    ## Upload
    success <- UploadFile(gSubNum, gFileOut)
  }
}
```

```
## Report result
if(success)
{
    MessageBox("Upload complete!", gWin)
} else {
    MessageBox("Upload failed. Data saved locally at: " +
               gFileOut, gWin)
}
}
```

**Schema entry for upload parameters:**

```
{
    "name": "uploadData",
    "type": "boolean",
    "default": 0,
    "label": "Upload Data",
    "description": "Upload results to server after completion"
},
{
    "name": "uploadURL",
    "type": "string",
    "default": "",
    "label": "Upload Server URL",
    "description": "Server URL for data upload (if enabled)"
}
```

### 7.4.3 PEBL Simple Data Server

The Simple Data Server is a lightweight PHP server included in `pebl/dataserver/`. It requires no database and runs on any PHP 5.5+ web server.

#### Server Features

- Single admin account (username/password)
- Automatic subject number generation
- Organized file structure: `uploads/taskname/subnum/`
- File validation and security
- Works on shared hosting (cPanel, etc.)
- No database required

### Quick Server Setup

**Step 1:** Upload files to web server

```
your-domain.com/pebl-data/  
  config.php  
  upload.php  
  getnewsubnum.php  
  generate_password.php  
  .htaccess  
  counter.txt (auto-created)  
  uploads/ (auto-created)
```

**Step 2:** Set permissions

```
chmod 755 uploads/  
chmod 644 config.php upload.php getnewsubnum.php
```

**Step 3:** Change default password

Generate password hash:

```
php generate_password.php yourNewPassword
```

Edit config.php:

```
define('ADMIN_PASSWORD_HASH', 'your-hash-here');
```

**Step 4:** Test upload

```
curl -X POST \  
  -F "user_name=admin" \  
  -F "upload_password=yourpassword" \  
  -F "taskname=test" \  
  -F "subnum=001" \  
  -F "fileToUpload=@test.csv" \  
  http://your-domain.com/pebl-data/upload.php
```

### Getting Subject Numbers

The server can generate sequential subject numbers:

**PEBL function:**

```
gSubNum <- GetNewSubNum("your-domain.com",  
                        "/pebl-data/getnewsubnum.php",  
                        "80",  
                        "admin",  
                        "yourpassword")
```

```
Print("Assigned subject number: " + gSubNum)
```

This ensures unique subject numbers across multiple testing stations.

### Server File Structure

Data is organized hierarchically:

```
uploads/
  stroop/
    001/
      stroop.csv
      stroop_1.csv
    002/
    003/
  ant/
    001/
    002/
```

# Task name  
# Subject number  
# Auto-numbered if duplicate  
# Another task

### Server Configuration

Edit config.php to customize:

```
// Admin credentials
define('ADMIN_USERNAME', 'admin');
define('ADMIN_PASSWORD_HASH', 'your-hash');

// Upload limits
define('MAX_FILE_SIZE', 10485760); // 10MB
define('ALLOWED_EXTENSIONS', ['txt', 'csv', 'tsv', 'dat', 'log']);

// Timezone
date_default_timezone_set('America/New_York');

// Debug mode (for troubleshooting)
define('DEBUG_MODE', false);
```

### Security Best Practices

- **Use HTTPS** - Always use SSL/TLS encryption (port 443)
- **Strong passwords** - Use 12+ character passwords
- **Regular backups** - Download uploads/ directory regularly
- **Monitor uploads** - Check for unusual files periodically
- **IP restrictions** - Limit access to known networks (optional)

- **Update PHP** - Use PHP 7.4+ for security patches

#### 7.4.4 PEBLHub Online

PEBLHub (peblhub.online) is a cloud-based platform for PEBL data collection. It provides:

- Web-based experiment launching
- Centralized data management
- Study creation and configuration
- Participant tracking
- Data visualization and export
- No server setup required

#### Using PEBLHub

**Step 1:** Create account at peblhub.online

**Step 2:** Create a study and configure tests

**Step 3:** Download test package from PEBLHub

PEBLHub allows you to download a complete test package that includes the test script, parameters, translations, and a pre-configured `upload.json` file. Simply download the package from your study dashboard and run it locally—upload settings work out-of-the-box without any additional configuration.

**Step 4:** (Alternative) Manually create `upload.json` with PEBLHub credentials

If you prefer to configure upload manually, get credentials from study settings and create:

```
{
  "server": "peblhub.online",
  "page": "/api/upload",
  "port": "443",
  "username": "your-study-id",
  "upload_password": "your-study-token",
  "taskname": "stroop"
}
```

**Step 5:** Upload is automatic when experiment completes

### PEBLHub Features

- **Study Management** - Create and configure multi-test batteries
- **Participant Portal** - Secure links for participant access
- **Data Dashboard** - Real-time collection monitoring
- **Bulk Export** - Download all data as CSV/JSON
- **Test Library** - Browse and deploy battery tests
- **Version Control** - Track parameter changes over time

#### 7.4.5 Upload Best Practices

##### Error Handling:

```
## Always handle upload failures gracefully
success <- UploadFile(gSubNum, gFileOut)

if(not success)
{
  ## Inform participant
  MessageBox("Data saved locally. Please contact experimenter.", gWin)

  ## Log failure
  Print("WARNING: Upload failed for subject " + gSubNum)

  ## Data is still saved locally - never lost!
}
```

##### Network Testing:

- Test uploads on actual network before study
- Check firewall and proxy settings
- Verify HTTPS certificates are valid
- Test with slow/unreliable connections

##### Participant Privacy:

- Use subject numbers, not names
- Avoid collecting identifying information in data files
- Ensure server has appropriate security
- Follow institutional IRB requirements

##### Backup Strategy:



- Local data files are always saved (even if upload fails)
- Download server data regularly
- Keep local backups during data collection
- Verify data integrity after upload

## 7.5 Complete Example Task

This example demonstrates all systems working together:

### 7.5.1 Directory Structure

```
battery/mytask/
  mytask.pbl                # Main script
  mytask.pbl.about.txt      # Task description
  params/
    mytask.pbl.schema.json  # Parameter schema
    mytask.pbl.par.json     # Default parameters
    short-version.json      # Preset: short version
    tablet-version.json     # Preset: tablet mode
  translations/
    mytask.pbl-en.json      # English strings
    mytask.pbl-es.json      # Spanish strings
    mytask.pbl-fr.json      # French strings
  upload.json               # Upload configuration
  data/                     # Output (auto-created)
```

### 7.5.2 Parameter Schema

File: params/mytask.pbl.schema.json

```
{
  "test": "mytask",
  "version": "1.0",
  "description": "Example task demonstrating full architecture",
  "parameters": [
    {
      "name": "numPracticeTrials",
      "type": "integer",
      "default": 5,
      "min": 0,
      "max": 20,
      "label": "Practice Trials",
```

```
    "description": "Number of practice trials"
  },
  {
    "name": "numTestTrials",
    "type": "integer",
    "default": 20,
    "min": 1,
    "max": 100,
    "label": "Test Trials",
    "description": "Number of test trials"
  },
  {
    "name": "responsemode",
    "type": "string",
    "default": "auto",
    "options": ["auto", "keyboardShift", "keyboardSafe",
               "mousetarget", "mousebutton"],
    "label": "Response Mode",
    "description": "Response method (auto = platform-aware)"
  },
  {
    "name": "showFeedback",
    "type": "boolean",
    "default": 1,
    "label": "Show Feedback",
    "description": "Display feedback after each trial"
  },
  {
    "name": "uploadData",
    "type": "boolean",
    "default": 0,
    "label": "Upload Data",
    "description": "Upload data to server after completion"
  }
]
}
```

### 7.5.3 Translation Files

File: translations/mytask.pbl-en.json

```
{
  "TITLE": "My Task",
  "INSTRUCTIONS": "Press the key corresponding to the stimulus.",
  "PRACTICE_BEGIN": "Practice will begin. Press any key.",
  "PRACTICE_COMPLETE": "Practice complete! Press any key for test.",
  "TEST_BEGIN": "Test will begin. Press any key.",
  "TRIAL_HEADER": "Trial",
  "FEEDBACK_CORRECT": "Correct!",
  "FEEDBACK_INCORRECT": "Incorrect.",
  "FOOTER_PROMPT": "Respond as quickly and accurately as possible.",
  "UPLOADING": "Uploading data...",
  "UPLOAD_SUCCESS": "Upload complete!",
  "UPLOAD_FAILED": "Upload failed. Data saved locally.",
  "DEBRIEF": "Thank you for participating!"
}
```

File: translations/mytask.pbl-es.json

```
{
  "TITLE": "Mi Tarea",
  "INSTRUCTIONS": "Presione la tecla correspondiente al estímulo.",
  "PRACTICE_BEGIN": "La práctica comenzará. Presione cualquier tecla.",
  "PRACTICE_COMPLETE": "¡Práctica completa! Presione para la prueba.",
  "TEST_BEGIN": "La prueba comenzará. Presione cualquier tecla.",
  "TRIAL_HEADER": "Ensayo",
  "FEEDBACK_CORRECT": "¡Correcto!",
  "FEEDBACK_INCORRECT": "Incorrecto.",
  "FOOTER_PROMPT": "Responda lo más rápido y preciso posible.",
  "UPLOADING": "Subiendo datos...",
  "UPLOAD_SUCCESS": "¡Carga completa!",
  "UPLOAD_FAILED": "Fallo de carga. Datos guardados localmente.",
  "DEBRIEF": "¡Gracias por participar!"
}
```

### 7.5.4 Main Script

File: mytask.pbl

```
define Start(p)
{
  ##=====
  ## SETUP
  ##=====
}
```

```
gScriptname <- "My Task"

## Define parameters with defaults
parpairs <- [
  ["numPracticeTrials", 5],
  ["numTestTrials", 20],
  ["responsemode", "auto"],
  ["showFeedback", 1],
  ["uploadData", 0]
]

## Load parameters (from file, URL, or defaults)
gParams <- CreateParameters(parpairs, gParamFile)

## Create window
gWin <- MakeWindow("black")

## Get subject number
if(gSubNum+" " == "0")
{
  gSubNum <- GetSubNum(gWin)
}

## Load translations
gStrings <- GetTranslations("mytask", gLanguage)

##=====
## CREATE LAYOUT & RESPONSE SYSTEM
##=====
gLayout <- CreateLayout("mytask", gWin, gParams)

## Configure zones
gLayout.header.text <- gStrings.TITLE
gLayout.footer.text <- gStrings.INSTRUCTIONS

##=====
## DATA FILE
##=====
gFileOut <- GetNewDataFile(gSubNum, gWin, "mytask", "csv",
  "subnum,trial,phase,stimulus,response,correct,rt,timestamp")

##=====
## INSTRUCTIONS
##=====
MessageBox(gStrings.INSTRUCTIONS, gWin)
```

```
##=====
## PRACTICE TRIALS
##=====
if(gParams.numPracticeTrials > 0)
{
  gLayout.subheader.text <- "PRACTICE"
  gLayout.footer.text <- gStrings.PRACTICE_BEGIN
  Draw()
  WaitForAnyKeyPress()

  loop(trial, Sequence(1, gParams.numPracticeTrials, 1))
  {
    result <- RunTrial("practice", trial)
    FilePrint(gFileOut, result)
  }

  ## Practice complete
  gLayout.footer.text <- gStrings.PRACTICE_COMPLETE
  Draw()
  WaitForAnyKeyPress()
}

##=====
## TEST TRIALS
##=====
gLayout.subheader.text <- "TEST"
gLayout.footer.text <- gStrings.TEST_BEGIN
Draw()
WaitForAnyKeyPress()

loop(trial, Sequence(1, gParams.numTestTrials, 1))
{
  result <- RunTrial("test", trial)
  FilePrint(gFileOut, result)
}

##=====
## DATA UPLOAD
##=====
FileClose(gFileOut)

if(gParams.uploadData)
{
  ## Show upload screen
  gLayout.header.text <- gStrings.UPLOADING
  gLayout.footer.text <- ""
}
```

```
    Draw()

    ## Upload
    success <- UploadFile(gSubNum, gFileOut)

    ## Report result
    if(success)
    {
        gLayout.footer.text <- gStrings.UPLOAD_SUCCESS
    } else {
        gLayout.footer.text <- gStrings.UPLOAD_FAILED
    }

    Draw()
    Wait(2000)
}

#####
## DEBRIEF
#####
gLayout.header.text <- gStrings.TITLE
gLayout.subheader.visible <- 0
gLayout.footer.text <- gStrings.DEBRIEF
Draw()
WaitForAnyKeyPress()
}

define RunTrial(phase, trialNum)
{
    ## Update header
    gLayout.header.text <- gStrings.TITLE + " - " +
        gStrings.TRIAL_HEADER + " " + trialNum

    ## Generate stimulus (example: random color)
    colors <- ["red", "blue", "green", "yellow"]
    stimulus <- SampleN(colors, 1)[1]
    correctResp <- First(["left", "right"])

    ## Show stimulus
    stim <- Circle(gLayout.stimulusRegion.centerX,
        gLayout.stimulusRegion.centerY,
        50, MakeColor(stimulus), 1)
    AddObject(stim, gWin)
    Draw()

    ## Collect response
```

```
startTime <- GetTime()
response <- WaitForLayoutResponse(gLayout, 5000)
rt <- GetTime() - startTime

## Determine correctness
correct <- (response == correctResp)

## Show feedback (if enabled)
if(gParams.showFeedback)
{
  if(response == "<timeout>")
  {
    feedback <- "TOO SLOW"
  } else {
    if(correct)
    {
      feedback <- gStrings.FEEDBACK_CORRECT
    } else {
      feedback <- gStrings.FEEDBACK_INCORRECT
    }
  }
}

ShowFeedback(feedback, 500)
}

## Clean up
RemoveObject(stim, gWin)

## Return data row
return(gSubNum + "," + trialNum + "," + phase + "," +
      stimulus + "," + response + "," + correct + "," +
      rt + "," + TimeStamp())
}

define ShowFeedback(message, duration)
{
  ## Show feedback in subheader
  gLayout.subheader.text <- message
  gLayout.subheader.visible <- 1
  Draw()
  Wait(duration)
  gLayout.subheader.visible <- 0
  Draw()
}
```

### 7.5.5 Running the Task

**Default configuration:**

```
pebl2 battery/mytask/mytask.pbl
```

**With Spanish translation:**

```
pebl2 battery/mytask/mytask.pbl --language es
```

**With preset configuration:**

```
pebl2 battery/mytask/mytask.pbl --pfile params/tablet-version.json
```

**With specific subject number:**

```
pebl2 battery/mytask/mytask.pbl -s 042
```

**With remote parameters:**

```
pebl2 battery/mytask/mytask.pbl \  
  --pfile https://study.com/api/params?token=ABC123
```

## 7.6 Migration Checklist

To add structured architecture to existing battery tasks:

### 7.6.1 Parameters

- Create `params/taskname.pbl.schema.json` with all parameters
- Create `params/taskname.pbl.par.json` with defaults
- Replace hardcoded values with `gParams.paramname`
- Add parameter validation at script start
- Create preset files for common configurations
- Test with various parameter combinations

### 7.6.2 Translations

- Create `translations/` directory
- Extract all participant-visible text to `-en.json`
- Replace hardcoded strings with `gStrings.KEY`
- Load translations with `GetTranslations()`
- Test with English to verify extraction



- Create additional language translations
- Test with multiple languages

### 7.6.3 Layout & Response System

- Add `responsemode` parameter
- Replace hardcoded layouts with `CreateLayout()`
- Use `WaitForLayoutResponse()` for input
- Update instructions based on response mode
- Test with each response mode
- Test on native and Emscripten platforms

### 7.6.4 Data Upload

- Add `uploadData` parameter
- Add upload logic after file close
- Handle upload failures gracefully
- Create `upload.json` example file
- Test upload with local server
- Document upload setup in `.about.txt`

## 7.7 Summary

The structured task creation architecture provides:

- **Configurability** - Parameters control all aspects without code changes
- **Internationalization** - Full translation support for any language
- **Platform awareness** - Automatic adaptation to native/web environments
- **Data collection** - Built-in upload to self-hosted or cloud servers
- **Maintainability** - Standardized structure across all battery tasks
- **Documentation** - Self-describing schemas and translation files

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All systems are optional and can be adopted incrementally. Core PEBL functionality remains independent, ensuring backward compatibility with existing experiments.

For detailed information on the Layout & Response System, see Chapter 6.

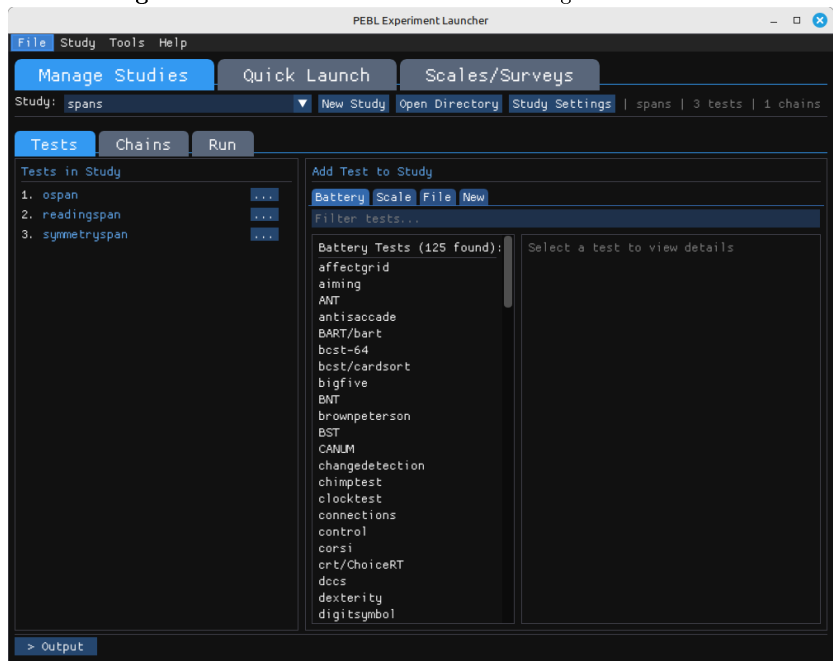


# Chapter 8

## The PEBL Launcher

The PEBL Launcher is the recommended way to run PEBL experiments, manage studies, and configure experiment chains. It provides a graphical interface for researchers and research assistants to launch individual tests, build multi-test sequences, edit parameters, and review output logs.

Figure 1: The PEBL Launcher — Manage Studies view.



## 8.1 History of the Launcher

Prior to PEBL 0.12, a front-end launcher was only available on Windows, written in Visual Basic 6. Starting with version 0.12, the launcher was rewritten in PEBL itself, which made it cross-platform and dependency-free. Version 0.14 added custom GUI objects (buttons, scrollboxes, menus, etc.) for a more polished interface.

For PEBL 2.4, the launcher was completely rewritten in C++ using the Dear ImGui immediate-mode GUI library and SDL2. This native launcher replaces the earlier PEBL-script-based launcher. It is significantly faster to start, more responsive, and supports features (study management, snapshot sharing, built-in scale/survey editor) that were not practical in the script-based approach. The native launcher is distributed as part of the standard PEBL AppImage package on Linux, and as `pebl-launcher.exe` in the Windows installer.

## 8.2 Starting the Launcher

### 8.2.1 Linux (AppImage)

When you run the AppImage directly (double-click or without a symlink name), the GUI launcher starts automatically:

```
./PEBL-2.4-x86_64.AppImage
```

If you have installed the system-wide symlinks described in the Installation section, you can also run:

```
pebl-launcher
```

### 8.2.2 Windows

Run `pebl-launcher.exe` from the `bin\` directory of your PEBL installation, or use the Start Menu shortcut created by the installer.

### 8.2.3 Installed vs. Portable Mode

The launcher supports two operating modes:

**Installed mode (default)** The workspace is created at `~/Documents/pebl-exp.2.4/` (Linux/Mac) or `My Documents\pebl-exp.2.4\` (Windows). On first run, the launcher offers to copy documentation, demos, and tutorials into this workspace.

**Portable/standalone mode** The workspace is the current working directory. Portable mode is triggered by the presence of a `STANDALONE.txt` marker file in or near the executable directory, by a `PORTABLE.txt` file (legacy), or by setting the environment variable `PEBL_PORTABLE=1`. This mode is intended for USB-drive distributions or pre-configured research deployments. A typical portable layout looks like:

```
MyPEBLDistribution/  
  STANDALONE.txt      <- triggers portable mode  
  runme.bat           <- Windows launch script (sets CWD first)  
  PEBL/  
    bin/pebl-launcher.exe  
    bin/pebl2.exe  
    battery/  
    pebl-lib/  
    media/  
    my_studies/  
    snapshots/
```

## 8.3 Interface Overview

The launcher window is divided into top-level tabs:

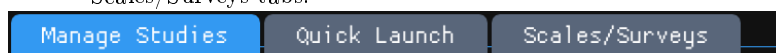
**Manage Studies** The primary workspace for researchers. Contains sub-tabs for Tests, Chains, and Run.

**Quick Launch** A simple file browser for running any `.pbl` file directly, without creating a study.

**Scales/Surveys** The built-in Scale Builder for creating and editing OpenScales-format questionnaires and psychological scales.

A menu bar at the top provides access to file operations, settings, and help resources.

**Figure 2:** The top-level tab bar showing Manage Studies, Quick Launch, and Scales/Surveys tabs.



## 8.4 Manage Studies

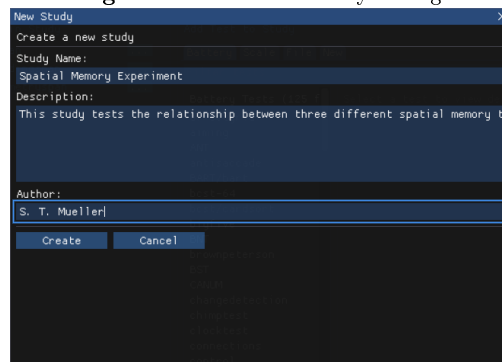
Studies are the primary organizational unit. A study is a directory in your workspace containing chains, data, and configuration.

### 8.4.1 Creating a Study

Use *File / New Study* or the + button in the study list to create a new study. You provide a name and optional description. The launcher creates the study directory under `my_studies/` in your workspace.

You can also create a study directly from an OpenScales-format scale or survey using the *Create Study from Scale* option, which sets up the necessary chain configuration automatically.

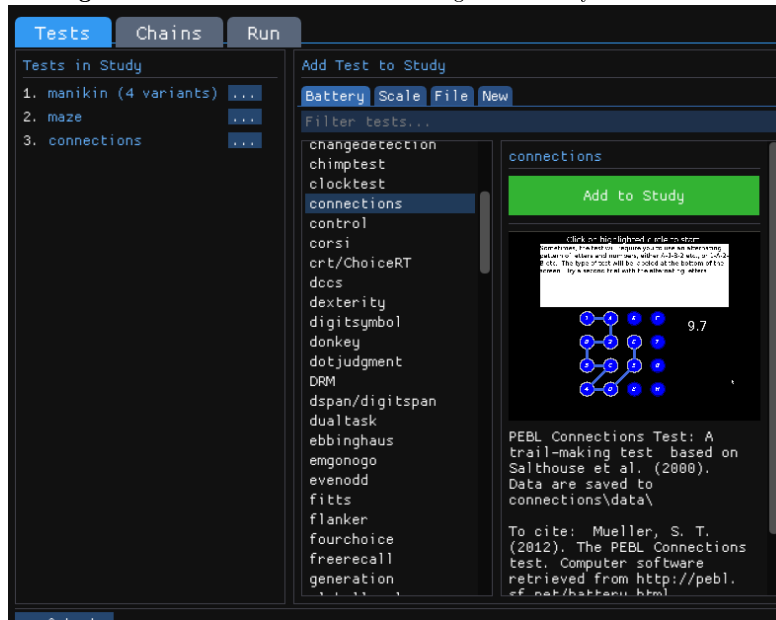
**Figure 3:** The New Study dialog.



### 8.4.2 Tests sub-tab

The Tests sub-tab lists all tests (PEBL battery tasks) and scales/surveys available for use in this study. You can browse the battery by category, search by name, and view the description and parameters of any test before adding it to a chain.

Figure 4: The Tests sub-tab showing the battery task browser.



### 8.4.3 Chains sub-tab

A chain is a sequence of items — tests, scales, instruction pages, consent forms, and completion screens — run in order for each participant. Chains are the recommended way to deploy experiments, even when running only a single test, because they manage participant codes and data logging automatically.

#### Creating and editing chains

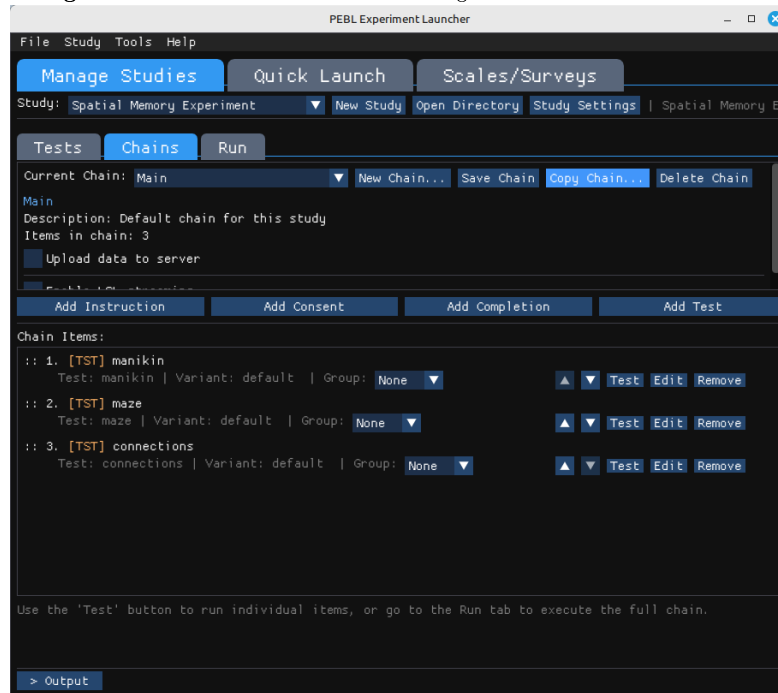
Use the + button to create a new chain, or select an existing chain to edit it. Each item in the chain can be:

- *Test* — a battery task from **battery/**
- *Scale/Survey* — an OpenScales-format questionnaire
- *Instruction* — a text page shown to the participant
- *Consent* — a consent form; declining terminates the chain
- *Completion* — a final message shown at the end

Items can be reordered by dragging, and each item can have its own parameter variant selected independently.



Figure 5: The Chains sub-tab showing a chain with several items.



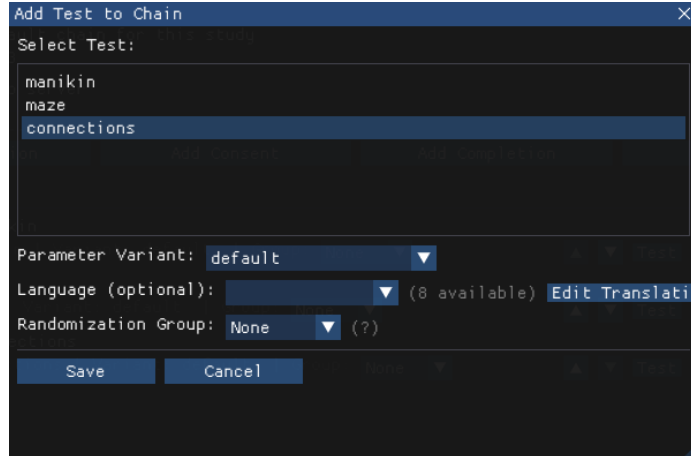
### Participant code

The chain settings panel lets you configure the participant code prefix, numeric counter, and session identifier. The counter is incremented automatically after each successful chain run. You can also edit it manually via the *Edit Participant Code* dialog.

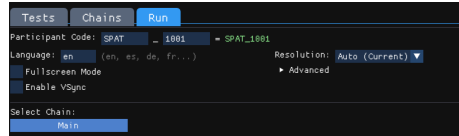
### Language

Set the two-letter ISO 639-1 language code (e.g., `en`, `es`, `fr`) to control which translations are loaded by experiments that support multiple languages. If a translation for the selected language is unavailable, experiments fall back to English.

**Figure 6:** Adding an item to a chain. The item type selector and test browser are shown.



**Figure 7:** The Edit Participant Code dialog.



## Fullscreen mode

Check *Fullscreen* to launch experiments without window decorations. To abort a running experiment at any time, press **Ctrl+Alt+Shift+\**.****

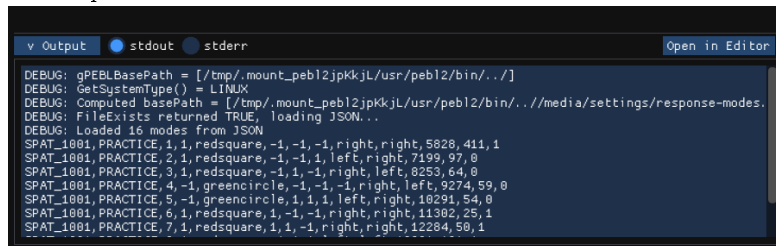
## Running a chain

Click *Run Chain* to execute all items in sequence. The launcher starts each item as a separate `pebl2` process and advances automatically when each item finishes. Output (`stdout/stderr`) from all items in the chain is accumulated and displayed in the Run tab when the chain completes.

### 8.4.4 Run sub-tab

The Run sub-tab shows the accumulated standard output and error output from the most recently executed chain. Separate panels display stdout (from `Print()` calls) and stderr (status messages and error diagnostics). This is the first place to check if an experiment crashes or produces unexpected output.

**Figure 8:** The Run sub-tab showing stdout and stderr output after a chain completes.

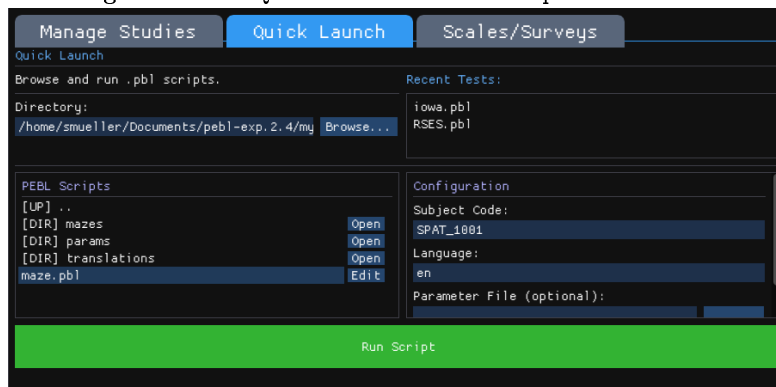


## 8.5 Quick Launch

The Quick Launch tab provides a simple file browser for running any `.pbl` file without setting up a study or chain. This is useful for testing scripts during development.

Navigate to the desired directory in the file browser; only `.pbl` files and subdirectories are shown. Select a file and click *Run* to execute it with the current participant code, language, and fullscreen settings.

**Figure 9:** The Quick Launch tab with a `.pbl` file selected.



## 8.6 Scales/Surveys (Scale Builder)

The Scales/Surveys tab is a built-in editor for creating and editing psychological scales and surveys in OpenScales Definition (OSD) format. It provides sub-tabs for:

**Scale Info** Name, description, author, version, and licensing metadata.

**Questions** Add, edit, and reorder individual items. Supports multiple response formats: Likert, multiple choice, multichoice, text entry, and more.

**Dimensions & Scoring** Define subscales and scoring rules.

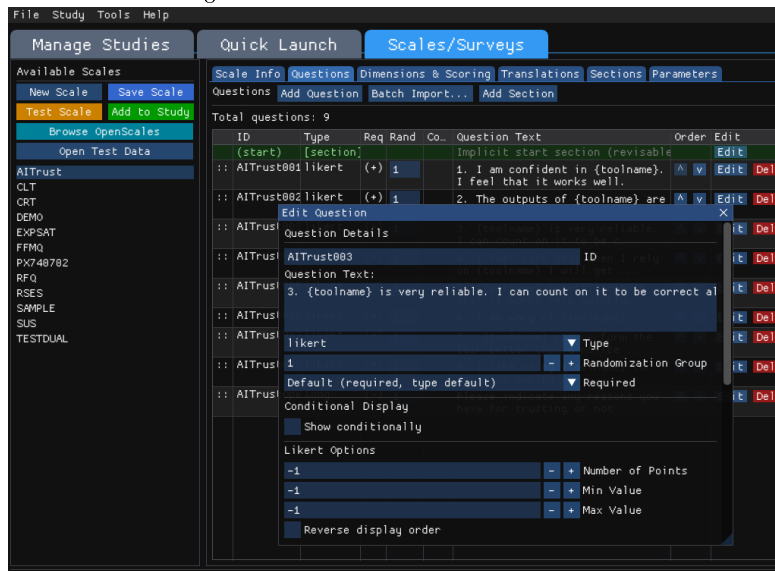
**Translations** Manage translations of item text and response labels into multiple languages.

**Sections** Organize items into sections with optional headers.

**Parameters** Set default display parameters (number of response options, scale labels, randomization, etc.).

Scales created or edited here are stored as `.osd.json` files in your study directory. They can be run directly via the chain system or shared with other researchers.

**Figure 10:** The Scale Builder showing the Questions sub-tab with an item open for editing.



## 8.7 Settings

The Settings dialog (accessible from *File / Settings*) contains three panels:

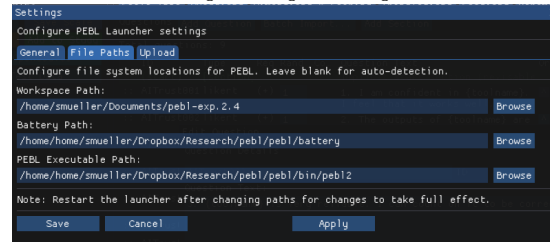
**General** Language code, fullscreen default, and font size.

**File Paths** Battery path (location of the `battery/` directory), PEBL executable path, and data output directory.

**Upload** Configuration for the PEBL data upload system (`-upload` option), including the server URL and authentication token.

Settings are saved to a configuration file in the workspace directory and restored on next launch.

**Figure 11:** The Settings dialog showing the File Paths panel.



## 8.8 Snapshots

Snapshots allow you to package a study (including its chains, parameters, and scale definitions but excluding participant data) into a portable archive that can be shared with colleagues or deployed to a new machine.

- *Create Snapshot* — archives the current study into the `snapshots/` folder in your workspace.
- *Import Snapshot* — unpacks a snapshot archive into `my_studies/` as a new study ready to run.

## 8.9 Menu Reference

**File | New Study** Create a new study in the workspace.

**File | Open Study** Open an existing study directory.

**File | Save** Save the current chain or scale.

**File | Import Snapshot** Import a shared study snapshot.

**File | Settings** Open the Settings dialog.

**File | Exit** Close the launcher (saves configuration automatically).

**Help | Manual** Open the PDF manual. On installed mode, the manual is found in `Documents/pebl-exp.2.4/doc/`. On portable mode, it is at the distribution root.

**Help | Website** Open the PEBL website in a browser.

**Help | About** Display version and license information.

## 8.10 Utility: Combining Data Files

Once an experiment session is complete, participant data files are stored within the `data/` subdirectory of the relevant battery task. When running via the launcher chain system, each participant's files are organized by participant code.

To merge all data files into a single spreadsheet, use the PEBL data combining utility, accessible from the Quick Launch tab or by running:

```
pebl2 /usr/local/share/pebl2/pebl-lib/combinedatafiles.pbl
```

Navigate to the data directory of your test, then configure the match and exclude patterns to select the files you want merged:

- The match box filters by substring (e.g., `csv` selects only CSV files). Separate multiple patterns with spaces (logical OR) or use `|`. Use `&` for AND (e.g., `300&csv` matches CSV files from participant 300).
- The exclude box removes matching files from the selection.
- Check *Files contain header* to strip per-file headers and include a single header in the merged output.
- Check *Add filename to data* to prepend a column identifying each row's source file.
- Use *Combine and Save* to write the merged file, or *Combine and Open* to also open it in the associated application.



## Chapter 9

# PEBL User Interface Functions

As PEBL matured, there was a need to create a number of cross-platform tools, including the launcher, the data combiner, a customized launcher, and the like. Because PEBL is already a cross-platform toolkit, we decided to implement a set of UI primitives to make this possible, within PEBL itself. These functions are primarily defined in `pebl-lib`

`UI.pbl`. An example application using most of these graphical primitives is provided in `demo`  
`ui-demo.pbl`.

This chapter is a basic overview and tutorial for these functions. Many of these functions are sort of secondary to the main functions related to experiment design, and so in some cases they are not documented in the main reference section.

### 9.1 Overview

The UI objects described here share a number of things in common. They are 'custom' objects with methods defined within the object, so that the `Draw`, `Move`, `Add`, `Remove`, `Clickon`, and `inside`, functions will work directly on them, overriding the base function names.

Thus, if you create an object, although it really is a data structure usually containing various pieces of information and graphical output, you can use common functions to interact with it:

```
button <- MakeButton("Buttonname",100,100,gWin,150)
AddObject(button,gWin)
```



```
Move(button,300,300)
```

Each object has an associated function called with the 'ClickOn' method that handles a click on the object. It takes two arguments; the object itself, and the xy mouseclick event. Thus, you can create a bunch of UI elements of different types, then use a single loop to handle any event there. For example, if items holds a list of graphical elements defined earlier:

```
cont <- 1
items <- [done,sb,check,pulldown,pulldown2,
          testmessage,testentry,textscroll,
          menu1,menu2,menu3,menu4]

while(cont)
{

  resp <- WaitForClickOnTarget(items,
                               Sequence(1,Length(items),1))
  obj <- Nth(items,resp)
  CallFunction(obj.clickon,[obj,gClick])
  Draw()

  #Exit condition:
  cont <- (resp>1)
}
```

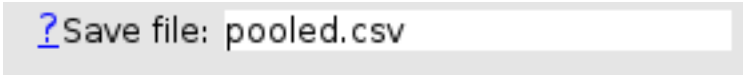
Here, gClick holds the keypress event at the end of WaitForClickOnTarget.

## 9.2 TextEntry

A textentry is a single-row text box that allows the user to enter text when they click on it. It has a label that is above the text entry box (with unimplemented layout parameter that in the future will let you change the layout). and its property .value will contain the text entered. When one clicks on it, it will do a standard text entry. One must hit enter to input the value, and nothing else can happen until enter is clicked. If you want to set the value, you can use SettextEntry().

### 9.2.1 Usage

```
te <- MakeTextEntry(label,x,y,win,width,defaultval)
```



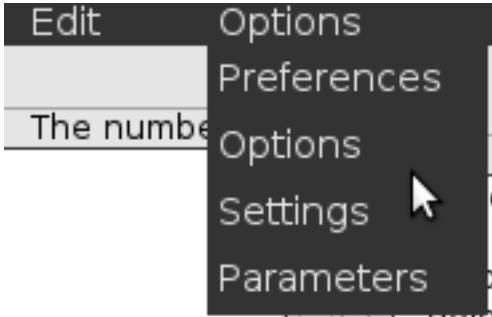
## 9.2.2 Methods and related functions

Below is a list of functions related to TextEntry

	MakeTextEntry(label,x,y,win,width,defaults,entry>layout	
Clickon	GetTextEntryInput(obj,event)	Gets text-based input.
Inside	InsideTB(obj,evt)	Tests whether click is inside menu
	SetTextEntry(obj,text)	Sets the value manually

## 9.3 Menu

A Menu appears as a labeled box, and when clicked on a set of options will pull down to be clicked on. When one of this is clicked, a specified function will be executed. Often, you put these on the top of the screen in a menu bar, which needs to be generated manually. See ui-demo.pbl in demo directory for examples.



### 9.3.1 Usage

A menu is created as a set of MenuItems (which is hidden from the user.) Along with specifying the location and text for the items, you need to specify function names to be called when a target is clicked. When clicked, the function gets called with (obj, click), so you can handle the drawing.

```
menu <- "FILE", 10,10,gWin,12,100,["Load","Save","Edit"],
      ["Loadfile","Savefile","Editfile"])
```

In the example above, a 'FILE' menu will be displayed. When clicked on, subitems 'Load', 'Save', and 'Edit' will appear, which will execute the functions 'Loadfile', 'Savefile', and 'Editfile'.

### 9.3.2 Methods and related functions

Below is a list of functions related to menu creation. The main menu uses a sub-object called `menuitem` that has its own `hide/show` methods. You may wish to use a `menuitem` directly in some cases, but its usage is not documented here.

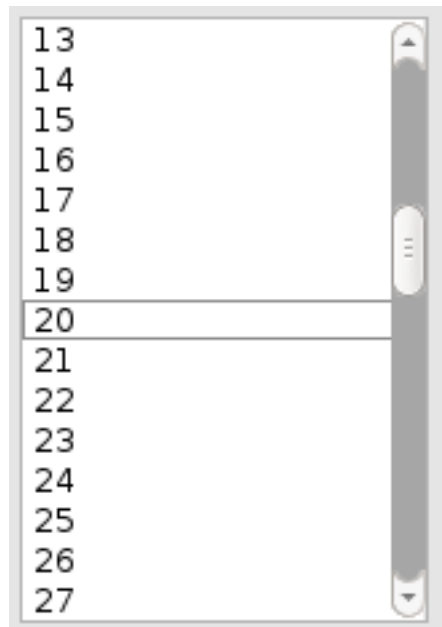
	<code>MakeMenu(header,x,y,win,fontsize, width,subitems,functions)</code>	Creates menu
Clickon	<code>OpenSubMenus(obj,event)</code>	Opens the menu and accepts clicks on menuitems
Show	<code>ShowMenu(obj,evt)</code>	Shows menu
Hide	<code>HideMenu(obj,evt)</code>	Hides menu
Inside	<code>InsideMenu(obj,evt)</code>	Tests whether click is inside menu
	<code>MakeMenuItem</code>	Helper function
	<code>RemoveMenuItem</code>	Helper function

## 9.4 PullDown

A Pulldown is a list of items that folds up to the chosen item. It is thus simliar to a scrollbox when open, and uses some of the same mechanics.

The important properties of a pulldown are the `.selected` and `.list`. The `.selected` property tells you the index of the currently selected list element. The `.list` property gives you the list of elements, so that `Nth(obj.list,obj.selected)` will give you the text of the selected list item.





Open pulldown:

### 9.4.1 Usage

Once created, you can let the `clickon` method handle selection, and then identify `.list` and `.selected` properties when needed. If you need immediate results when selecting something, you will need to reset the `.clickon` property to name your special handler, which should call `PullDown()`.

The `.maxitems` property of a pulldown specifies how many items are shown when the pulldown is open. If there are more than this, it will allow you to scroll through the options. This can be set after the pulldown is created.

```
pulldown <- MakePullDown(["small","medium","large"],
                          gWin,12,120,1)

  PullDown(pulldown,[0,0])) ##Simulate click on pulldown
##Suppose you want to update the list:

UpdatePullDown(pulldown,["small","medium","large","extra-large"])
```

## 9.4.2 Methods and related functions

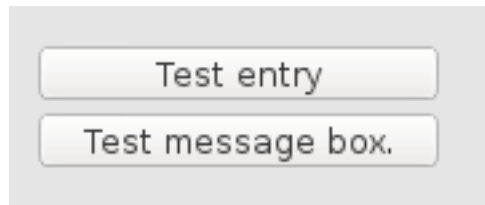
The following methods and related functions operate a pulldown:

	MakePullDown(opts, x,y,win,fontsize, width,selected)	Creates pulldown
Clickon	Pulldown(obj,event)	Opens the menu and accepts clicks on menuitems
Draw	DrawPulldown(obj)	Redraws the pulldown object
Inside	InsidePulldown(obj,evt)	Tests whether click is inside pulldown
	UpdatePulldown	Helper function
	SelectPulldownByText(obj,text)	Tries to select the first item in pulldown that matches text

## 9.5 Button

A Button is created with the MakeButton function, which takes the arguments:

`MakeButton(label,x,y,win,width)`



The button is centered on x,y, and the width (in pixels) must be specified. If the label is too wide for the width, it will be scaled (shrunk) horizontally, which could make it look strange, but less strange that truncating or cutting off the edges.

### 9.5.1 Methods

Button has several methods bound to the following functions:

Clickon	PushButton(obj,event)	Animates a 'click' and returns to normal
Draw	DrawButton(obj)	Draws the graphical elements
Move	MoveButton(obj,x,y)	Moves button to new center location

### 9.5.2 Usage

Note that by default, the `clickon` method will just simulate a click and do nothing else. To link it to another function, you need to reset the `clickon` property of the button to name your own function. This function should probably call `PushButton`, as shown below. In the main `Start()` function, you might define the button as such:

```
button <- MakeButton("quit",100,100,gWin,150)
button.clickon <- "HandleQuit"
```

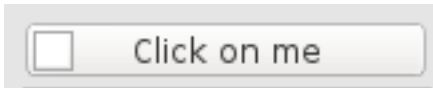
then, later, define the function `HandleQuit`:

```
define HandleQuit(button,xy)
{
  PushButton(button,xy)
  ExitQuietly("Exiting the program")
}
```

An example of this is found in `ui-demo.pbl`

## 9.6 Checkbox

A Checkbox is basically a button that has two states, 0 (unchecked) and 1 (checked) In fact, it reuses the methods for a Button. You can interrogate the state of a checkbox with the `.state` property.



### 9.6.1 Usage

Like a button, a checkbox is created with a label, `x,y`, center position, the window, and a width:

```
box <- MakeCheckBox(label,x,y,win,width)
```

Its `.state` property starts at 0 and will appear unchecked, and if the `ClickOn()` method is called, will change to 1 and appear checked (if it is 1, it will change to 0/unchecked). By default, the `clickon` function just changes the state. You may override this with your own custom callback function that has another effect, which may want to call `ClickCheckBox()`. There is also a `SetCheckBox(obj,state)` function you can use to force the state to a specific value.

Typically, this would be used for parameter settings, and when you are ready to 'execute', you would look at the `.state` of the button to decide what to do.

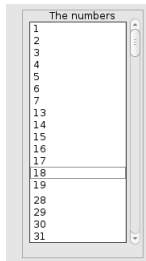
## 9.6.2 Methods and associated functions

The following methods and functions operate a checkbox:

Creation	MakeCheckBox(label,x,y,win,width)	Creation
Clickon	ClickCheckBox(obj,event)	Changes the state of a checkbox
	SetCheckBox(obj,state)	Sets value to specific 0/1 state
Draw	DrawButton(obj)	Draws the graphical elements
Move	MoveButton(obj,x,y)	Moves button to new center location

## 9.7 Scrollbox

This is a workhorse object that lists a bunch of elements, allows selecting, and potentially editing them.



It has several properties of interest: `.list`, which is the list of items in the scrollbox; `.editable`, which determines whether a second-click on an element should permit editing (by calling `EditScrollboxValue`), `.selected`, which specifies the element of the list that is selected.

### 9.7.1 Usage

```
sb <- MakeScrollBox(opts, header,x,y,win,fontsize,
                    width,height,selected)
```

### 9.7.2 Methods and related functions

Below is a list of functions related to ScrollingTextBox

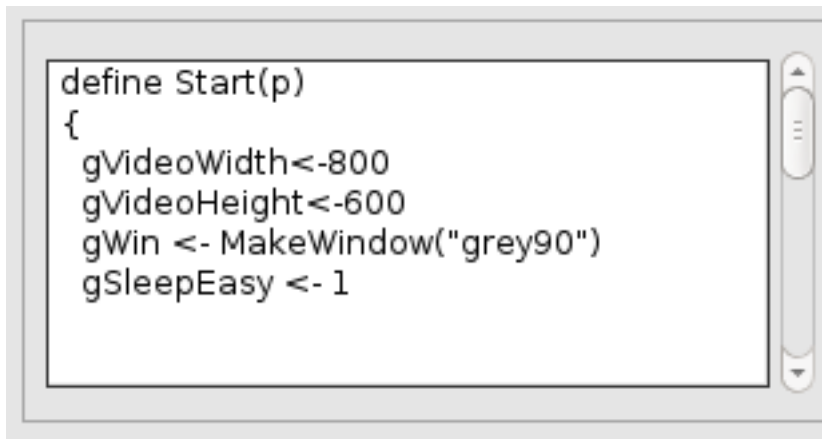
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	MakeScrollBox(opts,header,x,y,win,fontsize,width,height,selected)	Creates scroll box
Clickon	ClickonScrollBox(obj,event)	Handles click
Draw	DrawScrollBox(obj,evt)	Manages drawing
Inside	InsideTB(obj,evt)	Tests whether click is inside scrollbox
	UpdateScrollbox(obj)	Handles updating when .list is changed.
	EditScrollboxValue(win,click, default,selected)	Allows editing of a value, called by clickonscrollbox.
	UpdateCapturedScrollBoxThumb(obj, p)	Allows moving thumb
	ClearScrollboxThumbCapture(obj, p)	Helper; clears capture

---

## 9.8 ScrollingTextBox

A scrolling text box is useful for displaying long text that permits scrolling through. The scrolling UI only appears if the length of the text is longer than the size of the box. It is useful for loading a text file. The `linewrap` argument specifies whether a long line should wrap around or just be truncated at its end. It is based on a scrollbox, which allows selection/action for clicking on specific lines.





### 9.8.1 Usage

```
stb <- MakeScrollingTextBox(text,x,y,win,fontsize,width,height,linewrap)
```

### 9.8.2 Methods and related functions

Below is a list of functions related to ScrollingTextBox

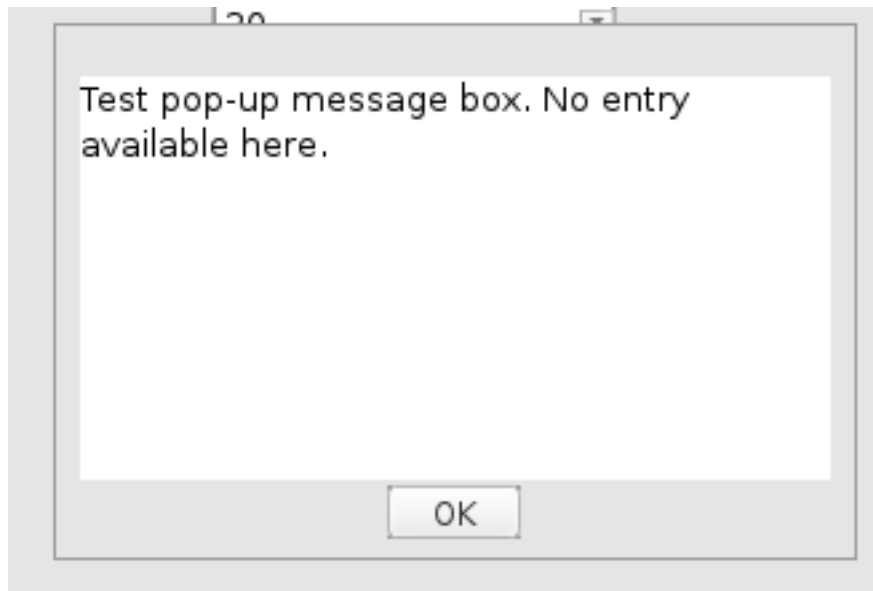
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	MakeScrollingTextBox(text,x,y,win,fontsize,width,height,linewrap)	
Clickon	ClickonScrollingTextBox(obj,event)	Handles click
Draw	DrawScrollingtextBox(obj,evt)	Manages drawing
Inside	InsideTB(obj,evt)	Tests whether click is inside scrolling textbox
	UpdateScrollingTextBox(obj)	Updates box after elements are changed

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## 9.9 PopupMessageBox

This create a small pop-up box at the point of the cursor to give a short message. It is dismissed when the user clicks 'OK'.



### 9.9.1 Usage

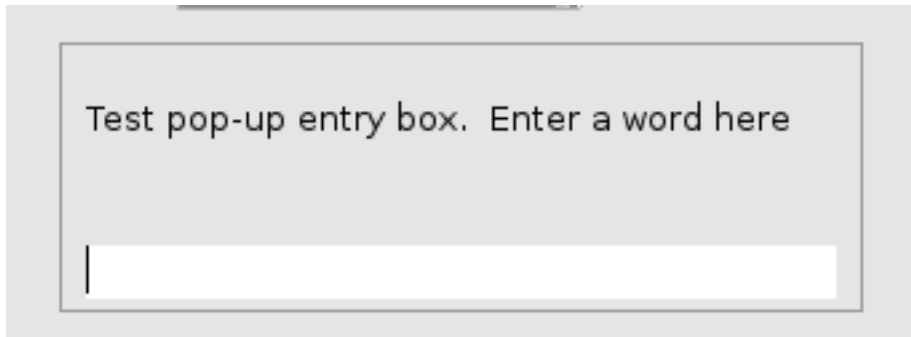
By default, the message box is 300x200. You can specify width and height arguments to change the size. It will query the location of the mouse and place the box at that location (attempting to stay on the screen).

