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Scanning Probe Controlling System -- SXM-Software
Language Description

Script Language description

General Syntax

The general style is Pascal:

- x There is no case sensitivity.
- x The program starts with **begin** and stops at **end..**
- x () - brackets are used in mathematical formulas.
- x Strings are enclosed in ' ' (" " is also working).
- x Decimal separator for floating point numbers is a point: “.”.
- x Each command is completed with a semicolon: “;”.
- x Available mathematical operations: + - * / ^ e
- x Available relational operations: = > < <>

Variables & Assignments

Variables are single characters only. The data format of all variables is real.

Predefined variables are: **USER1** and **USER2** as well as **Ch** as result of GetChannel.

Example for variable usage:

A := A + 1.2;

Command Overview

Command	Meaning
ClrScr	Deletes the visible data on the data screen
if ... then	Condition
Execute('filename')	Executes another script <i>./script/filename.scr</i>
FileName ('name1')	Defines the name of the data storage file as <i>./data/name1.txt</i>
for ... to ...	Loop definition
GetChannel (<i>Ch</i>)	Acquires data from output or input channels of the software
Goto <i>marke</i>	Jumps to the position <i>marke</i> defined as Label
GoXY(<i>x,y</i>)	Moves tip to a position inside the current scan range
Move(<i>dir,dist</i>)	Uses the current coarse positioning settings to move sample/ tip
ScanPara(<i>p,v</i>)	Sets the parameter <i>p</i> in the ScanParameter window to the value <i>v</i>
ScanImage	Starts to acquire an image
ScanLine(<i>Nr</i>)	Scan (<i>Nr-1</i>) lines
SetLaser()	Switches the laser On or Off
SpectPara(<i>n,v</i>)	Sets parameter <i>n</i> for the spectrum acquisition to the value <i>v</i>
SpectStart	Starts to acquire and save a spectrum with current settings.
Wait(<i>t</i>)	Waits for a time <i>t</i> in seconds
Writeln('text',...)	Displays text in the Memo



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Commands (alphabetical)

ClrSrc

deletes all visible data and spectra on the memo.

Example: **ClrSrc;**

if condition then command

Evaluation of conditions. ELSE is not supported.

Example:

```
if (c < -160) then writeln('Channel X =', c);
```

Execute (scriptfilename)

Calls and executes another script file.

Parameters: **scriptfilename:** string

Example:

```
Execute ('Ref-HOPG');         → calls the script “./scripts/Ref-HOPG.scr”.
```

FeedPara ('type', value)

Sets parameters for the feedback system.

Parameters: **type:** string from list
 allowed values: Ref, Ki, Kp, Bias, Flyheight
 value: real

Example:

```
FeedPara ('Ki', 100); → sets Ki in the parameter window to 100
```

FileName (datafile YourName)

defines a file name for the log file, which collects all data during one script run.

If no file name is defined in the script, the system writes its messages into a file *NoName.txt*. With each run of the script, old data in *NoName.txt* are deleted.

If a file name is defined, the file name given by the user is extended automatically by the system with a number representing current date and time (date-time-string), so that the log file is *YourName_DateTime.txt*. Thus, the user does not need to rename its file in the script for every run.

Parameters: **datafilename :** string → file is ./data/*YourName_DateTime.txt*
Example: **FileName ('t3');** → the data are written to ./data/t3_xxxxxxxx.txt

for start counter to stop counter do begin command(s) end;

Loop definition based on an integer counter. The commands **do begin** and **end** are always required, even if there is one program line in between, only.

Example (measures 20 points along a line in x-direction):

```
X:=100;  
for i:=1 to 20 do begin  
  Move ('CX', X); end;
```



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GetChannel(*channelnumber*)

Acquires the data of one A/D input channel and stores them in the variable “c”.

Parameters: **channelnumber:** integer

For the A/D-Channels, the channel number is assigned as Port in the Scale-Window as Port. Here, “32” stands for the AD1-channel (=> ”T-B”). To get data from the D/A-channels, one chooses negative channel numbers. E.g, “0” equals the channel “Z” and “-1” the channel “Bias”.

Example: **GetChannel (32) ;** → reads the input data of the channel AD1

Goto *marke*

Allows to jump to a *marke*. It requires:

- the definition of a label with a **LABEL** statement
- a **Goto** command followed by the labels name
- the label followed by a colon

Labels always start with a character..

Example:

```
LABEL foo, exit;  
begin  
foo:  
  GetChannel(32);  
  if c > 1000 then Goto foo;  
exit: writeln('Done.');//  
end.
```

GoXY (*x_rel*, *y_rel*)

Moves the tip to the relative positions “x-rel” and “y_rel” inside the currently given scan range. The upper left corner of the image equals (0,0), while the lower right corner is (1,1).