```
PopupMessageBox("Click OK to continue.",gWin)
```

```
PopupMessageBox("Thank you", gWin,350,250)
```

## 9.10 PopUpEntryBox

This is like a `PopUpMessagBox`, but collects a text entry, exiting when the user hits the enter key. By default it is 300x100 pixels. It will appear at a location specified in an `[x,y]` coordinate list.



### 9.10.1 Usage

```
entry1 <- PopUpEntryBox("Please enter your birthplace",gWin,[100,100])
entry2 <- PopUpEntryBox("Please enter your name",gWin,[100,100],
                        "defaultname",300,200)
```



## Chapter 10

# The PEBL Psychological Test Battery

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### 10.1 About the PEBL Test Battery

This site is for a battery of psychological tests implemented in PEBL and distributed (and redistributeable) freely. They are designed to be easily used on multiple computing platforms, running natively under Win32 and Linux Operating Systems. The tests are designed to implement a wide range of computer-administered psychological tests and experiments of interest to neuropsychological, cognitive, clinical communities.

These tests are designed to implement a wide range of tests that are used throughout the psychological, neuropsychological research and clinical communities. Some are reimplementations of tests that are only available on limited computing platforms or cost hundreds of dollars. Each experiment saves the complete data set for later analysis, and many compute basic analyses that it writes in report format.

This chapter provides an overview of the most popular battery tests. For most tests, we have implemented these online, and have more detailed information about tests at <https://peblhub.online/public/tests/browse.php>

### 10.2 Setting Parameters of Battery Tests

More details of parameter-setting are available within the next chapter that covers the launcher.

The tests within the battery typically expose the most important instrumentation variables that control important aspects of the test. These often include the number of trials, the make-up of stimuli, etc. For example, the following shows parameters for the ANT test, which is opened when you hit the 'edit' button near the parameters pulldown when you have a parameter-enabled test selected in the file window. In this test, the leftmost column indicates the name of the parameter; the next column indicates its current value, and the final column describes the value along with its default value.

Editing parameters for ./battery/ANT/params/ANT.pbl

Exit without saving    Reset to defaults    Parameters:  
Save file and exit    New parameter set    ANT.pbl.par

iti	4000	Inter-trial interval, in ms. (default: [4000])
showfooter	1	Show/hide footer ("left-shift" and "right-shift")--(showFooter 0 == hide / showFooter 1 == show) (default: [1])
leftresponse	< shift>	Left response key. An alternative value is z. (default: [< shift>])
rightresponse	< rshift>	Right response key. An alternative is /. (default: [< rshift>])
reps	2	Number of repetitions through the design (which is 4 cue conditions x 2 target locations x 2 target directions x 3 flanker conditions (default: [2])
showRT	0	Show/hide reaction time display in practice block (ShowRT <- 0 == hide / gShowRT <- 1 == show) (default: [0])
showNeutralFlankers	0	Show/hide neutral flankers (dashes in the neutral condition) (gShowNeutralFlankers <- 0 == hide / gShowNeutralFlankers <- 1 == show) (default: [0])

If you want to create a custom parameter set, edit these values and click 'Save file and exit'. This will create a default parameter file that will be used. You can also type a new name, and save it, and then select the new name in the parameters pulldown. You can then create an experiment chain and select one parameter set or another to make setup easier and error-free.

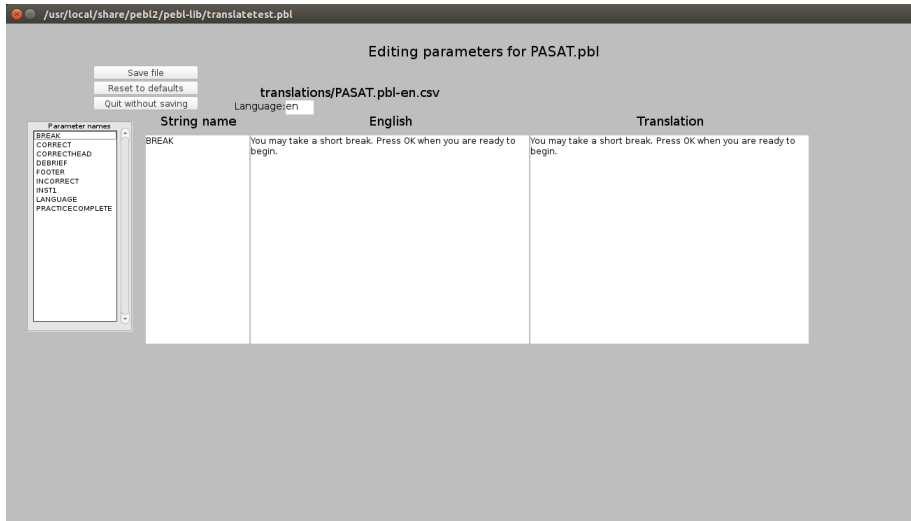
### 10.3 Translating or changing test instructions

Most of the tests within the test battery permit translating any participant-visible text. This usually includes instructions, debriefing, and headers/stimuli/labels. Each test needs to be designed to permit this, but most of the tests in the battery have (most that don't involve primarily English stimuli/materials, such as memory tests).

To translate a test, first be sure the 'language' entry box is named according to the two-letter code associated with your language of choice. By default, it will

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choose en for English. Then, select the test within the file section scrollbox, and click on the 'translate test' button on the lower right of the window. This will bring up the following screen:



If the language selection is correct, you are fine; otherwise edit the language to be whatever two-letter code you want to use. If you choose en, you will edit the default instructions, and if you make an error you may have to re-copy the translation file from the main PEBL battery directory (i.e., in Program Files(x86) PEBL).

In this dialog, each critical piece of text has a name that is referred to within the testing script. The next column indicates the original text, and the third column is the translated text (which will probably be in English if no translations have been made previously). Select the name on the left, and edit the text on the right. If you want, you can right-click on the window to clear the text or copy in text created elsewhere.

For some languages, this translation dialog may not work—we are still working on improving international keyboard input. In reality, this just edits a .csv file that is stored within the test

translations

directory. For a test called test.pbl, the English file will be called test

translations


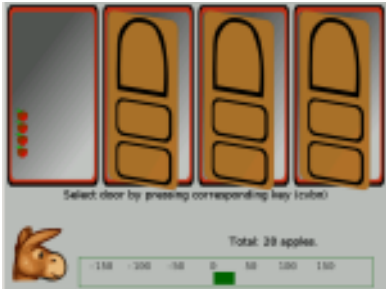

test.pbl-en.csv. You can also edit this with a normal text editor or spreadsheet. To edit by hand, copy the English file to one with a name associated with your chosen language, replacing -en with your language code. Then, edit using either a text editor like notepad++, or a spreadsheet program. Edit only the words within the second column. If you want to add a line break, use \n.

## 10.4 The Tests


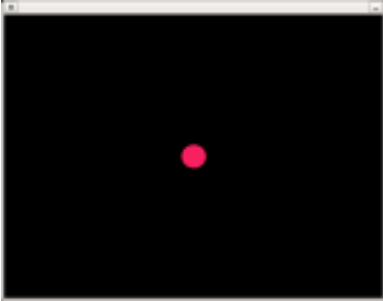
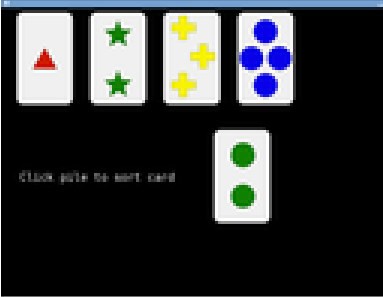
The following table describes the basic tests currently implemented in the PEBL Test Battery. Many of them represent the only Free version of proprietary tests available anywhere. They include a free Iowa Gambling Task, a free version of the TOVA®<sup>1</sup>, a free Wisconsin Card Sort Test®<sup>2</sup>, a free version of Conners Continuous Performance task, and a number of other useful tasks, with more to come. All screenshots found on this page are released into the public domain, and can be used for whatever purpose without copyright assignment, including in academic papers. More information on tests is found in the


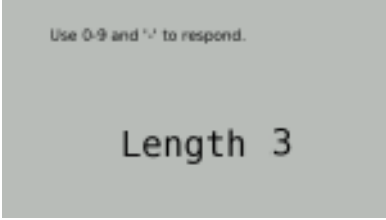

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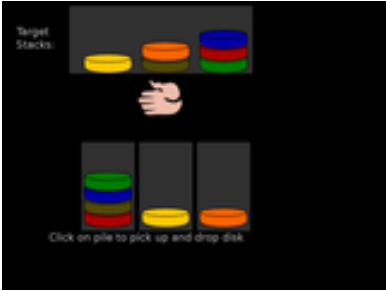
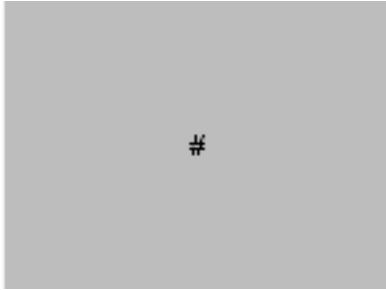
Table 1: Test Battery


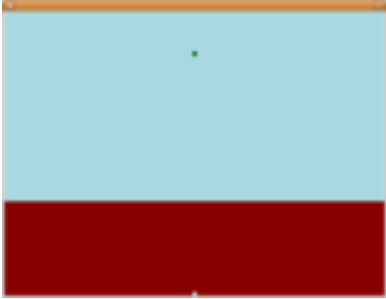

PEBL Test/Version of:	Description
<p><a href="#">Bechera's Gambling Task</a> (version of Bechara's Iowa Gambling Task <sup>®</sup> <a href="#">wikipedia</a>)</p> 	<p>Choose from four decks, each choice with a cost and each providing reward. Used for tests of executive control.</p> <p><b>Key Skills used:</b> Decision Making, Strategy and Problem Solving, Risk Assessment.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> the task requires individuals to decide on which deck to choose from, with the chance of losing in the process. Test can be modified to ask individual to achieve a certain amount of money.</p>
<p><a href="#">The "Hungry Donkey" Task</a> A version of Bechara's Gambling Task for children</p> 	<p>The donkey chooses from four doors, each door has a cost and reward in apples. Used for tests of executive control.</p> <p><b>Key Skills used:</b> Fine-motor skills, Visual processing.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Test can be modified to ask individual to reach a certain number of apples (i.e. 10 apples) in a certain amount of time.</p>
<p><a href="#">TOAV: Test of Attentional Vigilance</a> A Version of TOVA<sup>®</sup>: Test of Variables of Attention <a href="#">wikipedia</a></p> 	<p>22-minute test requiring subject to detect a rare visual stimulus (top or bottom). Used to diagnose ADD, ADHD, etc.</p> <p><b>Key Skills used:</b> Concentration, Reaction Time, Attention</p> <p><b>Note:</b> This task requires the individual to concentrate for an extended period of time. Thus, the extent to which their reaction time scores alter through the duration of this test can be indicative of how their attention levels have been affected.</p>




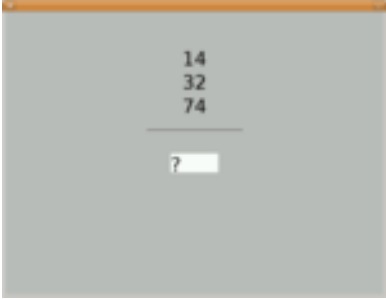
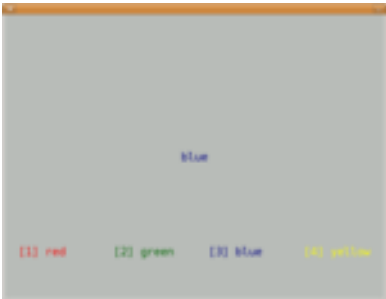
PEBL Test/Version of:	Description
<a href="#">PEBL Continuous Performance Test</a> Version of Conners CPT <a href="#">wikipedia</a>	14-minute vigilance test requiring subject respond to non-matches. Used to diagnose ADD, ADHD, etc. <b>Key Skills Used:</b> Reaction Time, Attention, Concentration. <b>Note:</b> The test length allows for observation of how their results change overtime (i.e. attention levels altering).
	
<a href="#">PEBL Perceptual Vigilance Task (PPVT)</a> Wilkinson & Houghton's Psychomotor Vigilance Task <a href="#">wikipedia</a>	A vigilance task used to detect vigilance and sleep lapses. <b>Key Skills Used:</b> Reaction Time, Attention, Concentration. <b>Note:</b> The individual's results can be viewed in data section, and we can observe how their performance declines or improves throughout test duration.
	
<a href="#">Berg's Card Sorting Test</a> version of Berg's (1948) Wisconsin Card Sorting Test <a href="#">wikipedia</a>	Sort multi-attribute cards into piles according to an unknown and changing rule. <b>Key Skills used:</b> Strategy and Problem Solving, Decision Making, Inhibition, Working Memory. <b>Note:</b> The results from the data section provide an indication of which rule (shape, color or number) is easiest for the individual via reaction time. We are able to see how the individual's working memory is operating by their ability to recall which rule is active (via correct responses).
	

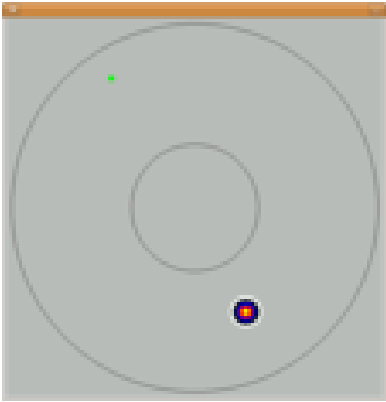
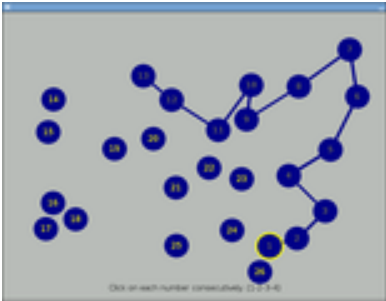

PEBL Test/Version of:	Description
<a href="#">Simple Response Time</a> <a href="#">wikipedia</a> 	<p>Detect the presence of a visual stimulus, as quickly and accurately as possible.</p> <p><b>Key Skills Used:</b> Reaction Time, Attention, Fine Motor Skills.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> The task allows for observation of how their attention and reactivity alter throughout the test's duration. The individual can also work on their executive control and fine motor ability.</p>
<a href="#">Digit Span</a> A component of many intelligence tests <a href="#">wikipedia</a> 	<p>Remember a sequence of digits.</p> <p><b>Key Skills Used:</b> Working Memory, Numerical Processing, Short Term Memory.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Primacy, Recency effects can be observed in this task (i.e. which numbers in the set are being remembered, first numbers or last numbers).</p>
<a href="#">Partial Report Procedure</a> Lu et al.'s (2005) update of Sperling's iconic memory procedure. <a href="#">wikipedia</a> 	<p>May provide an early-warning sign for Alzheimer's.</p> <p><b>Key Skills used:</b> Reaction Time, Decision Making, Working Memory.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Individuals are required to make quick decision based on a brief stimulus shown. Not recommended for people with slow reaction times.</p>

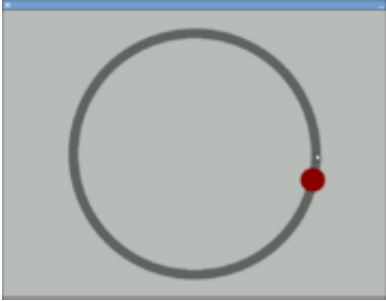
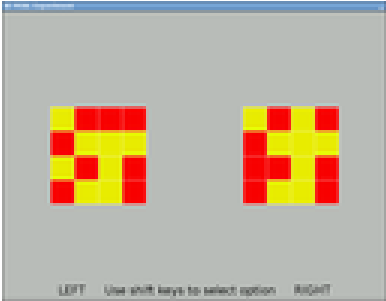
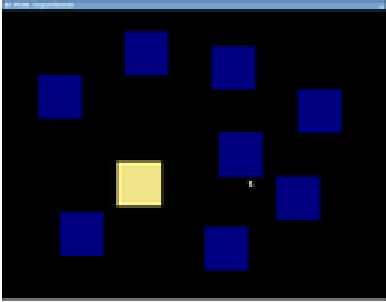
PEBL Test/Version of:	Description
<p><a href="#">Implicit Association Test</a></p> <p>A test of automatic associations between memory representations. <a href="#">wikipedia</a></p> 	<p>Tests association between two sets of binary classifications.</p>
<p><a href="#">Tower of London</a></p> <p>Traditional problem solving/planning task</p> <p><a href="#">wikipedia</a></p> 	<p>Tests ability to make and follow plans in problem solving task.</p> <p><b>Key Skills Used:</b> Strategy and Problem Solving, Color Processing, Hand-eye coordination, Fine Motor Skills.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Test cannot be completed successfully for color-blind individuals. Task is great for individuals trying to improve on executive control, and requires both strategy and problem solving skills to complete successfully.</p>
<p><b>Symbol Counter Task</b></p> <p>Garavan (2000) counter task</p> 	<p>Useful indicator of executive control.</p> <p><b>Key Skills used:</b> Reaction Time, Working Memory, Selective Attention.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> We can view if the individual will be able to recall which symbols are associated with which shift tab (i.e. a measure of working memory via correct responses).</p>

PEBL Test/Version of:	Description
<a href="#">Four choice response time</a> Wilkinson & Houghton's 4-choice response time <a href="#">wikipedia</a> 	Respond to a plus sign that appears in one of four corners of the screen. <b>Key Skills used:</b> Reaction Time, Selective Attention, Visual Processing. <b>Note:</b> the task measures how quickly the individual's attention leads them to the correct location, combining visual processing abilities with reaction time.
<a href="#">Time Wall</a> UTCPAB's Time wall 	Estimate the time when a moving target will reach a location behind a wall. <b>Key Skills Used:</b> Reasoning, Calculating, Reaction Time, Strategy and Problem Solving. <b>Note:</b> this task requires tracking of an object after its disappearance. It requires the individual to in a sense to imagine the location of this object using precise calculating (of object's speed).
<a href="#">PEBL Compensatory Tracker</a> Similar to Makeig & Jolley's <a href="#">CompTrack</a> 	Use mouse/trackball to keep a randomly moving target inside a bullseye. <b>Key Skills used:</b> Fine Motor Skills, Strategy and Problem Solving, Hand Eye Coordination. <b>Note:</b> this task can be helpful for individuals wanting to get better with using a mouse for the computer.

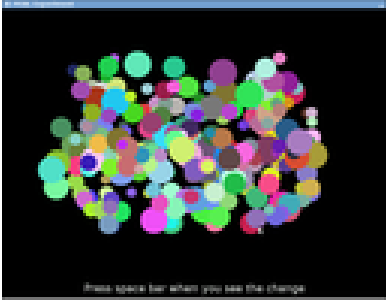

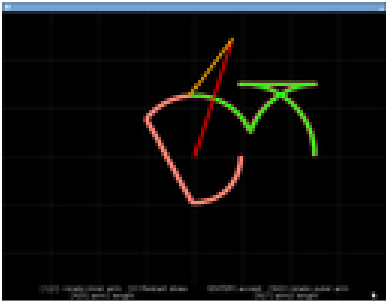
PEBL Test/Version of:	Description
<a href="#">Lexical Decision</a> Meyer & Schvaneveldt's LDT <a href="#">wikipedia</a>	Determine whether a stimulus is a word or nonword. <b>Key skills used:</b> Linguistic Processing, Language Processing. <b>Note:</b> the words are able to be changed for the test. They can be changed to fit closely to an individual's expertise (ex. If individual is aphasic but has an interest in bands, the words can be altered to include words of bands they listen to frequently).
<a href="#">Mental Rotation</a> Shepard's mental rotation task <a href="#">wikipedia</a>	Determine whether two figures are identical, subject to rotation. <b>Key Skills used:</b> Reasoning, Visual Processing, Decision Making. <b>Note:</b> while observing both objects, the individual is required to make a decision of whether the objects are similar, and requires precise reasoning due to their similarities (i.e. be able to reason that object on left looks identical to the object on the right, only inverted from the object on the right)
<a href="#">Matrix Rotation</a> Version of UTC test battery matrix rotation	Determine whether a 6x6 matrix is the same (with rotation) as another. <b>Key skills used:</b> Selective Attention, Working Memory, Visual Processing. <b>Note:</b> Working Memory is being tested, we can see how individual's object manipulation or 'visuo-spatial sketchpad' is operating (I.e. correct responses being a measure of working memory, and the 'sketchpad' the specific component being measured).


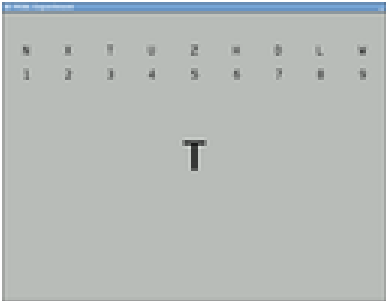

PEBL Test/Version of:	Description
<p><a href="#">Spatial Cueing</a> Posner's attentional cueing (spotlight) task.<a href="#">wikipedia</a></p> 	<p>Given a probabilistic cue of where a stimulus will appear, respond as fast as possible. <b>Key Skills used:</b> Selective Attention, Inhibition. <b>Note:</b> this task tests the individual's ability to make the correct response regardless of the correct cue or the distracter cue. We can view how the distracter cue affects the individual via correct responses and reaction time.</p>
<p><a href="#">Two column addition</a> UTC test battery's 2-column addition.</p> 	<p>Add three two-digit numbers and respond quickly and accurately. <b>Key Skills Used:</b> Mathematical Processing, Numerical Processing, Working Memory. <b>Note:</b> it is important to distinguish between Mathematical and Numerical, as mathematical processing in this test refers to the manipulation of numerical information, whereas numerical processing refers to the knowledge of numerical information (i.e. the understanding that the number 'one' means '1').</p>
<p><a href="#">Stroop task</a> Stroop's attention task <a href="#">wikipedia</a></p> 	<p>Respond to either the color or name of stimuli. <b>Key Skills Used:</b> Inhibition, Selective Attention. <b>Note:</b> Reaction Time is recorded in the data section, allowing for analysis of which trials are easiest, and which are most challenging.</p>


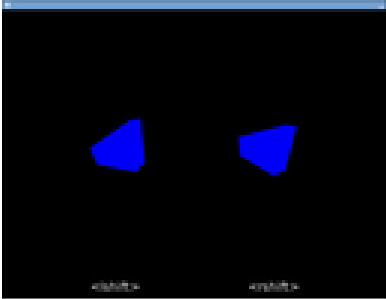
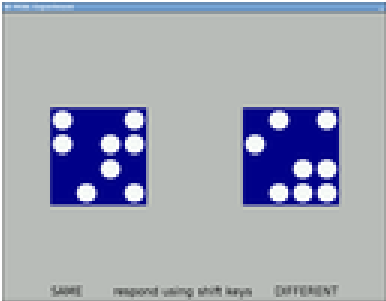
PEBL Test/Version of:	Description
<a href="#">PEBL Manual Dexterity</a> 	Move a noisy cursor to the target. <b>Key Skills used:</b> Fine Motor Skills, Strategy and Problem Solving, Hand-eye Coordination. <b>Note:</b> This task is helpful for individuals trying to improve their mouse ability with the computer.
<a href="#">PEBL Trail-making test</a> Version of Reitan's (1958) Trail-making A and B tests. <a href="#">wikipedia</a> 	Connect the dots task. <b>Key Skills used:</b> Language Processing, Numerical Processing, Hand-eye coordination. <b>Note:</b> this task tests both linguistic and numerical processing, and tests the individual's ability to navigate to the correct location (i.e. visual processing).
<a href="#">Aimed Movement (Fitts's Law) test</a> <a href="#">wikipedia</a> 	Mouse-driven implementation of classic perceptual-motor task. <b>Key Skills used:</b> Hand-eye coordination, Fine Motor Skills, Concentration. <b>Note:</b> The number of trials (105) requires continuous concentration on the participants' behalf.

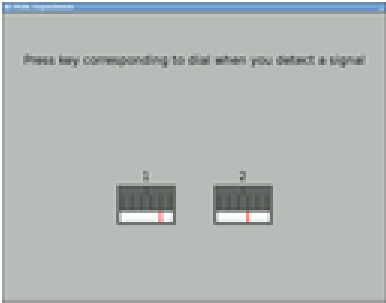
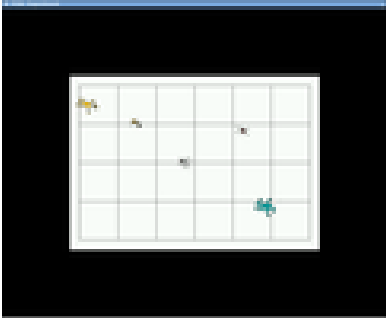
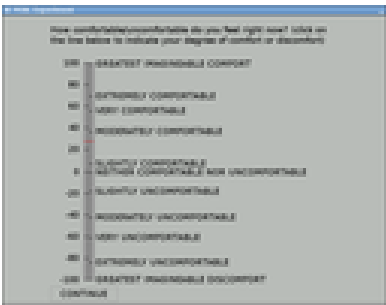
PEBL Test/Version of:	Description
<p><a href="#">Pursuit Rotor task</a> Classic mechanical test device</p> 	<p>Mouse-driven motor pursuit.</p> <p><b>Key Skills used:</b> Hand –eye coordination, Fine Motor Skills, Strategy and Problem Solving.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> The task requires the individual to adapt to the rate at which the circle is moving, thus requiring incorporation of a calculating strategy to complete successfully.</p>
<p><a href="#">Match to sample task</a> Classic non-visual short-memory task</p> 	<p>Match a matrix pattern to one presented after a delay.</p> <p><b>Key Skills used:</b> Reasoning, Calculating, Color-processing.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> color-blind individuals will not be as successful in this task.</p>
<p><a href="#">Corsi block test</a> Version of physical "Corsi block-tapping test"</p> 	<p>Measure of visual-spatial working memory.</p> <p><b>Key Skills used:</b> Working Memory, Visual Processing.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> reaction time can be measured in the trails varying in length.</p>

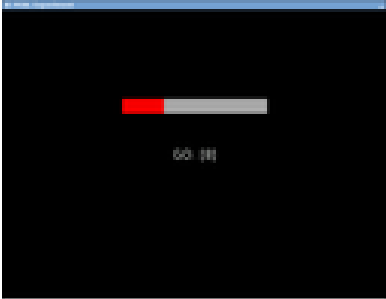
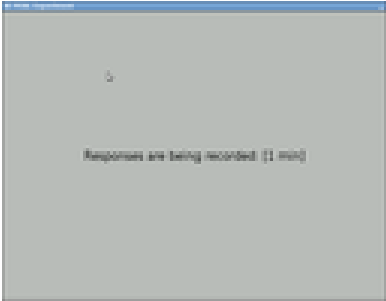
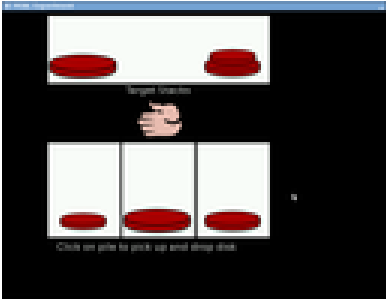


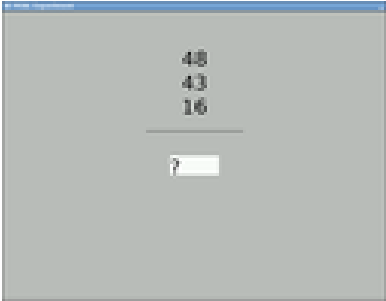
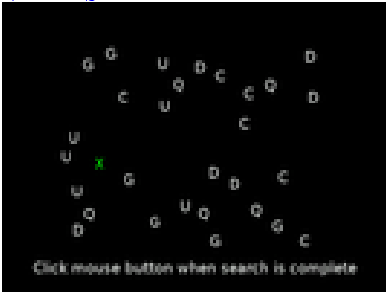

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<p><a href="#">Change Detection test</a></p> <p>Version of numerous change blindness paradigms</p> 	<p>Assess whether participant sees change in a display of colored circles.</p> <p><b>Key Skills used:</b> Selective attention, Visual processing, Concentration.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> the changing object may not be so obvious at first, so additional concentration may be required.</p>
<p><a href="#">Clock Test</a></p> <p>Mackworth's Sustained attention test</p> 	<p>Watch a clock, and respond whenever it skips a beat.</p> <p><b>Key Skills used:</b> Selective attention.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Reaction Time is revealed in the data section, indicating the individual's attention levels as the task progresses.</p>
<p><a href="#">Device Mimicry Test</a></p> 	<p>Operate a 4-df etch-a-sketch to recreate paths produced by the computer.</p> <p><b>Key Skills used:</b> Calculating, Hand-eye coordination, concentration, Fine Motor Skills, Strategy and Problem Solving.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> This task requires precision to complete successfully. Test can be very helpful for individual's trying to improve their computer skills, or in cognitive rehabilitation sessions.</p>

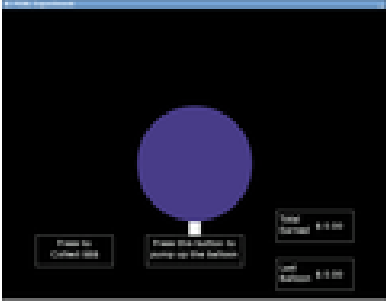
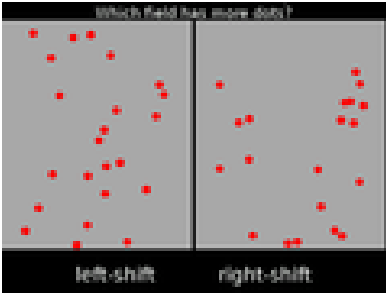

PEBL Test/Version of:	Description
<p><a href="#">Item-Order Test</a></p> 	<p>Assess two consecutive letter strings, and determine whether they are the same or different. Different trials are created either by changing identity of a letter or the order of two adjacent letters.</p> <p><b>Key Skills used:</b> Language Processing, Working Memory.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Does the duration of the test result in better or poorer performance? This can be measured in the data section.</p>
<p><a href="#">Letter-Digit substitution</a> Version of UTCAP and Wechsler tests</p> 	<p>Recode stimuli according to a letter-digit code chart.</p> <p><b>Key Skills used:</b> Language Processing, Numerical Processing.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> great test to use with Aphasiac patients to see how they map language information with mathematical information. Reaction time revealed in data section.</p>
<p><a href="#">Math Processing</a></p> 	<p>Do simple arithmetic problems.</p> <p><b>Key Skills used:</b> Mathematical processing, Numerical processing, Reaction Time.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Important to distinguish between mathematical and numerical processes, as the former refers to the manipulation of numerical information, and the latter refers to basic processing of numerical information (i.e. that '1' means 'one').</p>

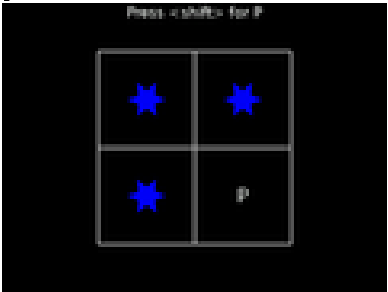
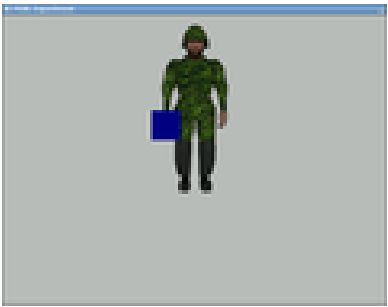
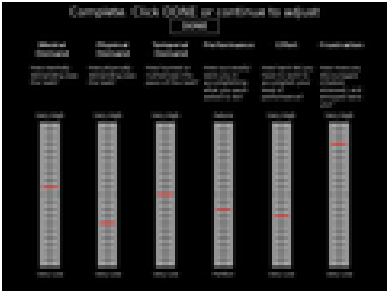
PEBL Test/Version of:	Description
<p><a href="#">Memory Span (Visual)</a></p> <p>Classic experimental paradigm</p> 	<p>See a sequence of items, then respond using mouse or touchscreen.</p> <p><b>Key Skills used:</b> Working Memory, Short Term Memory, Visual Processing.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Individuals familiarity with certain objects may result in better recall for those objects (i.e. animal lovers).</p>
<p><a href="#">Object Judgment</a></p> 	<p>Determine whether two polygons are identical, while manipulating shape, orientation, size.</p> <p><b>Key Skills used:</b> Calculating, Reasoning, Visual Processing.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> may require concentration due to the duration of task. Task requires visual manipulation of the stimuli presented.</p>
<p><a href="#">Pattern Comparison Test</a></p> 	<p>Examine two grid patterns and determine whether they are the same.</p> <p><b>Key Skills used:</b> Calculating, Visual Processing.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> pattern-samediff.pbl requires reaction time (found in data section), while pattern-sequential.pbl requires working memory to function (via correct responses).</p>

PEBL Test/Version of:	Description
<p><a href="#">Probability Monitor</a></p> 	<p>Watch a set of gauges to determine when one gets a hit.</p> <p><b>Key Skills used:</b> Calculating, Inhibition, Visual Processing, Reasoning.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> while trying to detect a pattern (calculating and reasoning), the individual is required to inhibit other random dials on later trails (trials 2 and 3). Reaction time is measured in data section.</p>
<p><a href="#">Situation Awareness Test</a></p> 	<p>Watch a set of moving targets and respond to probes about their locations and identities.</p> <p><b>Key Skills used:</b> Selective Attention, Working Memory, Visual Processing.</p> <p><b>Notes:</b> Test great for combining visual awareness with working memory.</p>
<p><a href="#">Comfort scales</a></p> 	<p>Respond to four visual-analytic scales about different dimensions of comfort.</p> <p><b>Key Skills used:</b> Linguistic Processing, Calculating.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Allows for extensive self reflection, and requires linguistic ability for responses (to indicate how they feel).</p>

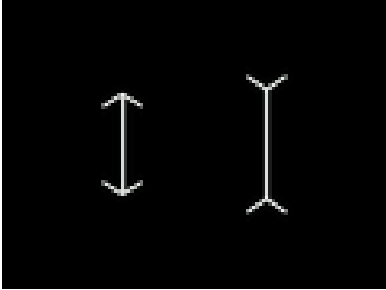
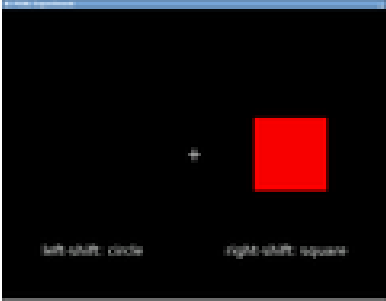
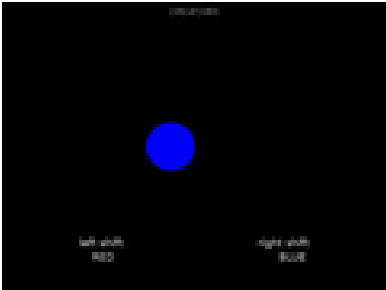
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<p><a href="#">Speed tapping test</a> Version of Reitan test battery</p> 	<p>Tap a key as quickly as possible. <b>Key Skills used:</b> Fine Motor Skills. <b>Note:</b> can be used for individuals in rehabilitation sessions.</p>
<p><a href="#">Time tapping test</a></p> 	<p>Tap for a production period at a prespecified pace. <b>Key Skills used:</b> Calculating, Working Memory. <b>Note:</b> requires individual to recall and implement the pace at which they are required to tap.</p>
<p><a href="#">Tower of Hanoi test</a> Classic puzzle and cognitive test of planning</p> 	<p>Solve game with disks. <b>Key Skills used:</b> Calculating, Reasoning, Hand-eye coordination, Fine Motor Skills, Working Memory, Visual Processing, Strategy and Problem Solving. <b>Note:</b> Able to track the individual's number of moves. Task is very great for a multitude of cognitive abilities, and is helpful for patients with cognitive disorders.</p>

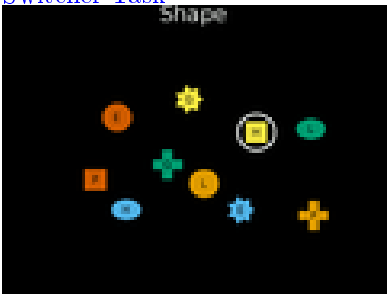
PEBL Test/Version of:	Description
<p><a href="#">Two-column addition</a></p> 	<p>Do mental arithmetic of at least three two-digit summands.</p> <p><b>Key Skills used:</b> Mathematical Processing, Working Memory, Calculating.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Individual can be asked how they decided to solve the problems (i.e. with what strategy: first column then the next two columns, or adding all the numbers at once etc.)</p>
<p><a href="#">Visual Search</a></p> 	<p>Find the target amidst clutter.</p> <p><b>Key Skills used:</b> Language Processing, Visual Processing, Selective Attention, Colour Processing, Inhibition, Concentration.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> X's and O's are quite distinguishable letters. O's look more similar to the other letters than X does, and therefore the trials with X's and O's can be compared to see which ones are easier (via correct response or not) and found quicker (via reaction time).</p>
<p><a href="#">Attentional Network Task</a></p> <p>Version of Fan et al.'s ANT</p> 	<p>Assess three types of attention.</p> <p><b>Key Skills used:</b> Selective Attention, Reaction Time, Inhibition.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> The data section reveals trial and the corresponding reaction times. Can be viewed is how their attention processes alter through the test's duration.</p>

PEBL Test/Version of:	Description
<p><a href="#">PEBL Balloon Analog Risk Task</a> Version of LeJuez et al's BART</p> 	<p>Assess three types of attention.</p> <p><b>Key Skills used:</b> Risk Assessment and risk aversion.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Test can be modified to ask the participant to reach a certain money value in a set amount of time.</p>
<p><a href="#">Dot Judgment Task</a> Determine which field has more dots.</p> 	<p><b>Key Skills used:</b> Calculating, Decision Making</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Threshold provides an opportunity to observe how the individual performs (with correct judgment) when dot amounts are similar.</p>
<p><a href="#">Flanker Task</a> Eriksen's Flanker Task</p> 	<p>Make direction response with distraction.</p> <p><b>Key Skills used:</b> Selective Attention, Reaction Time, Inhibition.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> The data section reveals trial and the corresponding reaction times. Can be viewed is how their attention processes progress through the test's duration.</p>

PEBL Test/Version of:	Description
<a href="#">Go/No-go Task</a> Version of Bezdjian's 2009 Implementation 	Classic continuous performance task. <b>Key Skills used:</b> Inhibition, Reaction Time, Language Processing, Selective attention. <b>Note:</b> The data section allows for observation of their scores, and to view if their inhibition skills are increasing or decreasing with time.
<a href="#">Manikin Task</a> 	Assess mental rotation.
<a href="#">TLX Workload Assessment</a> An implementation of NASA's TLX workload assessment <a href="#">wikipedia</a> 	Assess workload of task on multiple dimensions. <b>Key Skills used:</b> Concentration, Linguistic Processing, Calculating. <b>Note:</b> requires the individual to self reflect, read the information, and calculate their levels according to the scale provided.



PEBL Test/Version of:	Description
<a href="#">Muller-Lyer Illusion</a> Classic perceptual illusion <a href="#">wikipedia</a>	Psychometric study of Illusion. <b>Key Skills used:</b> Calculating, Reaction Time. <b>Note:</b> the task requires a quick response, thus attention abilities can be hard to measure in this task.
	
<a href="#">Oddball Task</a> Version of Huettel's implementation	Respond to a stimulus dimension overshadowed by irrelevant dimension. <b>Key Skills used:</b> Inhibition, Selective Attention, Visual Processing, Reaction Time. <b>Note:</b> Inhibition skills require the individual to ignore the location and instead focus on the shape differences.
	
<a href="#">Simon Task</a> Simon's S-R compatibility test	Respond to a stimulus dimension, overshadowed by spatial location. <b>Key Skills used:</b> Color Processing, Inhibition, Visual Processing, Selective Attention, Reaction Time. <b>Note:</b> those who are color blind will have difficulty in completing this task. Individual's inhibition abilities can be measured (via correct responses) to see how well they can focus on the point of the task (color) and not be distracted by its location.
	

PEBL Test/Version of:	Description
<a href="#">Switcher Task</a> 	Respond to a matched and changing stimulus dimension. <b>Key Skills used:</b> Visual Processing, Selective Attention. <b>Note:</b> reaction time is measured in the data section, along with trail type. Thus, times associated with color, shape and letter can be measured to see which is easiest and most challenging for the individual.

### Norms and Other Uses

Many of the original versions of the tasks we implement here have been normed on a large population. Such norms are available in published articles. Because these implementations are not identical (many of them use slightly different stimuli, response methods, timing, etc.) one must be careful when applying the results to the normed data. If you use PEBL or the PEBL Psychological Test Battery, please reference us! If you are interested in helping develop norms for PEBL tests, have access to subject populations and testing facilities, join the [pebl-norms@lists.sourceforge.net](mailto:pebl-norms@lists.sourceforge.net) mailing list and tell us what norms you are most interested in.

### Support and Contact info

If you have any general questions about PEBL or the PEBL Psychological Test Battery, you can contact us at: [pebl-list@lists.sourceforge.net](mailto:pebl-list@lists.sourceforge.net). Email support is available free-of-charge. You can sign up for this [email list](#) or [browse the archives here](#). More information about the [main author](#) is available [here](#). Enquire on the list if you are interested in paying someone to write new experiments or modify existing ones for your needs.

**Obtaining the Battery** The PEBL Test Battery is installed with the main PEBL installation. The first time you run PEBL, it will be copied into a folder in your Documents directory called pebl-exp.2.0 (or similar depending on the version of PEBL you are running). On Linux, running `> pebl -install` will copy the battery directory there. The PEBL launcher will start in that directory, and let you explore and navigate the different tests in the battery.

<http://pebl.sourceforge.net/battery.html>

## Chapter 11

# Detailed Function and Keyword Reference

Welcome to the PEBL Function Reference. This documentation covers all functions available in the Psychology Experiment Building Language.

PEBL functions are organized by namespace. Click on any namespace below to see its functions:

### **Built-in Function Namespaces:**

- *PEBLEnvironment* - *System and Environment*
- *PEBLList* - *List Manipulation*
- *PEBLMath* - *Mathematical*
- *PEBLObjects* - *Graphics and Objects*
- *PEBLStream* - *File and Network I/O*
- *PEBLString* - *String Manipulation*

### **PEBL Library Functions:**

- *Design Library* - *Experimental Design*
- *Graphics Library* - *Advanced Graphics*
- *HTML Library* - *HTML Generation*
- *Math Library* - *Extended Mathematical*
- *UI Library* - *User Interface*
- *Utility Library* - *Helpers and Utilities*

## 11.1 PEBLEnvironment - System and Environment

This module contains functions for system interaction, timing, input/output, and environment management.

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- *WaitForKeyPress()*
- *WaitForKeyUp()*
- *WaitForKeyRelease()*
- *WaitForListKeyPress()*
- *WaitForListKeyPressWithTimeout()*
- *WaitForMouseButton()*
- *WaitForMouseButtonWithTimeout()*

### 11.1.1 ClearEventLoop()

*Clears all trigger events from event loop*

**Description:**

Clears the event loop. This function is currently experimental, and its usage may change in future versions of PEBL.

**Usage:**

```
## shows a way to generate custom WaitForMouseButton
RegisterEvent("<MOUSE_BUTTON_PRESS>",1,1,"<EQUAL>", "", [])
out <- StartEventLoop()
ClearEventLoop()
```

**See Also:**

RegisterEvent(), StartEventLoop()

### 11.1.2 CopyFromClipboard()

*Copies text from system clipboard.*

**Description:**

This copies text currently living in the system clipboard. Note that (depending on platform), text copied into the clipboard may not remain there after PEBL exits.

**Example:**

```
text <- CopyFromClipboard()
textbox.text <- text
```

**See Also:**

CopyToClipboard()

### 11.1.3 CallFunction()

*Calls a PEBL function by name with a list of arguments*

**Description:**

Calls a PEBL function dynamically using its name as a string and a list of arguments. This is useful for implementing callbacks, event handlers, or calling functions whose names are determined at runtime.

**Usage:**



```
CallFunction(<function_name>, <argument_list>)
```

**Example:**

```
## Call a function by name
result <- CallFunction("Max", [1, 5, 3, 2])
Print(result) # == 5

## Use for callbacks
myCallback <- "ProcessResponse"
CallFunction(myCallback, [response, rt])
```

**See Also:**

PropertyExists(), MakeCustomObject()

### 11.1.4 CheckProcessStatus()

*Checks if a background process is still running*

**Description:**

Checks the status of a background process launched with SystemCall(). Takes a process ID (PID) as an argument and returns 1 if the process is still running, 0 if it has finished, or -1 if there was an error checking the status. This is only available on Unix/Linux systems and requires the process to have been launched from within PEBL.

**Usage:**

```
CheckProcessStatus(<pid>)
```

**Example:**

```
##Launch a background process (Unix only)
pid <- SystemCall("sleep 5 &")

##Check if it's still running
status <- CheckProcessStatus(pid)
if(status == 1)
{
  Print("Process still running")
} elseif(status == 0) {
  Print("Process finished")
} else {
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```
    Print("Error checking process")
}
```

**See Also:**

SystemCall(), GetSystemType()

### 11.1.5 DeleteFile()

*Deletes a file*

**Description:**

Deletes a file from the file system.

**Usage:**

```
DeleteFile( <filename>)
```

**Example:**

```
tmpfile <- FileOpenWrite("tmp.txt")
FilePrint(tmpfile,Random())
FileClose(tmpfile)
text <- FileReadText("tmp.txt")
DeleteFile("tmp.txt")
```

**See Also:**

GetDirectoryListing(), FileExists(), IsDirectory(), MakeDirectory()

### 11.1.6 ExitQuietly()

**Description:**

Stops PEBL and prints <message> to stderr. Unlike SignalFatalError, it will NOT pop-up a window with the error message. Useful exiting a study or application without causing a popup error message.

**Usage:**

```
ExitQuietly(<message>)
```

**Example:**

```
If(response == "exit")
{
    ExitQuietly("Exiting study.")
}
##Prints out error message and
##line/filename of function
```

**See Also:**

MessageBox, Print(), SignalFatalError()

### 11.1.7 FileExists()

*Checks whether a file exists*

**Description:**

Checks whether a file exists. Returns 1 if it exists, 0 otherwise.

**Usage:**

```
FileExists(<path>)
```

**Example:**

```
filename <- "data-"+gSubNum+".csv"
exists <- FileExists(filename)
if(exists)
{
    MessageBox("Subject file already exists. "+
    " Please try a new one.",gWin)
    SignalFatalError("filename already used")
}
```

**See Also:**

GetDirectoryListing(), FileExists(), IsDirectory(), MakeDirectory()

### 11.1.8 GetCurrentScreenResolution()

**Description:**

Returns an list of [width,height] specifying what the current computer screen resolution is. This is used within the pebl launcher in order to use the current resolution to run the experiment.

**Usage:**

```
res <- GetCurrentScreenResolution()
```

**Example:**

```
define Start(p)
{
  ## For testing, let's make the screen resolution a bit
  ↪ smaller than the
  ## current one so that it doesn't get hidden by the bottom
  ↪ task bar
  ##
  res <- GetCurrentScreenResolution()
  gVideoWidth <- First(res)-100
  gVideoHeight <- Second(res)-100
  gWin <- MakeWindow()
  MessageBox("Window slightly smaller than screen",gWin)
}
```

**See Also:**

GetVideoModes()

### 11.1.9 GetDirectoryListing()

*Returns a list of all the files/subdirectories in a path*

**Description:**

Returns a list of files and directories in a particular directory/folder.

**Usage:**

```
list <- GetDirectoryListing(<path>)
```

**Example:**

```
files <- GetDirectoryListing("./")
```

**See Also:**

GetDirectoryListing(), FileExists(), IsDirectory(), MakeDirectory()

### 11.1.10 GetDrivers()

*Gets a list of possible video drivers*

**Description:**

Gets a list of video drivers on the current platform. This is usually one of opengl, opengles, software, and directx, different ones of which are available on different platforms. This is most useful for building launchers, although it could be used within a script *before* MakeWindow is called to choose the best available driver.

**Usage:**

```
drivers <- GetDrivers()
```

**See Also:**

GetCurrentScreenResolution(), gVideoWidth(), gVideoHeight(),  
GetVideoModes()

### 11.1.11 GetExecutableName()

*Returns the name/path of the PEBL executable*

**Description:**

This function signals a fatal error directing users to use the global variable gExecutableName instead. The executable name is set at program startup and stored in this global variable.

**Usage:**

```
name <- gExecutableName ##Use this global variable instead
```

**See Also:**

GetSystemType(), GetWorkingDirectory()

### 11.1.12 GetHomeDirectory()

*Returns the user's home directory path*

**Description:**

Returns the path to the current user's home directory. This is platform-specific and will return different values on Windows, Linux, and Mac OS.

**Usage:**

```
GetHomeDirectory()
```

**Example:**

```
homedir <- GetHomeDirectory()
Print("User home directory: " + homedir)
```

**See Also:**

GetWorkingDirectory(), SetWorkingDirectory(), GetDirectoryListing()

### 11.1.13 GetJoystickAxisState()

*Gets the state of a joystick axis*

**Description:**

This gets the state of a particular joystick axis. You need to specify a joystick object, which is created with `OpenJoystick()`. You also need to specify the axis. You can determine how many axes a joystick has with the `GetNumJoystickAxes()` function. The function returns a value between 1 and 32768.

**See Also:**

`GetNumJoysticks()`, `OpenJoystick()`, `GetNumJoystickAxes()` `GetNumJoystickBalls()`, `GetNumJoystickButtons()`, `GetNumJoystickHats()` `GetJoystickAxisState()`, `GetJoystickHatState()`, `GetJoystickButtonState()`

### 11.1.14 GetJoystickBallState()

*Gets the state of a joystick ball*

**Description:**

Not implemented.

**See Also:**

`GetNumJoysticks()`, `OpenJoystick()`, `GetNumJoystickAxes()` `GetNumJoystickBalls()`, `GetNumJoystickButtons()`, `GetNumJoystickHats()` `GetJoystickAxisState()`, `GetJoystickHatState()`, `GetJoystickButtonState()`

### 11.1.15 GetJoystickButtonState()

**Description:**

This gets the state of a particular joystick button. You need to specify a joystick object, which is created with `OpenJoystick()`. You also need to specify the button. You can determine how many buttons a joystick has with the `GetNumJoystickButtons()` function. The function returns either 0 (for unpressed) or 1 (for pressed).

**See Also:**

`GetNumJoysticks()`, `OpenJoystick()`, `GetNumJoystickAxes()` `GetNumJoystickBalls()`, `GetNumJoystickButtons()`, `GetNumJoystickHats()` `GetJoystickAxisState()`, `GetJoystickHatState()`, `GetJoystickButtonState()`

### 11.1.16 GetJoystickHatState()

*Gets the state of a joystick hat*

**Description:**

`GetJoystickHatState(js,1)` This gets the state of a particular joystick hat. You need to specify a joystick object, which is created with `OpenJoystick()`. You also need to specify the hat id. You can determine how many hats a joystick has with the `GetNumJoystickHats()` function. The function returns a value between 0 and 15, which is the sum of values specifying whether each primary NSEW direction is pressed. The coding is: 0=no buttons; 1=N, 2=E, 4=S, 8=W. Thus, if 1 is returned, the north hat button is pressed. If 3 is returned, NorthEast. If 12 is returned, SW, and so on.

**See Also:**

`GetNumJoysticks()`, `OpenJoystick()`, `GetNumJoystickAxes()` `GetNumJoystickBalls()`, `GetNumJoystickButtons()`, `GetNumJoystickHats()` `GetJoystickAxisState()`, `GetJoystickHatState()`, `GetJoystickButtonState()`

### 11.1.17 GetMouseCursorPosition()

**Description:**

Gets the current x,y coordinates of the mouse pointer.

**Usage:**

`GetMouseCursorPosition()`

**Example:**

```
pos <- GetMouseCursorPosition()
```

**See Also:**

ShowCursor(), WaitForMouseButton(), SetMouseCursorPosition(),  
GetMouseCursorPosition()

### 11.1.18 GetMouseState()

*Gets [x,y,b1,b2,b3] list of mouse state, including button states*

**Description:**

Gets the current x,y coordinates of the mouse pointer, plus the current state of the buttons. Returns a 5-element list, with the first two indicating x,y position, the third is either 0 or 1 depending on if the left mouse is clicked, the fourth 0 or 2 depending on whether the middle mouse is clicked, and the fifth either 0 or 4 depending on whether the right mouse is clicked.

**Example:**

```
define Start(p)
{
    win <- MakeWindow()
    i <- 1
    while(i < 100)
    {
        Draw()
        Print(GetMouseState())

        Wait(100)
        i <- i + 1
    }
}

##Returns look like:
[417, 276, 0, 0, 0]
[495, 286, 0, 0, 0]
[460, 299, 0, 0, 0]
[428, 217, 0, 0, 0]
[446, 202, 0, 0, 4]
[446, 202, 1, 0, 0]
[446, 202, 1, 0, 0]
[446, 202, 0, 2, 0]
```

**See Also:**



ShowCursor()    WaitForMouseButton(),    SetMouseCursorPosition(),  
GetMouseCursorPosition()

### 11.1.19 GetNumJoystickAxes()

*Counts how many axes on a joystick*

**Description:**

This gets the number of axes on a joystick. You need to specify a joystick object, which is created with OpenJoystick().

**See Also:**

GetNumJoysticks(), OpenJoystick(), GetNumJoystickAxes() GetNumJoystickBalls(), GetNumJoystickButtons(), GetNumJoystickHats() GetJoystickAxisState(), GetJoystickHatState(), GetJoystickButtonState()

### 11.1.20 GetNumJoystickBalls()

*Counts how many balls on a joystick*

**Description:**

This gets the number of joystick balls available on a particular joystick. You need to specify a joystick object, which is created with OpenJoystick().

**See Also:**

GetNumJoysticks(), OpenJoystick(), GetNumJoystickAxes() GetNumJoystickBalls(), GetNumJoystickButtons(), GetNumJoystickHats() GetJoystickAxisState(), GetJoystickHatState(), GetJoystickButtonState()

### 11.1.21 GetNumJoystickButtons()

**Description:**

This gets the number of joystick buttons available on a particular joystick. You need to specify a joystick object, which is created with OpenJoystick().

**See Also:**

GetNumJoysticks(), OpenJoystick(), GetNumJoystickAxes() GetNumJoystickBalls(), GetNumJoystickButtons(), GetNumJoystickHats() GetJoystickAxisState(), GetJoystickHatState(), GetJoystickButtonState()

### 11.1.22 GetNumJoystickHats()

*Counts how many hats on a joystick*

**Description:**

This gets the number of hats available on a particular joystick. You need to specify a joystick object, which is created with `OpenJoystick()`.

**See Also:**

`GetNumJoysticks()`, `OpenJoystick()`, `GetNumJoystickAxes()` `GetNumJoystickBalls()`, `GetNumJoystickButtons()`, `GetNumJoystickHats()` `GetJoystickAxisState()`, `GetJoystickHatState()`, `GetJoystickButtonState()`

### 11.1.23 GetNumJoysticks()

*Determines how many joysticks are available*

**Description:**

This gets the number of joysticks available on a system. It returns an integer, which if greater than you can open a joystick using the `OpenJoystick()` function..

**See Also:**

`GetNumJoysticks()`, `OpenJoystick()`, `GetNumJoystickAxes()` `GetNumJoystickBalls()`, `GetNumJoystickButtons()`, `GetNumJoystickHats()` `GetJoystickAxisState()`, `GetJoystickHatState()`, `GetJoystickButtonState()`

### 11.1.24 GetPEBLVersion()

*Returns a string indicating which version of PEBL you are using*

**Description:**

Returns a string describing which version of PEBL you are running.

**Usage:**

```
GetPEBLVersion()
```

**Example:**

```
Print(GetPEBLVersion())
```

**See Also:**

`TimeStamp()`

### 11.1.25 GetSystemType()

*Identifies the type of operating system being used.*

**Description:**

Returns a string identify what type of computer system you are using. It will return either: OSX, LINUX, or WINDOWS.

**Usage:**

```
GetSystemType()
```

**Example:**

```
## Put this at the beginning of an experiment,  
## after a window gWin has been defined.  
if(GetSystemType() == "WINDOWS")  
{  
    SignalFatalError("Experiment untested on windows")  
}
```

**See Also:**

SystemCall()

### 11.1.26 GetTextBoxCursorFromClick()

**Description:**

Returns the position (in characters) corresponding to a x,y click on a text box. The X,Y position must be relative to the x,y position of the box, not absolute. Once obtained, the cursor position can be set with SetCursorPosition().

**Usage:**

```
GetTextBoxCursorFromClick(<widget>,<x>,<y>)
```

**See Also:**

SetCursorPosition(),      GetCursorPosition(),      SetEditable(),  
MakeTextBox()

### 11.1.27 GetTime()

*Gets a number, in milliseconds, representing the time since the PEBL program began running.*

**Description:**

Gets time, in milliseconds, from when PEBL was initialized. Do not use as a seed for the RNG, because it will tend to be about the same on each run. Instead, use `RandomizeTimer()`.

**Usage:**

```
GetTime()
```

**Example:**

```
a <- GetTime()
WaitForKeyDown("A")
b <- GetTime()
Print("Response time is: " + (b - a))
```

**See Also:**

`TimeStamp()`

### 11.1.28 GetTimeOfDay()

*Returns the current time in seconds since Unix epoch*

**Description:**

Returns the current time of day in seconds since the Unix epoch (January 1, 1970). This provides an absolute timestamp useful for logging when events occurred in real-world time.

**Usage:**

```
GetTimeOfDay()
```

**Example:**

```
timestamp <- GetTimeOfDay()
Print("Current Unix timestamp: " + timestamp)
```

**See Also:**

`GetTime()`, `TimeStamp()`

### 11.1.29 GetVideoModes()

*Gets list of available screen resolutions*

**Description:**

Gets a list of useable video modes (in width/height pixel pairs), as supplied by the video driver, for a specified screen. Screen is specified as an integer, with 0 being the default screen. If no screen is specified, screen 0 is used.

**Usage:**

```
modes <- GetVideoModes()
```

**Example:**

```
Print(GetVideoModes)
##Might return:
[[1440, 900]
, [1360, 768]
, [1152, 864]
, [1024, 768]
, [960, 600]
, [960, 540]
, [840, 525]
, [832, 624]
, [800, 600]
, [800, 512]
, [720, 450]
, [720, 400]
, [700, 525]
]
```

**See Also:**

GetCurrentScreenResolution(), gVideoWidth(), gVideoHeight(),  
GetDrivers()

### 11.1.30 GetWorkingDirectory()

*Returns the current working directory*

**Description:**

Returns the current working directory path. This is the directory from which PEBL is currently executing and where relative file paths are resolved.

**Usage:**

```
GetWorkingDirectory()
```

**Example:**

```
cwd <- GetWorkingDirectory()
Print("Current directory: " + cwd)
```

**See Also:**

SetWorkingDirectory(), GetHomeDirectory(), GetDirectoryListing()

### 11.1.31 IsAnyKeyDown()

*Determines whether any key is down.*

**Description:**

```
IsAnyKeyDown()
```

**Usage:**

```
IsAnyKeyDown()
```

### 11.1.32 IsAudioOut()

**Description:**

Tests whether <variant> is a AudioOut stream.

**Usage:**

```
IsAudioOut(<variant>)
```

**Example:**

```
if(IsAudioOut(x))
{
    Play(x)
}
```

**See Also:**

IsColor(), IsImage(), IsInteger(), IsFileStream(), IsFloat(), IsFont(), IsLabel(), IsList(), IsNumber(), IsString(), IsTextBox(), IsWidget()

### 11.1.33 IsCanvas()

**Description:**

Tests whether <variant> is a Canvas widget.

**Usage:**

```
IsCanvas(<variant>)
```

**Example:**

```
if(IsCanvas(x)
{
    SetPixel(x,10,10,MakeColor("red"))
}
```

**See Also:**

IsAudioOut(), IsImage(), IsInteger(), IsFileStream(), IsFloat(),  
IsFont(), IsLabel(), IsList(), IsNumber(), IsString(), IsTextBox(),  
IsText() IsWidget(), IsWindow()

### 11.1.34 IsColor()

**Description:**

Tests whether <variant> is a Color.

**Usage:**

```
IsColor(<variant>)
```

**Example:**

```
if(IsColor(x)
{
    gWin <- MakeWindow(x)
}
```

**See Also:**

IsAudioOut(), IsImage(), IsInteger(), IsFileStream(), IsFloat(),  
IsFont(), IsLabel(), IsList(), IsNumber(), IsString(), IsTextBox(),  
IsWidget(), IsWindow()

### 11.1.35 IsCustomObject()

*Tests whether object is a custom object.*

**Description:**

Tests whether <variant> is a Custom object (created with `MakeCustomObject()`.)  
Return 1 if so, 0 if not.

**Usage:**

```
IsCustomObject(<obj>)
```

**Example:**

```
if(IsCustomObject(obj))
{
    MoveObject(obj,x,y)
} else {
    Move(obj,x,y)
}
```

**See Also:**

`IsAudioOut()`, `IsImage()`, `IsInteger()`, `IsFileStream()`, `IsFloat()`,  
`IsFont()`, `IsLabel()`, `IsList()`, `IsNumber()`, `IsString()`, `IsTextBox()`,  
`IsText()` `IsWidget()`, `IsWindow()`

### 11.1.36 IsPEBLObject()

*Tests whether a value is any PEBL graphics or custom object.*

**Description:**

Returns 1 if obj is any PEBL object — window, label, image, canvas, textbox, shape, font, color, audio, widget, or custom object. Returns 0 for plain values (strings, numbers, lists). Use this as a generic type guard when you need to distinguish objects from scalar values, for example before calling property-access functions.

**Usage:**

```
IsPEBLObject(obj)
```

**Example:**

```
if(IsPEBLObject(val))
{
```

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```
propNames <- GetPropertyList(val)
} else {
  Print("Value: " + val)
}
```

**See Also:**

IsCustomObject(), IsLabel(), IsWindow(), IsWidget()

### 11.1.37 IsDirectory()

*Checks whether a file is a directory*

**Description:**

Determines whether a named path is a directory. Returns 1 if it exists and is a directory, and 0 otherwise.

**Usage:**

```
IsDirectory(<path>)
```

**Example:**

```
filename <- "data-"+gSubNum+".csv"
exists <- FileExists(filename)
if(exists)
{
  out <- IsDirectory(filename)
  Print(out)
}
```

**See Also:**

GetDirectoryListing(), FileExists(), IsDirectory(), MakeDirectory()

### 11.1.38 IsFileStream()

**Description:**

Tests whether <variant> is a FileStream object.

**Usage:**

```
IsFileStream(<variant>)
```

**Example:**

```
if(IsFileStream(x))
{
  Print(FileReadWord(x))
}
```

**See Also:**

IsAudioOut(), IsColor(), IsImage(), IsInteger(), IsFloat(), IsFont(),  
IsLabel(), IsList(), IsNumber(), IsString(), IsTextBox(), IsWidget()

### 11.1.39 IsFloat()

**Description:**

Tests whether <variant> is a floating-point value. Note that floating-point can represent integers with great precision, so that a number appearing as an integer can still be a float.

**Usage:**

```
IsFloat(<variant>)
```

**Example:**

```
x <- 44
y <- 23.5
z <- 6.5
test <- x + y + z

IsFloat(x)      # false
IsFloat(y)      # true
IsFloat(z)      # true
IsFloat(test)   # true
```

**See Also:**

IsAudioOut(), IsColor(), IsImage(), IsInteger(), IsFileStream(),  
IsFont(), IsLabel(), IsList(), IsNumber(), IsString(), IsTextBox(),  
IsWidget()

### 11.1.40 IsFont()

**Description:**

Tests whether <variant> is a Font object.

**Usage:**

```
IsFont(<variant>)
```

**Example:**

```
if(IsFont(x))
{
  y <- MakeLabel("stimulus", x)
}
```

**See Also:**

IsAudioOut(), IsColor(), IsImage(), IsInteger(), IsFileStream(),  
IsFloat(), IsLabel(), IsList(), IsNumber(), IsString(), IsTextBox(),  
IsWidget()

### 11.1.41 IsImage()

**Description:**

Tests whether <variant> is an Image.

**Usage:**

```
IsImage(<variant>)
```

**Example:**

```
if(IsImage(x))
{
  AddObject(gWin, x)
}
```

**See Also:**

IsAudioOut(), IsColor(), IsInteger(), IsFileStream(), IsFloat(),  
IsFont(), IsLabel(), IsList(), IsNumber(), IsString(), IsTextBox(),  
IsWidget()

### 11.1.42 IsInteger()

**Description:**

Tests whether <variant> is an integer type. Note: a number represented internally as a floating-point type whose is an integer will return false. Floating-point numbers can be converted to internally- represented integers with the ToInteger() or Round() commands.

**Usage:**

```
IsInteger(<variant>)
```

**Example:**

```
x <- 44
y <- 23.5
z <- 6.5
test <- x + y + z

IsInteger(x)      # true
IsInteger(y)      # false
IsInteger(z)      # false
IsInteger(test)   # false
```

**See Also:**

IsAudioOut(), IsColor(), IsImage(), IsFileStream(), IsFloat(),  
IsFont(), IsLabel(), IsList(), IsNumber(), IsString(), IsTextBox(),  
IsWidget()

### 11.1.43 IsKeyDown()

**Description:**

**See Also:**

IsKeyUp()

#### 11.1.44 IsKeyUp()

**Description:**

**See Also:**

IsKeyDown()

#### 11.1.45 IsLabel()

**Description:**

Tests whether <variant> is a text Label object.

**Usage:**

```
IsLabel(<variant>)
```

**Example:**

```
if(IsLabel(x))
{
    text <- GetText(x)
}
```

**See Also:**

IsAudioOut(), IsColor(), IsImage(), IsInteger(), IsFileStream(),  
IsFloat(), IsFont(), IsList(), IsNumber(), IsString(), IsTextBox(),  
IsWidget()

#### 11.1.46 IsList()

**Description:**

Tests whether <variant> is a PEBL list.

**Usage:**

```
IsList(<variant>)
```

**Example:**

```
if(IsList(x))
{
    loop(item, x)
    {
```

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```
Print(item)
}
}
```

**See Also:**

IsAudioOut(), IsColor(), IsImage(), IsInteger(), IsFileStream(),  
IsFloat(), IsFont(), IsLabel(), IsNumber(), IsString(), IsTextBox(),  
IsWidget()

### 11.1.47 IsNumber()

**Description:**

Tests whether <variant> is a number, either a floating-point or an integer.

**Usage:**

```
IsNumber(<variant>)
```

**Example:**

```
if(IsNumber(x))
{
    Print(Sequence(x, x+10, 1))
}
```

**See Also:**

IsAudioOut(), IsColor(), IsImage(), IsInteger(), IsFileStream(),  
IsFloat(), IsFont(), IsLabel(), IsList(), IsString(), IsTextBox(),  
IsWidget()

### 11.1.48 IsShape()

**Description:**

Tests whether <variant> is a drawable shape, such as a circle, square rectangle, line, bezier curve, or polygon.

**Usage:**

```
IsShape(<variant>)
```

**Example:**

```
if(IsShape(x))
{
  Move(x,300,300)
}
```

**See Also:**

Square(), Circle(), Rectangle(), Line(), Bezier(), Polygon()  
IsAudioOut(), IsColor(), IsImage(), IsInteger(), IsFileStream(),  
IsFloat(), IsFont(), IsLabel(), IsList(), IsNumber(), IsString(),  
IsTextBox(), IsWindow()

### 11.1.49 IsString()

**Description:**

Tests whether <variant> is a text string.

**Usage:**

```
IsString(<variant>)
```

**Example:**

```
if(IsString(x))
{
  tb <- MakeTextBox(x, 100, 100)
}
```

**See Also:**

IsText() IsAudioOut(), IsColor(), IsImage(), IsInteger(),  
IsFileStream(), IsFloat(), IsFont(), IsLabel(), IsList(), IsNumber(),  
IsTextBox(), IsWidget()

### 11.1.50 IsText()

**Description:**

Tests whether <variant> is a text string. Same as IsString().

**Usage:**

```
IsString(<variant>)
```

**Example:**

```
if(IsText(x))
{
    tb <- MakeTextBox(x, 100, 100)
}
```

**See Also:**

IsString() IsAudioOut(), IsColor(), IsImage(), IsInteger(),  
IsFileStream(), IsFloat(), IsFont(), IsLabel(), IsList(), IsNumber(),  
IsTextBox(), IsWidget()

### 11.1.51 IsTextBox()

**Description:**

Tests whether <variant> is a TextBox Object

**Usage:**

```
IsTextBox(<variant>)
```

**Example:**

```
if(IsTextBox(x))
{
    Print(GetText(x))
}
```

**See Also:**

IsAudioOut(), IsColor(), IsImage(), IsInteger(), IsFileStream(),  
IsFloat(), IsFont(), IsLabel(), IsList(), IsNumber(), IsString(),  
IsWidget()

### 11.1.52 IsWidget()

**Description:**

Tests whether <variant> is any kind of a widget object (image, label, or textbox).

**Usage:**

```
IsWidget(<variant>)
```

**Example:**



```
if(IsWidget(x))
{
    Move(x, 200,300)
}
```

**See Also:**

IsAudioOut(), IsColor(), IsImage(), IsInteger(), IsFileStream(),  
IsFloat(), IsFont(), IsLabel(), IsList(), IsNumber(), IsString(),  
IsTextBox()

### 11.1.53 IsWindow()

**Description:**

Tests whether <variant> is a window.

**Usage:**

```
IsWindow(<variant>)
```

**Example:**

```
if(IsWindow(x))
{
    AddObject(y,x)
}
```

**See Also:**

IsAudioOut(), IsColor(), IsImage(), IsInteger(), IsFileStream(),  
IsFloat(), IsFont(), IsLabel(), IsList(), IsNumber(), IsString(),  
IsTextBox()

### 11.1.54 LaunchFile()

*Launches a file using platform-specific handlers*

**Description:**

Launch a specified file or URI with a platform-specific handler.

**Usage:**

```
LaunchFile("filename")
```

**See Also:**

SystemCall()

### 11.1.55 MakeDirectory()

*Creates a directory in path*

**Description:**

Creates a directory with a particular name. It will have no effect if the directory already exists.

**Usage:**

```
FileExists(<path>)
```

**Example:**

```
#create data subdirectory + subject-specific directory
MakeDirectory("data")
MakeDirectory("data/"+gsubnum)
filename <- "data/"+gsubnum+"/output.csv"
```

**See Also:**

GetDirectoryListing(), FileExists(), IsDirectory(), MakeDirectory()

### 11.1.56 OpenJoystick()

*Gets a joystick object*

**Description:**

This opens an available joystick, as specified by its index. The returned object can then be used in to access the state of the joystick. It takes an integer argument, and for the most part, if you have a single joystick attached to your system, you will use OpenJoystick(1). If you want to use a second joystick, use OpenJoystick(2), and so on.

**See Also:**

GetNumJoysticks(), OpenJoystick(), GetNumJoystickAxes() GetNumJoystickBalls(), GetNumJoystickButtons(), GetNumJoystickHats() GetJoystickAxisState(), GetJoystickHatState(), GetJoystickButtonState()

### 11.1.57 PlayMovie()

**\*(CURRENTLY NOT WORKING)\*** *Plays a movie until its end*

**Description:**

Plays the movie (or other multimedia file) loaded via either the LoadMovie or LoadAudioFile function. Note that this functionality uses a different underlying system than the sound playing functions PlayBackground and PlayForeground, and they are not interchangeable.

**Usage:**

```
PlayMovie(movie)
```

**Example:**

```
movie <- LoadMovie("movie.avi",gWin,640,480)
PrintProperties(movie)
Move(movie,20,20)
movie.volume <- .1
status <- EasyLabel("Demo Movie Player",300,25,gWin,22)
Draw()
PlayMovie(movie)
```

**See Also:**

LoadAudioFile(), LoadMovie(), StartPlayback(), PausePlayback()

### 11.1.58 RegisterEvent()

*Registers events to trigger based on particular conditions*

**Description:**

Adds an event to the event loop. This function is currently experimental, and its usage may change in future versions of PEBL.

**Usage:**

```
## shows a way to generate custom WaitForMouseButton
RegisterEvent("<MOUSE_BUTTON_PRESS>",1,1,"<EQUAL>","", [])
out <- StartEventLoop()
ClearEventLoop()
```

**See Also:**

ClearEventLoop(), StartEventLoop()

### 11.1.59 SetMouseCursorPosition()

**Description:**

Sets the current x,y coordinates of the mouse pointer, ‘warping’ the mouse to that location immediately

**Usage:**

```
SetMouseCursorPosition(<x>,<y>)
```

**Example:**

```
##Set mouse to center of screen:
SetMouseCursorPosition(gVideoWidth/2,
                       gVideoHeight/2)
```

**See Also:**

ShowCursor(), WaitForMouseButton(), SetMouseCursorPosition(),  
GetMouseCursorPosition()

### 11.1.60 SetWorkingDirectory()

*Changes the current working directory*

**Description:**

Changes the current working directory to the specified path. This affects how relative file paths are resolved in subsequent file operations.

**Usage:**

```
SetWorkingDirectory(<path>)
```

**Example:**

```
SetWorkingDirectory("./data")
Print(GetWorkingDirectory()) ##Shows new directory

##Now relative paths work from ./data
file <- FileOpenRead("output.csv")
```

**See Also:**

GetWorkingDirectory(), GetHomeDirectory(), FileExists()

### 11.1.61 ShowCursor()

*Hides or show mouse cursor.*

**Description:**

Hides or shows the mouse cursor. Currently, the mouse is not used, but on some systems in some configurations, the mouse cursor shows up. Calling `ShowCursor(0)` will turn off the cursor, and `ShowCursor(1)` will turn it back on. Be sure to turn it on at the end of the experiment, or you may actually lose the cursor for good.

**Usage:**

```
ShowCursor(<value>)
```

**Example:**

```
window <- MakeWindow()
ShowCursor(0)
## Do experiment here
##

## Turn mouse back on.
ShowCursor(1)
```

### 11.1.62 SignalFatalError()

*Halts execution, printing out message*

**Description:**

Stops PEBL and prints `<message>` to stderr. In addition, when possible, it will pop-up a window with the error message. Useful for type-checking in user-defined functions. If you want to end an experiment directly, use `ExitQuietly` instead.

**Usage:**

```
SignalFatalError(<message>)
```

**Example:**

```
If(not IsList(x))
{
  SignalFatalError("Tried to frobnicate a List.")
}
```

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```
##Prints out error message and  
##line/filename of function
```

**See Also:**

Print(), ExitQuietly()

### 11.1.63 StartEventLoop()

*Starts the event loop*

**Description:**

Starts the event loop with currently-registered events. This function is currently experimental, and its usage may change in future versions of PEBL.

**Usage:**

```
## shows a way to generate custom WaitForMouseButton  
RegisterEvent("<MOUSE_BUTTON_PRESS>",1,1,"<EQUAL>", "", [])  
out <- StartEventLoop()  
ClearEventLoop()
```

**See Also:**

RegisterEvent(), ClearEventLoop()

### 11.1.64 SystemCall()

*Executes command in operating system*

**Description:**

Calls/runs another operating system command. Can also be used to launch another PEBL program. Useful to check GetSystemType() before running. Note that the output of a command-line argument is generally not passed back into PEBL; just the function's return code, which is usually 0 on success or some other number on failure (depending upon the type of failure). Some uses might include:

**Usage:**

```
SystemCall("text-of-command")  
SystemCall("text-of-command", "command-line-options")
```

**Example:**

```
if(GetSystemType() == "WINDOWS")
{
  x <- SystemCall("dir input.txt")
} else {
  x <- SystemCall("ls input.txt")
}
if(x <> 0)
{
  SignalFatalError("Expected file ["+
    "input.txt] does not exist")
}
```

See Also:

GetSystemType()

### 11.1.65 SystemCallUpdate()

*Executes an OS command with real-time output updates*

**Description:**

Calls an operating system command similar to SystemCall(), but with support for receiving output updates during execution. This is useful for long-running commands where you want to see progress.

**Usage:**

```
SystemCallUpdate(<command>)
SystemCallUpdate(<command>, <arguments>)
```

**Example:**

```
##Run a command with arguments
result <- SystemCallUpdate("ls", "-la")
```

See Also:

SystemCall(), GetSystemType()

### 11.1.66 TimeStamp()

*Returns a string containing the current date and time*

**Description:**

Returns a string containing the date-and-time, formatted according to local conventions. Should be used for documenting the time-of-day and date an experiment was run, but not for keeping track of timing accuracy. For that, use `GetTime()`.

**Usage:**

```
TimeStamp()
```

**Example:**

```
a <- TimeStamp()  
Print(a)
```

**See Also:**

`GetTime()`

### 11.1.67 TranslateKeyCode()

*Converts a keycode to a key name*

**Description:**

Translates a code corresponding to a keyboard key into a keyboard value. This code is returned by some event/device polling functions.

### 11.1.68 TranslateString()

*Converts a key name string to its keycode*

**Description:**

Translates a string representation of a key (like “a”, “space”, “return”) into its corresponding internal keycode value. This is useful for programmatically working with keyboard input.

**Usage:**

```
TranslateString(<key_string>)
```

**Example:**



```
keycode <- TranslateString("a")
spaceCode <- TranslateString("space")
enterCode <- TranslateString("return")
```

**See Also:**

TranslateKeyCode(), WaitForKeyPress()

### 11.1.69 VariableExists()

**Description:**

Tests whether a variable exists.

**Usage:**

```
Uppercase("variablename")
```

**Example:**

```
if(not VariableExists("underwear"))
{
  underwear <- "Under there"
}
```

**See Also:**

PropertyExists()

### 11.1.70 Wait()

**Description:**

Waits the specified number of milliseconds, then returns.

**Usage:**

```
Wait(<time>)
```

**Example:**

```
Wait(100)
Wait(15)
```

### 11.1.71 WaitForAllKeysUp()

*Waits until all keys are in up state*

**Description:**

Wait until all keyboard keys are in the up position. This includes numlock, capslock, etc.

### 11.1.72 WaitForKeyDown()

*Waits until a specific key is in the down state*

**Description:**

Waits for a specific key to be detected in the down position. Unlike WaitForKeyPress(), this tests the state of the key rather than waiting for a keypress event. Will return immediately if the key is already down when called.

**Usage:**

```
WaitForKeyDown(<key>)
```

**Example:**

```
WaitForKeyDown("a")
Print("The 'a' key is now down")
```

**See Also:**

WaitForKeyPress(), WaitForKeyRelease(), WaitForAnyKeyDown()

### 11.1.73 WaitForAnyKeyDown()

*Waits until any key is detected in down state*

**Description:**

Waits for any key to be detected in the down position. This includes numlock, capslock, etc, which can be locked in the down position even if they are not being held down. Will return immediately if a key is being held down before the function is called.

**See Also:**

WaitForAnyKeyPress()

### 11.1.74 WaitForAnyKeyDownWithTimeout()

**Description:**

Waits until any key is detected in the down position, but will return after a specified number of milliseconds. This tests for the key position on each cycle; users should prefer using WaitForAnyKeyPressWithTimeout() which waits for the keypress event.

**Usage:**

```
WaitForAnyKeyDownWithTimeout(<time>)
```

**See Also:**

WaitForAnyKeyPressWithTimeout(), WaitListKeyPressWithTimeout(),  
WaitForAnyKeyPress(), WaitListKeyPress()

### 11.1.75 WaitForAnyKeyPress()

*Waits until any key is pressed*

**Description:**

Waits until any key is pressed, and returns the key pressed. This waits for the keyboard event, which is typically more reliable and less computationally taxing than waiting for the keyboard state (which updates based on those events anyway).

**Usage:**

```
WaitForKeyPress(<time>)
```

**Example:**

```
cont <- 1
while(cont)
{
  key <- WaitForAnyKeyPress()
  if(key == "x")
  {
    cont <- 0
  }
}
```

**See Also:**

WaitForAnyKeyPressWithTimeout(), WaitListKeyPressWithTimeout(),  
WaitListKeyPress()

### 11.1.76 WaitForAnyKeyPressWithTimeout()

**Description:**

Waits until any key is detected in the down position, but will return after a specified number of milliseconds. This tests for the key position on each cycle; users should prefer using WaitForAnyKeyPressWithTimeout() which waits for the keypress event.

**Usage:**

```
WaitForAnyKeyDownWithTimeout(<time>)
```

**See Also:**

WaitForAnyKeyPressWithTimeout(), WaitListKeyPressWithTimeout()

### 11.1.77 WaitForKeyListDown()

*Waits until one of the keys is in down state*

**Description:**

Returns when any one of the keys specified in the argument is down. If a key is down when called, it will return immediately.

**Usage:**

```
WaitForKeyListDown(<list-of-keys>)
```

**Example:**

```
WaitForKeyListDown(["a","z"])
```

### 11.1.78 WaitForKeyPress()

**Description:**

Waits for a keypress event that matches the specified key. Usage of this function is preferred over WaitForKeyDown(), which tests the state of the key. Returns the value of the key pressed.

**Usage:**

```
WaitForKeyPress(<key>)
```

**See Also:**

WaitForAnyKeyPress(), WaitForKeyRelease(), WaitForListKeyPress()

### 11.1.79 WaitForKeyUp()

**Description:**

### 11.1.80 WaitForKeyRelease()

*Waits until a specific key is released*

**Description:**

Waits for a specific key to be released (transition from down to up state). This is useful for ensuring a key has been released before continuing, preventing accidental repeated inputs.

**Usage:**

```
WaitForKeyRelease(<key>)
```

**Example:**

```
WaitForKeyPress("space")
Print("Space pressed")
WaitForKeyRelease("space")
Print("Space released")
```

**See Also:**

WaitForKeyDown(), WaitForKeyPress(), WaitForAnyKeyPress()

### 11.1.81 WaitForListKeyPress()

**Description:**

Returns when any one of the keys specified in the argument is pressed. Will only return on a new keyboard event, and so a previously pressed key will not trip this function, unlike WaitForKeyListDown() Returns a string indicating the value of the keypress.

**Usage:**

```
WaitForListKeyPress(<list-of-keys>)
```

**Example:**

```
WaitForListKeyPress(["a","z"])
```

**See Also:**

`WaitForKeyListDown()`, `WaitForListKeyPressWithTimeout()`

### 11.1.82 WaitForListKeyPressWithTimeout()

**Description:**

Returns when any one of the keys specified in the argument is pressed, or when the timeout has elapsed; whichever comes first. Will only return on a new keyboard/timeout events, and so a previously pressed key will not trip this function, unlike `WaitForKeyListDown()`. The optional `<style>` parameter is currently unused, but may be deployed in the future for differences in how or when things should be returned. Returns the value of the pressed key. If the function terminates by exceeding the `<timeout>`, it will return the string `"<timeout>"`. Note: previous to 2.0, returned a list [`"<timeout>"`], which may mean updating logic for tests designed in the 0.x series.

**Usage:**

```
WaitForListKeyPressWithTimeout(<list-of-keys>,  
                               <timeout>,opt:<style>)
```

**Example:**

```
x <- WaitForListKeyPressWithTimeout(["a","z"],  
                                   2000)  
  
if(IsList(x))  
{  
  Print("Did Not Respond.")  
}
```

**See Also:**

`WaitForKeyListDown()`, `WaitForListKeyPress()`,  
`WaitForKeyPressWithTimeout()`

### 11.1.83 WaitForMouseButton()

*Waits until any of the mouse buttons is pressed or released, and returns message indicating what happened*

**Description:**

Waits for a mouse click event to occur. This takes no arguments, and returns a 4-tuple list, indicating:

```
[xpos, ypos, button id [1-3], "<pressed>" or "<released>"]
```

Usage:

```
WaitForMouseButton()
```

Example:

```
## Here is how to wait for a mouse down-click

continue <- 1
while(continue)
{
  x <- WaitForMouseButton()
  if(Nth(x,4)=="<pressed>")
  {
    continue <- 0
  }
}
Print("Clicked")
```

See Also:

ShowCursor(), WaitForMouseButtonWithTimeout()  
SetMouseCursorPosition(), GetMouseCursorPosition()

### 11.1.84 WaitForMouseButtonWithTimeout()

Description:

Waits for a mouse click event to occur, or a timeout to be reached. This takes a single argument: timeout delay in ms. When clicked, it returns a 4-tuple list, indicating:

```
[xpos, ypos, button id [1-3], "<pressed>" or "<released>"]

when not click and timeout is reached, it returns a list:
↳ ``[timeout]``
```

Usage:

```
WaitForMouseButtonWithTimeOut(10)
```

Example:

```
## Here is how to wait for a mouse down-click

continue <- 1
while(continue)
{
  x <- WaitForMouseButtonWithTimeout(500)
  if(First(x)=="<timeout>")
  {
    Print("time is "+GetTime())
    continue <- 1
  } else {
    continue <- 0
  }
}
Print("Clicked")
```

See Also:

ShowCursor(), SetMouseCursorPosition(), GetMouseCursorPosition()

## 11.2 PEBLList - List Manipulation

This module contains functions for creating, manipulating, and querying lists.

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### 11.2.1 Append()

#### Description:

Appends an item to a list. Useful for constructing lists in conjunction with the loop statement. Note: `Append()` is useful, but inefficient for large data structures, because it requires making a copy of the entire data list and then overwriting it, if you use `list <- Append(list, item)`. The overhead will be hardly noticeable unless you are building lists hundreds of elements long. In that case you should either create the list upfront and use `SetElement`, or you `PushOnEnd` to modify the list directly.

#### Usage:

```
Append(<list>, <item>)
```

#### Example:

```
list <- Sequence(1,5,1)
double <- []
```

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```
loop(i, list)
{
  double <- Append(double, [i,i])
}
Print(double)
# Produces [[1,1],[2,2],[3,3],[4,4],[5,5]]
```

**See Also:**

SetElement() List(), [ ](), Merge(), PushOnEnd()

### 11.2.2 CrossFactorWithoutDuplicates()

**Description:**

This function takes a single list, and returns a list of all pairs, excluding the pairs that have two of the same item. To achieve the same effect but include the duplicates, use: `DesignFullCounterBalance(x,x)`.

**Usage:**

```
CrossFactorWithoutDuplicates(<list>)
```

**Example:**

```
CrossFactorWithoutDuplicates([a,b,c])
# == [[a,b],[a,c],[b,a],[b,c],[c,a],[c,b]]
```

**See Also:**

DesignFullCounterBalance(), Repeat(), DesignBalancedSampling(),  
DesignGrecoLatinSquare(), DesignLatinSquare(), RepeatList(),  
LatinSquare(), Shuffle()

### 11.2.3 DesignFullCounterbalance()

**Description:**

This takes two lists as parameters, and returns a nested list of lists that includes the full counterbalancing of both parameter lists. Use cautiously; this gets very large.

**Usage:**

```
DesignFullCounterbalance(<lista>, <listb>)
```

**Example:**

```
a <- [1,2,3]
b <- [9,8,7]
DesignFullCounterbalance(a,b)      # == [[1,9],[1,8],[1,7],
                                   #      [2,9],[2,8],[2,7],
                                   #      [3,9],[3,8],[3,7]]
```

**See Also:**

CrossFactorWithoutDuplicates(), LatinSquare(), Shuffle(),  
 DesignBalancedSampling(), DesignGrecoLatinSquare(),  
 DesignLatinSquare(), Repeat(), RepeatList(),

## 11.2.4 First()

*Returns the first item in a list.*

**Description:**

Returns the first item of a list.

**Usage:**

```
First(<list>)
```

**Example:**

```
First([3,33,132])      # == 3
```

**See Also:**

Nth(), Last()

## 11.2.5 IsMember()

**Description:**

Returns true if <element> is a member of <list>.

**Usage:**

```
IsMember(<element>,<list>)
```

**Example:**

```
IsMember(2,[1,4,6,7,7,7,7])      # false
IsMember(2,[1,4,6,7,2,7,7,7])    # true
```

### 11.2.6 Last()

*Returns the last item in a list.*

**Description:**

Returns the last item in a list. Provides faster access to the last item of a list than does Nth().

**Usage:**

```
Last(<list>)
```

**Example:**

```
Last([1,2,3,444])    # == 444
```

**See Also:**

Nth(), First()

### 11.2.7 Length()

*Returns the number of elements in a list.*

**Description:**

Returns the number of items in a list.

**Usage:**

```
Length(<list>)
```

**Example:**

```
Length([1,3,55,1515])    # == 4
```

**See Also:**

StringLength()

### 11.2.8 List()

*Makes a list out of items*

**Description:**

Creates a list of items. Functional version of [].

**Usage:**

```
List(<item1>, <item2>, ....)
```

**Example:**

```
List(1,2,3,444)           # == [1,2,3,444]
```

**See Also:**

[ ](), Merge(), Append()

### 11.2.9 ListToString()

**Description:**

Converts a list of things to a single string

**Usage:**

```
ListToString(<list>)
```

**Example:**

```
ListToString([1,2,3,444])           # == "123444"  
ListToString(["a","b","c","d","e"]) # == "abcde"
```

**See Also:**

SubString(), StringLength(), ConcatenateList

### 11.2.10 Merge()

*Combines two lists.*

**Description:**

Combines two lists, <lista> and <listb>, into a single list.

**Usage:**

```
Merge(<lista>,<listb>)
```

**Example:**

```
Merge([1,2,3],[8,9])      # == [1,2,3,8,9]
```

**See Also:**

[ ](), Append(), List()

### 11.2.11 ModList()

*Adds pre- and post- elements to each list member*

**Description:**

Modifies each element of a list with a pre- and post- string. If the list item is not a string, it will use whatever string it turns into. This creates a new list, so it could be used to make a copy of a string-based list.

**Usage:**

```
ModList(<list>,<pre>,<post>)  
ModList(list,"<",">")  ##encloses each list item in brackets
```

**Example:**

```
ModList([1,2,3,444]," ","")  
ModList(["a","b","c","d","e"],"","-")
```

**See Also:**

SubString(), StringLength(), FoldList, ConcatenateList,

### 11.2.12 Nth()

*Returns the nth item in a list.*

**Description:**

Extracts the Nth item from a list. Indexes from 1 upwards. Last() provides faster access than Nth() to the end of a list, which must walk along the list to the desired position.

**Usage:**

```
Nth(<list>,<index>)
```

**Example:**

```
a <- ["a", "b", "c", "d"]  
Print(Nth(a,3))           # == 'c'
```

**See Also:**

First(), Last(), Second(), Third(), Fourth(), Fifth()

### 11.2.13 Second()

*Returns the second item in a list.*

**Description:**

Returns the second item of a list. Provides convenient access to the second element without using Nth().

**Usage:**

```
Second(<list>)
```

**Example:**

```
Second([3,33,132,200])    # == 33
```

**See Also:**

First(), Third(), Fourth(), Fifth(), Nth(), Last()

### 11.2.14 Third()

*Returns the third item in a list.*

**Description:**

Returns the third item of a list. Provides convenient access to the third element without using Nth().

**Usage:**

```
Third(<list>)
```

**Example:**

```
Third([3,33,132,200])    # == 132
```

**See Also:**

First(), Second(), Fourth(), Fifth(), Nth(), Last()

### 11.2.15 Fourth()

*Returns the fourth item in a list.*

**Description:**

Returns the fourth item of a list. Provides convenient access to the fourth element without using Nth().

**Usage:**

```
Fourth(<list>)
```

**Example:**

```
Fourth([3,33,132,200])           # == 200
```

**See Also:**

First(), Second(), Third(), Fifth(), Nth(), Last()

### 11.2.16 Fifth()

*Returns the fifth item in a list.*

**Description:**

Returns the fifth item of a list. Provides convenient access to the fifth element without using Nth().

**Usage:**

```
Fifth(<list>)
```

**Example:**

```
Fifth([3,33,132,200,999])       # == 999
```

**See Also:**

First(), Second(), Third(), Fourth(), Nth(), Last()



### 11.2.17 PushOnEnd()

#### Description:

Pushes an item onto the end of a list, modifying the list itself. Note: `PushOnEnd` is a more efficient replacement for `Append()`. Unlike `Append`, it will modify the original list as a side effect, so the following works:

```
PushOnEnd(list, item)
```

There is no need to set the original list to the result of `PushOnEnd`, like you must do with `Append`. However, it does in fact work, and incurs only a slight overhead, so that `Append` can often be replaced with `PushOnEnd` without worry.