Parameters: **x_rel, y_rel:** real numbers between 0 and 1

Example: **GoXY (0.5,0.5) ;** → moves the tip to image center

GoXY (0.1,0.1) ; → moves tip to a point close to the
upper left corner

Move ('direction', *distance*)

Allows to operate the coarse positioning system, to set the center position for whole images and to address the functions behind the approach button and retract button in the parameter window. Latter are addressed by their number in the item list, that appears with the right mouse button.

Parameters: **direction :** string from list:

allowed string values: cx, cy, cz, x, y, retract, approach

distance : real → value in physical units or steps

Examples: **Move ('CX',10) ;** → moves the stepper 10 steps in x-direction

Move ('Y',-1.5) ; → sets the center position to -1.5 μm

Move ('Approach',2) ; → starts automated approach

Move ('Retract',0) ; → retracts the piezo, only



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ScanPara ('type',value)

allows to set scan parameters in the window “Parameter”. With the type 'Autosave', the knob 'Autosave' for the image acquisition is toggled.

Parameters:

type : string from list:

allowed string values: range, speed, pixel, x,y, angle, linenr, autosave

value : real → value in physical units

ScanPara ('Speed', 1.5); → line speed set to 1.5 lines/s

ScanPara ('X', -0.5); → image center X set to -0.5 µm

ScanPara ('Autosave', 1); → switches automated save on

Examples:

ScanImage

Starts the acquisition of an image. When two or more images needs to be acquired, one has to repeat this command.

Example:

ScanImage; → starts to acquire a whole image

ScanLine (Number)

Starts the scan of (Number-1) lines with the current settings. If the scan mode is “2D”, it starts to scan a number of lines in an image at the current scan position. If the scan mode is “1D” and “cont. on restart” is off, it scans the 1st line of an image. In “1D” with “cont. on restart” off, it scans the same line (number-1) times at the current position.

Example:

StartLine(10); → starts to acquire 9 lines with the current settings

SetLaser(value)

Switches the laser on or off.

Example:

SetLaser(0); Wait(1); SetLaser(1);
→ switches the laser off for 1 second

SpectPara (number, value)

allows to set scan parameters in the window “spectroscopy”. With the type 'Autosave', the knob 'Autosave' in the spectroscopy window is toggled. When data are saved automatically, they are saved numbered in the directory ./data/. In order to find out which data equal which setting, the complete path of the saved file is written into the log file (*NoName.txt* or *YourName_DateTime.txt*).

Parameters:

number : integer or string → number/name of the parameter
number/name description

0 type of spectrum from the drop down list

'autosave' toggles the automated save in spectroscopy

Examples:

SpectPara(0,0); → sets the type to “X_s” 1.5 lines/s
SpectPara(5,50); → sets the distance dz to 50 nm

SpectStart

Starts a spectroscopy data acquisition with the current settings.



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Example: **StartSpect;** → starts a spectrum with current settings

Wait (*time*)

Allows to pause the operation a time given in seconds.

Parameters: *time* : real

Example: **Wait(1.5);** → waits for 1.5 seconds

Writeln ('*text1*', *variable*, '*text2*', *variable2* ...)

Allows to write additional information in the memo and to the log file (*NoName.txt* or *YourName_DateTime.txt*) simultaneously. In the brackets, a series of strings, variables and numbers can be written, which are separated by commas. Strings should be enclosed in ' '.

Parameters: *text1*, *text2* : string; *variable1*, *variable2* : real

Example: **a := 5 ;** → sets the value of the variable *a* to 5

writeln('a=' , a); → writes "a = 5" in the Memo

Example programs

Scan a set of images with different sizes

```
Begin
    Move ('Approach', 2);
    Wait(1);
    FeedPara ('Ki', 1000);
    ScanPara ('Speed', 2);
    ScanPara ('X', 0);
    ScanPara ('Y', 0);
    ScanPara ('AutoSave', 1);
    for i:=1 to 3 do begin
        R:=i*20-10;
        ScanPara ('Range', R);
        ScanImage;
    end;
end.
```

required at the begin of each program
Automated approach
waits 1 s to stabilize conditions
sets Ki=1000
sets Speed = 2 lines/s
sets center position X = 0 µm
sets center position X = 0 µm
switches the automated image save knob ON
loop for I = 1, 2 and 3, so that
this equation sets R to 10, 30 and 50.
sets scan range to R = 10 µm, 30 µm, or 50 µm
starts one image
end of loop.
end of program.

Data acquisition with Stop at a certain condition

this program exits, if the input channel AD1 is > 1000.

```
Label back, exit;
begin
    c:=0;
    back:
    GetChannel(32);
```

defines jump labels "back" and "exit"
begin of program
sets the variable c to zero.
position of jump label "back"
read Channel No. 32 = T-B and
put the result into the variable c



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```
writeln(c);           writes result into result file
if c < -1000 then Goto exit;    exit the program, if result < -1000
Goto back;           otherwise jump back to check channel 32
exit:                position of jump label "exit"
writeln('exit');     writes the text "exit!" in the result file.
End.                 end of program
```