```
list <- PushOnEnd(list, item)
```

#### Usage:

```
PushOnEnd(<list>, <item>)
```

#### Example:

```
list <- Sequence(1,5,1)
double <- []
loop(i, list)
{
  PushOnEnd(double, [i,i])
}
Print(double)
# Produces [[1,1],[2,2],[3,3],[4,4],[5,5]]
```

#### See Also:

`SetElement()` `List()`, `[ ]()`, `Merge()`, `PushOnEnd()`

### 11.2.18 Repeat()

#### Description:

Makes and returns a list by repeating `<object>` `<n>` times. Has no effect on the object. `Repeat` will not make new copies of the object. If you later change the object, you will change every object in the list.

#### Usage:

```
Repeat(<object>, <n>)
```

**Example:**

```
x <- "potato"
y <- repeat(x, 10)
Print(y)
# produces ["potato","potato","potato",
            "potato","potato", "potato",
            "potato","potato","potato","potato"]
```

**See Also:**

RepeatList()

### 11.2.19 RepeatList()

**Description:**

Makes a longer list by repeating a shorter list <n> times. Has no effect on the list itself, but changes made to objects in the new list will also affect the old list.

**Usage:**

```
RepeatList(<list>, <n>)
```

**Example:**

```
RepeatList([1,2],3) # == [1,2,1,2,1,2]
```

**See Also:**

Repeat(), Merge(), [ ]()

### 11.2.20 Rotate()

**Description:**

Returns a list created by rotating a list by <n> items. The new list will begin with the <n+1>`th item of the old list (modulo its length), and contain all of its items in order, jumping back to the beginning and ending with the ``<n>`th item. Rotate(``<list>,0) has no effect. Rotate does not modify the original list.

**Usage:**

```
Rotate(<list-of-items>, <n>)
```

**Example:**

```
Rotate([1,11,111],1) # == [11,111,1]
```

**See Also:**

Transpose()

### 11.2.21 Sequence()

**Description:**

Makes a sequence of numbers from <start> to <end> at <step>-sized increments. If <step> is positive, <end> must be larger than <start>, and if <step> is negative, <end> must be smaller than <start>. If <start> + n\*<step> does not exactly equal <end>, the last item in the sequence will be the number closest number to <end> in the direction of <start> (and thus <step>).

**Usage:**

```
Sequence(<start>, <end>, <step>)
```

**Example:**

```
Sequence(0,10,3)      # == [0,3,6,9]
Sequence(0,10,1.5)    # == [0,1.5,3,4.5, 6, 7.5, 9]
Sequence(10,1,3)      # error
Sequence(10,0,-1)     # == [10,9,8,7,6,5,4,3,2,1]
```

**See Also:**

Repeat(), RepeatList()

### 11.2.22 SetElement()

*Sets an element of list to value*

**Description:**

Efficiently alter a specific item from a list. **SetElement** has length-constant access time, and so it can be efficient to pre-create a list structure and then populate it one-by-one.

**Usage:**

```
SetElement(<list>, <index>, <value>)
```

**Example:**

```
##Set a random subset of elements to their index:
list <- Repeat(0,10)
index <- 1
while(index <= 10)
{
  if(Random()<.2)
  {
    SetElement(list,index,index)
  }
  index <- index + 1
}
```

**See Also:**

Nth(), Append(), PushOnEnd()

### 11.2.23 Shuffle()

*Returns a new list with the items in list shuffled randomly.*

**Description:**

Randomly shuffles a list.

**Usage:**

```
Shuffle(list)
```

**Example:**

```
Print(Shuffle([1,2,3,4,5]))
# Results might be anything, like [5,3,2,1,4]
```

**See Also:**

Sort(), SortBy(), ShuffleRepeat(), ShuffleWithoutAdjacents()

### 11.2.24 Sort()

*Sorts a list by its values.*

**Description:**

Sorts a list by its values from smallest to largest.

**Usage:**

```
Sort(<list>)
```

**Example:**

```
Sort([3,4,2,1,5]) # == [1,2,3,4,5]
```

**See Also:**

SortBy(), Shuffle()

### 11.2.25 SortBy()

**Description:**

Sorts a list by the values in another list, in ascending order.

**Usage:**

```
SortBy(<value-list>, <key-list>)
```

**Example:**

```
SortBy(["Bobby", "Greg", "Peter"], [3,1,2])  
# == ["Greg", "Peter", "Bobby"]
```

**See Also:**

Shuffle(), Sort()

### 11.2.26 SubList()

*Returns a sublist of a list.*

**Description:**

Extracts a list from another list, by specifying beginning and end points of new sublist.

**Usage:**

```
SubList(<list>, <begin>, <end>)
```

**Example:**

```
SubList([1,2,3,4,5,6],3,5)  # == [3,4,5]
```

**See Also:**

SubSet(), ExtractListItems()

### 11.2.27 Transpose()

*Transposes a list of equal-length lists.*

**Description:**

Transposes or **rotates** a list of lists. Each sublist must be of the same length.

**Usage:**

```
Transpose(<list-of-lists>)
```

**Example:**

```
Transpose([[1,11,111],[2,22,222],
           [3,33,333],[4,44,444]])
# == [[1,2,3,4],[11,22,33,44],
#      [111,222,333,444]]
```

**See Also:**

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## 11.3 PEBLMath - Mathematical

This module contains compiled mathematical and statistical functions.

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### 11.3.1 Abs()

*Returns the absolute value of the number*

**Description:**

Returns the absolute value of the number.

**Usage:**

```
Abs(<num>)
```

**Example:**

```
Abs(-300)    # ==300  
Abs(23)      # ==23
```

**See Also:**

Round(), Floor(), AbsFloor(), Sign(), Ceiling()

### 11.3.2 AbsFloor()

**Description:**

Rounds <num> toward 0 to an integer.

**Usage:**

```
AbsFloor(<num>)
```

**Example:**

```
AbsFloor(-332.7)    # == -332  
AbsFloor(32.88)     # == 32
```

**See Also:**

Round(), Floor(), Abs(), Sign(), Ceiling()



### 11.3.3 ACos()

**Description:**

Inverse cosine of <num>, in degrees.

**Usage:**

```
ACos(<num>)
```

**See Also:**

Cos(), Sin(), Tan(), ATan(), ATan()

### 11.3.4 ASin()

**Description:**

Inverse Sine of <num>, in degrees.

**Usage:**

```
ASin(<num>)
```

**See Also:**

Cos(), Sin(), Tan(), ATan(), ACos(), ATan()

### 11.3.5 ATan()

**Description:**

Inverse Tan of <num>, in degrees.

**See Also:**

Cos(), Sin(), Tan(), ATan(), ACos(), ATan()

### 11.3.6 Ceiling()

**Description:**

Rounds <num> up to the next integer.

**Usage:**

```
Ceiling(<num>)
```

**Example:**

```
Ceiling(33.23)      # == 34
Ceiling(-33.02)     # == -33
```

**See Also:**

Round(), Floor(), AbsFloor(), Ceiling()

### 11.3.7 Cos()

**Description:**

Cosine of <deg> degrees.

**Example:**

```
Cos(33.5)
Cos(-32)
```

**See Also:**

Sin(), Tan(), ATan(), ACos(), ATan()

### 11.3.8 DegToRad()

*Converts degrees to radians*

**Description:**

Converts degrees to radians.

**Usage:**

```
DegToRad(<deg>)
```

**Example:**

```
DegToRad(180) # == 3.14159...
```

**See Also:**

Cos(), Sin(), Tan(), ATan(), ACos(), ATan()

### 11.3.9 Div()

**Description:**

Returns round(<num>/<mod>)

**Usage:**

```
Div(<num>, <mod>)
```

**See Also:**

Mod()

### 11.3.10 Exp()

**Description:**

$e^x$  to the power of <pow>.

**Usage:**

```
Exp(<pow>)
```

**Example:**

```
Exp(0)          # == 1
Exp(3)          # == 20.0855
```

**See Also:**

Log()

### 11.3.11 Floor()

**Description:**

Rounds <num> down to the next integer.

**Usage:**

```
Floor(<num>)
```

**Example:**

```
Floor(33.23) # == 33
Floor(3.999) # == 3
Floor(-32.23) # == -33
```

**See Also:**

AbsFloor(), Round(), Ceiling()

### 11.3.12 Ln()

**Description:**

Natural log of <num>.

**Usage:**

```
Ln(<num>)
```

**See Also:**

Log(), Log2(), LogN(), Exp()

### 11.3.13 LogN()

**Description:**

Log base <base> of <num>.

**Usage:**

```
LogN(<num>, <base>)
```

**Example:**

```
LogN(100,10) # == 2  
LogN(256,2)  # == 8
```

**See Also:**

Log(), Log2(), Ln(), Exp()

### 11.3.14 Mod()

**Description:**

Returns <num>, <mod>, or remainder of <num>/<mod>

**Usage:**

```
Mod( <num> <mod>)
```

**Example:**

```
Mod(34, 10)  # == 4  
Mod(3, 10)   # == 3
```

**See Also:**

Div()

### 11.3.15 NthRoot()

**Description:**

<num> to the power of 1/<root>.

**Usage:**

```
NthRoot(<num>, <root>)
```

### 11.3.16 Pow()

**Description:**

Raises or lowers <num> to the power of <pow>.

**Usage:**

```
Pow(<num>, <pow>)
```

**Example:**

```
Pow(2,6)      # == 64  
Pow(5,0)      # == 1
```

### 11.3.17 RadToDeg()

*Converts radians to degrees*

**Description:**

Converts <rad> radians to degrees.

**Usage:**

```
RadToDeg( <rad>)
```

**See Also:**

DegToRad(), Tan(), Cos(), Sin(), ATan(), ASin(), ACos()

### 11.3.18 Random()

*Returns a random number between 0 and 1*

**Description:**

Returns a random number between 0 and 1.

**Usage:**

```
Random()
```

**Example:**

```
a <- Random()
```

**See Also:**

Random(), RandomBernoulli(), RandomBinomial(), RandomDiscrete(),  
RandomExponential(), RandomLogistic(), RandomLogNormal(),  
RandomNormal(), RandomUniform(), RandomizeTimer(), SeedRNG()

### 11.3.19 RandomBernoulli()

**Description:**

Returns 0 with probability (1-<p>) and 1 with probability <p>.

**Usage:**

```
RandomBernoulli(<p>)
```

**Example:**

```
RandomBernoulli(.3)
```

**See Also:**

Random(), RandomBernoulli(), RandomBinomial(), RandomDiscrete(),  
RandomExponential(), RandomLogistic(), RandomLogNormal(),  
RandomNormal(), RandomUniform(), RandomizeTimer(), SeedRNG()

### 11.3.20 RandomBinomial()

**Description:**

Returns a random number according to the Binomial distribution with probability <p> and repetitions <n>, i.e., the number of <p> Bernoulli trials that succeed out of <n> attempts.

**Usage:**

```
RandomBinomial(<p> <n>)
```

**Example:**

```
RandomBinomial(.3, 10) # returns number from 0 to 10
```

**See Also:**

Random(), RandomBernoulli(), RandomBinomial(), RandomDiscrete(),  
RandomExponential(), RandomLogistic(), RandomLogNormal(),  
RandomNormal(), RandomUniform(), RandomizeTimer(), SeedRNG()

### 11.3.21 RandomDiscrete()

**Description:**

Returns a random integer between 1 and the argument (inclusive), each with equal probability. If the argument is a floating-point value, it will be truncated down; if it is less than 1, it will return 1, and possibly a warning message.

**Usage:**

```
RandomDiscrete(<num>)
```

**Example:**

```
# Returns a random integer between 1 and 30:  
RandomDiscrete(30)
```

**See Also:**

Random(), RandomBernoulli(), RandomBinomial(), RandomDiscrete(),  
RandomExponential(), RandomLogistic(), RandomLogNormal(),  
RandomNormal(), RandomUniform(), RandomizeTimer(), SeedRNG()

### 11.3.22 RandomExponential()

**Description:**

Returns a random number according to exponential distribution with mean <mean> (or decay 1/mean).

**Usage:**

```
RandomExponential(<mean>)
```

**Example:**

```
RandomExponential(100)
```

**See Also:**

Random(), RandomBernoulli(), RandomBinomial(), RandomDiscrete(), RandomLogistic(), RandomLogNormal(), RandomNormal(), RandomUniform(), RandomizeTimer(), SeedRNG()

### 11.3.23 RandomizeTimer()

*Seeds the RNG with the current time*

**Description:**

Seeds the RNG with the current time.

**Usage:**

```
RandomizeTimer()
```

**Example:**

```
RandomizeTimer()  
x <- Random()
```

**See Also:**

Random(), RandomBernoulli(), RandomBinomial(), RandomDiscrete(), RandomExponential(), RandomLogistic(), RandomLogNormal(), RandomNormal(), RandomUniform(), SeedRNG()



### 11.3.24 RandomLogistic()

**Description:**

Returns a random number according to the logistic distribution with parameter `<p>`:  $f(x) = \exp(x)/(1+\exp(x))$

**Usage:**

```
RandomLogistic(<p>)
```

**See Also:**

Random(), RandomBernoulli(), RandomBinomial(), RandomDiscrete(),  
RandomExponential(), RandomLogNormal(), RandomNormal(),  
RandomUniform(), RandomizeTimer(), SeedRNG()

### 11.3.25 RandomLogNormal()

**Description:**

Returns a random number according to the log-normal distribution with parameters `<median>` and `<spread>`. Generated by calculating `$median * exp(spread * RandomNormal(0,1))$`. `<spread>` is a shape parameter, and only affects the variance as a function of the median; similar to the coefficient of variation. A value near 0 is a sharp distribution (.1-.3), larger values are more spread out; values greater than 2 make little difference in the shape.

**Usage:**

```
RandomLogNormal(<median>, <spread>)
```

**Example:**

```
RandomLogNormal(5000, .1)
```

**See Also:**

Random(), RandomBernoulli(), RandomBinomial(), RandomDiscrete(),  
RandomExponential(), RandomLogistic(), RandomNormal(),  
RandomUniform(), RandomizeTimer(), SeedRNG()

### 11.3.26 RandomNormal()

**Description:**

Returns a random number according to the standard normal distribution with `<mean>` and `<stdev>`.

**Usage:**

```
RandomNormal(<mean>, <stdev>)
```

**See Also:**

Random(), RandomBernoulli(), RandomBinomial(), RandomDiscrete(),  
RandomExponential(), RandomLogistic(), RandomLogNormal(),  
RandomUniform(), RandomizeTimer(), SeedRNG()

### 11.3.27 RandomUniform()

**Description:**

Returns a random floating-point number between 0 and `<num>`.

**Usage:**

```
RandomUniform(<num>)
```

**See Also:**

Random(), RandomBernoulli(), RandomBinomial(), RandomDiscrete(),  
RandomExponential(), RandomLogistic(), RandomLogNormal(),  
RandomNormal(), RandomizeTimer(), SeedRNG()

### 11.3.28 Round()

**Description:**

Rounds `<num>` to nearest integer, or if optional `<precision>` argument is included, to nearest  $10^{-precision}$ .

**Usage:**

```
Round(<num>)  
Round(<num>, <precision>)
```

**Example:**

```
Round(33.23)      # == 33
Round(56.65)      # == 57
Round(33.12234,2) # == 33.12
Round(43134.23,-2) # == 43100
```

**See Also:**

Ceiling(), Floor(), AbsFloor(), ToInt()

**11.3.29 SeedRNG()****Description:**

Seeds the random number generator with <num> to reproduce a random sequence. This function can be used cleverly to create a multi-session experiment: Start by seeding the RNG with a single number for each subject; generate the stimulus sequence, then extract the appropriate stimuli for the current block. Remember to RandomizeTimer() afterward if necessary.

**Usage:**

```
SeedRNG(<num>)
```

**Example:**

```
##This makes sure you get the same random order
## across sessions for individual subjects.
SeedRNG(gSubNum)
stimTmp <- Sequence(1:100,1)
stim <- Shuffle(stimTmp)
RandomizeTimer()
```

**See Also:**

RandomizeTimer()

**11.3.30 Sign()**

*Returns +1 or -1, depending on sign of argument*

**Description:**

Returns +1 or -1, depending on sign of argument.

**Usage:**

```
Sign(<num>)
```

**Example:**

```
Sign(-332.1)  # == -1  
Sign(65)     # == 1
```

**See Also:**

Abs()

### 11.3.31 Sin()

**Description:**

Sine of <deg> degrees.

**Usage:**

```
Sin(<deg>)
```

**Example:**

```
Sin(180)  
Sin(0)
```

**See Also:**

Cos(), Tan(), ATan(), ACos(), ATan()

### 11.3.32 Sqrt()

**Description:**

Square root of <num>.

**Usage:**

```
Sqrt(<num>)
```

**Example:**

```
Sqrt(100)  # == 10
```

### 11.3.33 Tan()

**Description:**

Tangent of <deg> degrees.

**Usage:**

```
Tan(<deg>)
```

**Example:**

```
Tan(180)
```

**See Also:**

Cos(), Sin(), ATan(), ACos(), ATan()

### 11.3.34 ToFloat()

*Converts number to internal floating-point representation*

**Description:**

Converts number to internal floating-point representation.

**Usage:**

```
ToFloat(<number>)
```

### 11.3.35 ToInteger()

*Rounds a number to an integer, and changes internal representation*

**Description:**

Rounds a number to an integer, changing internal representation.

**Usage:**

```
ToInteger(<number>)  
ToInteger(<floating-point>)  
ToInteger(<string-as-number>)
```

**Example:**

```
ToInteger(33.332) # == 33  
ToInteger("3213") # == 3213
```

**See Also:**

Round(), Ceiling(), AbsCeiling(), Floor(), AbsFloor()

### 11.3.36 ToNumber()

**Description:**

Converts a variant to a number. Most useful for character strings that are interpretable as a number, but may also work for other subtypes.

**Usage:**

```
ToNumber(<string>)  
ToNumber(<number>)
```

**Example:**

```
a <- ToNumber("3232")  
Print(a + 1)           # produces the output 3233.
```

**See Also:**

ToString(), ToFloat(), Round()

### 11.3.37 ToString()

*Converts a numerical value to a string representation*

**Description:**

Converts value to a string representation. Most useful for numerical values. This conversion is done automatically when strings are combined with numbers.

**Usage:**

```
ToString(<number>)  
ToString(<string>)
```

**Example:**

```
a <- ToString(333.232)  
Print(a + "111")  
# produces the output '333.232111'.
```

**See Also:**

ToString(), +.

## 11.4 PEBLObject - Graphics and Objects

This module contains functions for creating and manipulating graphical objects, windows, and visual elements.

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### 11.4.1 AddObject()

*Adds an object to a parent object (window)*

#### Description:

Adds a widget to a parent window, at the top of the object stack. Once added, the object will be drawn onto the parent last, meaning it will be on top of anything previously added. In general, objects can be added to other objects as well as windows. For example, you can add drawing objects (circles, etc.) to an image to annotate the image and maintain its proper x,y coordinates. Also, if you ‘re-add’ an object that is already on a widget, it will get automatically removed from the window first. This is an easy way to reorder elements on a screen.

```
AddObject(<obj>, <window>) AddObject(<obj>, <canvas>) AddObject(
↳<obj>, <widget>)
```

#### Example:

```
define Start(p)
{
  win <- MakeWindow()
  img <- MakeImage("pebl.png")
  circ <- Circle(20,20,10,MakeColor("red"),1)
  AddObject(circ,img)
  AddObject(img,win)
  Move(img,100,100)
  Draw()
  WaitForAnyKeyPress()
}
```

#### See Also:

`RemoveObject()`

### 11.4.2 Bezier()

*Creates bezier curve centered at x,y with relative points*

**Description:**

Creates a smoothed line through the points specified by <xpoints>, <ypoints>. The lists <xpoints> and <ypoints> are adjusted by <x> and <y>, so they should be relative to 0, not the location you want the points to be at. Like other drawn objects, the bezier must then be added to the window to appear. <steps> denotes how smooth the approximation will be.

**Usage:**

```
Bezier(<x>,<y>,<xpoints>,<ypoints>,  
      <steps>,<color>)
```

**Example:**

```
win <- MakeWindow()  
#This makes a T  
xpoints <- [-10,10,10,20,20,-20,-20,-10]  
ypoints <- [-20,-20,40,40,50,50,40,40]  
p1 <- Bezier(100,100,xpoints, ypoints,  
            5, MakeColor("black"))  
AddObject(p1,win)  
Draw()
```

**See Also:**

BlockE(), Polygon(), MakeStarPoints(), MakeNGonPoints()

### 11.4.3 Circle()

*Creates circle with radius r centered at position x,y*

**Description:**

Creates a circle for graphing at x,y with radius r. Circles must be added to a parent widget before it can be drawn; it may be added to widgets other than a base window. The properties of circles may be changed by accessing their properties directly, including the FILLED property which makes the object an outline versus a filled shape.

**Usage:**

```
Circle(<x>,<y>,<r>,<color>)
```

**Example:**

```
c <- Circle(30,30,20, MakeColor(green))
AddObject(c, win)
Draw()
```

**See Also:**

Square(), Ellipse(), Rectangle(), Line()

#### 11.4.4 Draw()

*Redraws a widget and its children*

**Description:**

Redraws the screen or a specific widget.

**Usage:**

```
Draw()
Draw(<object>)
```

**See Also:**

DrawFor(), Show(), Hide()

#### 11.4.5 DrawFor()

**Description:**

Draws a screen or widget, returning after <cycles> refreshes. This function currently does not work as intended in the SDL implementation, because of a lack of control over the refresh blank. It may work in the future.

**Usage:**

```
DrawFor( <object>, <cycles>)
```

**See Also:**

Draw(), Show(), Hide()

### 11.4.6 Ellipse()

*Creates ellipse with radii rx and ry centered at position x,y*

**Description:**

Creates a ellipse for graphing at x,y with radii rx and ry. Ellipses are only currently definable oriented in horizontal/vertical directions. Ellipses must be added to a parent widget before it can be drawn; it may be added to widgets other than a base window. The properties of ellipses may be changed by accessing their properties directly, including the FILLED property which makes the object an outline versus a filled shape.

**Usage:**

```
Ellipse(<x>, <y>, <rx>, <ry>,<color>)
```

**Example:**

```
e <- Ellipse(30,30,20,10, MakeColor(green))
AddObject(e, win)
Draw()
```

**See Also:**

Square(), Circle(), Rectangle(), Line()

### 11.4.7 GetCursorPosition()

**Description:**

Returns an integer specifying where in a textbox the edit cursor is. The value indicates which character it is on.

**Usage:**

```
GetCursorPosition(<textbox>)
```

**See Also:**

SetCursorPosition(), MakeTextBox(), SetText()

### 11.4.8 GetLineBreaks()

**Description:**

This gets linebreaks for a textbox. It is mainly used internally for text rendering/layout, but could be useful in other contexts.

**Example:**

```
gWin <- MakeWindow()
obj <- EasyTextbox("test a b c
d e f
g h i j k
l m n o p q r
s t u v",30,30,gWin,22, 40,200)

breaks <- GetLineBreaks(obj)
Print("Number of lines:" + Length(breaks))
```

### 11.4.9 GetParent()

**Description:**

This gets parent of a widget.

**Example:**

```
gWin <- MakeWindow()
obj <- EasyLabel("test",30,30,gWin,22)

## later

win <- GetParent(obj) ##should be gWin
```

### 11.4.10 GetPixelColor()

*Gets the color of a specified pixel on a widget*

**Description:**

Gets a color object specifying the color of a particular pixel on a widget.

**Usage:**

```
color <- GetPixelColor(widget,x,y)
```

**Example:**

```
##Judge brightness of a pixel
img <- MakeImage("test.png")
col <- GetPixelColor(img,20,20)
hsv <- RGBtoHSV(col)
Print(Third(hsv))
```

**See Also:**

SetPixel()

### 11.4.11 GetProperty()

*Returns value of property*

**Description:**

Gets a particular named property of an object. This works for custom or built-in objects. If the property does not exist, a fatal error will be signaled, and so you should check using PropertyExists() if there is any chance the property does not exist.

**Example:**

```
obj <- MakeCustomObject("myobject")
obj.taste <- "buttery"
obj.texture <- "creamy"
SetProperty(obj,"flavor","tasty")

list <- GetPropertyList(obj)
loop(i,list)
{
  if(PropertyExists(obj,i)
  {
    Print(i + ": " + GetProperty(obj,i))
  }
}
```

**See Also:**

GetPropertyList(),                   PropertyExists(),                   SetProperty(),  
MakeCustomObject(), PrintProperties()

### 11.4.12 GetPropertyList()

*Gets a list of all the property names of an object*

**Description:**

Gets a list of all of the properties an object has. This works for custom or built-in objects.

**Example:**

```
obj <- MakeCustomObject("myobject")
obj.taste <- "buttery"
obj.texture <- "creamy"
SetProperty(obj,"flavor","tasty")

list <- GetPropertyList(obj)
loop(i,list)
{
  if(PropertyExists(obj,i)
  {
    Print(i + ": " + GetProperty(obj,i))
  }
}
```

**See Also:**

GetProperty(), PropertyExists(), SetProperty() MakeCustomObject(), PrintProperties()

### 11.4.13 GetSize()

**Description:**

Returns a list of [height, width], specifying the size of the widget. The .width and .height properties can also be used instead of this function

**Usage:**

```
GetSize(<widget>)
```

**Example:**

```
image <- MakeImage("stim1.bmp")
xy <- GetSize(image)
x <- Nth(xy, 1)
y <- Nth(xy, 2)
```

#### 11.4.14 GetText()

*Returns the text in a textbox or label*

**Description:**

Returns the text stored in a text object (either a textbox or a label). The .text properties can also be used instead of this function.

**Usage:**

```
GetText(<widget>)
```

**See Also:**

SetCursorPosition(),      GetCursorPosition(),      SetEditable(),  
MakeTextBox()

#### 11.4.15 GetVocalResponseTime()

*A simple voice key*

**Description:**

This is a simple audio amplitude voice key controlled by two parameters *ONLY AVAILABLE ON WINDOWS AND LINUX*.

**Usage:**

```
GetVocalResponseTime(buffer,  
                      timethreshold,  
                      energythreshold)
```

**Example:**

```
buffer <- MakeAudioInputBuffer(5000)  
resp0 <- GetVocalResponseTime(buffer,.35, 200)  
SaveAudioToWaveFile("output.wav",buffer)
```

**See Also:**

MakeAudioInputBuffer(), SaveAudioToWaveFile(),



### 11.4.16 Hide()

*Hides an object*

**Description:**

Makes an object invisible, so it will not be drawn.

**Usage:**

```
Hide(<object>)
```

**Example:**

```
window <- MakeWindow()
image1 <- MakeImage("pebl.bmp")
image2 <- MakeImage("pebl.bmp")
AddObject(image1, window)
AddObject(image2, window)
Hide(image1)
Hide(image2)
Draw()                # empty screen will be drawn.

Wait(3000)
Show(image2)
Draw()                # image2 will appear.

Hide(image2)
Draw()                # image2 will disappear.

Wait(1000)
Show(image1)
Draw()                # image1 will appear.
```

**See Also:**

Show()

### 11.4.17 Line()

*Creates line starting at x,y and ending at x+dx, y+dy*

**Description:**

Creates a line for graphing at x,y ending at x+dx, y+dy. dx and dy describe the size of the line. Lines must be added to a parent widget before it can be drawn; it may be added to widgets other than a base window. Properties of lines may be accessed and set later.

**Usage:**

```
Line(<x>, <y>, <dx>, <dy>, <color>)
```

**Example:**

```
1 <- Line(30,30,20,20, MakeColor("green")
  AddObject(1, win)
  Draw()
```

**See Also:**

Square(), Ellipse(), Rectangle(), Circle()

### 11.4.18 LoadAudioFile()

*Load an audio file*

**Description:**

Loads an audio file supported by the ffmpeg library. It is nearly identical to LoadMovie(), but only works for audio files (.ogg, .mp3, .wav, .aiff, .wma, et.). It creates a movie object, which can then be played using PlayMovie() or StartPlayback() functions. Currently, only supported on Windows and Linux. The ffmpeg (<http://ffmpeg.org>) library supports a wide range of audio formats, including most .wav, .mp3, .ogg, .flac, .aiff, .wma, and others. Currently, there appears to sometimes be playback problems if the audio stream is not stereo, so be sure to convert your audio to stereo. Also, there appears to be some problems with .flac data formats. If you have problems with playback, you should verify that your media file loads with another ffmpeg media player.

**Usage:**

```
LoadAudioFile(audiofile)
```

**Example:**

```
movie <- LoadAudioFile("instuctions.mp3")
  PrintProperties(inst)
  PlayMovie(inst)
  PausePlayback(insnt)
```

**See Also:**

LoadMovie(), PlayMovie(), StartPlayback(), PausePlayback()

### 11.4.19 LoadMovie()

*Load a movie file*

**Description:**

DOES NOT WORK IN PEBL 2.0+ Loads a movie file using the ffmpeg library. It creates a movie object, which can then be played using PlayMovie() or StartPlayback() functions. Currently, only supported on Windows and Linux. The ffmpeg (<http://ffmpeg.org>) library supports a wide range of video and audio formats, including most .mpg, .avi, .ogg and .mp3 type formats. Audio-only formats should load and play with LoadMovie, but another function, LoadAudioFile(), has been created for these, as they do not need to be added to a window to work. If you have problems with playback, you should verify that your media file loads with another ffmpeg media player. For technical reasons, a movie MUST be loaded directly onto a window, and not another widget.

**Usage:**

```
LoadMovie(movie, window, width, height)
```

**Example:**

```
movie <- LoadMovie("movie.avi", gWin, 640, 480)
PrintProperties(movie)
Move(movie, 20, 20)
Draw()
StartPlayback(movie)
Wait(500) #Play 500 ms of the movie.
PausePlayback(movie)
```

**See Also:**

LoadAudioFile(), LoadMovie(), PlayMovie(), StartPlayback(), PausePlayback()

### 11.4.20 LoadSound()

*Loads a soundfile from the filename, returning a variable that can be played*

**Description:**

Loads a soundfile from <filename>, returning a variable that can be played using the PlayForeground or PlayBackground functions. LoadSound As of PEBL version 2.1, LoadSound will load raw and compressed audio files of various sorts. This includes uncompressed .wav files, .mp3, .ogg, .flac, and .midi files. This is based on the sdl2\_mixer library, and so more details about the file formats accepted can be found by examining that library. Examples of using

LoadSound are found in `demo tests testaudio.pbl`. When the file gets loaded, it gets automatically transcoded into a stereo 44100-sampling rate audio stream, regardless of its original playback rate. We have reports that in some cases, this can cause some problems, especially if a mono file gets loaded multiple times in an experiment. If you experience playback problems, try converting your audio to stereo 44100 hz and see if it helps.

**Usage:**

```
LoadSound(<filename>)
```

**Example:**

```
woof  <- LoadSound("dog.wav")
PlayBackground(woof)
Wait(200)
Stop(woof)
PlayForeground(woof)
```

**See Also:**

PlayForeground(), PlayBackground(), LoadAudioFile(), LoadMovie()

### 11.4.21 MakeAudioInputBuffer()

*Creates a buffer to record audio input*

**Description:**

Creates a sound buffer to use for audio recording or voicekey sound input. It is currently very simple, allowing only to set the duration. By default, it record mono at 44100 hz.

**Usage:**

```
MakeAudioInputBuffer(<time-in-ms>)
```

**Example:**

```
buffer <- MakeAudioInputBuffer(5000)
resp0 <- GetVocalResponseTime(buffer,.35, 200)
SaveAudioToWaveFile("output.wav",buffer)
```

**See Also:**

GetVocalResponseTime(), SaveAudioToWaveFile(),

### 11.4.22 MakeCanvas()

*Creates a blank canvas*

#### Description:

Makes a canvas object `<x>` pixels by `y` pixels, in color `<color>`. A canvas is an object that other objects can be attached to, and imprinted upon. When the canvas gets moved, the attached objects move as well. The background of a canvas can be made invisible by using a color with alpha channel `== 0`. The `SetPixel` and `SetPoint` functions let you change individual pixels on a canvas, to enable adding noise, drawing functional images, etc. A canvas gets ‘cleared’ by calling `ResetCanvas(canvas)`. Any object added to a canvas creates an ‘imprint’ on the canvas that remains if the object is moved. This allows you to use another image as a paintbrush on the canvas, and lets you to add noise to text. Because a text label gets re-rendered when its drawn, if you want to add pixel noise to a stimulus, you can create a label, add it to a canvas, then add pixel noise to the canvas.

#### Usage:

```
MakeCanvas(<x>, <y>, <color>)
```

#### Example:

```
gWin <- MakeWindow()
clear <- MakeColor("white")
clear.alpha <- 0
#make a transparent canvas:
x <- MakeCanvas(300,300,clear)
AddObject(x,gWin)
Move(x,300,300)
img <- MakeImage("pebl.png")
AddObject(img,x)
Move(img,100,100)
Draw(x)           #imprint the image on the canvas
Move(img,100,200)
Draw(x)           #imprint the image on the canvas
Hide(img)

#draw a line on the canvas
i <- 10
red <- MakeColor("red")
while(i < 200)
{
  SetPixel(x,20,i,red)
  i <- i + 1
}
```

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```
}  
Draw()  
WaitForAnyKeyPress()
```

**See Also:**

MakeImage(), SetPixel(), MakeGabor(), ResetCanvas()

### 11.4.23 MakeColor()

*Creates a color based on a color name*

**Description:**

Makes a color from <colorname> such as red'', ``green'', and nearly 800 others. Color names and corresponding RGB values can be found in ``doc/colors.txt.

**Usage:**

```
MakeColor(<colorname>)
```

**Example:**

```
green <- MakeColor("green")  
black <- MakeColor("black")
```

**See Also:**

MakeColorRGB(), RGBtoHSV()

### 11.4.24 MakeColorRGB()

*Creates a color based on red, green, and blue values*

**Description:**

Makes an RGB color by specifying <red>, <green>, and <blue> values (between 0 and 255).

**Usage:**

```
MakeColorRGB(<red>, <green>, <blue>)
```

**See Also:**

MakeColor(), RGBtoHSV()

### 11.4.25 MakeCustomObject()

*Creates custom object.*

**Description:**

Creates a ‘custom’ object that can encapsulate multiple properties. It takes a name as an argument, but this is currently not accessible.

**Example:**

```
obj <- MakeCustomObject("myobject")
obj.taste <- "buttery"
obj.texture <- "creamy"
SetProperty(obj,"flavor","tasty")

list <- GetPropertyList(obj)
loop(i,list)
{
  if(PropertyExists(obj,i)
  {
    Print(i + ": " + GetProperty(obj,i))
  }
}
```

**See Also:**

GetPropertyList(), PropertyExists(), SetProperty(), IsCustomObject(), PrintProperties(), GetProperty()

### 11.4.26 MakeFont()

*Creates a font which can be used to make labels*

**Description:**

Makes a font. The first argument must be a text name of a font. The font can reside anywhere in PEBL’s search path, which would primarily include the media/fonts directory, and the working directory (where the script is saved).

- style changes from normal to bold/underline, italic. 0=normal, 1=underline, 2=italic,3=bolditalic
- fgcolor and bgcolor need to be colors, not just names of colors
- if show-backing is 0, the font gets rendered with an invisible background; otherwise with a bgcolor background. (Note: previous to PEBL 0.11, the final argument = 0 rendered the font with non anti-aliased background, which I can see almost no use for.)

**Usage:**

```
MakeFont(<ttf_filename>, <style>, <size>,  
         <fgcolor>, <bgcolor>, <show-backing>)
```

**Example:**

```
font <- MakeFont("Vera.ttf",0,22,MakeColor("black"),  
                MakeColor("white"),1)
```

### 11.4.27 MakeImage()

*Creates an image by reading in an image file (jpg, gif, png, bmp, etc.)*

**Description:**

Makes an image widget from an image file. .bmp formats should be supported; others may be as well.

**Usage:**

```
MakeImage(<filename>)
```

### 11.4.28 MakeLabel()

**Description:**

Makes a text label for display on-screen. Text will be on a single line, and the Move() command centers <text> on the specified point.

**Usage:**

```
MakeLabel(<text>, <font>)
```

### 11.4.29 MakeSineWave()

*Creates a pure sine wave.*

**Description:**

Creates a sine wave that can be played using the Play() or PlayBackground() functions. It will create a single-channel sound at 44100 bitrate, 16 bit precision.

**Usage:**



```
MakeSineWave(<duration_in_ms>, <hz>, <amplitude>)
```

**Example:**

```
##Make a sound that is 1000 ms, but just play 300 ms
sound <- MakeSineWave(200, 220, 1000)
PlayBackground(sound)
Wait(300)
Stop(sound)
```

**See Also:**

PlayForeground(), PlayBackGround(), Stop()

### 11.4.30 MakeTextBox()

*Creates a sized box filled*

**Description:**

Creates a textbox in which to display text. Textboxes allow multiple lines of text to be rendered; automatically breaking the text into lines.

**Usage:**

```
MakeTextbox(<text>, <font>, <width>, <height>)
```

**Example:**

```
font <- MakeFont("Vera.ttf", 1, 12, MakeColor("red"),
MakeColor("green"), 1)
tb <- MakeTextBox("This is the text in the textbox",
font, 100, 250)
```

**See Also:**

MakeLabel(),      GetText(),      SetText(),      SetCursorPosition(),  
GetCursorPosition(), SetEditable()

### 11.4.31 MakeWindow()

*Creates main window, in color named by argument, or grey if no argument is named*

**Description:**

Creates a window to display things in. Background is specified by <color>.

**Usage:**

```
MakeWindow(opt:<color>, opt:<width>,opt:<height>)
```

**Example:**

```
win <- MakeWindow()
gWin <- MakeWindow("white")

##make a second window for debugging or experimenter data_
→entry.
gWin2 <- MakeWindow("black",400,200)
```

### 11.4.32 Move()

**Description:**

Moves an object to a specified location. Images and Labels are moved according to their center; TextBoxes are moved according to their upper left corner.

**Usage:**

```
Move(<object>, <x>, <y>)
```

**Example:**

```
Move(label, 33, 100)
```

**See Also:**

MoveCorner(), MoveCenter(), X() and Y() properties.

### 11.4.33 PausePlayback()

*Pauses playback of movie*

**Description:**

Pauses a playing movie or audio stream. This is used for movies whose playback was initiated using `StartPlayback`, which then ran as background threads during a `Wait()` function.

**Usage:**

```
PausePlayBack(movie)
```

**Example:**

```
movie <- LoadMovie("movie.avi",gWin,640,480)
PrintProperties(movie)
Move(movie,20,20)
Draw()
StartPlayback(movie)
Wait(500) #Play 500 ms of the movie.
PausePlayback(movie)
Wait(500)
```

**See Also:**

`LoadAudioFile()`, `LoadMovie()`, `PlayMovie()`, `StartPlayback()`

### 11.4.34 PlayBackground()

*Plays the sound 'in the background', returning immediately*

**Description:**

Plays the sound 'in the background', returning immediately.

**Usage:**

```
PlayBackground(<sound>)
```

**Example:**

```
sound <- MakeSineWave(200, 220, 1000)
PlayBackground(sound)
Wait(300)
Stop(sound)
```

See Also:

PlayForeground(), Stop()

### 11.4.35 PlayForeground()

*Plays the sound ‘in the foreground’, not returning until the sound is complete*

**Description:**

Plays the sound ‘in the foreground’; does not return until the sound is complete.

**Usage:**

```
PlayForeground(<sound>)
```

**Example:**

```
sound <- MakeSineWave(200, 220, 1000)
PlayForeground(sound)
```

See Also:

PlayBackground(), Stop()

### 11.4.36 Polygon()

**Description:**

Creates a polygon in the shape of the points specified by <xpoints>, <ypoints>. The lists <xpoints> and <ypoints> are adjusted by <x> and <y>, so they should be relative to 0, not the location you want the points to be at. Like other drawn objects, the polygon must then be added to the window to appear.

**Usage:**

```
Polygon(<x>,<y>,<xpoints>,<ypoints>,  
        <color>,<filled>)
```

**Example:**

```
win <- MakeWindow()
#This makes a T
xpoints <- [-10,10,10,20,20,-20,-20,-10]
ypoints <- [-20,-20,40,40,50,50,40,40]
p1 <- Polygon(100,100,xpoints, ypoints,  
              MakeColor("black"),1)
```

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```
AddObject(p1,win)
Draw()
```

**See Also:**

BlockE(), Bezier(), MakeStarPoints(), MakeNGonPoints()

### 11.4.37 PrintProperties()

*Prints a list of all available properties of an object (for debugging)*

**Description:**

Prints .properties/values for any complex object. These include textboxes, fonts, colors, images, shapes, etc. Mostly useful as a debugging tool.

**Usage:**

```
PrintProperties(<object>)
```

**Example:**

```
win <- MakeWindow()
  tb <- EasyTextbox("one",20,20,win,22,400,80)
  PrintProperties(tb)
```

*##Output:*

```
-----
[CURSORPOS]: 0
[EDITABLE]: 0
[HEIGHT]: 80
[ROTATION]: 0
[TEXT]: one
[VISIBLE]: 1
[WIDTH]: 400
[X]: 20
[Y]: 20
[ZOOMX]: 1
[ZOOMY]: 1
-----
```

**See Also:**

Print()

### 11.4.38 PropertyExists()

*Determines whether a particular property exists*

**Description:**

Tests whether a particular named property exists. This works for custom or built-in objects. This is important to check properties that might not exist, because trying to `GetProperty` of a non-existent property will cause a fatal error.

**Example:**

```
obj <- MakeCustomObject("myobject")
obj.taste <- "buttery"
obj.texture <- "creamy"
SetProperty(obj,"flavor","tasty")

list <- GetPropertyList(obj)
loop(i,list)
{
  if(PropertyExists(obj,i)
  {
    Print(i + ": " + GetProperty(obj,i))
  }
}
```

**See Also:**

`GetPropertyList()`, `GetProperty()`, `SetProperty()` `MakeCustomObject()`, `PrintProperties()`

### 11.4.39 Rectangle()

*Creates rectangle with size (dx, dy) centered at position x,y*

**Description:**

Creates a rectangle for graphing at x,y with size dx and dy. Rectangles are only currently definable oriented in horizontal/vertical directions. A rectangle must be added to a parent widget before it can be drawn; it may be added to widgets other than a base window. The properties of rectangles may be changed by accessing their properties directly, including the `FILLED` property which makes the object an outline versus a filled shape.

**Usage:**

```
Rectangle(<x>, <y>, <dx>, <dy>, <color>)
```

**Example:**

```
r <- Rectangle(30,30,20,10, MakeColor(green))
AddObject(r, win)
Draw()
```

**See Also:**

Circle(), Ellipse(), Square(), Line()

### 11.4.40 RemoveObject()

*Removes an object from a parent window*

**Description:**

Removes a child widget from a parent. Useful if you are adding a local widget to a global window inside a loop. If you do not remove the object and only Hide() it, drawing will be sluggish. Objects that are local to a function are removed automatically when the function terminates, so you do not need to call RemoveObject() on them at the end of a function.

**Usage:**

```
RemoveObject( <object>, <parent>)
```

### 11.4.41 ResizeWindow()

*Resizes a window to a specified width and height*

**Description:**

Resizes an existing window to the specified dimensions. This allows you to dynamically change the size of a window during program execution.

**Usage:**

```
ResizeWindow(<window>, <width>, <height>)
```

**Example:**

```
win <- MakeWindow("grey")
##Start with default size, then resize
ResizeWindow(win, 1024, 768)
Draw()
```

**See Also:**

MakeWindow()

### 11.4.42 RotoZoom()

*Rotates and zooms a graphical widget*

**Description:**

Rotates and zooms a widget (such as an image or label) by specified amounts. The rotation parameter specifies rotation in degrees. The xzoom and yzoom parameters specify scaling factors for horizontal and vertical dimensions (1.0 = no change, 2.0 = double size, 0.5 = half size). The smooth parameter (0 or 1) determines whether to use anti-aliasing for smoother appearance.

**Usage:**

```
RotoZoom(<widget>, <rotation>, <xzoom>, <yzoom>, <smooth>)
```

**Example:**

```
img <- MakeImage("stimulus.png")
AddObject(img, win)
Move(img, 320, 240)

##Rotate 45 degrees, double size, with smoothing
RotoZoom(img, 45, 2.0, 2.0, 1)
Draw()

##Rotate 90 degrees, normal size, no smoothing
RotoZoom(img, 90, 1.0, 1.0, 0)
Draw()
```

**See Also:**

Move(), MakeImage(), MakeLabel()

### 11.4.43 SaveAudioToWaveFile()

*Saves buffer to a .wav file format*

**Description:**

Saves a buffer, recorded using the GetAudioInputBuffer, to a .wav file for later analysis or archive.

**Usage:**



```
SaveAudioToWaveFile(filename, buffer)
```

**Example:**

```
gResponseBuffer <- MakeAudioInputBuffer(5000)
resp0 <- GetVocalResponseTime(gResponseBuffer,.35, 200)
SaveAudioToWaveFile("output.wav",gResponseBuffer)
```

**See Also:**

GetVocalResponseTime(), MakeAudioInputBuffer(), RecordToBuffer()

### 11.4.44 RecordToBuffer()

*Records audio input to a pre-allocated buffer*

**Description:**

Records audio from the microphone directly into a pre-allocated audio buffer. This function allows precise control over recording duration and provides a synchronous recording interface. The buffer must be created first using `MakeAudioInputBuffer()`. An optional duration parameter can specify recording time in milliseconds; if omitted, the function records for the full buffer duration. *ONLY AVAILABLE ON WINDOWS AND LINUX.*

**Usage:**

```
RecordToBuffer(<buffer>)
RecordToBuffer(<buffer>, <duration_ms>)
```

**Example:**

```
## Record for full buffer duration (5 seconds)
buffer <- MakeAudioInputBuffer(5000)
RecordToBuffer(buffer)
SaveAudioToWaveFile("recording.wav", buffer)

## Record for specific duration (3 seconds into 5 second buffer)
buffer <- MakeAudioInputBuffer(5000)
RecordToBuffer(buffer, 3000)
SaveAudioToWaveFile("recording-3s.wav", buffer)
```

**See Also:**

MakeAudioInputBuffer(), SaveAudioToWaveFile(),  
GetVocalResponseTime(), StartAudioMonitor()

### 11.4.45 StartAudioMonitor()

*Starts real-time audio monitoring with ring buffer*

**Description:**

Creates and starts an audio monitoring system that continuously records audio in a ring buffer. This is useful for real-time audio analysis, voice key calibration, and audio level visualization. The monitor runs in the background and can be queried with `GetAudioStats()` to retrieve recent audio statistics. The monitor must be stopped with `StopAudioMonitor()` to free audio hardware resources. *ONLY AVAILABLE ON WINDOWS AND LINUX.*

**Usage:**

```
StartAudioMonitor(<buffer_size_ms>)
```

**Example:**

```
## Start monitoring with 3-second ring buffer
monitor <- StartAudioMonitor(3000)

## Continuously check audio levels
loop(i, Sequence(1, 100, 1))
{
  Wait(100)
  stats <- GetAudioStats(monitor, 500) ## Last 500ms
  energy <- First(stats)
  Print("Energy: " + energy)
}

StopAudioMonitor(monitor)
```

**See Also:**

`StopAudioMonitor()`, `GetAudioStats()`, `GetVocalResponseTime()`

### 11.4.46 StopAudioMonitor()

*Stops audio monitoring and releases audio hardware*

**Description:**

Stops an audio monitor created by `StartAudioMonitor()` and releases the audio hardware. This function performs complete cleanup including pausing recording, closing the SDL audio device, and clearing global audio state. It is critical to call this function before starting other audio operations like

`GetVocalResponseTime()` to ensure the audio hardware is available. *ONLY AVAILABLE ON WINDOWS AND LINUX.*

**Usage:**

```
StopAudioMonitor(<monitor>)
```

**Example:**

```
## Monitor audio for 10 seconds then stop
monitor <- StartAudioMonitor(2000)
Wait(10000)
StopAudioMonitor(monitor)

## Now audio hardware is free for other operations
buffer <- MakeAudioInputBuffer(5000)
rt <- GetVocalResponseTime(buffer, 0.35, 200)
```

**See Also:**

`StartAudioMonitor()`, `GetAudioStats()`

#### 11.4.47 GetAudioStats()

*Retrieves audio statistics from monitoring buffer*

**Description:**

Returns audio statistics from the most recent N milliseconds of an audio monitor created by `StartAudioMonitor()`. The function returns a list containing three values: [energy, power, rmssd]. Energy represents total signal energy, power represents average power, and rmssd (root mean square of successive differences) indicates signal variability. These statistics are useful for voice key calibration, detecting speech onset, and monitoring audio levels. *ONLY AVAILABLE ON WINDOWS AND LINUX.*

**Usage:**

```
GetAudioStats(<monitor>, <window_ms>)
```

**Example:**

```
## Monitor and display real-time audio statistics
monitor <- StartAudioMonitor(5000)

loop(i, Sequence(1, 50, 1))
{
```

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```
Wait(200)
stats <- GetAudioStats(monitor, 1000) ## Last 1 second
energy <- First(stats)
power <- Nth(stats, 2)
rmssd <- Third(stats)

Print("Energy: " + energy + " Power: " + power + " RMSSD: " +
↵+ rmssd)
}

StopAudioMonitor(monitor)
```

**See Also:**

StartAudioMonitor(), StopAudioMonitor(), GetVocalResponseTime()

### 11.4.48 SetCursorPosition()

**Description:**

Moves the editing cursor to a specified character position in a textbox.

**Usage:**

```
SetCursorPosition(<textbox>, <integer>)
```

**Example:**

```
SetCursorPosition(tb, 23)
```

**See Also:**

SetEditable(), GetCursorPosition(), SetText(), GetText()

### 11.4.49 SetEditable()

*Turns on or off the editing cursor*

**Description:**

Sets the `editable` status of the textbox. All this really does is turns on or off the cursor; editing must be done with the (currently unsupported) device function `GetInput()`.

**Usage:**

```
SetEditable()
```

**Example:**

```
SetEditable(tb, 0)
SetEditable(tb, 1)
```

**See Also:**

GetEditable()

### 11.4.50 SetFont()

*Changes the font of a text object*

**Description:**

Resets the font of a textbox or label. Change will not appear until the next Draw() function is called. Can be used, for example, to change the color of a label to give richer feedback about correctness on a trial (see example below). Font can also be set by assigning to the object.font property of an object.

**Usage:**

```
SetFont(<text-widget>, <font>)
```

**Example:**

```
fontGreen <- MakeFont("vera.ttf",1,22,
                      MakeColor("green"),
                      MakeColor("black"), 1)
fontRed   <- MakeFont("vera.ttf",1,22,
                      MakeColor("red"),
                      MakeColor("black"), 1)
label <- MakeLabel(fontGreen, "Correct")

#Do trial here.

if(response == 1)
{
  SetText(label, "CORRECT")
  SetFont(label, fontGreen)
} else {
  SetText(label, "INCORRECT")
  SetFont(label, fontRed)
```

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```
}  
Draw()
```

**See Also:**

SetText()

### 11.4.51 SetPanning()

*Sets volume of left and right channel.*

**Description:**

Sets the audio panning; the volume of the left and right audio channels.

**Usage:**

```
SetPanning(<audio>,<left>,<right>)
```

**Example:**

```
one <- LoadSound("1.wav")  
PlayForeground(one)  
SetPanning(one,1.0,0.0)  
PlayForeground(one)  
SetPanning(one,.5,.5)  
PlayForeground(one)
```

**See Also:**

LoadSound()

### 11.4.52 SetPlayRepeats()

*Sets a repeat count on a sound playback.*

**Description:**

Sets repetition count on an audio file. When played back, i will play this sound reps+1 times. If set to 0, it will play just once. If set to -1, it will repeat indefinitely.

**Usage:**

```
SetPlayRepeats(<audio>,<reps>)
```

**Example:**

```
one <- LoadSound("1.wav")
PlayForeground(one)
SetPlayRepeats(one,5)
PlayForeground(one)
SetPanning(one,-1)
PlayBackground(one)
Wait(5000)
Stop(one)
```

**See Also:**

LoadSound()

### 11.4.53 SetProperty()

*Sets property of an object*

**Description:**

Sets a property of a custom object. This works for custom or built-in objects, but new properties can only be set on custom object. This function works essentially identically to the `obj.property` assignment, but it allows you to create property names from input. It is used extensively for the PEBL parameter setting.

**Example:**

```
obj <- MakeCustomObject("myobject")
obj.taste <- "buttery"
obj.texture <- "creamy"
SetProperty(obj,"flavor","tasty")

list <- GetPropertyList(obj)
loop(i,list)
{
  if(PropertyExists(obj,i)
  {
    Print(i + ": " + GetProperty(obj,i))
  }
}
```

**See Also:**

GetProperty(),                      PropertyExists(),                      GetPropertyList(),  
MakeCustomObject(), PrintProperties()

### 11.4.54 SetPixel()

*Sets the color of a pixel at specified coordinates*

**Description:**

Sets the pixel at x,y to a particular color. SetPixel is primarily useful for images and canvases—labels and textboxes get re-rendered upon draw so any use of SetPixel will get overwritten when it gets drawn. It won't work on windows or shapes. This function can also be called using SetPoint().

**Usage:**

```
SetPixel(<widget>, <x>, <y>, <color>)
```

**Example:**

```
back <- MakeCanvas(50,50)
AddObject(back,gWin)
col <- MakeColor("green")
xy <- [[10,10],[10,11],[10,12],[10,13]]
loop(i,xy)
{
  SetPixel(back, First(i), Second(i), col)
}
Draw()
```

**See Also:**

SetPoint(), MakeGabor(), MakeCanvas(), GetPixelColor()

### 11.4.55 SetPoint()

*Sets the color of a point at specified coordinates (alias for SetPixel)*

**Description:**

Sets the pixel at x,y to a particular color. SetPoint is an alias for SetPixel() and functions identically. It is primarily useful for images and canvases—labels and textboxes get re-rendered upon draw so any use of SetPoint will get overwritten when it gets drawn. It won't work on windows or shapes.

**Usage:**

```
SetPoint(<widget>, <x>, <y>, <color>)
```

**Example:**



```
back <- MakeCanvas(50,50)
AddObject(back,gWin)
col <- MakeColor("green")
xy <- [[10,10],[10,11],[10,12],[10,13]]
loop(i,xy)
{
  SetPoint(back, First(i), Second(i), col)
}
Draw()
```

**See Also:**

SetPixel(), MakeGabor(), MakeCanvas(), GetPixelColor()

### 11.4.56 SetText()

*Sets the text in a textbox or label*

**Description:**

Resets the text of a textbox or label. Change will not appear until the next Draw() function is called. The object.text property can also be used to change text of an object, by doing: object.text <- "new text"

**Usage:**

```
SetText(<text-widget>, <text>)
```

**Example:**

```
# Fixation Cross:
label <- MakeLabel(font, "+")
Draw()

SetText(label, "X")
Wait(100)
Draw()
```

**See Also:**

GetText(), SetFont()

### 11.4.57 Show()

*Shows an object*

**Description:**

Sets a widget to visible, once it has been added to a parent widget. This just changes the visibility property, it does not make the widget appear. The widget will not be displayed until the `Draw()` function is called. The `.visible` property of objects can also be used to hide or show the object.

**Usage:**

```
Show(<object>)
```

**Example:**

```
window <- MakeWindow()
image1 <- MakeImage("pebl.bmp")
image2 <- MakeImage("pebl.bmp")
AddObject(image1, window)
AddObject(image2, window)
Hide(image2)
Draw()
Wait(300)
Show(image2)
Draw()
```

**See Also:**

`Hide()`

### 11.4.58 Square()

*Creates square with width size centered at position x,y*

**Description:**

Creates a square for graphing at x,y with size `<size>`. Squares are only currently definable oriented in horizontal/vertical directions. A square must be added to a parent widget before it can be drawn; it may be added to widgets other than a base window. The properties of squares may be changed by accessing their properties directly, including the `FILLED` property which makes the object an outline versus a filled shape.

**Usage:**

```
Ellipse(<x>, <y>, <size>, <color>)
```

**Example:**

```
s <- Square(30,30,20, MakeColor(green))
AddObject(s, win)
Draw()
```

**See Also:**

Circle(), Ellipse(), Rectangle(), Line()

### 11.4.59 StartPlayback()

*Initiates playback in background, updated with Wait()*

**Description:**

Initiates playback of a movie so that it will play in the background when a Wait() or WaitFor() function is called. This allows one to collect a response while playing a movie. The movie will not actually play until the event loop is started, typically with something like Wait().

**Usage:**

```
StartPlayBack(movie)
```

**Example:**

```
movie <- LoadMovie("movie.avi",gWin,640,480)
PrintProperties(movie)
Move(movie,20,20)
Draw()
StartPlayback(movie)
Wait(500) #Play 500 ms of the movie.
PausePlayback(movie)
```

**See Also:**

LoadAudioFile(), LoadMovie(), PlayMovie(), PausePlayback()

### 11.4.60 Stop()

*Stops a sound playing in the background from playing*

**Description:**

Stops a sound playing in the background from playing. Calling Stop() on a sound object that is not playing should have no effect, but if an object is aliased, Stop() will stop the file. Note that sounds play in a separate thread,

so interrupting the thread has a granularity up to the duration of the thread-switching quantum on your computer; this may be tens of milliseconds.

**Usage:**

```
Stop(<sound-object>)
```

**Example:**

```
buzz <- LoadSound("buzz.wav")
PlayBackground(buzz)
Wait(50)
Stop(buzz)
```

**See Also:**

PlayForeground(), PlayBackGround()

### 11.4.61 ThickLine()

*Creates a thick line between two points*

**Description:**

Makes a thick line between two coordinates. This uses the SDL\_gfx thickline primitive.

**Usage:**

```
ThickLine(<x1>,<y1>,<x2>,<y2>,  
          <size-in-pixels>,<color>)
```

**Example:**

```
a <- ThickLine(10,10,300,400,20,  
               MakeColor("red"))  
AddObject(a,gWin)  
Draw()
```

**See Also:**

Line(), Polygon()

## 11.5 PEBLStream - File and Network I/O

This module contains functions for file I/O, network communication, and data streaming.

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### 11.5.1 AppendFile()

*Appends a file2 to file1*

**Description:**

Appends onto the end of <file1> the contents of <file2>. Useful for compiling pooled data at the end of an experiment.

**Usage:**

```
AppendFile(<file1>, <file2>)
```

**See Also:**

FileOpenWrite() , FileOpenAppend()

### 11.5.2 AcceptNetworkConnection()

*Accepts an incoming network connection on a listening port*

#### Description:

Accepts an incoming TCP/IP connection on a network listener that was opened using `OpenNetworkListener()`. Returns a network connection object that can be used to send and receive data. This is typically used after `CheckForNetworkConnection()` confirms a connection is available.

#### Usage:

```
AcceptNetworkConnection(<listener>, <port>)
```

#### Example:

```
listener <- OpenNetworkListener(4444)
if(CheckForNetworkConnection(listener))
{
  connection <- AcceptNetworkConnection(listener, 4444)
  SendData(connection, "Hello client!")
  CloseNetworkConnection(connection)
}
```

#### See Also:

`OpenNetworkListener()`, `CheckForNetworkConnection()`,  
`WaitForNetworkConnection()`, `CloseNetworkConnection()`

### 11.5.3 CheckForNetworkConnection()

#### Description:

Checks to see if there is an incoming TCP/IP connection on a network that is opened using `OpenNetworkListener`. This is an alternative to the `WaitForNetworkConnection` function that allows more flexibility (and allows updating the during waiting for the connection).

#### Usage:

```
net <- CheckForNetworkConnection(network)
```

#### Example:

```
network <- OpenNetworkListener(4444)
time <- GetTime()
while(not connected and (GetTime() < time + 5000))
```

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```
{  
  connected <- CheckForNetworkConnection(network)  
}
```

**See Also:**

OpenNetworkListener(),    Getdata(),    WaitForNetworkConnection(),  
CloseNetwork()

### 11.5.4 CloseNetworkConnection()

**Description:**

Closes network connection

**Usage:**

```
CloseNetwork(<network>)
```

**Example:**

```
net <- WaitForNetworkConnection("localhost",1234)  
SendData(net,"Watson, come here. I need you.")  
CloseNetworkConnection(net)
```

**See Also:**

ConnectToIP(),    ConnectToHost(),    WaitForNetworkConnection(),  
GetData(), SendData(), ConvertIPString()

### 11.5.5 ConnectToHost()

*Connects to a port on another computer, returning network object.*

**Description:**

Connects to a host computer waiting for a connection on <port>, returning a network object that can be used to communicate. Host is a text hostname, like "myname.indiana.edu", or use "localhost" to specify your current computer.

**Usage:**

```
ConnectToHost(<hostname>,<port>)
```

**See Also:**



`ConnectToIP()`, `GetData()`, `WaitForNetworkConnection()`, `SendData()`,  
`ConvertIPString()`, `CloseNetworkConnection()`

### 11.5.6 ConnectToIP()

*Connects to a port on another computer, returning network object.*

**Description:**

Connects to a host computer waiting for a connection on `<port>`, returning a network object that can be used to communicate. `<ip>` is a numeric ip address, which must be created with the `ConvertIPString(ip)` function.

**Usage:**

```
ConnectToIP(<ip>,<port>)
```

**See Also:**

`ConnectToHost()`, `GetData()`, `WaitForNetworkConnection()`, `SendData()`,  
`ConvertIPString()`, `CloseNetworkConnection()`

### 11.5.7 CopyFile()

*Makes a copy of a file*

**Description:**

This makes a copy of a specified file, by Copying the contents of one file to another. This makes the copy byte-by-byte (so should work for binary data). It is probably better to use a `systemcall` function to make a copy of an entire file at once. This is likely to be slower and possibly error-prone (i.e., permissions and other file properties may not copy.), but it is a useful cross-platform solution to creating a new file based on others. It copies by name from the current working directory.

**Example:**

```
base <- "template.txt"  
CopyFile(base,"newfile.txt")
```

**See Also:**

`DeleteFile()`, `AppendFile()` , `FileExists()`

### 11.5.8 EndOfFile()

*Returns true if at the end of a file*

**Description:**

Returns true if at the end of a file.

**Usage:**

```
EndOfFile(<filestream>)
```

**Example:**

```
while(not EndOfFile(fstream))
{
    Print(FileReadLine(fstream))
}
```

### 11.5.9 EndOfLine()

*Returns true if at end of line*

**Description:**

Returns true if at end of line.

**Usage:**

```
EndOfLine(<filestream>)
```

### 11.5.10 FileClose()

*Closes a filestream variable. Pass the variable name, not the filename*

**Description:**

Closes a filestream variable. Be sure to pass the variable name, not the filename.

**Usage:**

```
FileClose(<filestream>)
```

**Example:**

```
x <- FileOpenRead("file.txt")
# Do relevant stuff here.
FileClose(x)
```

**See Also:**

`FileOpenAppend()`, `FileOpenRead()`, `FileOpenWrite()`

### 11.5.11 FileOpenAppend()

*Opens a filename, returning a stream that can be used for writing info. Appends if the file already exists, opens if file does not*

**Description:**

Opens a filename, returning a stream that can be used for writing information. Appends if the file already exists.

**Usage:**

```
FileOpenAppend(<filename>)
```

**See Also:**

`FileClose()`, `FileOpenRead()`, `FileOpenWrite()`, `FileOpenOverWrite()`

### 11.5.12 FileOpenOverwrite()

*Opens a filename, returning a stream that can be used for writing information. Overwrites if file already exists*

**Description:**

Opens a filename, returning a stream that can be used for writing information. Overwrites if file already exists. This function should not be used for opening data files; instead, use `FileOpenWrite`, which saves to a backup file if the specified file already exists.

**Usage:**

```
FileOpenOverWrite(<filename>)
```

**See Also:**

`FileClose()`, `FileOpenAppend()`, `FileOpenRead()`, `FileOpenWrite()`

### 11.5.13 FileOpenRead()

*Opens a filename, returning a stream to be used for reading information*

**Description:**

Opens a filename, returning a stream to be used for reading information.

**Usage:**

```
FileOpenRead(<filename>)
```

**See Also:**

FileClose(), FileOpenAppend(), FileOpenWrite(), FileOpenOverWrite()

### 11.5.14 FileOpenWrite()

*Opens a filename, returning a stream that can be used for writing information.  
Creates new file if file already exists*

**Description:**

Opens a filename, returning a stream that can be used for writing information. If the specified filename exists, it won't overwrite that file. Instead, it will create a related filename, appending a -integer before the filename extension.

**Usage:**

```
FileOpenWrite(<filename>)
```

**See Also:**

FileClose(), FileOpenAppend(), FileOpenRead(), FileOpenOverWrite()

### 11.5.15 FilePrint()

**Description:**

Like Print\_, but to a file. Prints a string to a file, without appending a newline character. Returns a copy of the string it prints.

**Usage:**

```
FilePrint_(<filestream>, <value>)
```

**Example:**

```
FilePrint_(fstream, "This line doesn't end.")
```

**See Also:**

`Print_()`, `FilePrint()`

### 11.5.16 `FileReadCharacter()`

*Reads and returns a single character from a filestream*

**Description:**

Reads and returns a single character from a filestream.

**Usage:**

```
FileReadCharacter(<filestream>)
```

**See Also:**

`FileReadList()`, `FileReadTable()` `FileReadLine()`, `FileReadText()`,  
`FileReadWord()`,

### 11.5.17 `FileReadLine()`

*Reads and returns a line from a file; all characters up until the next newline or the end of the file*

**Description:**

Reads and returns a line from a file; all characters up until the next newline or the end of the file.

**Usage:**

```
FileReadLine(<filestream>)
```

**See Also:**

`FileReadCharacter()`, `FileReadList()`, `FileReadTable()`, `FileReadText()`,  
`FileReadWord()`

### 11.5.18 `FileReadList()`

*Given a filename, will open it, read in all the items into a list (one item per line), and close the file afterwards*

**Description:**

Given a filename, will open it, read in all the items into a list (one item per line), and close the file afterward. Ignores blank lines or lines starting with

#. Useful with a number of pre-defined data files stored in `media/text/`. See Section~ref{sec:media}: Provided Media Files.

**Usage:**

```
FileReadList(<filename>)
```

**Example:**

```
FileReadList("data.txt")
```

**See Also:**

`FileReadCharacter()`, `FileReadTable()` `FileReadLine()`, `FileReadText()`,  
`FileReadWord()`,

### 11.5.19 FileReadTable()

**Description:**

Reads a table directly from a file. Data in file should separated by spaces. Reads each line onto a sublist, with space-separated tokens as items in sublist. Ignores blank lines or lines beginning with #. Optionally, specify a token separator other than space.

**Usage:**

```
FileReadTable(<filename>, <optional-separator>)
```

**Example:**

```
a <- FileReadTable("data.txt")
```

**See Also:**

`FileReadCharacter()`, `FileReadList()`, `FileReadLine()`, `FileReadText()`,  
`FileReadWord()`

### 11.5.20 FileReadText()

*Reads all of the text in the file into a variable*

**Description:**

Returns all of the text from a file, ignoring any lines beginning with #. Opens and closes the file transparently.

**Usage:**

```
FileReadText(<filename>)
```

**Example:**

```
instructions <- FileReadText("instructions.txt")
```

**See Also:**

FileReadCharacter(), FileReadList(), FileReadTable(), FileReadLine(), FileReadWord()

### 11.5.21 FileReadWord()

**Description:**

Reads and returns a *word* from a file; the next connected stream of characters not including a ' ' or a newline. Will not read newline characters.

**Usage:**

```
FileReadWord(<filestream>)
```

**See Also:**

FileReadCharacter(), FileReadList(), FileReadTable(), FileReadLine(), FileReadText()

### 11.5.22 MD5File()

**Description:**

Computes MD5 checksum of a file. Returns blank if file does not exist.

**Usage:**

```
MD5File(<filename>)
```

**Example:**

```
text <- FileReadText("test.pbl")
Print(MD5Sum(text))
#returns: 3396a651bd3c96f9799ce02eecb48801; see similar example
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Print(MD5File("test.pbl"))
# returns 3396a651bd3c96f9799ce02eecb48801
```

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```
Print(MD5File("doesnotexist.txt"))  
#returns 0
```

**See Also:**

MD5Sum(), FileReadText()

### 11.5.23 MD5Sum()

**Description:**

Computes MD5 checksum on text. Returns blank if no string provided.

**Usage:**

```
MD5Sum(<text>)
```

**Example:**

```
Print(MD5Sum(""))  
#Return: d41d8cd98f00b204e9800998ecf8427e  
  
Print(MD5Sum("bananana"))  
#returns bb8e9af523e4aeffa88f1807fb2af9ce  
  
text <- FileReadText("test.pbl")  
Print(MD5Sum(text))  
#returns: 3396a651bd3c96f9799ce02eecb48801
```

**See Also:**

MD5File(), FileReadText()

### 11.5.24 GetData()

*return a string from network connection*

**Description:**

Gets Data from network connection. Example of usage in demo/nim.pbl.

**Usage:**

```
val <- GetData(<network>,<size>)
```



**See Also:**

ConnectToIP(), ConnectToHost(), WaitForNetworkConnection(),  
SendData(), ConvertIPString(), CloseNetworkConnection()

### 11.5.25 GetMyIPAddress()

*Returns the local IP address of this computer*

**Description:**

Returns the IP address of the current computer as a formatted string. The returned address is suitable for use in networking functions. If multiple network interfaces are present, it typically returns the primary interface address.

**Usage:**

```
GetMyIPAddress(<interface_number>)
```

**Example:**

```
myIP <- GetMyIPAddress(0)  
Print("My IP address is: " + myIP)
```

**See Also:**

ConnectToHost(), ConnectToIP(), OpenNetworkListener()

### 11.5.26 GetPPortState()

*Gets state of parallel port data bits*

**Description:**

Gets the parallel port state, as a list of 8 ‘bits’ (1s or 0s).

**See Also:**

COMPortGetByte(), COMPortSendByte(), OpenPPort() OpenCOMPort(),  
SetPPortMode(), GetPPortState()

### 11.5.27 OpenCOMPort()

*Opens a serial (com) port*

**Description:**

This opens a COM/Serial port, and is used by many usb devices for communication. The general process is to use OpenComPort to create the port, and then send and receive text strings from that port. These are sent one byte at a time. The mode argument is a 3-character string that specifies aspects of the mode (see Teunis van Beelen's rs232 library at <http://www.teuniz.net/RS-232/>). The first character is the data bits (5,6,7 or 8), parity (N=none, E=even, O=odd), and the third is the stop bit (1 or 2 bits). Within the demodirectory, there is some basic code for communicating with the cedrus response box that uses these functions. In addition, that script provide a NumToASCII() function that can be useful in translating numbers to strings to communicate with a device.

**Example:**

```
port <- OpenCOMPort(16,9600,"8N1")
Print( ComPortGetByte(port))
```

**See Also:**

COMPortGetByte(), COMPortSendByte(), OpenPPort(), SetPPortMode(), GetPPortMode()

### 11.5.28 OpenNetworkListener()

*Opens a port for listening*

**Description:**

Creates a network object that listens on a particular port, and is able to accept incoming connections. You can the nuse CheckForNetworkConnections to accept incoming connections. This is an alternative to the WaitForNetworkConnection function that allows more flexibility (and allows updating the during waiting for the connection).

**Usage:**

```
net <- OpennetworkListener(port)
```

**Example:**

```
network <- OpenNetworkListener(4444)
time <- GetTime()
while(not connected and (GetTime() < time + 5000))
```

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```
{  
  connected <- CheckForNetworkConnection(network)  
}
```

**See Also:**

CheckForNetworkConnection(), Getdata(), WaitForNetworkConnection(),  
CloseNetwork()

### 11.5.29 OpenPPort()

*Opens parallel port*

**Description:**

Opens a Parallel port, returning an object that can be used for parallel port communications.

**See Also:**

COMPortGetByte(), COMPortSendByte(), OpenCOMPort(), SetPPortMode(),  
GetPPortMode()

### 11.5.30 ParseJSON()

*Parses a JSON string into PEBL data structures*

**Description:**

Parses a JSON-formatted string and converts it into PEBL data structures (lists and custom objects). JSON objects become PEBL custom objects with properties, and JSON arrays become PEBL lists. This is useful for working with web APIs and configuration files.

**Usage:**

```
ParseJSON(<json_string>)
```

**Example:**

```
jsonString <- GetHTTPText("https://api.example.com/data", "", "")  
data <- ParseJSON(jsonString)  
  
##Access parsed data  
Print(data.name)  
Print(data.values)
```

**See Also:**

GetHTTPText(), JSONText(), PostHTTP(), MakeCustomObject()

### 11.5.31 Print()

**Description:**

Prints <value> to stdout; doesn't append a newline afterwards.

**Usage:**

```
Print_(<value>)
```

**Example:**

```
Print_("This line")
Print_(" ")
Print_("and")
Print_(" ")
Print("Another line")
# prints out: 'This line and Another line'
```

**See Also:**

Print(), FilePrint()

### 11.5.32 SendData()

*Sends a data string over connection.*

**Description:**

Sends data on network connection. Example of usage in demo/nim.pbl. You can only send text data.

**Usage:**

```
SendData(<network>, <data_as_string>)
```

**See Also:**

ConnectToIP(), ConnectToHost(), WaitForNetworkConnection(),  
GetData(), ConvertIPString(), CloseNetworkConnection()

### 11.5.33 SetNetworkPort()

*Configures the default network port for connections*

**Description:**

Sets the default network port number to be used for subsequent network operations. This allows you to configure the port once rather than specifying it for each connection. The port number should be between 1024 and 65535 for user applications.

**Usage:**

```
SetNetworkPort(<port>)
```

**Example:**

```
SetNetworkPort(8080)
listener <- OpenNetworkListener(8080)
```

**See Also:**

OpenNetworkListener(), ConnectToHost(), ConnectToIP()

### 11.5.34 SetPPortMode()

*Sets parallel port mode (input/output)*

**Description:**

Sets a parallel port mode, either “<input>” or “<output>”.

**See Also:**

COMPortGetByte(), COMPortSendByte(), OpenPPort() OpenCOMPort(), SetPPortMode(), GetPPortState()

### 11.5.35 SetPPortState()

*Sets parallel port state*

**Description:**

Sets a parallel port state, using a list of 8 ‘bits’ (1s or 0s).

**See Also:**

COMPortGetByte(), COMPortSendByte(), OpenPPort() OpenCOMPort(), SetPPortMode(), GetPPortState()

### 11.5.36 WaitForNetworkConnection()

**Description:**

Listens on a port, waiting until another computer or process connects. Return a network object that can be used for communication.

**Usage:**

```
WaitForNetworkConnection(<port>)
```

**See Also:**

ConnectToHost(),	ConnectToIP(),	GetData(),
WaitForNetworkConnection(),	SendData(),	ConvertIPString(),
CloseNetworkConnection()		

### 11.5.37 WritePNG()

*Makes a .png from a window or object*

**Description:**

WritePNG() creates a graphic file of the screen or a widget on the screen. It can also be given an arbitrary widget. For the most part, widgets added to other widgets will be captured fine, but sometimes polygons and shapes added to other widgets may not appear in the output png.

**Usage:**

```
x <- WritePNG("screen1.png",gWin)

## Use like this to create an animated screencast
define DrawMe()
{
  pname <- "fileout"+ZeroPad(gid,5)+".png"
  Draw()
  WritePNG(pname,gWin)
}

define Start(p)
{
  gid <- 1
  gWin <- MakeWindow()
  img <- MakeImage("pebl.png")
  AddObject(img,gWin)
  while(gid < 100)
```

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```
{  
  Move(img,RandomDiscrete(800),  
        RandomDiscrete(600))  
  
  DrawMe()  
  gid <- gid + 1  
}  
  
}
```

**See Also:**

FileWriteTable()

### 11.5.38 COMPortGetByte()

*Gets a byte from the COM port*

**Description:**

Reads a single byte from an open COM/serial port. Returns the byte value as an integer (0-255). If no data is available, it returns -1. This is used for serial communication with external devices.

**Usage:**

```
COMPortGetByte(<port>)
```

**Example:**

```
port <- OpenCOMPort(1, 9600, "8N1")  
byte <- COMPortGetByte(port)  
if(byte >= 0)  
{  
  Print("Received byte: " + byte)  
}
```

**See Also:**

COMPortSendByte(), OpenCOMPort()

### 11.5.39 COMPortSendByte()

*Sends a byte to the COM port*

**Description:**

Sends a single byte to an open COM/serial port. The byte should be an integer value between 0 and 255. This is used for serial communication with external devices.

**Usage:**

```
COMPortSendByte(<port>, <byte>)
```

**Example:**

```
port <- OpenCOMPort(1, 9600, "8N1")
##Send ASCII 'A' (65)
COMPortSendByte(port, 65)
```

**See Also:**

COMPortGetByte(), OpenCOMPort()

### 11.5.40 GetHTTPFile()

*Downloads a file from a web server via HTTP*

**Description:**

Fetches a file from a web server using HTTP and saves it to a local file. Supports HTTP and HTTPS protocols. Useful for downloading stimuli, configuration files, or data from web servers during experiments.

**Usage:**

```
GetHTTPFile(<url>, <output_filename>, <username>, <password>)
```

**Example:**

```
##Download without authentication
success <- GetHTTPFile("http://example.com/data.csv", "local_
↪data.csv", "", "")

##Download with authentication
success <- GetHTTPFile("https://secure.example.com/file.zip",
↪"download.zip", "user", "pass")
```



**See Also:**

GetHTTPText(), PostHTTP(), PostHTTPFile()

### 11.5.41 GetHTTPText()

*Retrieves text content from a web server via HTTP*

**Description:**

Fetches content from a web server using HTTP and returns it as a text string. Supports HTTP and HTTPS protocols. Useful for retrieving instructions, configurations, or data from web services during experiments.

**Usage:**

```
GetHTTPText(<url>, <username>, <password>)
```

**Example:**

```
##Fetch text without authentication
text <- GetHTTPText("http://example.com/instructions.txt", "", "
↪")
Print(text)

##Fetch JSON data with authentication
jsonData <- GetHTTPText("https://api.example.com/config", "user",
↪ "pass")
config <- ParseJSON(jsonData)
```

**See Also:**

GetHTTPFile(), PostHTTP(), ParseJSON()

### 11.5.42 PostHTTP()

*Sends data to a web server via HTTP POST*

**Description:**

Sends data to a web server using the HTTP POST method. Returns the server's response as a string. This is useful for submitting experimental data to web servers, interacting with web APIs, or logging data remotely.

**Usage:**

```
PostHTTP(<url>, <post_data>, <username>, <password>, <content_
↪type>)
```

**Example:**

```
##Post form data
postData <- "subjectID=123&condition=A&score=85"
response <- PostHTTP("http://example.com/submit", postData, "", "
↳", "application/x-www-form-urlencoded")

##Post JSON data
jsonData <- '{"subject":123,"rt":450}'
response <- PostHTTP("https://api.example.com/data", jsonData,
↳"user", "pass", "application/json")
```

**See Also:**

PostHTTPFile(), GetHTTPText(), GetHTTPFile()

### 11.5.43 PostHTTPFile()

*Uploads a file to a web server via HTTP POST*

**Description:**

Uploads a file to a web server using HTTP POST multipart/form-data encoding. This is useful for uploading experimental data files, log files, or other content to a web server for storage or processing.

**Usage:**

```
PostHTTPFile(<url>, <filename>, <fieldname>, <username>,
↳<password>, <additional_fields>)
```

**Example:**

```
##Upload data file
response <- PostHTTPFile("http://example.com/upload", "data.csv",
↳ "datafile", "", "", "")

##Upload with additional form fields
additionalData <- "subjectID=123&session=1"
response <- PostHTTPFile("https://secure.example.com/upload",
↳"results.txt", "file", "user", "pass", additionalData)
```

**See Also:**

PostHTTP(), GetHTTPFile(), FileOpenRead()

### 11.5.44 UploadLine()

*Appends a single CSV line to a file on the PEBL data server.*

#### Description:

Uploads a single line of CSV data to a remote PEBL Simple Data Server or PEBLHub, appending it to a named file. Unlike `UploadFile()`, which sends a complete file after the experiment, `UploadLine()` sends each data row immediately as it is collected. This is useful for long experiments where data loss from a crash or network interruption would be costly.

`UploadLine()` is a no-op when `gUpload` is false (i.e., when the experiment was not started with `--upload`).

The settings file is resolved in this order: the explicit `settingsfile` argument, then `gUploadFile`, then a file named `upload.json` in the working directory.

#### Usage:

```
define UploadLine(subcode, filename, header, line, pooled:1,
  ↪ settingsfile:"")
```

#### Parameters:

- `subcode` — participant identifier
- `filename` — target filename on the server (e.g., `"stroop-pooled.csv"`)
- `header` — CSV header line (written only when the server file is new)
- `line` — CSV data line to append
- `pooled` — 1 (default) to write to a shared task-level file; 0 for a per-participant file
- `settingsfile` — optional path to an `upload.json` configuration file

#### Example:

```
header <- "subnum,trial,condition,response,rt"
line   <- gSubNum + "," + trial + "," + cond + "," + resp + "," +
  ↪ rt
UploadLine(gSubNum, "mytest-pooled.csv", header, line)
```

#### See Also:

`UploadFile()`, `FilePrint()`, `GetNewDataFile()`

## 11.6 PEBLString - String Manipulation

This module contains functions for string manipulation and formatting.

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### 11.6.1 CopyToClipboard()

*Puts argument in system clipboard.*

#### **Description:**

Puts text into the the system clipboard, so that it can be accessed either by another program or by the `Copyfromclipboard` function. Note that, possibly depending on platform, text copied into the clipboard by PEBL may not stay there after PEBL exits.

#### **Example:**

```
text <- GetInput(textbox,"<enter>")
CopyToClipboard(text)
MessageBox("Text : " + text + " copied to clipboard",gWin)
```

See Also:

CopyFromClipboard()

### 11.6.2 FindInString()

**Description:**

Finds a token in a string, returning the position (starting at a particular position).

**Usage:**

```
FindInString(<basestring>,<searchstring>,<startingpos>)
```

**Example:**

```
FindInString("about","bo",1)      # == 2
FindInString("banana","na",1)     # == 3
FindInString("banana","na",4)     # == 5
```

See Also:

SplitString()

### 11.6.3 Format()

**Description:**

Formats the printing of values to ensure proper spacing. It will either truncate or pad <value> with spaces so that it ends up exactly <length> characters long. Character padding is at the end.

**Usage:**

```
Format(<value>,<length>)
```

**Example:**

```
x <- 33.23425225
y <- 23.3
Print(["+Format(x,5)+" "])
```

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```
Print "["+Format(y,5)+" "]
## Output:
## [33.23 ]
## [23.3  ]
```

**See Also:**

CR(), Tab()

### 11.6.4 Lowercase()

*Returns lowercased string*

**Description:**

Changes a string to lowercase. Useful for testing user input against a stored value, to ensure case differences are not detected.

**Usage:**

```
Lowercase(<string>)
```

**Example:**

```
Lowercase("P0taTo") # == "potato"
```

**See Also:**

Uppercase()

### 11.6.5 SplitString()

**Description:**

Splits a string into tokens. <split> must be a string. If <split> is not found in <string>, a list containing the entire string is returned; if split is equal to "", the each letter in the string is placed into a different item in the list. Only the first character of <split> is used. IF you need a multicharacter split, you can use <SplitStringSlow>, which can handle multi-character splits but is relatively slower. This should not matter for short strings, but if you are using splitstring on long files, it could make a difference.

**Usage:**

```
SplitString(<string>, <split>)
```

**Example:**

```
SplitString("Everybody Loves a Clown", " ")  
# Produces ["Everybody", "Loves", "a", "Clown"]
```

**See Also:**

FindInString(), ReplaceChar(), SplitStringSlow()

### 11.6.6 StringLength()

*Returns the length of a string*

**Description:**

Determines the length of a string, in characters.

**Usage:**

```
StringLength(<string>)
```

**Example:**

```
StringLength("absolute")      # == 8  
StringLength("  spaces  ")    # == 12  
StringLength("")              # == 0
```

**See Also:**

Length(), SubString()

### 11.6.7 SubString()

*Returns a substring*

**Description:**

Extracts a substring from a longer string.

**Usage:**

```
SubString(<string>,<position>,<length>)
```

**Example:**

```
SubString("abcdefghijklmnop",3,5)  # == "cdefg"
```

**See Also:**

StringLength(), FindInString()

### 11.6.8 ToASCII()

*Converts an ASCII code to a character*

**Description:**

Converts an integer ASCII code to its corresponding single-character string. This is useful for creating special characters or control characters from their numeric codes.

**Usage:**

```
ToASCII(<ascii_code>)
```

**Example:**

```
ToASCII(65)    # == "A"
ToASCII(97)    # == "a"
ToASCII(32)    # == " " (space)
ToASCII(10)    # == newline character
```

**See Also:**

StringLength(), Uppercase(), Lowercase()

### 11.6.9 Uppercase()

*Returns uppercased string*

**Description:**

Changes a string to uppercase. Useful for testing user input against a stored value, to ensure case differences are not detected.

**Usage:**

```
Uppercase(<string>)
```

**Example:**

```
Uppercase("POtaTo") # == "POTATO"
```

**See Also:**

Lowercase()



### 11.6.10 DetectTextScript()

*Detects the Unicode script of text*

#### Description:

Analyzes text and returns the ISO 15924 four-letter script code identifying the writing system used. Returns codes such as “Arab” (Arabic), “Hebr” (Hebrew), “Hani” (Han/Chinese), “Thai” (Thai), “Cyril” (Cyrillic), etc. Returns an empty string for Latin script or when the script cannot be determined. This is useful for automatic font selection, determining text directionality, and providing appropriate text rendering for international content.

#### Usage:

```
DetectTextScript(<text>)
```

#### Example:

```
## Detect scripts in different languages
Print(DetectTextScript("Hello"))          ## "" (Latin)
## Arabic text "marhaba" (hello):
Print(DetectTextScript(arabicText))       ## "Arab" (Arabic)
## Hebrew text "shalom" (hello):
Print(DetectTextScript(hebrewText))       ## "Hebr" (Hebrew)
## Chinese text "nihao" (hello):
Print(DetectTextScript(chineseText))      ## "Hani" (Chinese)
## Thai text "sawasdee" (hello):
Print(DetectTextScript(thaiText))         ## "Thai" (Thai)
## Cyrillic text "privet" (hello):
Print(DetectTextScript(cyrillicText))     ## "Cyril" (Cyrillic)
```

#### See Also:

IsRTL(), GetFontForText(), GetSystemLocale()

### 11.6.11 IsRTL()

*Determines if text or script is right-to-left*

#### Description:

Tests whether the input is right-to-left (RTL) text. The function accepts either actual text (which will be analyzed to detect its script) or a four-letter ISO 15924 script code. Returns 1 for RTL scripts (Arabic, Hebrew, etc.) and 0 for LTR scripts. This is essential for proper text layout, UI mirroring, and ensuring correct text directionality in international experiments.

#### Usage:

```
IsRTL(<text_or_script_code>)
```

**Example:**

```
## Test with actual text
Print(IsRTL("Hello"))                ## 0 (LTR)
## Arabic text "marhaba":
Print(IsRTL(arabicText))             ## 1 (RTL - Arabic)
## Hebrew text "shalom":
Print(IsRTL(hebrewText))             ## 1 (RTL - Hebrew)

## Test with script codes
Print(IsRTL("Arab"))                 ## 1 (Arabic script is RTL)
Print(IsRTL("Hebr"))                 ## 1 (Hebrew script is RTL)
Print(IsRTL("Latn"))                 ## 0 (Latin script is LTR)

## Use for text justification
text <- GetInput(textbox, "<return>")
if(IsRTL(text))
{
    textbox.hjustify <- "right"
}
```

**See Also:**

DetectTextScript(), IsSystemLocaleRTL(), GetFontForText()

### 11.6.12 GetFontForText()

*Returns appropriate font filename for text based on detected script*

**Description:**

Automatically selects an appropriate font for the given text by detecting its Unicode script. This ensures proper rendering of international text by choosing fonts that support the necessary character ranges. The optional `font_type` parameter specifies the font style: 0 for sans-serif (default), 1 for monospace, or 2 for serif. Returns a font filename suitable for use with `MakeFont()`. The function uses the DejaVu and Noto font families which provide extensive Unicode coverage.

**Usage:**

```
GetFontForText(<text>)
GetFontForText(<text>, <font_type>)
```

**Example:**

```
## Automatic font selection for different languages
## arabicText would contain Arabic text "marhaba bik"
fontFile <- GetFontForText(arabicText)
font <- MakeFont(fontFile, 0, 24, MakeColor("black"), MakeColor(
  ↪"white"), 1)
label <- MakeLabel(arabicText, font)

## Select monospace font for code display
## hebrewCode would contain Hebrew text
monoFont <- GetFontForText(hebrewCode, 1) ## 1 = monospace

## Select serif font for Thai text
## thaiText would contain Thai text "sawasdee"
serifFont <- GetFontForText(thaiText, 2) ## 2 = serif
```

See Also:

DetectTextScript(), MakeFont(), IsRTL()

### 11.6.13 GetSystemLocale()

*Retrieves the operating system's locale setting*

#### Description:

Returns the current system locale as configured in the operating system. The locale string typically follows the format “language\_COUNTRY” (e.g., “en\_US”, “zh\_CN”, “ar\_SA”) or may be just a language code (e.g., “ar”, “he”). Returns an empty string if locale detection fails. This is useful for automatically adapting experiment interfaces to the user’s language and regional settings.

#### Usage:

```
GetSystemLocale()
```

#### Example:

```
## Detect system locale and adapt interface
locale <- GetSystemLocale()
Print("System locale: " + locale)

if(SubString(locale, 1, 2) == "ar")
{
  ## Arabic locale detected
  gLanguage <- "ar"
} elseif(SubString(locale, 1, 2) == "he")
```

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```
{  
  ## Hebrew locale detected  
  gLanguage <- "he"  
} else {  
  ## Default to English  
  gLanguage <- "en"  
}  
  
## Possible outputs: "en_US", "ar_SA", "he_IL", "zh_CN", "es_MX",  
→ etc.
```

**See Also:**

IsSystemLocaleRTL(), DetectTextScript(), GetFontForText()

**11.6.14 IsSystemLocaleRTL()***Checks if the system locale uses right-to-left text***Description:**

Determines whether the operating system's current locale setting is for a right-to-left (RTL) language (Arabic or Hebrew). Returns 1 if the system locale is RTL, 0 if it is LTR. This is particularly useful for setting default text justification and UI layout before any text input occurs, ensuring that the interface matches the user's language expectations.

**Usage:**

```
IsSystemLocaleRTL()
```

**Example:**

```
## Set default text justification based on system locale  
if(IsSystemLocaleRTL())  
{  
  ## System is configured for RTL language (Arabic/Hebrew)  
  defaultJustify <- "right"  
  Print("RTL locale detected")  
} else {  
  ## System is configured for LTR language  
  defaultJustify <- "left"  
  Print("LTR locale detected")  
}
```

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```
## Create textbox with appropriate default alignment
textbox <- MakeTextBox("", font, 400, 100)
textbox.hjustify <- defaultJustify
```

**See Also:**

GetSystemLocale(), IsRTL(), DetectTextScript()

### 11.6.15 RegexMatch()

*Searches a string with a regular expression.*

**Description:**

Searches **string** for the first occurrence of **pattern** (a POSIX-style regular expression) and returns the 1-based index of the match start, or 0 if no match is found. The return convention is consistent with `FindInString()`.

**Usage:**

```
RegexMatch(string, pattern)
```

**Example:**

```
pos <- RegexMatch("hello world", "wor")
## pos == 7

pos <- RegexMatch("abc123", "[0-9]+")
## pos == 4

pos <- RegexMatch("no digits here", "[0-9]")
## pos == 0 (no match)
```

**See Also:**

FindInString(), SubString(), SplitString()

## 11.7 Design Library - Experimental Design

This library contains functions for experimental design, including Latin squares, counterbalancing, and design matrices.

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### 11.7.1 ChooseN()

#### Description:

Samples <number> items from list, returning a list in the original order. Items are sampled without replacement, so once an item is chosen it will not be chosen again. If <number> is larger than the length of the list, the entire list is returned in order. It differs from `SampleN` in that `ChooseN` returns items in the order they appeared in the original list, but `SampleN` is shuffled.

#### Usage:

```
define ChooseN(...)
```

#### Example:

```
# Returns 5 numbers
ChooseN([1,1,1,2,2], 5)

# Returns 3 numbers from 1 and 7:
ChooseN([1,2,3,4,5,6,7], 3)
```

#### See Also:

`SampleN()`, `SampleNWithReplacement()`, `Subset()`

### 11.7.2 DesignBalancedSampling()

#### Description:

Samples elements roughly'' equally. This function returns a list of repeated samples from ``<treatment\_list>, such that each element in <treatment\_list> appears approximately equally. Each element from <treatment\_list> is sampled once without replacement before all elements are returned to the mix and sampling is repeated. If there are no repeated items in <list>, there will be no consecutive repeats in the output. The last repeat-sampling will be truncated so that a <length>-size list is returned. If you don't want the repeated epochs this function provides, `Shuffle()` the results.

#### Usage:

```
define DesignBalancedSampling(...)
```

#### Example:

```
DesignBalancedSampling([1,2,3,4,5],12)
## e.g., produces something like:
## [5,3,1,4,2, 3,1,5,2,4, 3,1 ]
```

**See Also:**

```
CrossFactorWithoutDuplicates(),
  Shuffle(), DesignFullCounterBalance(),
  DesignGrecoLatinSquare(), DesignLatinSquare(), Repeat(),
  RepeatList(), LatinSquare()
```

### 11.7.3 DesignGrecoLatinSquare()

**Description:**

This will return a list of lists formed by rotating through each element of the <reatment\_list> s, making a list containing all element of the list, according to a greco-latin square. All lists must be of the same length.

**Usage:**

```
define DesignGrecoLatinSquare(...)
```

**Example:**

```
x <- ["a","b","c"]
y <- ["p","q","r"]
z <- ["x","y","z"]
Print(DesignGrecoLatinSquare(x,y,z))
# produces:      [[a, p, x], [b, q, y], [c, r, z]],
#               [[a, q, z], [b, r, x], [c, p, y]],
#               [[a, r, y], [b, p, z], [c, q, x]]]
```

**See Also:**

```
CrossFactorWithoutDuplicates(), LatinSquare(),
DesignFullCounterBalance(), DesignBalancedSampling(),
DesignLatinSquare(), Repeat(), RepeatList(),
  Shuffle()
```

### 11.7.4 DesignLatinSquare()

*Simple latin square*

**Description:**

This returns return a list of lists formed by rotating through each element of <reatment\_list>, making a list containing all element of the list. Has no side effect on input lists.

**Usage:**



```
define DesignLatinSquare(...)
```

**Example:**

```
order <- [1,2,3]
treatment <- ["A","B","C"]
design <- DesignLatinSquare(order,treatment)
# produces: [[[1, A], [2, B], [3, C]],
#           [[1, B], [2, C], [3, A]],
#           [[1, C], [2, A], [3, B]]]
```

**See Also:**

CrossFactorWithoutDuplicates(),  
DesignFullCounterBalance(), DesignBalancedSampling(),  
DesignGrecoLatinSquare(), Repeat(), LatinSquare() RepeatList(),  
Shuffle(), Rotate()

### 11.7.5 ExtractListItems()

*Gets a subset of items from a list*

**Description:**

Extracts items from a list, forming a new list. The list <items> are the integers representing the indices that should be extracted.

**Usage:**

```
define ExtractListItems(...)
```

**Example:**

```
myList <- Sequence(101, 110, 1)
ExtractListItems(myList, [2,4,5,1,4])
# produces [102, 104, 105, 101, 104]
```

**See Also:**

Subset(), SubList(), SampleN(), Filter()

### 11.7.6 Flatten()

*Flattens a nested list completely*

**Description:**

Flattens nested list <list> to a single flat list.

**Usage:**

```
define Flatten(...)
```

**Example:**

```
Flatten([1,2,[3,4],[5,[6,7],8],[9]]) # == [1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9]
Flatten([1,2,[3,4],[5,[6,7],8],[9]]) # == [1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9]
```

**See Also:**

FlattenN(), FoldList()

### 11.7.7 FlattenN()

*Flattens n levels of a nested list*

**Description:**

Flattens <n> levels of nested list <list>.

**Usage:**

```
define FlattenN(...)
```

**Example:**

```
Flatten([1,2,[3,4],[5,[6,7],8],[9]],1)
# == [1,2,3,4,5,[6,7],8,9]
```

**See Also:**

Flatten(), FoldList()

### 11.7.8 FoldList()

*Folds list into length- $n$  sublists.*

**Description:**

Folds a list into equal-length sublists.

**Usage:**

```
define FoldList(...)
```

**Example:**

```
FoldList([1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8],2)      # == [[1,2],[3,4],[5,6],[7,
↪8]]
```

**See Also:**

FlattenN(), Flatten()

### 11.7.9 Insert()

**Description:**

Inserts an element into a list at a specified position, returning the new list. The original list is unchanged.

**Usage:**

```
define Insert(...)
```

**Example:**

```
x <- [1,2,3,5]
y <- Insert(x,1,4)
##y== [1,2,3,1,5]
```

**See Also:**

List(), Merge, Append

### 11.7.10 LatinSquare()

*A simple latin square constructor*

**Description:**

Quick and dirty latin square, taking on just one list argument.

**Usage:**

```
define LatinSquare(...)
```

**Example:**

```
Print(LatinSquare([11,12,13,14,15,16]))
# Output:
#[[11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16]
#, [12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 11]
#, [13, 14, 15, 16, 11, 12]
#, [14, 15, 16, 11, 12, 13]
#, [15, 16, 11, 12, 13, 14]
#, [16, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15]
#]
```

**See Also:**

```
DesignFullCounterBalance(),
    DesignBalancedSampling(),          DesignGrecoLatinSquare(),
    DesignLatinSquare(), Repeat(), RepeatList(), Shuffle()
```

### 11.7.11 Levels()

*Returns a sorted list of unique elements in list.*

**Description:**

Returns sorted list of unique elements of a list.

**Usage:**

```
define Levels(...)
```

**Example:**

```
Levels([1,3,55,1,5,1,5])    # == [1,3,5,55]
```

**See Also:**

```
Match(), Filter(), Sort()
```

### 11.7.12 ListBy()

*Segments a list into sublist by the values of a second list*

**Description:**

organizes a list into sublists, based on the elements of a second list. It returns a list of two entities: (1) a condition list, describing what values were aggregated across; (2) the nested list elements. The length of each element should be the same. Together with Match and Filter, ListBy is useful for aggregating data across blocks and conditions for immediate feedback.

**Usage:**

```
define ListBy(...)
```

**Example:**

```
a <- Sequence(1,10,1)
b <- RepeatList([1,2],5)
x <- ListBy(a,b)
Print(x)
#[[1, 2],
#  [[1, 3, 5, 7, 9],
#   [2, 4, 6, 8, 10]]
#]

Print(ListBy(b,a))
#[[1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10],
#  [[1], [2], [1], [2], [1], [2], [1], [2], [1], [2]]]
```

**See Also:**

List(), [ ], Merge(), Append()

### 11.7.13 RemoveSubset()

**Description:**

Removes a subset of elements from a list. Creates a new list, and does not affect the original

**Usage:**

```
define RemoveSubset(...)
```

**Example:**

```
list1 <- [1,2,2,4,5]
list2 <- RemoveSubset(list1,[2,3])
Print(list1) #[1,2,2,4,5]
Print(list2) #[1,4,5]
```

**See Also:**

Merge(), Insert(), Rest()

### 11.7.14 Replace()

*Replaces items in a data structure*

**Description:**

Creates a copy of a (possibly nested) list in which items matching some list are replaced for other items. <template> can be any data structure, and can be nested. <replacementList> is a list containing two-item list pairs: the to-be-replaced item and to what it should be transformed. Note: replacement searches the entire <replacementList> for matches. If multiple keys are identical, the item will be replaced with the last item that matches.

**Usage:**

```
define Replace(...)
```

**Example:**

```
x <- ["a","b","c","x"]
rep <- [["a","A"],["b","B"],["x","D"]]
Print(Replace(x,rep))
# Result: [A, B, c, D]
```

**See Also:**

ReplaceChar()

### 11.7.15 Rest()

*Returns a list minus its first element*

**Description:**

Returns the ‘rest’ of a list; a list minus its first element. If the list is empty or has a single member, it will return an empty list []. This is a very common function in LISP.

**Usage:**

```
define Rest(...)
```

**Example:**

```
x <- Sequence(1,5,1)
y <- Rest(x)
Print(rep)
# Result:  [2,3,4,5]
```

**See Also:**

Insert()

### 11.7.16 Sample()

**Description:**

Samples a single item from a list, returning it. It is a bit more convenient at times than `ShuffleN(list,1)`, which returns a list of length 1. Implemented as `First(ShuffleN(list,1))`

**Usage:**

```
define Sample(...)
```

**Example:**

```
Sample([1,1,1,2,2]) # Returns a single number
Sample([1,2,3,4,5,6,7]) # Returns a single number
```

**See Also:**

`SeedRNG()`, `Sample()`, `ChooseN()`, `SampleNWithReplacement()`, `Subset()`

### 11.7.17 SampleN()

**Description:**

Samples `<number>` items from `list`, returning a randomly- ordered list. Items are sampled without replacement, so once an item is chosen it will not be chosen again. If `<number>` is larger than the length of the list, the entire list is returned shuffled. It differs from `ChooseN` in that `ChooseN` returns items in the order they appeared in the original list. It is implemented as `Shuffle(ChooseN())`.

**Usage:**

```
define SampleN(...)
```

**Example:**

```
SampleN([1,1,1,2,2], 5)      # Returns 5 numbers  
SampleN([1,2,3,4,5,6,7], 3) # Returns 3 numbers
```

**See Also:**

ChooseN(), SampleNWithReplacement(), Subset()

### 11.7.18 SampleNWithReplacement()

**Description:**

SampleNWithReplacement samples <number> items from <list>, replacing after each draw so that items can be sampled again. <number> can be larger than the length of the list. It has no side effects on its arguments.

**Usage:**

```
define SampleNWithReplacement(...)
```

**Example:**

```
x <- Sequence(1:100,1)  
SampleNWithReplacement(x, 10)  
# Produces 10 numbers between 1 and 100, possibly  
# repeating some.
```

**See Also:**

SampleN(), ChooseN(), Subset()

### 11.7.19 ShuffleRepeat()

**Description:**

Randomly shuffles <list>, repeating <n> times. Shuffles each iteration of the list separately, so you are guaranteed to go through all elements of the list before you get another. Returns a nested list.

**Usage:**

```
define ShuffleRepeat(...)
```

**Example:**



```
Print(ShuffleRepeat([1,2,3,4,5]),3)
## Results might be anything, like:
## [[5,3,2,1,4], [3,2,5,1,4], [1,4,5,3,2]]
```

Typically, you will want to flatten before using:

```
list <- Flatten(ShuffleRepeat([1,2,3], 5))
```

See Also:

```
Sort(), SortBy(), ShuffleRepeat(),
  ShuffleWithoutAdjacents()
```

### 11.7.20 ShuffleWithoutAdjacents()

**Description:**

Randomly shuffles <nested-list>, attempting to create a list where the nested elements do not appear adjacently in the new list. Returns a list that is flattened one level. It will always return a shuffled list, but it is not guaranteed to return one that has the non-adjacent structure specified, because this is sometimes impossible or very difficult to do randomly. Given small enough non-adjacent constraints with enough fillers, it should be able to find something satisfactory.

**Usage:**

```
define ShuffleWithoutAdjacents(...)
```

**Example:**

```
Print(ShuffleWithoutAdjacents([[1,2,3],
                              [4,5,6],
                              [7,8,9]]))

## Example Output:
## [8, 5, 2, 7, 4, 1, 6, 9, 3]
## [7, 4, 8, 1, 9, 2, 5, 3, 6]

## Non-nested items are shuffled without constraint
Print(ShuffleWithoutAdjacents([[1,2,3],
                              11,12,13,14,15,16]]))

## output: [13, 11, 2, 14, 3, 15, 1, 16, 12]
##         [13, 12, 2, 16, 15, 11, 1, 14, 3]
##         [11, 1, 15, 2, 12, 16, 14, 13, 3]
```

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```
## Sometimes the constraints cannot be satisfied.  
## 9 will always appear in position 2  
Print(ShuffleWithoutAdjacents([[1,2,3], 9])  
## output: [3, 9, 1, 2]  
##         [2, 9, 3, 1]  
##         [3, 9, 2, 1]
```

**See Also:**

Shuffle(), Sort(), SortBy(),  
ShuffleRepeat(), ShuffleWithoutAdjacents()

### 11.7.21 Subset()

*returns a subset of items from a list*

**Description:**

Extracts a subset of items from another list, returning a new list that includes items from the original list only once and in their original orders. Item indices in the second argument that do not exist in the first argument are ignored. It has no side effects on its arguments.

**Usage:**

```
define Subset(...)
```

**Example:**

```
Subset([1,2,3,4,5,6],[5,3,1,1])    # == [1,3,5]  
Subset([1,2,3,4,5], [23,4,2])     # == [2,4]
```

**See Also:**

SubList(), ExtractItems(), SampleN()

### 11.7.22 Functions Pending Documentation

### 11.7.23 FindToken()

*Recursively searches for a token in a nested list structure*

**Description:**

Searches recursively through a possibly nested list to find a specific token (value). Returns the index (1-based) of the first occurrence of the token found. If the

token is in a nested sublist, it searches that sublist recursively. Returns 0 if the token is not found. Useful for searching complex nested data structures.

**Usage:**

```
define FindToken(token, nestedlist)
```

**Example:**

```
# Search in a flat list
data <- ["apple", "banana", "cherry"]
index <- FindToken("banana", data)
Print(index)
# Result: 2

# Search in nested list
nested <- [["a", "b"], ["c", "d"], ["e", "f"]]
index <- FindToken("d", nested)
Print(index)
# Result: 2 (found in second sublist)

# Token not found
index <- FindToken("z", data)
Print(index)
# Result: 0
```

**See Also:**

IsMember(), Match(), Filter()

### 11.7.24 Reverse()

*Reverses the order of elements in a list*

**Description:**

Returns a new list containing all elements from the input list in reverse order. The original list is unchanged. This function is useful for reversing presentation order, creating backwards sequences, or implementing stack-like data structures.

**Usage:**

```
define Reverse(list)
```

**Example:**

```
x <- [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
y <- Reverse(x)
Print(y)
# Result: [5, 4, 3, 2, 1]

words <- ["first", "second", "third"]
Print(Reverse(words))
# Result: [third, second, first]
```

**See Also:**

Rotate(), Shuffle(), Sort()

### 11.7.25 Union()

*Computes the union of two lists.*

**Description:**

Returns a list containing all elements that appear in either `list1` or `list2`. Each element appears only once; duplicates are removed. The result is not guaranteed to be in any particular order.

**Usage:**

```
define Union(list1, list2)
```

**Example:**

```
a <- [1, 2, 3]
b <- [2, 3, 4, 5]
result <- Union(a, b)
## result == [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
```

**See Also:**

Intersect(), SetDifference(), IsMember()

### 11.7.26 Intersect()

*Computes the intersection of two lists.*

**Description:**

Returns a list containing only the elements that appear in both `list1` and `list2`. Each matched element appears once in the output.

**Usage:**

```
define Intersect(list1, list2)
```

**Example:**

```
a <- [1, 2, 3, 4]
b <- [2, 4, 6]
result <- Intersect(a, b)
## result == [2, 4]
```

**See Also:**

Union(), SetDifference(), IsMember()

### 11.7.27 SetDifference()

*Returns elements in one list that are absent from another.*

**Description:**

Returns the elements of `list2` that do not appear in `list1`. This is the asymmetric set difference: elements unique to `list1` are not included.

**Usage:**

```
define SetDifference(list1, list2)
```

**Example:**

```
baseline <- [1, 2, 3, 4]
current <- [2, 4, 5, 6]
added <- SetDifference(baseline, current)
## added == [5, 6]
```

**See Also:**

Union(), Intersect(), IsMember()

## 11.8 Graphics Library - Advanced Graphics

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### 11.8.1 BlockE()

*Creates a block E as a useable polygon which can be added to a window directly.*

**Description:**

Creates a polygon in the shape of a block E, pointing in one of four directions. Arguments include position in window.

- <x> and <y> is the position of the center
- <h> and <w> or the size of the E in pixels
- <thickness> thickness of the E
- <direction> specifies which way the E points: 1=right, 2=down, 3=left, 4=up.
- <color> is a color object (not just the name)

Like other drawn objects, the Block E must then be added to the window to appear.

**Usage:**

```
define BlockE(...)
```

**Example:**

```
win <- MakeWindow()
e1 <- BlockE(100,100,40,80,10,1,MakeColor("black"))
AddObject(e1,win)
Draw()
```

**See Also:**

Plus(), Polygon(), MakeStarPoints(), MakeNGonPoints()

### 11.8.2 ConvexHull()

*Returns a convex subset of points for a set*

**Description:**

Computes the convex hull of a set of [x,y] points. It returns a set of points that forms the convex hull, with the first and last point identical. A convex hull is the set of outermost points, such that a polygon connecting just those points will encompass all other points, and such that no angle is acute. It is used in MakeAttneave.

**Usage:**

```
define ConvexHull(...)
```

**Example:**

```
pts <- [[0.579081, 0.0327737],  
        [0.0536094, 0.378258],  
        [0.239628, 0.187751],  
        [0.940625, 0.26526],  
        [0.508748, 0.840846],  
        [0.352604, 0.200193],  
        [0.38684, 0.212413],  
        [0.00114761, 0.768165],  
        [0.432963, 0.629412]]  
Print(ConvexHull(pts))
```

**output:**

```
[[0.940625, 0.26526]  
 , [0.508748, 0.840846]  
 , [0.00114761, 0.768165]  
 , [0.0536094, 0.378258]  
 , [0.239628, 0.187751]  
 , [0.579081, 0.0327737]  
 , [0.940625, 0.26526]
```

**See Also:**

MakeAttneave,

### 11.8.3 GetAngle()

*Returns the angle in degrees of a vector.*

**Description:**

Gets an angle (in degrees) from (0,0) of an x,y coordinate

**Usage:**

```
define GetAngle(...)
```

**Example:**



```
##point sprite in the direction of a click
sprite <- LoadImage("car.png")
AddObject(sprite,gWin)
Move(sprite,300,300)
xy <- WaitForDownClick()
newangle <- GetAngle(First(xy)-300,Second(xy)-300)
sprite.rotation <- newangle
Draw()
```

**See Also:**

DegtoRad, RadToDeg

### 11.8.4 GetAngle3()

*Gets angle abc.*

**Description:**

Gets an angle (in radians) of abc.

**Usage:**

```
define GetAngle3(...)
```

**Example:**

```
a <- [0.579081, 0.0327737]
b <- [0.0536094, 0.378258]
c <- [0.239628, 0.187751]

Print(GetAngle3(a,b,c)) ## .2157
```

**See Also:**

DegtoRad, RadToDeg, GetAngle, ToRight

### 11.8.5 KaniszaPolygon()

**Description:**

Creates generic polygon, defined only by with **pac-man** circles at specified vertices.

**Usage:**

```
define KaniszaPolygon(...)
```

**Example:**

For detailed usage example, see: <http://peblblog.blogspot.com/2010/11/kanizsa-shapes.html>

Part of a script using KaniszaPolygon:

```
#Specify the xy points
xys <- [[10,10],[10,50],[130,60],[100,100],[150,100],
        [150,20],[80,-10],[45,10]]

#Specify which vertices to show (do all)
show <- [1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1]

#Make one, showing the line
x <- KaniszaPolygon(xys,show,10,fg,bg,1)
AddObject(x,gWin); Move(x,200,200)

#Make a second, not showing the line
x2 <- KaniszaPolygon(xys,show,10,fg,bg,0)
AddObject(x2,gWin); Move(x2,400,200)

#Make a third, only showing some vertices:
x3 <- KaniszaPolygon(xys,[1,1,1,1,1,0,0,1],10,fg,bg,0)
AddObject(x3,gWin); Move(x3,600,200)
```

**See Also:**

Polygon(), KaneszaSquare()

### 11.8.6 KaniszaSquare()

**Description:**

Creates generic Kanesza Square, one defined only by with pac-man circles at its vertices:

**Usage:**

```
define KaniszaSquare(...)
```

**Example:**

For detailed usage example, see  
`<http://peblblog.blogspot.com/2010/11/kanizsa-shapes.html>`

```
gWin <- MakeWindow()
square <- KanizsaSquare(150,20,MakeColor("red"),
                        MakeColor("green"))

AddObject(square,gWin)
Move(square,200,200)
Draw()
WaitForAnyKeyPress()
```

**See Also:**

Polygon(), KanizsaPolygon()

### 11.8.7 LayoutGrid()

*Creates [x,y] pairs in a grid for graphical layout*

**Description:**

Creates a grid of x,y points in a range, that are spaced in a specified number of rows and columns. Furthermore, you can specify whether they are vertical or horizontally laid out.

**Usage:**

```
define LayoutGrid(...)
```

**Example:**

Example PEBL Program using NonoverlapLayout:

```
define Start(p)
{
  gWin <- MakeWindow()
  gVideoWidth <- 800
  gVideoHeight <- 300

  lab1 <- EasyLabel("LayoutGrid, horizontal",
                    200,25,gWin,24)
  lab2 <- EasyLabel("LayoutGrid, vertical",
                    600,25,gWin,24)
  nums <- Sequence(1,20,1)
```

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```
stim1 <- []
stim2 <- []

font <- MakeFont(gPeblBaseFont,0,25,
                 MakeColor("black"),MakeColor("white"),0)
loop(i,nums)
{
  stim1 <- Append(stim1,MakeLabel(i+"",font))
  stim2 <- Append(stim2,MakeLabel(i+"",font))
}

layout1 <- LayoutGrid(50,gVideoWidth/2-50,
                      50,gVideoHeight-50,5,4,0)
layout2 <- LayoutGrid(gVideoWidth/2+50,gVideoWidth-50,
                      50,gVideoHeight-50,5,4,1)

##Now, layout the stuff.

loop(i,Transpose([stim1,layout1]))
{
  obj <- First(i)
  xy <- Second(i)
  AddObject(obj,gWin)
  Move(obj, First(xy),Second(xy))
}

loop(i,Transpose([stim2,layout2]))
{
  obj <- First(i)
  xy <- Second(i)
  AddObject(obj,gWin)
  Move(obj, First(xy),Second(xy))
}

Draw()
WaitForAnyKeyPress()
}
```

The output of the above program is shown below. Even for the  
 ↪left configuration, which is too compact (and which takes a  
 ↪couple seconds to run), the targets are fairly well  
 ↪distributed.

See Also:

NonOverlapLayout()

### 11.8.8 MakeAttneave()

*Makes a complex ‘Attneave’ polygon*

#### Description:

Makes a random ‘Attneave’ figure((Collin, C. A., & McMullen, P. A. (2002). Using Matlab to generate families of similar Attneave shapes. Behavior Research Methods Instruments and Computers, 34(1), 55-68.)). An Attneave figure is a complex polygon that can be used as a stimulus in a number of situations. It returns a sequence of points for use in Polygon(). {} MakeAttneave uses ConvexHull, InsertAttneavePointRandom() and ValidateAttneaveShape(), found in Graphics.pbl. Override these to change constraints such as minimum/maximum side lengths, angles, complexity, etc. MakeAttneave uses a sampling-and-rejection scheme to create in-bounds shapes. Thus, if you specify impossible or nearly-impossible constraints, the time necessary to create shapes may be very long or infinite. The arguments to MakeAttneave are:

- size: size, in pixels, of a circle from which points are sampled in a uniform distribution.
- numpoints: number of points in the polygon.
- minangle: smallest angle acceptable (in degrees).
- maxangle: largest angle acceptable (in degrees).

#### Usage:

```
define MakeAttneave(...)
```

#### Example:

```
gWin <- MakeWindow()
shape <- MakeAttneave(100,5+RandomDiscrete(5),5,170)
pts <- Transpose(shape)
poly <- Polygon(200,200,First(pts),Second(pts),
               MakeColor("blue"),1)
AddObject(poly,gWin)
Draw()
WaitForAnyKeyPress()
```

See Also:

MakeImage(), Polygon(), Square()

### 11.8.9 MakeGabor()

*Creates a ‘gabor patch’ with specified parameters*

**Description:**

Creates a greyscale gabor patch, with seven variables:

- size (in pixels) of square the patch is drawn on
- freq: frequency of grating (number of wavelengths in size)
- sd: standard deviation, in pixels, of gaussian window
- angle: angle of rotation of grating, in radians
- phase: phase offset of grating (in radians)
- bglev: number between 0 and 255 indicating background color in greyscale.

{ }

**Usage:**

```
define MakeGabor(...)
```

**Example:**

```
win <- MakeWindow()
patch <- MakeGabor(80, 0,10,0,0,100)
AddObject(patch,win)
Move(patch,200,200)
Draw()
```

**See Also:**

MakeAttneave(), SetPixel(), MakeCanvas()

### 11.8.10 MakeGraph()

**Description:**

Creates a simple bargraph that can be added to/moved on a window..

**Usage:**

```
define MakeGraph(...)
```

### 11.8.11 MakeNGonPoints()

*Creates points for a polygon, which can then be fed to Polygon*

**Description:**

Creates a set of points that form a regular n-gon. It can be transformed with functions like `RotatePoints`, or it can be used to create a graphical object with `Polygon`. Note: `MakeNGonPoints` returns a list like:

```
[[x1, x2, x3,...],[y1,y2,y3,...]],
while Polygon() takes the X and Y lists independently.
```

**Usage:**

```
define MakeNGonPoints(...)
```

**Example:**

```
window <- MakeWindow()
ngonp <- MakeNGonPoints(50,10)
ngon <- Polygon(200,200,First(ngonp),Nth(ngonp,2),
               MakeColor("red"),1)
AddObject(ngon>window)
Draw()
```

**See Also:**

`MakeStarPoints`, `Polygon`, `RotatePoints`, `ZoomPoints`

### 11.8.12 MakeStarPoints()

*Creates points for a star, which can then be fed to Polygon*

**Description:**

Creates a set of points that form a regular star. It can be transformed with functions like `RotatePoints`, or it can be used to create a graphical object with `Polygon`. Note: `MakeStarPoints` returns a list:

```
[[x1, x2, x3,...],[y1,y2,y3,...]],
while ``Polygon()`` takes the X and Y lists independently.
```

**Usage:**

```
define MakeStarPoints(...)
```

**Example:**

```
window <- MakeWindow()
sp <- MakeStarPoints(50,20,10)
star <- Polygon(200,200,First(sp),Nth(sp,2),
               MakeColor("red"),1)
AddObject(star,window)
Draw()
```

**See Also:**

MakeNGonPoints, Polygon, RotatePoints, ZoomPoints

### 11.8.13 NonOverlapLayout()

*Creates a set of num points that don't overlap, but fails gracefully*

**Description:**

Creates a set of num points in a xy range, that have a (soft) minimum tolerance of 'tol' between points. That is, to the extent possible, the returned points will have a minimum distance between them of <tol>. This may not be possible or be very difficult, and so after a limited number of attempts (by default, 100), the algorithm will return the current configuration, which may have some violations of the minimum tolerance rule, but it will usually be fairly good. The algorithm works by initializing with a random set of points, then computing a pairwise distance matrix between all points, finding the closest two points, and resampling one of them until its minimum distance is larger than the current. Thus, each internal iteration uniformly improves (or keeps the configuration the same), and the worst points are reconfigured first, so that even if a configuration that does not satisfy the constraints, it will usually be very close. Internally, the function (located in pebl-lib/Graphics.pbl) has a variable that controls how many steps are taken, called `limit`, which is set to 100. For very compacted or very large iterations, this limit can be increased by editing the file or making a copy of the function. The function usually returns fairly quickly, so it can often be used real-time between trials. However, for complex enough configurations, it can take on the order of seconds; furthermore, more complex configurations might take longer than less complex configurations, which could represent a potential confound (if more complex stimuli have longer ISIs). Users should thus consider creating the configurations when the test is initialized, or created prior to the study and then saved out to a file for later use. newpage

**Usage:**



```
define NonOverlapLayout(...)
```

**Example:**

Example PEBL Program using NonoverlapLayout:

```
define Start(p)
{
  win <- MakeWindow()
  ## Make 25 points in a square in the middle
  ## of the screen, a minimum of 50 pixels apart.
  ## This is too compact, but it will be OK.

  points <- NonOverlapLayout(100,300,200,400,50,25)
  circs <- []
  ##This should non-overlapping circles of radius 25
  loop(i,points)
  {
    tmp <- Circle(First(i),Second(i),25,
                  MakeColor("blue"),0)
    AddObject(tmp,win)
    circs <- Append(circs,tmp)
  }

  rect1 <- Square(200,300,200,MakeColor("black"),0)
  rect2 <- Square(600,300,200,MakeColor("black"),0)

  AddObject(rect1,win)
  AddObject(rect2,win)
  ##Reduce the tolerance: this one should be better
  points <- NonOverlapLayout(500,700,200,400,50,15)

  ##This should non-overlapping circles of radius 15
  loop(i,points)
  {
    tmp <- Circle(First(i),Second(i),
                  15,MakeColor("blue"),0)
    AddObject(tmp,win)
    circs <- Append(circs,tmp)
  }
  Draw()
  WaitForAnyKeyPress()
}
```

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```
}
```

The output of the above program is shown below. Even for the  
↳left configuration, which is too compact (and which takes a  
↳couple seconds to run), the targets are fairly well  
↳distributed.

**See Also:**

LayoutGrid()

### 11.8.14 Plus()

*Creates a plus sign as a useable polygon which can be added to a window directly.*

**Description:**

Creates a polygon in the shape of a plus sign. Arguments include position in window.

- <x> and <y> is the position of the center
- <size> or the size of the plus sign in pixels
- <width> thickness of the plus
- <color> is a color object (not just the name)

Like other drawn objects, the plus must then be added to the window to appear.

**Usage:**

```
define Plus(...)
```

**Example:**

```
win <- MakeWindow()  
p1 <- Plus(100,100,80,15,MakeColor("red"))  
AddObject(p1,win)  
Draw()
```

**See Also:**

BlockE(), Polygon(), MakeStarPoints(), MakeNGonPoints()

### 11.8.15 ReflectPoints()

*Reflects points on vertical axis*

**Description:**

Takes a set of points (defined in a joined list `[[x1,x2,x3,...],[y1,y2,y3,...]]` and reflects them around the vertical axis  $x=0$ , returning a similar `[[x],[y]]` list. Identical to `ZoomPoints(pts,-1,1)`

**Usage:**

```
define ReflectPoints(...)
```

**Example:**

```
points <- [[1,2,3,4],[20,21,22,23]]
newpoints <- ReflectPoints(points)
```

**See Also:**

`ZoomPoints()`, `RotatePoints()`

### 11.8.16 ResetCanvas()

*Resets a canvas to its background, erasing anything drawn on the canvas*

**Description:**

Resets a canvas, so that anything drawn onto it is erased and returned to its background color. Implemented by resetting the background color to itself:

```
canvas.color <- canvas.
```

The function does not return the canvas, but has the side effect of resetting it.

**Usage:**

```
define ResetCanvas(...)
```

**Example:**

```
#create a canvas, add pixel noise, then reset and repeat.
define Start(p)
{
  gWin <- MakeWindow()
  canvas <- MakeCanvas(100,100,MakeColor("black"))
```

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```
AddObject(canvas,gWin); Move(canvas,300,300)
Draw()
white <- MakeColor("white")
##add pixel noise
j <- 1
while(j < 5)
{
  i <- 1
  while(i < 200)
  {
    SetPixel(canvas,Round(Random()*100),
              Round(Random()*100),white)
    i <- i +1
  }
  Draw()
  WaitForAnyKeyPress()
  ResetCanvas(canvas)
  Draw()
  j <- j + 1
}
WaitForAnyKeyPress()
}
```

**See Also:**

SetPixel(), MakeCanvas(), Draw()

### 11.8.17 RGBtoHSV()

*Converts a color to HSV triple*

**Description:**

Converts a color object to HSV values. May be useful for computing color-space distances and so on. No HSVtoRGB is currently implemented.

**Usage:**

```
define RGBtoHSV(...)
```

**Example:**

```
x <- RGBtoHSV(MakeColor("red"))
```

**See Also:**

MakeColor(), MakeColorRGB()

### 11.8.18 RotatePoints()

**Description:**

Takes a set of points (defined in a joined list `[[x1,x2,x3,...], [y1,y2,y3,...]]` and rotates them `<angle>` degrees around the point `[0,0]`, returning a similar `[[x],[y]]` list.

**Usage:**

```
define RotatePoints(...)
```

**Example:**

```
points <- [[1,2,3,4],[20,21,22,23]]
newpoints <- RotatePoints(points,10)
```

**See Also:**

ZoomPoints(), ReflectPoints()

### 11.8.19 SegmentsIntersect()

*Determines whether line segment ab intersects cd.*

**Description:**

Determines whether two line segments, defined by four xy point pairs, intersect. Two line segments that share a corner return 0, although they could be considered to intersect. This function is defined in `pebl-lib/Graphics.pbl`

**Usage:**

```
define SegmentsIntersect(...)
```

**Example:**

```
SegmentsIntersect(1,0,2,0,
                  1,2,2,2) #0

#returns 0, though they share (1,0)
SegmentsIntersect(1,0,2,0,
                  1,0,2,2)
SegmentsIntersect(1,1,3,1,
                  2,2,2,0) #1
```

**See Also:**

GetAngle3, ToRight

### 11.8.20 ToRight()

*Determines whether p3 is to the right of line p1p2*

**Description:**

Determines whether a point p3 is ‘to the right’ of a line segment defined by p1 to p2. Works essentially by computing the determinant.

**Usage:**

```
define ToRight(...)
```

**Example:**

```
a <- [100,0]
b <- [100,100]
c <- [150,50]
ToRight(a,b,c) # returns 1; true
ToRight(b,a,c) # returns 0; false
```

**See Also:**

GetAngle(), GetAngle3(), SegmentsIntersect()

### 11.8.21 ZoomPoints()

*Zooms a set of points in 2 directions*

**Description:**

Takes a set of points (defined in a joined list `[[x1,x2,x3,...],[y1,y2,y3,...]]` and adjusts them in the x and y direction independently, returning a similar `[[x],[y]]` list. Note: The original points should be centered at zero, because the get adjusted relative to zero, not relative to their center.

**Usage:**

```
define ZoomPoints(...)
```

**Example:**

```
points <- [[1,2,3,4],[20,21,22,23]]
newpoints <- ZoomPoints(points,2,.5)
##Produces [[2,4,6,8],[10,11.5,11,11.5]]
```

**See Also:**

RotatePoints(), ReflectPoints()

## 11.8.22 Functions Pending Documentation

### 11.8.23 GetMinDist()

*Finds the minimum distance between any two points in a list*

**Description:**

Computes and returns the minimum distance between any pair of points in a list of [x,y] coordinate pairs. This function examines all possible pairs of points and returns the smallest distance found. Useful for validating point distributions, checking spacing constraints, or analyzing geometric layouts.

**Usage:**

```
define GetMinDist(pts)
```

**Example:**

```
points <- [[0, 0], [10, 0], [5, 5], [100, 100]]
minDist <- GetMinDist(points)
Print(minDist)
# Result: 7.07107 (distance between [5,5] and [10,0])

# Check if points are spaced far enough apart
layout <- NonOverlapLayout(100, 400, 100, 400, 50, 20)
spacing <- GetMinDist(layout)
if(spacing < 50)
{
  Print("Warning: some points are too close together")
}
```

**See Also:**

NonOverlapLayout(), Dist()

### 11.8.24 HideObject()

*Hides a custom graphical object*

**Description:**

Hides a custom graphical object by hiding its canvas. This function is designed for use with complex custom objects that have a `.canv` property containing their graphical representation. The object remains in memory but is not displayed until shown again with `ShowObject()`. This is useful for temporarily removing custom stimuli from view without destroying them.

**Usage:**

```
define HideObject(obj)
```

**Example:**

```
# Create a custom object with a canvas
myObject <- MakeCustomShape() # hypothetical function

# Display the object
ShowObject(myObject)
Draw()
Wait(1000)

# Hide the object temporarily
HideObject(myObject)
Draw()
Wait(1000)

# Show it again
ShowObject(myObject)
Draw()
```

**See Also:**

`ShowObject()`, `Hide()`, `Show()`

### 11.8.25 LandoltRing()

*Creates a Landolt C ring stimulus for visual acuity testing*

**Description:**

Creates a Landolt C (also known as Landolt ring), a classic visual acuity stimulus used in optometry and vision research. The Landolt C is a ring with a gap at a specified angular position. Subjects identify the location of the gap to assess



visual acuity. The function returns a canvas object containing the rendered stimulus.

The Landolt C was introduced by Edmund Landolt in 1888 (Landolt, E. *Methode optométrique simple. Bull Mem Soc Fran Ophtalmol.* 1888;6:213–4) and remains a standard stimulus in visual psychophysics and clinical vision testing.

Parameters:

- **outer**: Outer diameter of the ring in pixels
- **inner**: Inner diameter (size of the central hole) in pixels
- **angle**: Angular position of the gap in degrees (0=right, 90=down, 180=left, 270=up)
- **lgap**: Width of the gap in pixels
- **color**: Color object for the ring
- **bgcolor**: Color object for the background and gap

Usage:

```
define LandoltRing(outer, inner, angle, lgap, color, bgcolor)
```

Example:

```
gWin <- MakeWindow()
black <- MakeColor("black")
white <- MakeColor("white")

# Create a Landolt C with gap on the right (0 degrees)
ring1 <- LandoltRing(100, 60, 0, 20, black, white)
AddObject(ring1, gWin)
Move(ring1, 200, 200)

# Create a smaller ring with gap at bottom (90 degrees)
ring2 <- LandoltRing(60, 40, 90, 12, black, white)
AddObject(ring2, gWin)
Move(ring2, 400, 200)

# Create rings at different orientations for acuity test
angles <- [0, 45, 90, 135, 180, 225, 270, 315]
loop(i, Sequence(1, Length(angles), 1))
{
  ring <- LandoltRing(80, 50, Nth(angles, i), 15, black, white)
  AddObject(ring, gWin)
  Move(ring, 100 + i*80, 300)
}
```

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```
Draw()  
WaitForAnyKeyPress()
```

**See Also:**

Circle(), BlockE(), MakeCanvas()

### 11.8.26 MakeTable()

*Creates a formatted table display with headers and data*

**Description:**

Creates a visual table object containing data arranged in rows and columns with headers. Returns a custom table object drawn on a canvas that can be added to a window and positioned like other graphical objects. The table includes horizontal rules separating the header from data and bordering the table. Headers can be multi-row (nested lists). Useful for displaying results, feedback, or structured information to participants.

Parameters:

- **data:** Nested list of data values (rows  $\times$  columns)
- **header:** List of column headers (can be nested for multi-row headers)
- **width:** Total width of the table in pixels
- **height:** Total height of the table in pixels
- **fontsize:** Base font size for table text
- **fgcol:** Foreground color object for text and lines
- **bgcolor:** Background color object for the table
- **layout:** Layout mode (default: 1)

**Usage:**

```
define MakeTable(data, header, width, height, fontsize, fgcol,  
  ↪ bgcolor, layout: 1)
```

**Example:**

```
gWin <- MakeWindow()  
black <- MakeColor("black")  
white <- MakeColor("white")
```

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```
# Create a simple results table
headers <- ["Trial", "RT (ms)", "Accuracy"]
data <- [[1, 523, "Correct"],
        [2, 456, "Correct"],
        [3, 678, "Error"],
        [4, 501, "Correct"]]

table <- MakeTable(data, headers, 400, 300, 16, black, white)
AddObject(table.canv, gWin)
Move(table.canv, 400, 300)
Draw()
WaitForAnyKeyPress()
```

**See Also:**

MakeCanvas(), MakeLabel(), EasyLabel()

**11.8.27 ShowObject()***Shows a custom graphical object***Description:**

Shows a custom graphical object by displaying its canvas. This function is designed for use with complex custom objects that have a `.canv` property containing their graphical representation. Use this to display objects that were previously hidden with `HideObject()` or to initially display custom objects after creation. The object must have been created with a canvas property for this function to work properly.

**Usage:**

```
define ShowObject(obj)
```

**Example:**

```
# Create a custom object with a canvas
myObject <- MakeCustomShape() # hypothetical function

# Initially hide the object
HideObject(myObject)
Draw()

# Wait for user input
```

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```
WaitForAnyKeyPress()

# Now show the object
ShowObject(myObject)
Draw()

# Toggle visibility
if(someCondition)
{
    ShowObject(myObject)
} else {
    HideObject(myObject)
}
```

**See Also:**

HideObject(), Show(), Hide()

### 11.8.28 Functions Under Investigation

#### 11.8.29 ThickLine2()

**Warning: Under investigation.** This function's status is being reviewed.

**Usage:**

```
define ThickLine2(x1,y1,x2,y2,size,color)
```

## 11.9 HTML Library - HTML Generation

This library contains functions for generating HTML markup and web content.

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- *Table()*

### 11.9.1 B()

**Description:**

Implements the HTML `<b>` tag. Wraps the provided text in bold tags to display it in bold font weight when rendered in HTML.

**Usage:**

```
define B(text)
```

**Example:**

```
report <- B("Important Result")
FilePrint(file, report)
## Produces: <b>Important Result</b>
```

**See Also:**

P(), H(), Entag()

### 11.9.2 BR()

**Description:**

Implements the HTML `<br>` tag. Returns a line break tag to create a new line in HTML output without starting a new paragraph.

**Usage:**

```
define BR()
```

**Example:**

```
text <- "Line 1" + BR() + "Line 2"
FilePrint(file, text)
## Produces: Line 1<br>Line 2
```

**See Also:**

P(), HL()

### 11.9.3 CT()

**Description:**

Closes an HTML tag by generating the closing tag syntax. This is a helper function used by other HTML functions to create properly formatted closing tags. Takes a tag name and returns `</tagname>`.

**Usage:**

```
define CT(tag)
```

**Example:**

```
closing <- CT("div")
## Produces: </div>
```

**See Also:**

OT(), Entag()

### 11.9.4 Entag()

**Description:**

Generic function to wrap body content in any HTML tag. Takes a tag name and body text, then returns the body wrapped in opening and closing tags. Useful for creating custom HTML elements not covered by specific functions.

**Usage:**

```
define Entag(tag, body)
```

**Example:**

```
emphasized <- Entag("em", "This is important")
## Produces: <em>This is important</em>

div <- Entag("div", "Content in a div")
## Produces: <div>Content in a div</div>
```

**See Also:**

OT(), CT(), P(), B()

### 11.9.5 H()

**Description:**

Implements HTML header tags <h1> through <h6>. Takes text and a level (1-6) and wraps the text in the appropriate header tag. Level 1 is the largest heading, level 6 is the smallest.

**Usage:**

```
define H(text, level)
```

**Example:**

```
title <- H("Test Results", 1)
## Produces: <h1>Test Results</h1>

subhead <- H("Section A", 2)
## Produces: <h2>Section A</h2>
```

**See Also:**

P(), B()

### 11.9.6 HL()

**Description:**

Creates a horizontal line element in HTML. Returns <h1> tag. Note: This appears to be a non-standard tag; standard HTML uses <hr> for horizontal rules.

**Usage:**

```
define HL()
```

**Example:**

```
separator <- HL()
FilePrint(file, separator)
```

**See Also:**

BR(), P()

### 11.9.7 Img()

**Description:**

Implements the HTML <img> tag. Creates an image element with specified filename and width. The filename should be a path to the image file, and width is specified in pixels.

**Usage:**

```
define Img(filename, width)
```

**Example:**

```
image <- Img("results_chart.png", 600)
## Produces: <img src='results_chart.png' width=600/>
```

**See Also:**

Page(), Table()

### 11.9.8 MakeDivPage()

**Description:**

Creates a page-formatted div container with automatic page numbering. Uses CSS classes ‘page’ and ‘subpage’ for styling (defined in Page() stylesheet). Automatically increments a global page counter (gPage) for multi-page reports. Useful for creating printable reports with consistent page formatting.

**Usage:**

```
define MakeDivPage(text)
```

**Example:**

```
page1 <- MakeDivPage(H("Report", 1) + P("Page content here"))
page2 <- MakeDivPage(H("Continued", 2) + P("More content"))
report <- Page(page1 + page2)
FilePrint(file, report)
```



**See Also:**

Page(), H(), P()

### 11.9.9 OT()

**Description:**

Opens an HTML tag by generating the opening tag syntax. This is a helper function used by other HTML functions to create properly formatted opening tags. Takes a tag name and returns `<tagname>`.

**Usage:**

```
define OT(tag)
```

**Example:**

```
opening <- OT("div")  
## Produces: <div>
```

**See Also:**

CT(), Entag()

### 11.9.10 P()

**Description:**

Implements the HTML `<p>` tag. Wraps the provided text in paragraph tags to create a standard HTML paragraph element.

**Usage:**

```
define P(text)
```

**Example:**

```
paragraph <- P("This is the first paragraph of the report.")  
FilePrint(file, paragraph)  
## Produces: <p>This is the first paragraph of the report.</p>
```

**See Also:**

H(), B(), BR()

### 11.9.11 Page()

**Description:**

Creates a complete HTML document with CSS styling suitable for printable reports. Wraps content in full HTML structure including head, style, and body tags. Provides default CSS for letter-size pages with print-friendly styling, or accepts custom CSS. The default stylesheet includes responsive table styling and page formatting optimized for 8.5x11 inch paper.

**Usage:**

```
define Page(text, style:0)
```

**Example:**

```
content <- H("Test Report", 1) + P("Results below:") +  
  ↪Table(data, ["Name", "Score"])  
html <- Page(content)  
FilePrint(file, html)  
  
## With custom CSS:  
customCSS <- "body { font-family: Arial; }"  
html <- Page(content, customCSS)
```

**See Also:**

MakeDivPage(), Table(), H(), P()

### 11.9.12 Table()

**Description:**

Implements HTML <table> markup. Converts a nested list (list of rows, where each row is a list of cells) into an HTML table. Optionally accepts a header list to create table column headers using <thead> and <th> tags. Data rows are automatically wrapped in <tr> and <td> tags. Works with the CSS styling provided by Page() for formatted, printable tables.

**Usage:**

```
define Table(tab, header:"")
```

**Example:**

```
## Simple table without headers:  
data <- [ ["John", 85], ["Mary", 92], ["Bob", 78]]
```

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```
table <- Table(data)

## Table with headers:
data <- [["John", 85], ["Mary", 92], ["Bob", 78]]
headers <- ["Name", "Score"]
table <- Table(data, headers)

## In a full report:
report <- Page(H("Results", 1) + Table(data, headers))
FilePrint(file, report)
```

See Also:

Page(), MakeDivPage(), Entag()

## 11.10 Math Library - Extended Mathematical

This library contains extended mathematical functions beyond the core PE-BLMath namespace.

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### 11.10.1 Bound()

*Returns val, bounded by min and max.*

**Description:**

This makes sure number is between min and max; if min>max, it will return max, so you need to check if that isn't the right behavior.

**Usage:**

```
define Bound(number,min,max)
```

### 11.10.2 CumNormInv()

*Returns accurate numerical approximation of cumulative normal inverse.*

**Description:**

This function takes a probability and returns the corresponding z-score for the cumulative standard normal distribution. It uses an accurate numerical approximation from: <http://home.online.no/~pjacklam/notes/invnorm>

**Usage:**

```
define CumNormInv(...)
```

**Example:**

```
Print(CumNormInv(0))      # = NA
Print(CumNormInv(.01))   # = -2.32634
Print(CumNormInv(.5))    # = 0
Print(CumNormInv(.9))    # = 1.28
Print(CumNormInv(1))     # = NA
```

**See Also:**

NormalDensity(), RandomNormal()

### 11.10.3 CumSum()

*Returns the cumulative sums of a set of numbers*

**Description:**

Returns the cumulative sum of <list>.

**Usage:**

```
define CumSum(...)
```

**Example:**

```
sum <- CumSum([1,2,3,3,4,7])  
# == [1,3,6,9,13,20]
```

**See Also:**

Min(), Max(), Mean(), Median(), Quantile(), StDev()

### 11.10.4 Dist()

*Returns distance between two points.*

**Description:**

Returns Euclidean distance between two points. Each point should be [x,y], and any additional items in the list are ignored.

**Usage:**

```
define Dist(...)
```

**Example:**

```
p1 <- [0,0]  
p2 <- [3,4]  
d <- Dist(p1,p2) #d is 5
```

### 11.10.5 Filter()

*Filters a list based on a 0/1 list produced by Match.*

**Description:**

Returns a subset of <list>, depending on whether the <filter> list is zero or nonzero. Both arguments must be lists of the same length.

**Usage:**

```
define Filter(...)
```

**Example:**

```
x <- [1,2,3,3,2,2,1]
Print(Filter(x,[1,1,1,0,0,0,0])) ##==[1,2,3]
Print(Filter(x,Match(x,1)))    ##== [1,1]
```

**See Also:**

Match(), Subset(), Lookup()

### 11.10.6 Match()

*Returns a list of 0/1s, indicating which elements of list match item.*

**Description:**

Returns a list of 0/1, indicating which elements of <list> match <target>

**Usage:**

```
define Match(...)
```

**Example:**

```
x <- [1,2,3,3,2,2,1]
Print(Match(x,1))  ##== [1,0,0,0,0,0,1]
Print(Match(x,2))  ##== [0,1,0,0,1,1,0]
Print( Match(x,3)  ##== [0,0,1,1,0,0,0]
```

**See Also:**

Filter(), Subset(), Lookup()

### 11.10.7 NormalDensity()

*Returns density of standard normal distribution.*

**Description:**

Computes density of normal standard distribution

**Usage:**

```
define NormalDensity(...)
```

**Example:**

```
Print(NormalDensity(-100))      # 1.8391e-2171
Print(NormalDensity(-2.32635))  #5.97
Print(NormalDensity(0))         #0.398942
Print(NormalDensity(1.28155))   #.90687
Print(NormalDensity(1000))      #inf
```

**See Also:**

RandomNormal(), CumNormInv()

### 11.10.8 Order()

**Description:**

Returns a list of indices describing the order of values by position, from min to max.

**Usage:**

```
define Order(...)
```

**Example:**

```
n <- [33,12,1,5,9]
o <- Order(n)
Print(o) #should print [3,4,5,2,1]
```

**See Also:**

Rank()

### 11.10.9 Rank()

**Description:**

Returns a list of numbers describing the rank of each position, from min to max. The same as calling `Order(Order(x))`.

**Usage:**

```
define Rank(...)
```

**Example:**

```
n <- [33,12,1,5,9]
o <- Rank(n)
Print(o) #should print [5,4,1,2,3]
```

**See Also:**

`Order()`

### 11.10.10 SDTBeta()

*Computes SDT beta.*

**Description:**

SDTBeta computes beta, as defined by signal detection theory. This is a measure of decision bias based on hit rate and false alarm rate.

**Usage:**

```
define SDTBeta(...)
```

**Example:**

```
Print(SDTBeta(.1,.9))
Print(SDTBeta(.1,.5))
Print(SDTBeta(.5,.5))
Print(SDTBeta(.8,.9))
Print(SDTbeta(.9,.95))
```

**See Also:**

`SDTDPrime()`



### 11.10.11 SDTDPrime()

*Computes SDT dprime.*

**Description:**

SDTDPrime computes d-prime, as defined by signal detection theory. This is a measure of sensitivity based jointly on hit rate and false alarm rate.

**Usage:**

```
define SDTDPrime(...)
```

**Example:**

```
Print(SDTDPrime(.1,.9)) #2.56431
Print(SDTDPrime(.1,.5)) #1.28155
Print(SDTDPrime(.5,.5)) #0
Print(SDTDPrime(.8,.9)) #.43993
Print(SDTDPrime(.9,.95)) #.363302
```

**See Also:**

SDTBeta(),

### 11.10.12 Sum()

**Description:**

Returns the sum of <list>.

**Usage:**

```
define Sum(...)
```

**Example:**

```
sum <- Sum([3,5,99,12,1.3,15]) # == 135.3
```

**See Also:**

Min(), Max(), Mean(), Median(), Quantile(), StDev()

### 11.10.13 SummaryStats()

**Description:**

Computes summary statistics for a data list, aggregated by labels in a condition list. For each condition (distinct label in the <cond> list), it will return a list with the following entries: <cond> <N> <median> <mean> <sd>

**Usage:**

```
define SummaryStats(...)
```

**Example:**

```
dat <- [1.1,1.2,1.3,2.1,2.2,2.3]
cond <- [1,1,1,2,2,2]
Print(SummaryStats(dat,cond))
```

**Result:**

```
[[1, 3, 1.1, 1.2, 0.0816497]
, [2, 3, 2.1, 2.2, 0.0816497]
]
```

**See Also:**

StDev(), Min(), Max(), Mean(), Median(), Quantile(), Sum()

### 11.10.14 VecSum()

*Returns the pairwise sums of two lists of numbers*

**Description:**

Returns the pairwise sums of <list1> and <list2>.

**Usage:**

```
define VecSum(...)
```

**Example:**

```
sum <- VecSum([1,1,1,1,2],[2,3,4,3,2])
## == [3,4,5,4,4]
```

**See Also:**

VecTimes(), CumSum(), Median(), Quantile()

### 11.10.15 VecTimes()

*Returns the pairwise products of two lists of numbers*

**Description:**

Returns the pairwise sums of <list1> and <list2>.

**Usage:**

```
define VecTimes(...)
```

**Example:**

```
prod <- VecTimes([1,1,2,2,3],[2,3,4,3,2])  
## == [2,3,8,6,6]
```

**See Also:**

VecSum(), Mean(), CumSum()

### 11.10.16 Max()

*Returns the largest value in a list*

**Description:**

Max returns the largest value in a list. This is a PEBL function that wraps the compiled Max function, adding error checking to ensure the argument is a list.

**Usage:**

```
define Max(list)
```

**Example:**

```
numbers <- [3, 7, 2, 9, 4]  
max_value <- Max(numbers) # Returns 9
```

**See Also:**

Min(), Mean(), Median(), StdDev()

### 11.10.17 Median()

*Returns the median value of a list*

**Description:**

Median returns the median value of a list. If the list has an even number of elements, it returns the average of the two middle values. This is a PEBL function that provides error checking and handles edge cases.

**Usage:**

```
define Median(list)
```

**Example:**

```
numbers1 <- [3, 7, 2, 9, 4]
med1 <- Median(numbers1) # Returns 4

numbers2 <- [1, 2, 3, 4]
med2 <- Median(numbers2) # Returns 2.5
```

**See Also:**

Mean(), Min(), Max(), Quantile(), StdDev()

### 11.10.18 Min()

*Returns the smallest value in a list*

**Description:**

Min returns the smallest value in a list. This is a PEBL function that wraps the compiled Min function, adding error checking to ensure the argument is a list.

**Usage:**

```
define Min(list)
```

**Example:**

```
numbers <- [3, 7, 2, 9, 4]
min_value <- Min(numbers) # Returns 2
```

**See Also:**

Max(), Mean(), Median(), StdDev()

### 11.10.19 StdDev()

*Returns the standard deviation of a list*

**Description:**

StdDev computes the standard deviation of a list of numbers. It uses the formula:  $\sqrt{n * \sum(x^2) - (\sum(x))^2 / n}$ . Returns 0 for empty lists. This is a PEBL function implemented in Math.pbl.

**Usage:**

```
define StdDev(list)
```

**Example:**

```
data <- [2, 4, 4, 4, 5, 5, 7, 9]
sd <- StdDev(data) # Calculates standard deviation
```

**See Also:**

Mean(), Median(), Min(), Max(), Sum(), SummaryStats()

### 11.10.20 GCD()

*Computes the greatest common divisor of two integers*

**Description:**

GCD computes the greatest common divisor (GCD) of two integers using the Euclidean algorithm. The GCD is the largest positive integer that divides both numbers without a remainder. The function works with both positive and negative integers by taking their absolute values.

**Usage:**

```
define GCD(a, b)
```

**Example:**

```
Print(GCD(48, 18)) # Returns 6
Print(GCD(100, 25)) # Returns 25
Print(GCD(17, 19)) # Returns 1 (coprime)
Print(GCD(-24, 36)) # Returns 12
```

**See Also:**

Mod(), Abs()

## 11.11 UI Library - User Interface

This library contains functions for creating user interface elements like buttons, textboxes, and checkboxes.

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### 11.11.1 ClearScrollbarThumbCapture()

**Description:**

this supposedly gets called on a mouse release event? it should also get called when you leave the window. . .

**Usage:**

```
define ClearScrollbarThumbCapture(obj,p,event:0) #+
```

### 11.11.2 ClickCheckbox()

*Toggles checkbox state*

**Description:**

This ‘clicks’ a checkbox, changing its status (both the visual display and its .status property). Its state can also be set using the SetCheckBox() function. The text “ClickCheckBox” is by default bound to the .clickon property of any checkbox, enabling you to handle a number of graphical objects the same (see CallFunction example). The [x,y] coordinates are ignored, and so anything can be fed to them, but the standard approach is to use gClick, which is a global bound to the last click coordinates when WaitForClickOnTarget is used.

**Usage:**

```
ClickCheckBox(obj, [x,y])
```

**Example:**

```
##The following creates a button, waits for you to click on it,
↳and animates a button press

ok <- MakeCheckbox("OK?",400,250,gWin,150)
resp <- WaitForClickOnTarget([ok],[1])
ClickCheckBox(ok,gClick)
Draw()

##You can handle a bunch of objects together using an idiom like
↳this:

ok <- MakeCheckbox("OK?",400,250,gWin,150)
ok2 <- MakeCheckbox("Otherwise?",400,280,gWin,150)
checks <- [ok,ok2]
resp <- WaitForClickOnTarget(checks,[1,2])
check <- Nth(checks,resp)
CallFunction(check.clickon,[check,gClick])
Draw()
```

**See Also:**

MakeCheckBox(), SetCheckBox()

### 11.11.3 ClickOnMenu()

*Handles menu click, calling the .clickon function of menu.*

**Description:**

Handles clicking on a menu item. It will call the .clickon property of that item, and then hide the menu.

**Usage:**

```
define ClickOnMenu(...)
```

**Example:**

```
This creates a menu and awaits clicking on. More complete
↳examples are available in ui.pbl. It requires that MyMessage
↳is created somewhere
```

```
menu1 <- MakeMenuItem("File",0,0,gWin,14,10,"MYMESSAGE")
```

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```

menu2<- MakeMenu("Edit",70,0,gWin,14,10, "MYMESSAGE")

menus <- [menu1,menu2]
opt <- WaitForClickOnTarget(menu,[1,2])
ClickOnMenu(Nth(menus,opt),gClick)

```

**See Also:**

MakeMenu(), OpenSubMenus(), MakeMenuItem()

**11.11.4 ClickOnScrollbar()**

*Handles click on scrollbar.*

**Description:**

Handles a click event on the a ScrollBox. This should be called after one checks (e.g., via InsideTB) whether the scrollbar was actually clicked on. It will handle scrolling, moving via the thumb, up/down arrows, and reselection. It is also used to interact with ScrollingTextBox objects. This function name is bound to the .clickon property of scrollboxes, so it can be called using CallFunction (see example below).

**Usage:**

```
define ClickOnScrollbar(...)
```

**Example:**

See ui.pbl in the demo directory for examples of the use of a scrolling text box. A brief example follows:

```

sb <- MakeScrollBar(Sequence(1,50,1),"The numbers",40,40,gWin,
↳12,150,500,3)
Draw()

resp <- WaitForClickOnTarget([sb],[1])
ClickOnScrollbar(sb,gClick)

#Alternately: CallFunction(sb.clickon,[sb,gClick])

##change the selected items
sb.list <- Sequence(sb.selected,sb.selected+50,1)

```

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```
UpdateScrollbar(sb)  
DrawScrollbar(sb)  
Draw()
```

**See Also:**

MakeScrollingTextBox MakeScrollBar UpdateScrollBar DrawScrollBar

### 11.11.5 CopyTextBox()

*Copies textbox content to clipboard*

**Description:**

Copies the text content of a textbox to the system clipboard. This function is typically bound to a right-click menu on textboxes, allowing users to copy text for pasting into other applications or textboxes within PEBL.

**Usage:**

```
CopyTextBox(menu, xy, box)
```

**Example:**

```
##Create a textbox with some text  
font <- MakeFont("DejaVuSans.ttf", 0, 14, MakeColor("black"),  
↳MakeColor("white"), 1)  
textbox <- MakeTextBox("Sample text to copy", font, 300, 100)  
AddObject(textbox, gWin)  
Move(textbox, 320, 240)  
Draw()  
  
##Copy the textbox content (typically called from a right-click  
↳menu)  
CopyTextBox(0, [0,0], textbox)  
  
##Now clipboard contains "Sample text to copy"
```

**See Also:**

PasteTextBox(),          CopyToClipboard(),          CopyFromClipboard(),  
MakeTextBox()

### 11.11.6 DrawPulldown()

*Redraws a pulldown if state changes.*

**Description:**

This handles layout/drawing of a pulldown box. This does not actually call Draw() on the window, and so an additional draw command is needed before the output is displayed. The main use case for this function is if you need to manually change the selected object (by changing .selected). This will redraw the pulldown with the new selection.

**Usage:**

```
define DrawPulldown(...)
```

**Example:**

```
options <- MakePulldownButton(["A","B","C"],400,250,gWin,14,100,
  ↪1)
Draw()
WaitForAnyKeyPress()
options.selected <- 2
DrawPulldown(options)
Draw()
WaitForAnyKeyPress()
```

**See Also:**

MakePullDown(), Pulldown(), UpdatePulldown()

### 11.11.7 DrawScrollbar()

*Redraws a scrollbar*

**Description:**

Redraws a ScrollBox. This is called by various internal functions, but should be used to handle redrawing if UpdateScrollbar is used. When things like the scrollbar, offset, and selected item change, this can be called directly. If the actual list is changed, UpdateScrollBox should be called first. Note that the redrawn scrollbar won't be changed on the screen until a Draw() command is issued.

**Usage:**

```
DrawScrollbar(sb)
```

**Example:**

```
sb <- MakeScrollBox(Sequence(1,50,1),"The numbers",40,40,gWin,12,
  ↪150,500,3)
Draw()

resp <- WaitForClickOnTarget([sb],[1])
CallFunction(sb.clickon,[sb,gClick])
##Alternately: ClickOnScrollbar(sb,gClick)

##change the selected items
sb.list <- Sequence(sb.selected,sb.selected+50,1)
UpdateScrollbar(sb)
DrawScrollbar(sb)
Draw()
```

**See Also:**

MakeScrollingTextBox(),      MakeScrollBox(),      UpdateScrollbar(),  
ClickOnScrollbar()

### 11.11.8 DrawScrollingTextBox()

**Description:**

this draws the current state of the scrollbar. It should be called directly whenever things like the scrollbar, offset, selected item are changed, but not when the list changes. the only material side effect it can have is changing selected, which will update to ensure it stays within bounds.

**Usage:**

```
define DrawScrollingTextBox(obj)
```

### 11.11.9 EditScrollbarValue()

**Description:**

make this separate so you can override for more custom edits. see launcher experiment chain, where the chain is just a set of labels that link to the ‘real’ chain.

**Usage:**

```
define EditScrollbarValue(win,click,default,selected)
```

### 11.11.10 FilterList()

*Filters a list by substring match*

**Description:**

Filters a list to include only items that contain a specified substring. This function searches each item in the list for the filter string and returns a new list containing only matching items. The search is case-sensitive and matches any occurrence of the filter string within each list item.

**Usage:**

```
FilterList(list, filter)
```

**Example:**

```
##Filter a list of files to show only .txt files
files <- ["data1.txt", "data2.csv", "notes.txt", "readme.md"]
txtFiles <- FilterList(files, ".txt")
##Returns: ["data1.txt", "notes.txt"]

##Filter a list of names
names <- ["Alice", "Bob", "Charlie", "David"]
aNames <- FilterList(names, "a")
##Returns: ["Charlie", "David"] (contains lowercase 'a')
```

**See Also:**

FindInString(), SubString(), Filter()

### 11.11.11 GetFullLineBreaks()

**Description:**

this attempts to get the full set of linebreaks from the text attached to tb

**Usage:**

```
define GetFullLineBreaks(tb, text)
```

### 11.11.12 InsideMenu()

**Description:**

This is offset from upper left corner

**Usage:**

```
define InsideMenu(xy,object)##
```

### 11.11.13 InsideTB()

*Determine inside for a textbox-style object (location is upper left)*

**Description:**

Determines whether an [x,y] point is inside an object having .x, .y, .width, and .height properties, with .x and .y representing the upper left corner of the object. This is bound to the .inside property of many custom ui objects. The Inside function will use the function bound to the .inside property for any custom object having that property, and so this function's use is mainly hidden from users.

**Usage:**

```
define InsideTB(...)
```

**Example:**

```
pulldown <- MakePulldown(["one","two","three","four"],400-75,300,
↳gWin,12,150,1)

if(InsideTB([300,300],pulldown))
{
  Print("INSIDE")
}
```

**See Also:**

Inside(), MoveObject(), ClickOn(), DrawObject()

### 11.11.14 MakeButton()

*Makes a button for clicking on.*

**Description:**

Creates a button on a window that can be clicked and launches actions. The button is always 20 pixels high (using images in media images), with a rounded grey background. The label text will be shrunk to fit the width, although this should be avoided as it can look strange. A button is a custom object made from images and text. It has a property 'clickon' that is bound to 'PushButton'. A button will look like this: **Usage:**

```
define MakeButton(...)
```

**Example:**

The following creates a button, waits for you to click on it, and animates a button press

```
done <- MakeButton("QUIT",400,250,gWin,150)
resp <- WaitForClickOnTarget([done],[1])
CallFunction(done.clickon,[done,gClick])
```

**See Also:**

PushButton(), MakeCheckBox()

### 11.11.15 MakeCheckBox()

*Creates a checkbox widget*

**Description:**

Creates a checkbox on a window that can be clicked and keeps track of its status. The checkbox uses a MakeButton object as its base. The checkbox button is always 20 pixels high (using images in media/images), with a rounded grey background. The label text will be shrunk to fit the width, although this should be avoided as it can look strange. It has a property 'clickon' that is bound to ClickCheckBox, which flips its state and updates the graphics. It has a property state which is either 0 or 1, depending on the state of the checkbox. Its initial state is 0. Its state can be set using the SetCheckBox() function.

**Usage:**

```
MakeCheckBox(label, x, y, window, width)
```

**Example:**

```
##The following creates a button, waits for you to click on it, and animates a button press

ok <- MakeCheckbox("OK?",400,250,gWin,150)
resp <- WaitForClickOnTarget([ok],[1])
CallFunction(ok.clickon,[ok,gClick])
Draw()

##Alternately:

ok <- MakeCheckbox("OK?",400,250,gWin,150)
resp <- WaitForClickOnTarget([ok],[1])
ClickCheckBox(ok,gClick)
Draw()
```

**See Also:**

ClickCheckBox(), SetCheckBox()

### 11.11.16 MakeMenu()

*Creates menu with suboptions.*

**Description:**

Creates a menu containing multiple menu items, that automatically call functions specified by the command.

**Usage:**

```
define MakeMenu(...)
```

**Example:**

```
This creates a menu and awaits clicking on. More complete examples are available in ui.pbl. It requires that MyMessage is created somewhere

menu1 <- MakeMenu("File",0,0,gWin,14,10,
  ["Open","Save","Save as","Quit"],
  ["MYMESSAGE","MYMESSAGE","MYMESSAGE","MYMESSAGE"])
```

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```
menu2<- MakeMenu("Edit",70,0,gWin,14,10,
  ["Cut","Copy","Paste","Select"],
  ["MYMESSAGE","MYMESSAGE","MYMESSAGE","MYMESSAGE"])

menu <- [menu1,menu2]
opt <- WaitForClickOnTarget(menu,[1,2])
ClickOnMenu(Nth(menu,opt),gClick)
```

**See Also:**

MakeMenuItem(), OpenSubMenus(), ClickOnMenu()

### 11.11.17 MakeMenuItem()

*Creates menu sub-item.*

**Description:**

Creates a single menu containing a label, whose .clickon property is bound to some other function.

**Usage:**

```
define MakeMenuItem(...)
```

**Example:**

```
This creates a menu and awaits clicking on. More complete
examples are available in ui.pbl. It requires that MyMessage
is created somewhere
```

```
menu1 <- MakeMenuItem("File",0,0,gWin,14,10,"MYMESSAGE")

menu2<- MakeMenu("Edit",70,0,gWin,14,10, "MYMESSAGE")

menus <- [menu1,menu2]
opt <- WaitForClickOnTarget(menu,[1,2])
ClickOnMenu(Nth(menus,opt),gClick)
```

**See Also:**

MakeMenu(), OpenSubMenus(), ClickOnMenu

### 11.11.18 MakePulldown()

*Creates a pulldown selection list*

#### Description:

Creates a pulldown list that can be used to select an option. The closed version is always 20 pixels high. When opened, it will be by default 15 rows high, although this is made smaller if the pulldown is close to the bottom of the screen. A pulldown is a custom object made from images and text. It has a property 'clickon' that is bound to 'Pulldown'.

#### Usage:

```
MakePulldown(options, x, y, window, fontsize, width, selected)
```

#### Parameters:

The options argument is a list of options you want to appear. x and y are the coordinates of the upper left corner, window is the name of the window (or other graphical object) it appears on, fontsize is the size of the font, and width is the width of the pulldown in pixels. The selected argument is the initial selected list item.

Pulldown objects have a property .maxitems, that specify how many elements are displayed. If the list contains more than obj.maxitems, the pulldown will enable scrolling. A pulldown's click-on handler is by default bound to the 'Pull-down' function. When Pulldown(obj,mousexy) is called, it will pop open the pulldown, allow for a new option to be selected, and return. It returns the index of the selected object, but the selected index can also be accessed using obj.selected.

#### Example:

```
##See ui.pbl in the demo directory for examples of the use of ↵
↵pull downs.
##A basic example is:

options <- MakePulldownButton(["A","B","C"],400,250,gWin,14,100,
↵1)
resp <- WaitForClickOnTarget([options],[1])
CallFunction(options.clickon,[options,gClick])
```

#### See Also:

PullDown(), DrawPulldown(), UpdatePulldown()

### 11.11.19 MakeScrollBar()

*Make a scrolling selection box.*

#### Description:

Creates a graphical object that displays and allows selection of a list of items, and scrolls if the text gets too big. It has a property 'clickon' that is bound to 'ClickOnScrollBar' A Scrolling textbox looks like this: **Usage:**

```
define MakeScrollBar(...)
```

#### Example:

See ui.pbl in the demo directory for examples of the use of a  
↳scrolling text box

```
sb <- MakeScrollBar(Sequence(1,50,1),"The numbers",40,40,gWin,
↳12,150,500,3)

Draw()
resp <- WaitForClickOnTarget([sb],[1])
CallFunction(sb.clickon,[sb,gClick])
#Alternately: ClickOnScrollbar(sb,gClick)
```

#### See Also:

SetScrollingText MakeScrollingTextBox UpdateScrollBar DrawScrollBar  
ClickOnScrollBar

### 11.11.20 MakeScrollingTextBox()

*Make a box for text that can be scrolled if too long.*

#### Description:

Creates a graphical object that displays a block of text, and scrolls if the text gets too big. It uses a `Scrollbar` as its base, but handles parsing the text into lines and hides the selection box. Thus, no 'selection' is displayed (although it actually exists), and a `.text` property is added to hold the text being displayed. It has a property 'clickon' that is bound to 'ClickOnScrollBar' A Scrolling textbox looks like this: **Usage:**

```
define MakeScrollingTextBox(...)
```

#### Example:

See `ui.pbl` in the demo directory for examples of the use of a `scrolling text box`

```
textscroll <- MakeScrollingTextBox("",200,50,gWin,12,
                                   300,150,0)

SetScrollingText(textscroll,FileReadText("Uppercase.txt"))
Draw()
resp <- WaitForClickOnTarget([textscroll],[1])
CallFunction(textscroll.clickon,[textscroll,gClick])
```

See Also:

SetScrollingText    MakeScrollBox    UpdateScrollBox    DrawScrollBox  
ClickOnScrollBox

### 11.11.21 MakeTextList()

*Creates a text body from a list.*

**Description:**

This takes a list and creates a block of text with carriage returns, ensuring each item of the list is on its own line; it also requires an offset, skipping the first lines of the list. It is mostly a helper function used by `Scrollbox` objects to help format. It will make text out of the entire list, so you should be sure to cut off the end for efficiency if you only want to display some of the lines.

**Usage:**

```
define MakeTextList(...)
```

**Example:**

```
letters <- FileReadList("Uppercase.txt")
out <- MakeTextList(letters,20,"--")
```

The above code will create the following:

```
--u
--v
--w
--x
```

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```
--y  
--z
```

**See Also:**

ListToString

### 11.11.22 OpenSubMenus()

*Opens the sub-menus of a menu.*

**Description:**

Used by ClickOnMenu to open, display a submenu and get a click.

**Usage:**

```
define OpenSubMenus(...)
```

**Example:**

This creates a menu and awaits clicking on. More complete examples are available in ui.pbl. It requires that MyMessage is created somewhere

```
menu1 <- MakeMenuItem("File",0,0,gWin,14,10,"MYMESSAGE")  
  
menu2<- MakeMenu("Edit",70,0,gWin,14,10, "MYMESSAGE")  
  
menus <- [menu1,menu2]  
opt <- WaitForClickOnTarget(menu,[1,2])  
ClickOnMenu(Nth(menus,opt),gClick)
```

**See Also:**

MakeMenu(), OpenSubMenus(), MakeMenuItem()

### 11.11.23 PasteTextBox()

*Pastes clipboard content into textbox*

**Description:**

Pastes text from the system clipboard into a textbox, replacing its current content. This function is typically bound to a right-click menu on textboxes, allowing users to paste text from other applications or from previously copied PEBL textbox content. The textbox is automatically redrawn after pasting.

**Usage:**

```
PasteTextBox(menu, xy, box)
```

**Example:**

```
##First, copy some text to clipboard
CopyToClipboard("Hello from PEBL!")

##Create a textbox
font <- MakeFont("DejaVuSans.ttf", 0, 14, MakeColor("black"),
↳MakeColor("white"), 1)
textbox <- MakeTextBox("", font, 300, 100)
AddObject(textbox, gWin)
Move(textbox, 320, 240)
Draw()

##Paste clipboard content into the textbox (typically called
↳from a right-click menu)
PasteTextBox(0, [0,0], textbox)

##Now textbox.text contains "Hello from PEBL!"
```

**See Also:**

CopyTextBox(), CopyToClipboard(), CopyFromClipboard(), MakeTextBox()

### 11.11.24 PopUpEntryBox()

**Description:**

Creates a small text-entry box at a specified location..

**Usage:**

```
define PopUpEntryBox(...)
```

**Example:**

```
subnum <- PopUpEntryBox("Enter participant code",gWin,[100,100])
```

**See Also:**

MessageBox GetEasyInput, PopUpMessageBox

### 11.11.25 PopUpMessageBox()

*Creates a popup message box*

**Description:**

Creates a small 300x200 information box at the current cursor location, but also adjusts so it is on the screen. It must be dismissed by clicking the ‘OK’ button. Note that the function puts the box on the screen at the current mouse position. If you want control over where it goes, you need to use SetMouseCursorPosition immediately before the box is made.

**Usage:**

```
PopUpMessageBox(<text>, <win>)
```

**Example:**

```
subnum <- PopUpMessageBox("There has been an error.",gWin)
```

**See Also:**

MessageBox(), GetEasyInput(), PopUpEntryBox()

### 11.11.26 PushButton()

*Pushes a button and releases.*

**Description:**

Animates a button-pushing. It takes a button created using the MakeButton function and will animate a downclick when the mouse is down, and release when the mouse is unclicked. To conform with general object handlers, it requires specifying a mouse click position, which could be [0,0], or gclick. This function is bound to the property ‘clickon’ of any button, allowing you to handle mouse clicks universally for many different objects.

**Usage:**

```
define PushButton(...)
```

**Example:**

The following creates a button, waits for you to click on it, and animates a button press

```
done <- MakeButton("QUIT",400,250,gWin,150)
resp <- WaitForClickOnTarget([done],[1])
PushButton(done,[0,0])
```

To handle multiple buttons, you can do:

```
done <- MakeButton("QUIT",400,250,gWin,150)
ok <- MakeButton("OK",400,250,gWin,150)

resp <- 2
while (resp != 1)
{
  Draw()
  resp <- WaitForClickOnTarget([done,ok],[1,2])
  obj <- Nth([done,ok],resp)
  CallFunction(obj.clickon,[obj,gClick])
}
```

**See Also:**

MakeCheckBox()

### 11.11.27 Pulldown()

*Handles pulldown interaction*

**Description:**

This handles making a new selection on a pulldown box. This function is typically the primary way of interacting with a pulldown box. It will have the effect of opening the pulldown box, waiting for the user to select a new option, and then changing the selected option to whatever they click on.

**Usage:**

```
Pulldown(object, [x,y])
```

**Example:**



```
##See ui.pbl in the demo directory for examples of the use of
↳pull downs.
##A basic example is:

options <- MakePullbutton(["A","B","C"],400,250,gWin,14,100,
↳1)
resp <- WaitForClickOnTarget([options],[1])
newvalue <- Pulldown(options,gClick)
```

**See Also:**

MakePullDown(), DrawPulldown(), UpdatePulldown()

### 11.11.28 SetScrollingText()

*Changes text of a scrolling textbox.*

**Description:**

This updates the text in a ScrollingTextBox. Because text must be parsed to be put into the box, you cannot just update the .text property, but instead should use this function.

**Usage:**

```
define SetScrollingText(...)
```

**Example:**

```
See ui.pbl in the demo directory for examples of the use of a
↳scrolling text box. A brief example follows:

textscroll <- MakeScrollingTextBox("",200,50,gWin,12,
300,150,0)

SetScrollingText(textscroll,FileReadText("Uppercase.txt"))
Draw()
resp <- WaitForClickOnTarget([textscroll],[1])
CallFunction(textscroll.clickon,[textscroll,gClick])
```

**See Also:**

MakeScrollingTextBox MakeScrollBox UpdateScrollBox DrawScrollBox  
ClickOnScrollBox

### 11.11.29 SetCheckbox()

*Sets checkbox state*

**Description:**

This sets the .status property of a checkbox and draws it. Its state can also be updated using the ClickCheckBox() function, which flips the current state.

**Usage:**

```
SetCheckBox(obj, value)
```

**Example:**

```
ok <- MakeCheckbox("OK?",400,250,gWin,150)
Draw()
SetCheckBox(ok,1)
Draw()
Wait(1000)
SetCheckBox(ok,0)
Draw()
Wait(1000)
```

**See Also:**

MakeCheckBox(), ClickCheckBox()

### 11.11.30 SetTextBoxCursorFromClick()

**Description:**

this is used directly by a compiled function GetInput0 to reset the cursor position in any getinput thing.

**Usage:**

```
define SetTextBoxCursorFromClick(box, exit, click)
```

### 11.11.31 SortDir()

**Description:**

This sorts the directory by subdirs then alphabetically.

**Usage:**

```
define SortDir(inlist,path)
```

### 11.11.32 UpdatePulldown()

*Updates the list of a pulldown.*

**Description:**

This changes the list being used in a Pulldown object. It tries to maintain the same selected option (matching the text of the previous selection), but if not found will select index 1. It calls `DrawPullDown` when complete, but a `Draw()` command must be issued before the pulldown changes will appear.

**Usage:**

```
define UpdatePulldown(...)
```

**Example:**

```
options <- MakePulldownButton(["A","B","C"],400,250,gWin,14,100,
  ↪3)
Draw()
WaitForAnyKeyPress()

##This should add a fourth option but C should still be selected.
UpdatePullDown(options,["A","B","C","D"])
Draw()
WaitForAnyKeyPress()
```

**See Also:**

`MakePullDown()`, `Pulldown()`, `DrawPulldown()`

### 11.11.33 UpdateScrollbar()

*Recalculates scrollbar layout.*

**Description:**

This updates the layout of a `ScrollBar`. It should be used if you manually change the `.list` or `.listoffset` properties. It won't actually redraw the scrollbar (which is done by `DrawScrollbar`).

**Usage:**

```
define UpdateScrollbar(...)
```

**Example:**

See `ui.pbl` in the demo directory for examples of the use of a `↳scrolling` text box. A brief example follows:

```
sb <- MakeScrollBar(Sequence(1,50,1),"The numbers",40,40,gWin,
↳12,150,500,3)
Draw()

resp <- WaitForClickOnTarget([sb],[1])
CallFunction(sb.clickon,[sb,gClick])
#Alternately: ClickOnScrollBar(sb,gClick)

##change the selected items
sb.list <- Sequence(sb.selected,sb.selected+50,1)
UpdateScrollBar(sb)
DrawScrollBar(sb)
Draw()
```

**See Also:**

`MakeScrollingTextBox` `MakeScrollBar` `DrawScrollBar` `ClickOnScrollBar`

### 11.11.34 VecPlus()

*Adds a scalar to all vector elements*

**Description:**

Adds a constant value to every element in a vector (list of numbers), returning a new vector with the results. This is a simple vector arithmetic operation useful for shifting or offsetting entire datasets.

**Usage:**

```
VecPlus(vec, add)
```

**Example:**

```
##Shift a list of values by adding 10 to each
values <- [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
shifted <- VecPlus(values, 10)
##Returns: [11, 12, 13, 14, 15]

##Offset coordinates
```

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```
xCoords <- [100, 150, 200, 250]
xShifted <- VecPlus(xCoords, 50)
##Returns: [150, 200, 250, 300]

##Can be used with negative values
temps <- [72, 75, 68, 71]
adjusted <- VecPlus(temps, -32)
##Returns: [40, 43, 36, 39]
```

**See Also:**

Sequence(), Repeat(), Rep()

**11.11.35 AdaptiveTextBox()***Creates a textbox that automatically adapts to fit content***Description:**

Creates a textbox that automatically adjusts to display text that doesn't fit in the specified dimensions. Two adaptation strategies are available: scaling the box (preserves font size) or scaling the font (preserves box size). Uses the new `textComplete` property to detect when all text has been rendered.

**Usage:**

```
AdaptiveTextBox(text, x, y, window, fontsize, width, height,
↳adaptive, maxlines)
```

**Parameters:**

- **text:** The text content to display
- **x, y:** Position coordinates (upper-left corner)
- **window:** Parent window object
- **fontsize:** Initial font size in points
- **width, height:** Target box dimensions in pixels
- **adaptive:** Adaptation strategy - 0 (none), "scalebox", or "scalefont"
- **maxlines:** Maximum number of lines allowed (default: 30)

**Adaptation Strategies:**

- 0 - No adaptation; creates standard textbox (text may overflow)

- "scalebox" - Expands box to fit all text, then scales down using zoom to original size (preserves font size, uses SDL2 anisotropic filtering for quality)
- "scalefont" - Iteratively reduces font size until text fits (preserves box dimensions exactly, minimum 8pt)

### Examples:

```
##Create window
win <- MakeWindow("black")

##Long instruction text that needs adaptation
instructions <- "Welcome to the experiment. Please read these_
↳instructions carefully. " +
               "This is a long text that demonstrates the_
↳adaptive textbox functionality. " +
               "The textbox will automatically adjust to fit_
↳all this content."

##Use scalefont strategy - reduces font size to fit
box1 <- AdaptiveTextBox(instructions, 50, 50, win, 24, 400, 100,
↳"scalefont")

##Use scalebox strategy - preserves font size, scales box down
box2 <- AdaptiveTextBox(instructions, 50, 200, win, 24, 400, 100,
↳ "scalebox")

##No adaptation - text may overflow
box3 <- AdaptiveTextBox(instructions, 50, 350, win, 24, 400, 100,
↳ 0)

Draw()
```

### Strategy Comparison:

#### ScaleBox:

- Maintains original font size (better for accessibility/readability)
- Creates larger internal box, then scales down using zoom
- High-quality rendering with SDL2 anisotropic filtering
- Uses more memory (larger internal texture)
- Visual size matches specified dimensions exactly

#### ScaleFont:

- Maintains box dimensions exactly as specified

- Reduces font size iteratively (8pt minimum)
- Text remains sharp (no scaling artifacts)
- More memory efficient
- May reduce readability if text is very long

See Also:

`EasyTextBox()`, `MakeTextBox()`, `MakeScrollingTextBox()`

## 11.12 Utility Library - Helpers and Utilities

This library contains utility functions for file operations, data management, and common helper tasks.

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### 11.12.1 CalibrateScreen()

**Description:**

Main calibration function Returns custom object with calibration data

**Usage:**

```
define CalibrateScreen(win)
```

### 11.12.2 ConcatenateList()

*Combines list*

**Description:**

Combines a list together to form a single string. Like ListToString but defaults to a separator of " " (space).

**Usage:**

```
define ConcatenateList(...)
```

**Example:**

```
ConcatenateList([1,2,3,444])           # == "1 2 3 444"
ConcatenateList(["a","b","c","d","e"],",") # == "a,b,c,d,e"
```

**See Also:**

SubString(), StringLength(), FoldList(),  
ModList()

### 11.12.3 ConvertIPString()

*Converts an ip-number-as-string to usable address*

**Description:**

Converts an IP address specified as a string into an integer that can be used by ConnectToIP.

**Usage:**

```
define ConvertIPString(...)
```

**Example:**

See nim.pbl for example of two-way network connection.

```
ip <- ConvertIPString("192.168.0.1")
net <- ConnectToHost(ip,1234)
dat <- GetData(net,20)
Print(dat)
CloseNetworkConnection(net)
```

**See Also:**

```
ConnectToHost(), ConnectToIP(), GetData(),  
WaitForNetworkConnection(),  
    SendData(), CloseNetworkConnection()
```

#### 11.12.4 CR()

**Description:**

Produces <number> linefeeds which can be added to a string and printed or saved to a file. CR is an abbreviation for **Carriage Return**.

**Usage:**

```
define CR(...)
```

**Example:**

```
Print("Number: " Tab(1) + number + CR(2))  
Print("We needed space before this line.")
```

**See Also:**

Format(), Tab()

#### 11.12.5 DirlistToText()

**Description:**

appends a set of nested directories into a path.

**Usage:**

```
define DirlistToText(list)
```

#### 11.12.6 DrawObject()

*Calls the .draw property of an object*

**Description:**

Calls the function named by the .draw property of a custom object. Useful for handling drawing of a bunch of different objects. This is essentially the same as CallFunction(obj.draw, [obj]), but falls back to a normal Draw() command so it handles built-in objects as well.

**Usage:**

```
define DrawObject(...)
```

**Example:**

```
##This overrides buttons placement at the center:
done <- MakeButton("QUIT",400,250,gWin,150)
WaitForClickOnTarget([done],[1])
Clickon(done,gClick)
DrawObject(done)
```

**See Also:**

Inside(), ClickOnCheckbox(), MoveObject(), Draw()

### 11.12.7 EasyLabel()

**Description:**

Creates and adds to the window location a label at specified location. Uses standard vera font with grey background. (May in the future get background color from window). Easy-to-use replacement for the `MakeFont`, `MakeLabel``, `AddObject`, `Move`, steps you typically have to go through. The optional argument `fontsize` defaults to 16-point. The optional argument `fg` specifies a color name (e.g., "red") to use, and `style` specifies the font style, where 0,1,2,3 = normal, italic, bold, bolditalic.

**Usage:**

```
define EasyLabel(...)
```

**Example:**

```
win <- MakeWindow()
lab <- EasyLabel("What?",200,100,win)
Draw()
lab <- EasyLabel("What?",200,100,win,12)
```

**See Also:**

EasyTextBox(), MakeLabel()

### 11.12.8 EasyTextBox()

**Description:**

Creates and adds to the window location a textbox at specified location. Uses standard vera font with white background. Easy-to-use replacement for the MakeFont, MakeTextBox, AddObject, Move, steps. The optional arguments fg-color and bgcolor should specify color names (like white and black). By default, the textbox is created with a foreground of "black" and a background of "white".

**Usage:**

```
define EasyTextBox(...)
```

**Example:**

```
win <- MakeWindow()
entry <- EasyTextBox("1 2 3 4 5",200,100,
                    win,12,200,50)
Draw()
entry <- EasyTextBox("1 2 3 4 5",200,100,
                    win,12,200,50,"red","blue")
Draw()
```

**See Also:**

EasyLabel(), MakeTextBox()

### 11.12.9 EndsWith()

**Description:**

**Parameter file handling - supports both legacy CSV and modern JSON formats**

Helper function: Check if a string ends with a given suffix Used to detect .json file extensions for parameter files

**Usage:**

```
define EndsWith(string, suffix)
```

### 11.12.10 Enquote()

*Returns string surrounded by quote marks.*

**Description:**

Surrounds the argument with quotes.

**Usage:**

```
define Enquote(...)
```

**Example:**

```
##use to add quoted text to instructions.
instructions <- "Respond whenever you see an "+
               Enquote("X")

##Use it for saving data that may have spaces:
resp <- GetInput(tb, "<enter>")
FilePrint(fileout, Enquote(resp))
```

**See Also:**

gQuote

### 11.12.11 FetchText()

**Description:**

Helper function: Fetch text from URL or local file Handles both `http://` URLs and local file paths

**Usage:**

```
define FetchText(source)
```

### 11.12.12 FilePrintList()

**Description:**

Prints a list to a file, without the `'`, `'s` or `[]` characters. Puts a carriage return at the end. Returns a string that was printed. If a list contains other lists, the printing will wrap multiple lines and the internal lists will be printed as normal. To avoid this, try `FilePrintList(file, Flatten(list))`.

**Usage:**

```
define FilePrintList(...)
```

**Example:**

```
FilePrintList(fstream, [1,2,3,4,5,5,5])
##
##  Produces:
##1 2 3 4 5 5 5
FilePrintList(fstream, [[1,2],[3,4],[5,6]])
#Produces:
# [1,2]
#, [3,4]
#, [5,6]

FilePrintList(fstream, Flatten([[1,2],[3,4],[5,6]]))
#Produces:
# 1 2 3 4 5 6
```

**See Also:**

Print(), Print\_(), FilePrint(), FilePrint\_(), PrintList(),

### 11.12.13 FormatText()

**Description:**

this works at replacing carriage returns (n) etc. from text

**Usage:**

```
define FormatText(text)
```

### 11.12.14 GetEasyChoice()

*Simple multiple choice*

**Description:**

Hides what is on the screen and presents a textbox with specified message, and a series of options to select from. Returns element from corresponding position of the <output> list.

**Usage:**

```
define GetEasyChoice(...)
```

**Example:**

The code snippet below produces the following screen: `gWin <-`

```
MakeWindow("white")
inp <- GetEasyChoice("What Year are you in school",
                    ["First-year","Sophomore",
                    "Junior","Senior","Other"],
                    [1,2,3,4,5], gWin)
```

**See Also:**

`MessageBox()`, `GetEasyChoice()`, `EasyTextBox()`

### 11.12.15 GetEasyInput()

*Gets typed input based on a prompt.*

**Description:**

Hides what is on the screen and presents a textbox with specified message, and a second text box to enter input. Continues when 'enter' is hit at the end of text entry.

**Usage:**

```
define GetEasyInput(...)
```

**Example:**

```
gWin <- MakeWindow()
inp <- GetEasyInput("Enter Participant ID Code",gWin)
```

**See Also:**

`MessageBox()`, `GetEasyChoice()`, `EasyTextBox()`

### 11.12.16 GetEasyMultiChoice()

*Simple select-multiple choice*

**Description:**

The `minchoices` and `maxchoices` gives the range of the number of choices permitted.

**Usage:**



```
define GetEasyMultiChoice(text,choices,output,win,minchoices:1,  
↪maxchoices:1)
```

### 11.12.17 GetNewDataFile()

*Opens a data file in subnum directory*

**Description:**

Creates a data file for output, asking for either append or renumbering the subject code if the specified file is already in use.

**Usage:**

```
define GetNewDataFile(...)
```

**Example:**

```
file1 <- GetNewDataFile("1",gWin,"memorytest","csv",  
                        "sub,trial,word,answer,rt,corr")  
##above creates a file data\1\memorytest-1.csv  
  
file2 <- GetNewDataFile("1",gWin,"memorytest","csv",  
                        "sub,trial,word,answer,rt,corr")  
# above will prompt you for new subject code  
  
file3 <- GetNewDataFile("1",gWin,"memorytest-report","txt",  
                        "")  
##No header is needed on a text-based report file.
```

**See Also:**

FileOpenWrite(), FileOpenAppend(), FileOpenOverwrite()

### 11.12.18 GetNIMHDemographics()

*Asks NIMH-related questions*

**Description:**

Gets demographic information that are normally required for NIMH-related research. Currently are gender (M/F/prefer not to say), ethnicity (Hispanic or not), and race (A.I./Alaskan, Asian/A.A., Hawaiian, black/A.A., white/Caucasian, other). It then prints their responses in a single line in the demographics file, along with any special code you supply and a time/date stamp. This code might include a subject number, experiment number, or something

else, but many informed consent forms assure the subject that this information cannot be tied back to them or their data, so be careful about what you record. The file output will look something like:

```
---- 31,Thu May 12 17:00:35 2011,F,hisp,asian,3331 32,Thu May
↪12 22:49:10 2011,M,nothisp,amind,3332 ----
```

The first column is the user-specified code (in this case, indicating the experiment number). The middle columns indicate date/time, and the last three columns indicate gender (M, F, other), Hispanic (Y/N), and race.

### Usage:

```
define GetNIMHDemographics(...)
```

### Example:

```
GetNIMHDemographics("x0413", gwindow,
                    "x0413-demographics.txt")
```

## 11.12.19 GetSubNum()

*Asks user to enter subject number*

### Description:

Creates dialog to ask user to input a subject code

### Usage:

```
define GetSubNum(...)
```

### Example:

```
## Put this at the beginning of an experiment,
## after a window gWin has been defined.
##
if(gSubNum == 0)
{
    gSubNum <- GetSubNum(gWin)
}
```

**Note:** gSubNum can also be set from the command line.

### 11.12.20 GetTranslations()

*Loads multilingual translations with automatic language fallback*

**Description:**

Automatically loads translation strings for experiments from JSON translation files. Implements a three-tier fallback system: (1) uses explicitly specified language if file exists, (2) falls back to system locale language if available, (3) defaults to English if no other translations are found. Normalizes all language codes to lowercase 2-letter codes (e.g., “en”, “es”, “ar”). Returns a custom object with translated strings as properties that can be accessed throughout the experiment.

**Usage:**

```
GetTranslations(testname, lang)
```

**Example:**

```
##Load translations with explicit language
gLanguage <- "es" ##Spanish
gStrings <- GetTranslations("stroop", gLanguage)
MessageBox(gStrings.instructions, gWin)

##Let it auto-detect from system locale
gLanguage <- "" ##Empty means use system locale
gStrings <- GetTranslations("flanker", gLanguage)
##Will try system language, fall back to English

##Translation files are expected at:
##translations/stroop.pbl-es.json
##translations/stroop.pbl-en.json
##etc.
```

**See Also:**

ReadTranslationJSON(),      ReadTranslation(),      GetSystemLocale(),  
Lowercase()

### 11.12.21 InitializeUpload()

**Description:**

**Token-based multi-test hosting support**

Initialize token-based upload configuration for uploading on emscripten branch.

This is only needed on emscripten to set up the virtual file system to store data in an easy-to-retrieve way. On native platforms, the Upload

Call this at the start of battery tests that will be hosted online Reads upload.json (written by JavaScript launcher) and sets up: - gToken: Study identifier - gTest-Name: Test name (e.g., “stroop”, “flanker”) - gUploadURL: Server endpoint for data upload (not needed here) - gParticipant: Participant ID - gDataDirectory: Centralized data path: /data/{token}/{test}/{participant}/ - gUploadSettings: Full configuration object - gUseUpload: Flag indicating token mode is active

**Usage:**

```
define InitializeUpload(file:"")
```

### 11.12.22 Inside()

*Determines whether a point is inside a graphical object*

**Description:**

Determines whether an [x,y] point is inside another object. Will operate correctly for rectangles, squares, circles, textboxes, images, and labels. For custom objects having a function name bound to their .inside property, it will use that function to test for insideness. [xylist] can be a list containing [x,y], and if it is longer the other points will be ignored (such as the list returned by WaitForMouseButton()). Returns 1 if inside, 0 if not inside.

**Usage:**

```
define Inside(...)
```

**Example:**

```
button <- EasyLabel("Click me to continue", 100,100,gWin,12)

continue <- 1
while(continue)
{
```

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```
xy <- WaitForMouseButton()  
continue <- Inside(xy,button)  
}
```

**See Also:**

WaitForMouseButton(), GetMouseCursorPosition(), InsideTB()

### 11.12.23 IsURL()

**Description:**

Helper function: Check if a string is a URL Used to detect `http://` or `https://` URLs for remote parameter loading

**Usage:**

```
define IsURL(string)
```

### 11.12.24 JSONText()

**Description:**

this will print the JSON object in a format that can be saved. It requires an PCustomObject, which is created with ParseJSON() function.

**Usage:**

```
define JSONText(obj, indent:0)
```

### 11.12.25 LikertTrial()

**Description:**

These helper functions require gTextBox, gHeader, and gFooter to work.

**Usage:**

```
define LikertTrial(text)
```

### 11.12.26 ListToHumanText()

**Description:**

Converts a list of a text listing of options

**Usage:**

```
define ListToHumanText(...)
```

**Example:**

```
ListToHumanText([1,2,3,444])

"1, 2, 3, or 444"

ListToHumanText(["a","b","c","d","e"],"and")
"a, b, c, d, and e"
```

**See Also:**

ConcatenateList(), PrintList(), ListToString()

### 11.12.27 Lookup()

**Description:**

Returns element in <database> corresponding to element of <keylist> that matches <key>. If no match exists, Match returns an empty list.

**Usage:**

```
define Lookup(...)
```

**Example:**

```
keys    <- [1,2,3,4,5]
database <- ["market","home","roast beef",
            "none","wee wee wee"]
Print(Lookup(3,keys,database))

## Or, do something like this:

data    <- [ ["punky","brewster"],
              ["arnold","jackson"],
              ["richie","cunningham"],
              ["alex","keaton"] ]
```

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```
d2 <- Transpose(data)
key <- First(data)

Print(Lookup("alex", key, data))
##Returns ["alex","keaton"]
```

**See Also:**

Match()

### 11.12.28 MakeParameterObject()

**Description:**

This creates an object called ‘parameters’ with property-value pairs specified by pairs, and will load duplicate properties into lists.

**Usage:**

```
define MakeParameterObject(pairs)
```

### 11.12.29 MessageBox()

*Pops up a message, overtop the entire screen, and waits for a click to continue.*

**Description:**

Hides what is on the screen and presents a textbox with specified message, with a button to click at the bottom to continue. All arguments after window are optional, but permit changing the size of the text box, (left and right separately), removing the background, and allowing keyboard responses to advance. By default, if acknowledgement is set to <OK>, the messagebox will continue when the mouse button clicks an on-screen button labeled OK. If set to a key (e.g., ‘x’), it will continue when that key is pressed.

**Usage:**

```
define MessageBox(...)
```

**Example:**

```
gWin <- MakeWindow()
MessageBox("Click below to begin.",gWin)
```

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```
MessageBox("this makes a messagebox filling the left side,␣  
↳permitting  
graphics you might have put on the right to be displayed.",  
          gWin,40,100,gVideoWidth/2,  
          300,0,"<OK>")  
  
MessageBox("This messagebox allows you to continue by hitting␣  
↳the x or z keys",  
          gWin,20,100,100,300,1,["X","Z"])
```

**See Also:**

GetEasyInput(), EasyTextBox(), PopUpMessageBox()

### 11.12.30 MoveCenter()

**Description:**

Moves a TextBox to a specified location according to its center, instead of its upper left corner.

**Usage:**

```
define MoveCenter(...)
```

**Example:**

```
MoveCenter(TextBox, 33, 100)
```

**See Also:**

Move(), MoveCenter(), .X and .Y properties

### 11.12.31 MoveCorner()

*Moves an image or label by its upper corner.*

**Description:**

Moves a label or image to a specified location according to its upper left corner, instead of its center.

**Usage:**

```
define MoveCorner(...)
```

**Example:**



```
MoveCorner(label, 33, 100)
```

**See Also:**

Move(), MoveCenter(), .X and .Y properties

### 11.12.32 MoveObject()

*Calls the .move property of an object*

**Description:**

Calls the function named by the .move property of a custom object. Useful if a custom object has complex parts that need to be moved; you can bind .move to a custom move function and then call it (and anything else) using MoveObject. MoveObject will fall back on a normal move, so you can handle movement of many built-in objects with it

**Usage:**

```
define MoveObject(...)
```

**Example:**

```
##This overrides buttons placement at the center:
done <- MakeButton("QUIT",400,250,gWin,150)
done.move <- "MoveCorner"
MoveObject(done, 100,100)
```

**See Also:**

Inside(), Move(), ClickOn(), DrawObject()

### 11.12.33 PrintList()

**Description:**

Prints a list, without the ‘,’s or [] characters. Puts a carriage return at the end. Returns a string that was printed. If a list contains other lists, the printing will wrap multiple lines and the internal lists will be printed as normal. To avoid this, try PrintList(Flatten(list)).

**Usage:**

```
define PrintList(...)
```

**Example:**

```
PrintList( [1,2,3,4,5,5,5])
##
##  Produces:
## 1 2 3 4 5 5 5
PrintList([[1,2],[3,4],[5,6]])
#Produces:
# [1,2]
#,[3,4]
#,[5,6]

PrintList(Flatten([[1,2],[3,4],[5,6]]))
#Produces:
# 1 2 3 4 5 6
```

**See Also:**

Print(), Print\_(), FilePrint(), FilePrint\_(), FilePrintList(),

### 11.12.34 ReadCSV()

*Opens a csv file returning a table with its elements*

**Description:**

Reads a comma-separated value file into a nested list. Need not be named with a .csv extension. It should properly strip quotes from cells, and not break entries on commas embedded within quoted text.

**Usage:**

```
define ReadCSV(...)
```

**Example:**

```
table <- ReadCSV("datafile.csv")
```

**See Also:**

FileReadTable(), FileReadList(), StripQuotes()

### 11.12.35 ReadJSONParameters()

**Description:**

Read JSON parameter file and convert to parameter object JSON format: simple key-value pairs, e.g., {"dopractice": 1, "isi": 1000} Returns a custom object with parameters as properties Supports both local files and URLs (<http://> or <https://>) Returns empty parameter object if fetch/parse fails (allows fallback to defaults)

**Usage:**

```
define ReadJSONParameters(filename)
```

### 11.12.36 RemoveObjects()

*Removes a (possibly nested) list of objects from a parent window*

**Description:**

This is a recursive removeobjects

**Usage:**

```
define RemoveObjects(list,win)
```

### 11.12.37 ReplaceChar()

**Description:**

Substitutes <char2> for <char> in <string>. Useful for saving subject entry data in a file; replacing spaces with some other character. The second argument can either be a character to match, or a list of characters to match, in which case they all get replaced with the third argument.

**Usage:**

```
define ReplaceChar(...)
```

**Example:**

```
x <- ["Sing a song of sixpence"]
rep <- ReplaceChar(x," ", "_")
Print(rep)
# Result: Sing_a_song_of_sixpence
```

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```
x <- ["sing a song of sixpence"]
rep <- ReplaceChar(x,["s","x"], "p")
Print(rep)
# Result:  ping a pong of pippence
```

**See Also:**

for list items: `Replace()` , `SplitString()`,

### 11.12.38 SplitStringSlow()

**Description:**

Splits a string into tokens. `<split>` must be a string. If `<split>` is not found in `<string>`, a list containing the entire string is returned; if split is equal to "", the each letter in the string is placed into a different item in the list. The entire text of `<split>` is used to tokenize, but as a consequence this function is relatively slow, and should be avoided if your string is longer than a few hundred characters.

**Usage:**

```
define SplitStringSlow(...)
```

**Example:**

```
SplitStringSlow("Everybody Loves a Clown", " ")
# Produces ["Everybody", "Loves", "a", "Clown"]
SplitStringSlow("she sells seashells", "ll")
#produces ["she se", "s seashe", "s"]
```

**See Also:**

`Splitstring()` `FindInString()`, `ReplaceChar()`

### 11.12.39 StripQuotes()

**Description:**

Strips quotation marks from the outside of a string. Useful if you are reading in data that is quoted.

**Usage:**

```
define StripQuotes(...)
```

**Example:**

```
text <- gQuote + "abcd" + gQuote
Print(StripQuotes(text)) ## abcd
Print(StripQuotes("aaa")) ##aaa
```

**See Also:**

StripSpace()

### 11.12.40 StripSpace()

**Description:**

Strips spaces from the start and end of a string. Useful for cleaning up input and such.

**Usage:**

```
define StripSpace(...)
```

**Example:**

```
text <- " abcd "
Print(StripSpace(text)) ## 'abcd'
Print(StripSpace("aaa")) ## 'aaa'
```

**See Also:**

StripQuotes()

### 11.12.41 Tab()

**Description:**

Produces a tab character which can be added to a string. If displayed in a text box, it will use a 4-item tab stop.

**Usage:**

```
define Tab(...)
```

**Example:**

```
Print("Number: " Tab(1) + number )
Print("Value: " Tab(1) + value )
Print("Size: " Tab(1) + size )
```

**See Also:**

Format(), CR()

### 11.12.42 WaitForButtonClickOnTarget()

**Description:**

targetlist is a set of graphical objects, keylist is a set of keys whose corresponding value should be returned when a graphical object is clicked upon. This modifies the built-in waitforclickontarget so that it will Return the button that is clicked, along with the target, and the target object

**Usage:**

```
define WaitForButtonClickOnTarget(targetlist, keylist)
```

### 11.12.43 WaitForClickOnTarget()

*Waits until any of a set of target objects are clicked.*

**Description:**

Allows you to specify a list of graphical objects in <objectlist> and awaits a click on any one of them, returning the corresponding key in <keylist>. Also, sets the global variable gClick which saves the location of the click, if you need it for something else.

**Usage:**

```
define WaitForClickOnTarget(...)
```

**Example:**

```
resp <- Sequence(1,5,1)
objs <- []
loop(i,resp)
{
  tmp <- EasyLabel(i + ". ",
                  100+50*i,100,gWin,25)
  objs <- Append(objs, tmp)
}
Draw()
click <- WaitForClickOnTarget(objs,resp)
Print("You clicked on " + click)
Print("Click location: [" + First(gClick) +
      ", " + Second(gClick) + "])")
```

### 11.12.44 WaitForClickOnTargetWithTimeout()

#### Description:

Allows you to specify a list of graphical objects in `<objectlist>` and awaits a click on any one of them, returning the corresponding key in `<keylist>`. Also, sets the global variable `gClick` which saves the location of the click, if you need it for something else. The function will return after the specified time limit. If no response is made by timeout, the text `<timeout>` will be returned (instead of the corresponding keylist element), and `gClick` will be set to `[-1, -1]`. This function can also be useful to dynamically update some visual object while waiting for a response. Give timeout some small number (below 50 ms, as low as 1-5), and loop over this repeatedly until a ‘proper’ response is given, redrawing a timer or other dynamic visual element each time. By default, this will only activate when a normal (left-click) is made on button 1. However, the three optional arguments `button1`, `button2`, and `button3` permit waiting for any or all left, right, or center buttons.

#### Usage:

```
define WaitForClickOnTargetWithTimeout(...)
```

#### Example:

```
resp <- Sequence(1,5,1)
objs <- []
loop(i,resp)
{
  tmp <- EasyLabel(i + ". ",
                  100+50*i,100,gWin,25)
  objs <- Append(objs, tmp)
}
Draw()
click <- WaitForClickOnTargetWithTimeout(objs,resp,3000)
Print("You clicked on " + click)
Print("Click location: [" + First(gClick) +
      ", " + Second(gClick) + "]")

##wait for a center-click.
click <- WaitForClickOnTargetWithTimeout(objs,resp,3000,0,0,1)
```

#### See Also:

`WaitForDownClick()`, `WaitForMouseButton()`

### 11.12.45 WaitForDownClick()

*Waits for mouse button to be clicked*

**Description:**

Will wait until the mouse button is clicked down. Returns the same 4-tuple as `WaitForMouseButton`:

```
[xpos,      ypos,      button id [1-3],      "<pressed>" or "  
↪<released>"]
```

but the last element will always be `<pressed>`. Useful as a  
↪`'click mouse to continue'` probe.

**Usage:**

```
define WaitForDownClick(...)
```

**Example:**

```
x <- WaitForDownClick()  
Print("Click location: [" + First(x) +  
      ", " + Second(x) + "]")
```

**See Also:**

`WaitForClickOnTarget()`, `WaitForMouseButton()`

### 11.12.46 YesNoTrial()

**Description:**

These helper functions require `gTextBox`, `gHeader`, and `gFooter` to work.

**Usage:**

```
define YesNoTrial(text)
```



### 11.12.47 ZeroPad()

*Pads the beginning of a number with 0s so the number is size long*

**Description:**

Takes a number and pads it with zeroes left of the decimal point so that its length is equal to <size>. Argument must be a positive integer and less than ten digits. Returns a string.

**Usage:**

```
define ZeroPad(...)
```

**Example:**

```
Print(ZeroPad(33,5))      # "00033"
Print(ZeroPad(123456,6))  # "123456"
Print(ZeroPad(1,8))       # "00000001"
```

**See Also:**

Format()

### 11.12.48 Functions Pending Documentation

### 11.12.49 AppendDirList()

*Manages a list of directories for path navigation*

**Description:**

Appends a directory to a directory list, handling special directory names like “.” (current directory) and “..” (parent directory). When “..” is encountered, it removes the last directory from the list (going up one level). When “.” is encountered, the list remains unchanged. Regular directory names are simply appended. Useful for building and navigating directory paths dynamically.

**Usage:**

```
define AppendDirList(dirlist, dir)
```

**Example:**

```
# Build a directory path dynamically
dirs <- []
dirs <- AppendDirList(dirs, "data")      # ["data"]
dirs <- AppendDirList(dirs, "exp1")      # ["data", "exp1"]
```

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```
dirs <- AppendDirList(dirs, "results") # ["data", "exp1",
  ↳ "results"]
dirs <- AppendDirList(dirs, "..")      # ["data", "exp1"] (go
  ↳ up)
dirs <- AppendDirList(dirs, "analysis") # ["data", "exp1",
  ↳ "analysis"]

# Current directory is ignored
dirs <- AppendDirList(dirs, ".")      # ["data", "exp1",
  ↳ "analysis"] (unchanged)
```

**See Also:**

DirToText(), GetDirectory(), GetDirectoryListing()

### 11.12.50 CreateParameters()

*Creates a parameter object from defaults and an optional parameter file*

**Description:**

Creates a parameter object by combining default values with parameters from a file. Supports both legacy CSV format (.par) and modern JSON format (.par.json). Can load parameters from local files or remote URLs (<http://> or <https://>). If the file doesn't exist or a URL cannot be fetched, only the defaults are used. Parameters from the file override defaults.

The function auto-detects file format based on extension: .json files (and all URLs) use JSON format, while .par files use legacy CSV format.

**Usage:**

```
define CreateParameters(defaults, file)
```

**Example:**

```
# Create parameters with defaults and local file
defaults <- [["trials", 20], ["isi", 1000], ["practice", 1]]
pars <- CreateParameters(defaults, "config.par.json")

# Now pars.trials, pars.isi, pars.practice are available
Print("Running " + pars.trials + " trials")

# Load from URL (uses JSON format automatically)
pars <- CreateParameters(defaults, "https://example.com/params.
```

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```
↪ json")

# If file doesn't exist, defaults are used
pars <- CreateParameters(defaults, "nonexistent.json")
# pars still has default values
```

**See Also:**

ReadJSONParameters(), MakeParameterObject(), ReadCSV()

### 11.12.51 DirToText()

*Converts directory and file lists into path strings*

**Description:**

Combines a list of directories and a list of filenames into complete path strings. Prepends directory names with backslashes and merges them with the filelist. This is a helper function for path manipulation when working with directory structures.

**Usage:**

```
define DirToText(dirlist, filelist, path)
```

**Example:**

```
# Combine directory components with files
dirs <- ["data", "experiment1"]
files <- ["trial01.csv", "trial02.csv"]
paths <- DirToText(dirs, files, "")

# Results in paths with directory prefixes
loop(p, paths)
{
  Print(p)
}
```

**See Also:**

AppendDirList(), GetDirectory(), GetDirectoryListing()

### 11.12.52 GetDirectory()

*Extracts the directory path from a file path*

**Description:**

Extracts and returns the directory portion of a file path, including the trailing separator. The function automatically detects the appropriate separator based on the platform (backslash for Windows, forward slash for Unix/Linux/Mac). Returns all but the last component (the filename). Useful for getting the parent directory of a file or for constructing new file paths in the same directory.

**Usage:**

```
define GetDirectory(filepath)
```

**Example:**

```
# Extract directory from file path
dir <- GetDirectory("data/experiment/results.csv")
Print(dir)
# Result: "data/experiment/" (on Unix/Linux/Mac)

# Works automatically on Windows too
dir <- GetDirectory("C:\\Users\\Lab\\data\\subject01.txt")
Print(dir)
# Result: "C:\\Users\\Lab\\data\\" (on Windows)

# Use with other path operations
filepath <- "results/trial-data.csv"
directory <- GetDirectory(filepath)
newfile <- directory + "summary-data.csv"
# newfile is "results/summary-data.csv"

# Common use case: creating pooled data files
fileOut <- GetNewDataFile(gSubnum, gWin, "test", "csv", "header")
dir <- GetDirectory(fileOut.filename) + "../"
pooledFile <- FileOpenAppend(dir + "pooled-results.csv")
```

**See Also:**

GetWorkingDirectory(), FileExists(), DirToText()

### 11.12.53 GetNewSubNum()

*Requests a new subject number from a remote server*

**Description:**

Connects to a remote PEBL data server to request and receive a new unique subject number for data collection. The server maintains a counter and returns sequential subject codes. If the server connection fails, a random 6-digit number is returned as a fallback. Used in labs or online studies where centralized subject numbering is needed across multiple testing stations or sessions.

**Usage:**

```
define GetNewSubNum(server, page, port, username, pword)
```

**Example:**

```
# Get new subject number from server
server <- "data.mylab.edu"
page <- "get_subject_id.php"
port <- 80
username <- "labuser"
password <- "secure_password"

gSubNum <- GetNewSubNum(server, page, port, username, password)
Print("Assigned subject number: " + gSubNum)

# Use subject number for data files
datafile <- FileOpenWrite("data/" + gSubNum + "/results.csv")
```

**See Also:**

GetSubNum(), UploadFile(), SyncDataFile()

### 11.12.54 ReadTranslation()

*Loads multilingual text from a CSV translation file*

**Description:**

Reads a CSV-format translation file containing text strings in multiple languages. Creates a custom object with text strings as properties that can be accessed in experiments. Useful for creating experiments that can be presented in different languages. The CSV file should have text keys in the first column and translated text in subsequent columns. Line breaks (\n) in the file are converted to actual carriage returns.

**Usage:**

```
define ReadTranslation(filename, lang)
```

**Example:**

```
# Load English translations from CSV file
# translations.csv contains:
# welcome, Welcome to the experiment
# instructions, Please press any key to begin
# thanks, Thank you for participating

trans <- ReadTranslation("translations-en.csv", "en")
MessageBox(trans.welcome, gWin)
MessageBox(trans.instructions, gWin)

# Run experiment...

MessageBox(trans.thanks, gWin)
```

**See Also:**

ReadTranslationJSON(), ReadCSV(), FormatText()

### 11.12.55 ReadTranslationJSON()

*Loads multilingual text from a JSON translation file*

**Description:**

Reads a JSON-format translation file containing text strings in multiple languages. Creates a custom object with text strings as properties that can be accessed in experiments. This is the modern alternative to `ReadTranslation()` with better support for complex text and special characters. The JSON file should contain key-value pairs where keys are text identifiers and values are the translated strings. Line breaks (`\n`) in the JSON are converted to actual carriage returns.

**Usage:**

```
define ReadTranslationJSON(filename, lang)
```

**Example:**

```
# Load English translations from JSON file
# translations-en.json contains:
# {
#   "welcome": "Welcome to the experiment",
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```
# "instructions": "Please press any key to begin",
# "thanks": "Thank you for participating"
# }

trans <- ReadTranslationJSON("translations-en.json", "en")
MessageBox(trans.welcome, gWin)
MessageBox(trans.instructions, gWin)

# Run experiment...

MessageBox(trans.thanks, gWin)
```

**See Also:**

ReadTranslation(), ParseJSON(), FormatText()

**11.12.56 SubstituteStrings()***Makes multiple substitutions in text***Description:**

Performs multiple character substitutions in a text string. Takes a list of replacement pairs and applies each one sequentially using `ReplaceChar()`. Useful for cleaning up text, converting special characters, or applying multiple text transformations at once.

**Usage:**

```
define SubstituteStrings(text, replist)
```

**Example:**

```
# Replace multiple characters for file-safe names
text <- "Subject: John Doe (Test #1)"
replacements <- [[" ", "_"], [":", "-"], ["(", "["], [")", "]", "\u0026", "#"], ["#", "num"]]
cleaned <- SubstituteStrings(text, replacements)
Print(cleaned)
# Result: "Subject-_John_Doe_[Test_num1]"

# Convert special characters in user input
userInput <- "Hello\nWorld!"
subs <- [["\n", " "], ["!", "."]]
formatted <- SubstituteStrings(userInput, subs)
```

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```
Print(formatted)
# Result: "Hello World."
```

**See Also:**

ReplaceChar(), Replace()

### 11.12.57 SyncDataFile()

*Synchronizes a data file with a remote server using HTTP POST*

**Description:**

Uploads a data file to a remote server using HTTP POST with multipart/form-data encoding. Sends authentication credentials, task name, subject code, and optional authorization token along with the file contents. Used for real-time data synchronization during experiments or for batch uploads to a PEBL data collection server. Returns the server's HTTP response.

**Usage:**

```
define SyncDataFile(server, page, port, username, pword,
  taskname, subcode, datafilename, token: "")
```

**Example:**

```
# Sync data file to server after each trial block
server <- "data.mylab.edu"
page <- "sync_data.php"
port <- 80
username <- "labuser"
password <- "secure_password"
taskname <- "stroop_task"
subcode <- gSubNum
datafile <- "data/" + subcode + "/block1.csv"

response <- SyncDataFile(server, page, port, username,
  password, taskname, subcode, datafile)

Print("Server response: " + First(response))

# With authorization token for secure studies
token <- "study_auth_token_12345"
response <- SyncDataFile(server, page, port, username, password,
  taskname, subcode, datafile, token)
```



**See Also:**

UploadFile(), GetNewSubNum(), PostHTTPFile()

### 11.12.58 UploadFile()

*Uploads a data file to a remote server*

**Description:**

Uploads experimental data files to a remote server for centralized data collection. Only operates when the `--upload` command-line flag is used with PEBL. Reads server configuration from a JSON settings file containing host, page, port, and authentication details. If `no_upload` flag is set in settings or the file doesn't exist, upload is skipped. Useful for online experiments or multi-site studies requiring automatic data upload.

**Usage:**

```
define UploadFile(subcode, datafilename, settings: "")
```

**Example:**

```
# Upload data file after experiment completes
# Run PEBL with: pebl experiment.pbl --upload upload.json
#
# upload.json contains:
# {
#   "host": "data.mylab.edu",
#   "page": "upload.php",
#   "port": 80,
#   "username": "labuser",
#   "password": "secure_password"
# }

gSubNum <- "101"
datafile <- "data/" + gSubNum + "/results.csv"

# Upload will only happen if --upload was specified
UploadFile(gSubNum, datafile)

# Or specify custom settings file
UploadFile(gSubNum, datafile, "custom_upload.json")
```

**See Also:**

SyncDataFile(), GetNewSubNum(), InitializeUpload()

### 11.12.59 ClickOn()

**Description:**

Calls the function named by the `.clickon` property of a custom object. Useful for handling click events of a bunch of different objects. This is essentially the same as `CallFunction(obj.clickon, [obj,gClick])`.

**Usage:**

```
Clickon(obj,[x,y])
```

**Example:**

```
##This overrides buttons placement at the center:
done <- MakeButton("QUIT",400,250,gWin,150)
WaitForClickOnTarget([done],[1])
Clickon(done,gClick)
```

**See Also:**

`Inside()`, `ClickCheckbox()`, `MoveObject()`, `DrawObject()`

### 11.12.60 Countdown()

**Description:**

Displays a 3-2-1 countdown on the screen in with 500 ms ISI. `CountDown` temporarily hides whatever is on the screen. It is useful in orienting participants to the first trial of a task. The second argument (`useBackground`) is true (1) by default. In this case, the entire screen will be hidden with a black overlay. If set to 0, this overlay will not be made.

**Usage:**

```
CountDown(win)
CountDown(win,(optional)useBackground)
```

**Example:**

```
win <- MakeWindow()
MessageBox("Press any key to begin",win)
CountDown(win)
Trial()

CountDown(win,0)
Trial
```

See Also:

MessageBox()

### 11.12.61 GetInput()

**Description:**

Allows user to type input into a textbox.

**Usage:**

```
GetInput(<textbox>,<escape-key>)
```

See Also:

SetEditable(), GetCursorPosition(), MakeTextBox(), SetText()

### 11.12.62 IsDefined()

*Tests whether a variable has been defined.*

**Description:**

Returns 1 if `varname` (given as a string) is a currently-defined variable, or 0 if it has not been defined. This is a readable alias for `VariableExists()`.

**Usage:**

```
define IsDefined(varname)
```

**Example:**

```
if(IsDefined("gUploadFile"))
{
    UploadLine(gSubNum, "data.csv", header, line)
}
```

See Also:

VariableExists(), PropertyExists()

### 11.12.63 Indent()

*Returns a string of spaces for indentation.*

**Description:**

Returns a string of `level * 2` space characters, useful for building indented text output. Used internally by `PrintProperties()`.

**Usage:**

```
define Indent(level)
```

**Example:**

```
Print(Indent(0) + "top level")
Print(Indent(1) + "one level in")
Print(Indent(2) + "two levels in")
```

**See Also:**

`PrintProperties()`

### 11.12.64 MakeFontFamily()

*Creates a set of font variants (normal, bold, italic, bold-italic) from a single font file.*

**Description:**

Creates and returns a custom object with four properties — `normal`, `bold`, `italic`, and `bolditalic` — each holding a font object created with `MakeFont()`. All four variants are created once and can be reused without repeated create/destroy overhead, which is especially useful for markdown-style text rendering that switches between styles inline.

**Usage:**

```
define MakeFontFamily(filename, size, fgcolor, bgcolor,   
↳ antialiased)
```

**Parameters:**

- `filename` — font file name (e.g., "DejaVuSans.ttf")
- `size` — point size (e.g., 24)
- `fgcolor` — foreground colour object from `MakeColor()`
- `bgcolor` — background colour object from `MakeColor()`

- `antialiased` — 1 to enable antialiasing, 0 to disable

**Example:**

```
fg <- MakeColor("black")
bg <- MakeColor("white")
fam <- MakeFontFamily("DejaVuSans.ttf", 24, fg, bg, 1)

normalLabel <- MakeLabel("Regular text", fam.normal)
boldLabel <- MakeLabel("Bold text", fam.bold)
italicLabel <- MakeLabel("Italic text", fam.italic)
biBoldLabel <- MakeLabel("Bold-italic", fam.bolditalic)
```

**See Also:**

`MakeFont()`, `MakeLabel()`

### 11.12.65 JoinStrings()

*Joins a list of strings into a single string with a separator.*

**Description:**

Concatenates all strings in `list` into a single string, inserting `separator` between adjacent elements. Returns an empty string for an empty list, and the single element unchanged for a one-element list.

**Usage:**

```
define JoinStrings(list, separator)
```

**Example:**

```
parts <- ["one", "two", "three"]
result <- JoinStrings(parts, ", ")
## result == "one, two, three"

csv <- JoinStrings([gSubNum, trial, rt], ",")
```

**See Also:**

`ConcatenateList()`, `SplitString()`, `ListToString()`

### 11.12.66 ConvertNewlinesToCR()

*Converts ``\n`` sequences in a string to PEBL CR() newlines.*

**Description:**

Replaces literal `\n\n` sequences with `CR(2)` and `\n` sequences with `CR(1)` in `text`. This is needed because strings loaded from JSON translation files use `\n` for line breaks, while PEBL's display functions require `CR()`.

**Usage:**

```
define ConvertNewlinesToCR(text)
```

**Example:**

```
raw <- "Line one\nLine two\n\nNew paragraph"
text <- ConvertNewlinesToCR(raw)
## text now contains actual PEBL newlines
```

**See Also:**

`CR()`, `SubstituteStrings()`, `GetStrings()`

### 11.12.67 InitializeLSL()

*Initializes a Lab Streaming Layer (LSL) outlet for event-marker streaming.*

**Description:**

Call once at the start of your experiment (after parameter initialization) to create an LSL outlet that downstream recording software (e.g., LabRecorder) can subscribe to. The function is a no-op when the experiment was not started with the `--lsl` flag, so it can be left in the script unconditionally.

If `win` is a valid window object, `InitializeLSL()` shows a prompt asking the experimenter to confirm that LabRecorder is recording before continuing.

The stream name is taken from the `--lsl <name>` command-line argument, or auto-generated as `PEBL_<scriptbasename>` if no name was given.

Returns 1 if the outlet was created successfully, 0 otherwise.

**Usage:**

```
define InitializeLSL(win:0)
```

**Example:**

```
gParams <- CreateParameters(parpairs, gParamFile)
gWin    <- MakeWindow("black")
InitializeLSL(gWin)  ## prompts experimenter to start
↳ LabRecorder

## ... run experiment ...
FinalizeLSL()
```

**See Also:**

LSLMarker(), FinalizeLSL(), CreateLSLOutlet()

### 11.12.68 LSLMarker()

*Sends an event marker to the active LSL stream.*

**Description:**

Sends marker (a string or integer) to the LSL outlet created by InitializeLSL(). LSL automatically timestamps the sample. The function is a no-op when gLSLEnabled is false (i.e., --lsl was not used), so it can be called unconditionally on every trial.

Returns 1 if the marker was sent, 0 otherwise.

**Usage:**

```
define LSLMarker(marker)
```

**Example:**

```
LSLMarker("trial_start")
## show stimulus
Draw()
LSLMarker("stimulus_onset")
response <- WaitForListKeyPress(["z", "/"])
LSLMarker("response_" + response)
```

**See Also:**

InitializeLSL(), FinalizeLSL(), SendLSLMarker()

### 11.12.69 FinalizeLSL()

*Closes the LSL outlet at the end of the experiment.*

**Description:**

Closes the LSL outlet created by `InitializeLSL()` and releases resources. This call is optional but recommended for a clean shutdown. It is a no-op when `gLSEnabled` is false.

Returns 1 on success.

**Usage:**

```
define FinalizeLSL()
```

**Example:**

```
MessageBox("Thank you for participating!", gWin)
FinalizeLSL()
```

**See Also:**

`InitializeLSL()`, `LSLMarker()`, `CloseLSLOutlet()`













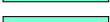






















































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# Color Name Reference
























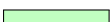
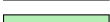





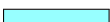












In PEBL, around 750 colors can be accessed by name, using the `MakeColor()` function. Each name corresponds to a specific RGB value. The following table provides examples of the particular color names, RGB values, and the obtained shade produced by PEBL.


















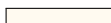

























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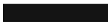










































Color Name	Red	Green	Blue	Example
ALICE BLUE	240	248	255	
ALICEBLUE	240	248	255	
ANTIQUE WHITE	250	235	215	
ANTIQUEWHITE	250	235	215	
ANTIQUEWHITE1	255	239	219	
ANTIQUEWHITE2	238	223	204	
ANTIQUEWHITE3	205	192	176	
ANTIQUEWHITE4	139	131	120	
AQUAMARINE	127	255	212	
AQUAMARINE1	127	255	212	
AQUAMARINE2	118	238	198	
AQUAMARINE3	102	205	170	
AQUAMARINE4	69	139	116	
AZURE	240	255	255	
AZURE1	240	255	255	
AZURE2	224	238	238	
AZURE3	193	205	205	
AZURE4	131	139	139	
BEIGE	245	245	220	
BISQUE	255	228	196	








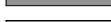
































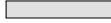


Color Name	Red	Green	Blue	Example
BISQUE1	255	228	196	
BISQUE2	238	213	183	
BISQUE3	205	183	158	
BISQUE4	139	125	107	
BLACK	0	0	0	
BLANCHED ALMOND	255	235	205	
BLANCHEDALMOND	255	235	205	
BLUE	0	0	255	
BLUE VIOLET	138	43	226	
BLUE1	0	0	255	
BLUE2	0	0	238	
BLUE3	0	0	205	
BLUE4	0	0	139	
BLUEVIOLET	138	43	226	
BROWN	165	42	42	
BROWN1	255	64	64	
BROWN2	238	59	59	
BROWN3	205	51	51	
BROWN4	139	35	35	
BURLYWOOD	222	184	135	
BURLYWOOD1	255	211	155	
BURLYWOOD2	238	197	145	
BURLYWOOD3	205	170	125	
BURLYWOOD4	139	115	85	
CADET BLUE	95	158	160	
CADETBLUE	95	158	160	
CADETBLUE1	152	245	255	
CADETBLUE2	142	229	238	
CADETBLUE3	122	197	205	
CADETBLUE4	83	134	139	
CHARTREUSE	127	255	0	
CHARTREUSE1	127	255	0	
CHARTREUSE2	118	238	0	
CHARTREUSE3	102	205	0	
CHARTREUSE4	69	139	0	
CHOCOLATE	210	105	30	
CHOCOLATE1	255	127	36	
CHOCOLATE2	238	118	33	
CHOCOLATE3	205	102	29	
CHOCOLATE4	139	69	19	
CORAL	255	127	80	
CORAL1	255	114	86	
CORAL2	238	106	80	

Color Name	Red	Green	Blue	Example
CORAL3	205	91	69	
CORAL4	139	62	47	
CORNFLOWER BLUE	100	149	237	
CORNFLOWERBLUE	100	149	237	
CORNSILK	255	248	220	
CORNSILK1	255	248	220	
CORNSILK2	238	232	205	
CORNSILK3	205	200	177	
CORNSILK4	139	136	120	
CYAN	0	255	255	
CYAN1	0	255	255	
CYAN2	0	238	238	
CYAN3	0	205	205	
CYAN4	0	139	139	
DARK BLUE	0	0	139	
DARK CYAN	0	139	139	
DARK GOLDENROD	184	134	11	
DARK GRAY	169	169	169	
DARK GREEN	0	100	0	
DARK GREY	169	169	169	
DARK KHAKI	189	183	107	
DARK MAGENTA	139	0	139	
DARK OLIVE GREEN	85	107	47	
DARK ORANGE	255	140	0	
DARK ORCHID	153	50	204	
DARK RED	139	0	0	
DARK SALMON	233	150	122	
DARK SEA GREEN	143	188	143	
DARK SLATE BLUE	72	61	139	
DARK SLATE GRAY	47	79	79	
DARK SLATE GREY	47	79	79	
DARK TURQUOISE	0	206	209	
DARK VIOLET	148	0	211	
DARKBLUE	0	0	139	
DARKCYAN	0	139	139	
DARKGOLDENROD	184	134	11	
DARKGOLDENROD1	255	185	15	
DARKGOLDENROD2	238	173	14	
DARKGOLDENROD3	205	149	12	
DARKGOLDENROD4	139	101	8	
DARKGRAY	169	169	169	
DARKGREEN	0	100	0	
DARKGREY	169	169	169	












































Color Name	Red	Green	Blue	Example
DARKKHAKI	189	183	107	
DARKMAGENTA	139	0	139	
DARKOLIVEGREEN	85	107	47	
DARKOLIVEGREEN1	202	255	112	
DARKOLIVEGREEN2	188	238	104	
DARKOLIVEGREEN3	162	205	90	
DARKOLIVEGREEN4	110	139	61	
DARKORANGE	255	140	0	
DARKORANGE1	255	127	0	
DARKORANGE2	238	118	0	
DARKORANGE3	205	102	0	
DARKORANGE4	139	69	0	
DARKORCHID	153	50	204	
DARKORCHID1	191	62	255	
DARKORCHID2	178	58	238	
DARKORCHID3	154	50	205	
DARKORCHID4	104	34	139	
DARKRED	139	0	0	
DARKSALMON	233	150	122	
DARKSEAGREEN	143	188	143	
DARKSEAGREEN1	193	255	193	
DARKSEAGREEN2	180	238	180	
DARKSEAGREEN3	155	205	155	
DARKSEAGREEN4	105	139	105	
DARKSLATEBLUE	72	61	139	
DARKSLATEGRAY	47	79	79	
DARKSLATEGRAY1	151	255	255	
DARKSLATEGRAY2	141	238	238	
DARKSLATEGRAY3	121	205	205	
DARKSLATEGRAY4	82	139	139	
DARKSLATEGREY	47	79	79	
DARKTURQUOISE	0	206	209	
DARKVIOLET	148	0	211	
DEEP PINK	255	20	147	
DEEP SKY BLUE	0	191	255	
DEEPPINK	255	20	147	
DEEPPINK1	255	20	147	
DEEPPINK2	238	18	137	
DEEPPINK3	205	16	118	
DEEPPINK4	139	10	80	
DEEPSKYBLUE	0	191	255	
DEEPSKYBLUE1	0	191	255	
DEEPSKYBLUE2	0	178	238	




































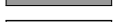







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DEEPSKYBLUE3	0	154	205	
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DIM GRAY	105	105	105	
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DIMGREY	105	105	105	
DODGER BLUE	30	144	255	
DODGERBLUE	30	144	255	
DODGERBLUE1	30	144	255	
DODGERBLUE2	28	134	238	
DODGERBLUE3	24	116	205	
DODGERBLUE4	16	78	139	
FIREBRICK	178	34	34	
FIREBRICK1	255	48	48	
FIREBRICK2	238	44	44	
FIREBRICK3	205	38	38	
FIREBRICK4	139	26	26	
FLORAL WHITE	255	250	240	
FLORALWHITE	255	250	240	
FOREST GREEN	34	139	34	
FORESTGREEN	34	139	34	
GAINSBORO	220	220	220	
GHOST WHITE	248	248	255	
GHOSTWHITE	248	248	255	
GOLD	255	215	0	
GOLD1	255	215	0	
GOLD2	238	201	0	
GOLD3	205	173	0	
GOLD4	139	117	0	
GOLDENROD	218	165	32	
GOLDENROD1	255	193	37	
GOLDENROD2	238	180	34	
GOLDENROD3	205	155	29	
GOLDENROD4	139	105	20	
GRAY	190	190	190	
GRAY0	0	0	0	
GRAY1	3	3	3	
GRAY2	5	5	5	
GRAY3	8	8	8	
GRAY4	10	10	10	
GRAY5	13	13	13	
GRAY6	15	15	15	
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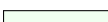











Color Name	Red	Green	Blue	Example
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GRAY12	31	31	31	
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GRAY26	66	66	66	
GRAY27	69	69	69	
GRAY28	71	71	71	
GRAY29	74	74	74	
GRAY30	77	77	77	
GRAY31	79	79	79	
GRAY32	82	82	82	
GRAY33	84	84	84	
GRAY34	87	87	87	
GRAY35	89	89	89	
GRAY36	92	92	92	
GRAY37	94	94	94	
GRAY38	97	97	97	
GRAY39	99	99	99	
GRAY40	102	102	102	
GRAY41	105	105	105	
GRAY42	107	107	107	
GRAY43	110	110	110	
GRAY44	112	112	112	
GRAY45	115	115	115	
GRAY46	117	117	117	
GRAY47	120	120	120	
GRAY48	122	122	122	
GRAY49	125	125	125	
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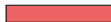











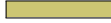


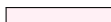
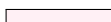







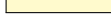
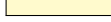


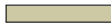




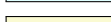
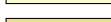







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GRAY55	140	140	140	
GRAY56	143	143	143	
GRAY57	145	145	145	
GRAY58	148	148	148	
GRAY59	150	150	150	
GRAY60	153	153	153	
GRAY61	156	156	156	
GRAY62	158	158	158	
GRAY63	161	161	161	
GRAY64	163	163	163	
GRAY65	166	166	166	
GRAY66	168	168	168	
GRAY67	171	171	171	
GRAY68	173	173	173	
GRAY69	176	176	176	
GRAY70	179	179	179	
GRAY71	181	181	181	
GRAY72	184	184	184	
GRAY73	186	186	186	
GRAY74	189	189	189	
GRAY75	191	191	191	
GRAY76	194	194	194	
GRAY77	196	196	196	
GRAY78	199	199	199	
GRAY79	201	201	201	
GRAY80	204	204	204	
GRAY81	207	207	207	
GRAY82	209	209	209	
GRAY83	212	212	212	
GRAY84	214	214	214	
GRAY85	217	217	217	
GRAY86	219	219	219	
GRAY87	222	222	222	
GRAY88	224	224	224	
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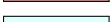






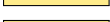
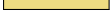


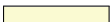

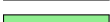































































Color Name	Red	Green	Blue	Example
GRAY94	240	240	240	
GRAY95	242	242	242	
GRAY96	245	245	245	
GRAY97	247	247	247	
GRAY98	250	250	250	
GRAY99	252	252	252	
GRAY100	255	255	255	
GREEN	0	255	0	
GREEN YELLOW	173	255	47	
GREEN1	0	255	0	
GREEN2	0	238	0	
GREEN3	0	205	0	
GREEN4	0	139	0	
GREENYELLOW	173	255	47	
GREY	190	190	190	
GREY0	0	0	0	
GREY1	3	3	3	
GREY2	5	5	5	
GREY3	8	8	8	
GREY4	10	10	10	
GREY5	13	13	13	
GREY6	15	15	15	
GREY7	18	18	18	
GREY8	20	20	20	
GREY9	23	23	23	
GREY10	26	26	26	
GREY11	28	28	28	
GREY12	31	31	31	
GREY13	33	33	33	
GREY14	36	36	36	
GREY15	38	38	38	
GREY16	41	41	41	
GREY17	43	43	43	
GREY18	46	46	46	
GREY19	48	48	48	
GREY20	51	51	51	
GREY21	54	54	54	
GREY22	56	56	56	
GREY23	59	59	59	
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GREY26	66	66	66	
GREY27	69	69	69	









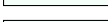
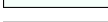






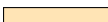
























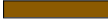

Color Name	Red	Green	Blue	Example
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GREY29	74	74	74	
GREY30	77	77	77	
GREY31	79	79	79	
GREY32	82	82	82	
GREY33	84	84	84	
GREY34	87	87	87	
GREY35	89	89	89	
GREY36	92	92	92	
GREY37	94	94	94	
GREY38	97	97	97	
GREY39	99	99	99	
GREY40	102	102	102	
GREY41	105	105	105	
GREY42	107	107	107	
GREY43	110	110	110	
GREY44	112	112	112	
GREY45	115	115	115	
GREY46	117	117	117	
GREY47	120	120	120	
GREY48	122	122	122	
GREY49	125	125	125	
GREY50	127	127	127	
GREY51	130	130	130	
GREY52	133	133	133	
GREY53	135	135	135	
GREY54	138	138	138	
GREY55	140	140	140	
GREY56	143	143	143	
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GREY64	163	163	163	
GREY65	166	166	166	
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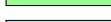








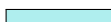

























Color Name	Red	Green	Blue	Example
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GREY72	184	184	184	
GREY73	186	186	186	
GREY74	189	189	189	
GREY75	191	191	191	
GREY76	194	194	194	
GREY77	196	196	196	
GREY78	199	199	199	
GREY79	201	201	201	
GREY80	204	204	204	
GREY81	207	207	207	
GREY82	209	209	209	
GREY83	212	212	212	
GREY84	214	214	214	
GREY85	217	217	217	
GREY86	219	219	219	
GREY87	222	222	222	
GREY88	224	224	224	
GREY89	227	227	227	
GREY90	229	229	229	
GREY91	232	232	232	
GREY92	235	235	235	
GREY93	237	237	237	
GREY94	240	240	240	
GREY95	242	242	242	
GREY96	245	245	245	
GREY97	247	247	247	
GREY98	250	250	250	
GREY99	252	252	252	
GREY100	255	255	255	
HONEYDEW	240	255	240	
HONEYDEW1	240	255	240	
HONEYDEW2	224	238	224	
HONEYDEW3	193	205	193	
HONEYDEW4	131	139	131	
HOT PINK	255	105	180	
HOTPINK	255	105	180	
HOTPINK1	255	110	180	
HOTPINK2	238	106	167	
HOTPINK3	205	96	144	
HOTPINK4	139	58	98	
INDIAN RED	205	92	92	
INDIANRED	205	92	92	

Color Name	Red	Green	Blue	Example
INDIANRED1	255	106	106	
INDIANRED2	238	99	99	
INDIANRED3	205	85	85	
INDIANRED4	139	58	58	
IVORY	255	255	240	
IVORY1	255	255	240	
IVORY2	238	238	224	
IVORY3	205	205	193	
IVORY4	139	139	131	
KHAKI	240	230	140	
KHAKI1	255	246	143	
KHAKI2	238	230	133	
KHAKI3	205	198	115	
KHAKI4	139	134	78	
LAVENDER	230	230	250	
LAVENDER BLUSH	255	240	245	
LAVENDERBLUSH	255	240	245	
LAVENDERBLUSH1	255	240	245	
LAVENDERBLUSH2	238	224	229	
LAVENDERBLUSH3	205	193	197	
LAVENDERBLUSH4	139	131	134	
LAWN GREEN	124	252	0	
LAWNGREEN	124	252	0	
LEMON CHIFFON	255	250	205	
LEMONCHIFFON	255	250	205	
LEMONCHIFFON1	255	250	205	
LEMONCHIFFON2	238	233	191	
LEMONCHIFFON3	205	201	165	
LEMONCHIFFON4	139	137	112	
LIGHT BLUE	173	216	230	
LIGHT CORAL	240	128	128	
LIGHT CYAN	224	255	255	
LIGHT GOLDENROD YELLOW	250	250	210	
LIGHT GOLDENROD	238	221	130	
LIGHT GRAY	211	211	211	
LIGHT GREEN	144	238	144	
LIGHT GREY	211	211	211	
LIGHT PINK	255	182	193	
LIGHT SALMON	255	160	122	
LIGHT SEA GREEN	32	178	170	
LIGHT SKY BLUE	135	206	250	
LIGHT SLATE BLUE	132	112	255	
LIGHT SLATE GRAY	119	136	153	












































Color Name	Red	Green	Blue	Example
LIGHT SLATE GREY	119	136	153	
LIGHT STEEL BLUE	176	196	222	
LIGHT YELLOW	255	255	224	
LIGHTBLUE	173	216	230	
LIGHTBLUE1	191	239	255	
LIGHTBLUE2	178	223	238	
LIGHTBLUE3	154	192	205	
LIGHTBLUE4	104	131	139	
LIGHTCORAL	240	128	128	
LIGHTCYAN	224	255	255	
LIGHTCYAN1	224	255	255	
LIGHTCYAN2	209	238	238	
LIGHTCYAN3	180	205	205	
LIGHTCYAN4	122	139	139	
LIGHTGOLDENROD	238	221	130	
LIGHTGOLDENROD1	255	236	139	
LIGHTGOLDENROD2	238	220	130	
LIGHTGOLDENROD3	205	190	112	
LIGHTGOLDENROD4	139	129	76	
LIGHTGOLDENRODYELLOW	250	250	210	
LIGHTGRAY	211	211	211	
LIGHTGREEN	144	238	144	
LIGHTGREY	211	211	211	
LIGHTPINK	255	182	193	
LIGHTPINK1	255	174	185	
LIGHTPINK2	238	162	173	
LIGHTPINK3	205	140	149	
LIGHTPINK4	139	95	101	
LIGHTSALMON	255	160	122	
LIGHTSALMON1	255	160	122	
LIGHTSALMON2	238	149	114	
LIGHTSALMON3	205	129	98	
LIGHTSALMON4	139	87	66	
LIGHTSEAGREEN	32	178	170	
LIGHTSKYBLUE	135	206	250	
LIGHTSKYBLUE1	176	226	255	
LIGHTSKYBLUE2	164	211	238	
LIGHTSKYBLUE3	141	182	205	
LIGHTSKYBLUE4	96	123	139	
LIGHTSLATEBLUE	132	112	255	
LIGHTSLATEGRAY	119	136	153	
LIGHTSLATEGREY	119	136	153	
LIGHTSTEELBLUE	176	196	222	



































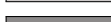








Color Name	Red	Green	Blue	Example
LIGHTSTEELBLUE1	202	225	255	
LIGHTSTEELBLUE2	188	210	238	
LIGHTSTEELBLUE3	162	181	205	
LIGHTSTEELBLUE4	110	123	139	
LIGHTYELLOW	255	255	224	
LIGHTYELLOW1	255	255	224	
LIGHTYELLOW2	238	238	209	
LIGHTYELLOW3	205	205	180	
LIGHTYELLOW4	139	139	122	
LIME GREEN	50	205	50	
LIMEGREEN	50	205	50	
LINEN	250	240	230	
MAGENTA	255	0	255	
MAGENTA1	255	0	255	
MAGENTA2	238	0	238	
MAGENTA3	205	0	205	
MAGENTA4	139	0	139	
MAROON	176	48	96	
MAROON1	255	52	179	
MAROON2	238	48	167	
MAROON3	205	41	144	
MAROON4	139	28	98	
MEDIUM AQUAMARINE	102	205	170	
MEDIUM BLUE	0	0	205	
MEDIUM ORCHID	186	85	211	
MEDIUM PURPLE	147	112	219	
MEDIUM SEA GREEN	60	179	113	
MEDIUM SLATE BLUE	123	104	238	
MEDIUM SPRING GREEN	0	250	154	
MEDIUM TURQUOISE	72	209	204	
MEDIUM VIOLET RED	199	21	133	
MEDIUMAQUAMARINE	102	205	170	
MEDIUMBLUE	0	0	205	
MEDIUMORCHID	186	85	211	
MEDIUMORCHID1	224	102	255	
MEDIUMORCHID2	209	95	238	
MEDIUMORCHID3	180	82	205	
MEDIUMORCHID4	122	55	139	
MEDIUMPURPLE	147	112	219	
MEDIUMPURPLE1	171	130	255	
MEDIUMPURPLE2	159	121	238	
MEDIUMPURPLE3	137	104	205	
MEDIUMPURPLE4	93	71	139	










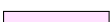





























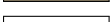



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MEDIUMSEAGREEN	60	179	113	
MEDIUMSLATEBLUE	123	104	238	
MEDIUMSPRINGGREEN	0	250	154	
MEDIUMTURQUOISE	72	209	204	
MEDIUMVIOLETRED	199	21	133	
MIDNIGHT BLUE	25	25	112	
MIDNIGHTBLUE	25	25	112	
MINT CREAM	245	255	250	
MINTCREAM	245	255	250	
MISTY ROSE	255	228	225	
MISTYROSE	255	228	225	
MISTYROSE1	255	228	225	
MISTYROSE2	238	213	210	
MISTYROSE3	205	183	181	
MISTYROSE4	139	125	123	
MOCCASIN	255	228	181	
NAVAJO WHITE	255	222	173	
NAVAJOWHITE	255	222	173	
NAVAJOWHITE1	255	222	173	
NAVAJOWHITE2	238	207	161	
NAVAJOWHITE3	205	179	139	
NAVAJOWHITE4	139	121	94	
NAVY	0	0	128	
NAVY BLUE	0	0	128	
NAVYBLUE	0	0	128	
OLD LACE	253	245	230	
OLDLACE	253	245	230	
OLIVE DRAB	107	142	35	
OLIVEDRAB	107	142	35	
OLIVEDRAB1	192	255	62	
OLIVEDRAB2	179	238	58	
OLIVEDRAB3	154	205	50	
OLIVEDRAB4	105	139	34	
ORANGE	255	165	0	
ORANGE RED	255	69	0	
ORANGE1	255	165	0	
ORANGE2	238	154	0	
ORANGE3	205	133	0	
ORANGE4	139	90	0	
ORANGERED	255	69	0	
ORANGERED1	255	69	0	
ORANGERED2	238	64	0	
ORANGERED3	205	55	0	

Color Name	Red	Green	Blue	Example
ORANGERED4	139	37	0	
ORCHID	218	112	214	
ORCHID1	255	131	250	
ORCHID2	238	122	233	
ORCHID3	205	105	201	
ORCHID4	139	71	137	
PALE GOLDENROD	238	232	170	
PALE GREEN	152	251	152	
PALE TURQUOISE	175	238	238	
PALE VIOLET RED	219	112	147	
PALEGOLDENROD	238	232	170	
PALEGREEN	152	251	152	
PALEGREEN1	154	255	154	
PALEGREEN2	144	238	144	
PALEGREEN3	124	205	124	
PALEGREEN4	84	139	84	
PALETURQUOISE	175	238	238	
PALETURQUOISE1	187	255	255	
PALETURQUOISE2	174	238	238	
PALETURQUOISE3	150	205	205	
PALETURQUOISE4	102	139	139	
PALEVIOLETRED	219	112	147	
PALEVIOLETRED1	255	130	171	
PALEVIOLETRED2	238	121	159	
PALEVIOLETRED3	205	104	137	
PALEVIOLETRED4	139	71	93	
PAPAYA WHIP	255	239	213	
PAPAYAWHIP	255	239	213	
PEACH PUFF	255	218	185	
PEACHPUFF	255	218	185	
PEACHPUFF1	255	218	185	
PEACHPUFF2	238	203	173	
PEACHPUFF3	205	175	149	
PEACHPUFF4	139	119	101	
PERU	205	133	63	
PINK	255	192	203	
PINK1	255	181	197	
PINK2	238	169	184	
PINK3	205	145	158	
PINK4	139	99	108	
PLUM	221	160	221	
PLUM1	255	187	255	
PLUM2	238	174	238	



Color Name	Red	Green	Blue	Example
PLUM3	205	150	205	
PLUM4	139	102	139	
POWDER BLUE	176	224	230	
POWDERBLUE	176	224	230	
PURPLE	160	32	240	
PURPLE1	155	48	255	
PURPLE2	145	44	238	
PURPLE3	125	38	205	
PURPLE4	85	26	139	
RED	255	0	0	
RED1	255	0	0	
RED2	238	0	0	
RED3	205	0	0	
RED4	139	0	0	
ROSY BROWN	188	143	143	
ROSYBROWN	188	143	143	
ROSYBROWN1	255	193	193	
ROSYBROWN2	238	180	180	
ROSYBROWN3	205	155	155	
ROSYBROWN4	139	105	105	
ROYAL BLUE	65	105	225	
ROYALBLUE	65	105	225	
ROYALBLUE1	72	118	255	
ROYALBLUE2	67	110	238	
ROYALBLUE3	58	95	205	
ROYALBLUE4	39	64	139	
SADDLE BROWN	139	69	19	
SADDLEBROWN	139	69	19	
SALMON	250	128	114	
SALMON1	255	140	105	
SALMON2	238	130	98	
SALMON3	205	112	84	
SALMON4	139	76	57	
SANDY BROWN	244	164	96	
SANDYBROWN	244	164	96	
SEA GREEN	46	139	87	
SEAGREEN	46	139	87	
SEAGREEN1	84	255	159	
SEAGREEN2	78	238	148	
SEAGREEN3	67	205	128	
SEAGREEN4	46	139	87	
SEASHELL	255	245	238	
SEASHELL1	255	245	238	

Color Name	Red	Green	Blue	Example
SEASHELL2	238	229	222	
SEASHELL3	205	197	191	
SEASHELL4	139	134	130	
SIENNA	160	82	45	
SIENNA1	255	130	71	
SIENNA2	238	121	66	
SIENNA3	205	104	57	
SIENNA4	139	71	38	
SKY BLUE	135	206	235	
SKYBLUE	135	206	235	
SKYBLUE1	135	206	255	
SKYBLUE2	126	192	238	
SKYBLUE3	108	166	205	
SKYBLUE4	74	112	139	
SLATE BLUE	106	90	205	
SLATE GRAY	112	128	144	
SLATE GREY	112	128	144	
SLATEBLUE	106	90	205	
SLATEBLUE1	131	111	255	
SLATEBLUE2	122	103	238	
SLATEBLUE3	105	89	205	
SLATEBLUE4	71	60	139	
SLATEGRAY	112	128	144	
SLATEGRAY1	198	226	255	
SLATEGRAY2	185	211	238	
SLATEGRAY3	159	182	205	
SLATEGRAY4	108	123	139	
SLATEGREY	112	128	144	
SNOW	255	250	250	
SNOW1	255	250	250	
SNOW2	238	233	233	
SNOW3	205	201	201	
SNOW4	139	137	137	
SPRING GREEN	0	255	127	
SPRINGGREEN	0	255	127	
SPRINGGREEN1	0	255	127	
SPRINGGREEN2	0	238	118	
SPRINGGREEN3	0	205	102	
SPRINGGREEN4	0	139	69	
STEEL BLUE	70	130	180	
STEELBLUE	70	130	180	
STEELBLUE1	99	184	255	
STEELBLUE2	92	172	238	

Color Name	Red	Green	Blue	Example
STEELBLUE3	79	148	205	
STEELBLUE4	54	100	139	
TAN	210	180	140	
TAN1	255	165	79	
TAN2	238	154	73	
TAN3	205	133	63	
TAN4	139	90	43	
THISTLE	216	191	216	
THISTLE1	255	225	255	
THISTLE2	238	210	238	
THISTLE3	205	181	205	
THISTLE4	139	123	139	
TOMATO	255	99	71	
TOMATO1	255	99	71	
TOMATO2	238	92	66	
TOMATO3	205	79	57	
TOMATO4	139	54	38	
TURQUOISE	64	224	208	
TURQUOISE1	0	245	255	
TURQUOISE2	0	229	238	
TURQUOISE3	0	197	205	
TURQUOISE4	0	134	139	
VIOLET	238	130	238	
VIOLET RED	208	32	144	
VIOLETRED	208	32	144	
VIOLETRED1	255	62	150	
VIOLETRED2	238	58	140	
VIOLETRED3	205	50	120	
VIOLETRED4	139	34	82	
WHEAT	245	222	179	
WHEAT1	255	231	186	
WHEAT2	238	216	174	
WHEAT3	205	186	150	
WHEAT4	139	126	102	
WHITE	255	255	255	
WHITE SMOKE	245	245	245	
WHITESMOKE	245	245	245	
YELLOW	255	255	0	
YELLOW GREEN	154	205	50	
YELLOW1	255	255	0	
YELLOW2	238	238	0	
YELLOW3	205	205	0	
YELLOW4	139	139	0	

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Color Name	Red	Green	Blue	Example
YELLOWGREEN	154	205	50	