

nanDECK Manual

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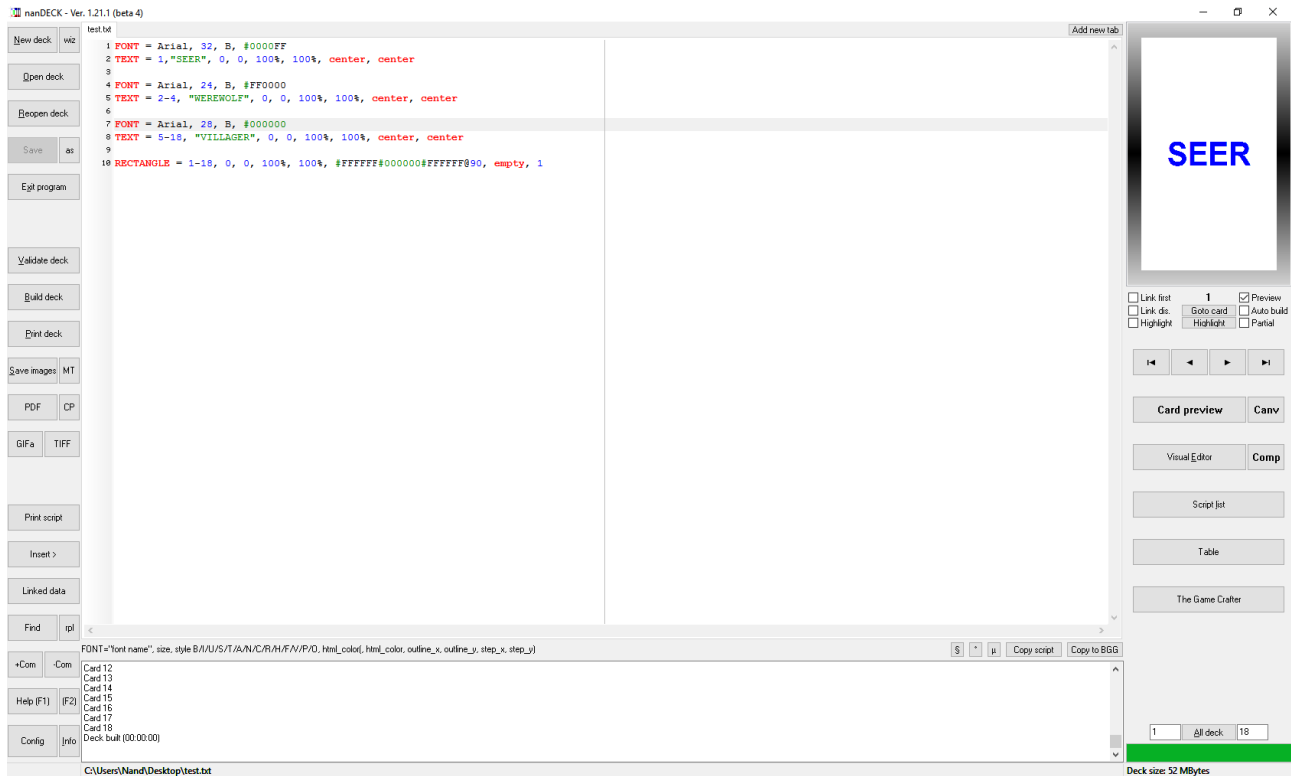
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An overview

nanDECK is a program capable of creating graphic elements from scripts: every line of a script contains a command, for rendering texts, rectangles and other graphic elements. The program was made for creating cards, but it can be used for many other graphic objects; each card is treated like a different page, in which you can draw different graphical elements. At the start, you can write the script in the large edit box in the center of the window:



You can load a script with the “Open deck” button, save it with “Save” and “as” buttons, and create the deck with the buttons “Validate deck” and “Build deck”.

Tip: You can do both if you right-click the “Validate deck” button.

All commands start with a keyword, an equal sign (=) and a list of parameters; for many commands, the 1st parameter is a range of “cards” in which the command will be executed. The commands without a range will be evaluated only once (for example the BORDER directive to draw a border on all cards, or the CARDS directive for setting the number of the cards in the deck), or for every card (like the FONT directive); in other words, the program creates the 1st card in the deck, and executes all the script on it, then it switches on the 2nd card, and executes all the script and so on; each ranged directive is executed only if the range match.

Note: the CARDS directive is no longer needed, now the program creates automatically a deck using the information from all the directives in the script. For example, if you have a 10-30 range, the deck will be created with 30 cards.

For example, in a game of Werewolf, I need a card with a word “SEER”, three “WEREWOLF” and thirteen “VILLAGER”. The first card will be:

```
FONT = Arial, 32, B, #0000FF
TEXT = 1, "SEER", 0, 0, 100%, 100%, center, center
```

With the 1st line, I choose a font: Arial 32, bold, and blue (the #0000FF parameter); with the 2nd line I draw the word “SEER” in the center of the whole card #1 (starting from 0,0 – top left of the card, 100% width and 100% height). The other cards will be drawn with these lines:

```
FONT = Arial, 24, B, #FF0000
TEXT = 2-4, "WEREWOLF", 0, 0, 100%, 100%, center, center
```

```
FONT = Arial, 28, B, #000000
TEXT = 5-18, "VILLAGER", 0, 0, 100%, 100%, center, center
```

Note the range 2-4 and 5-18, for three and thirteen cards. Other elements can be added, for example a rectangle:

```
RECTANGLE = 1-18, 0, 0, 100%, 100%, #FFFFFF#000000#FFFFFF@90, empty, 1
```

The rectangle is on all the cards (range 1-18), from 0,0 – top left, 100% width and 100% height, with a gradient starting from white (#FFFFFF), to black (#000000), again to white, rotated 90°; not filled (empty parameter) and with a border thickness of 1”.

The flexibility of the program is that an element can be added on one or more than one card, changing only the range parameter. If you want to add an image on all the cards, you can add a line like this:

```
IMAGE = 1-18, "Logo.png", 0, 0, 20%, 20%, 0, TP
```

In the left bar in the main window you can use these command buttons:

New deck: creates a new script.

wiz: creates a new script selecting some options.

Open deck: open a saved script.

Reopen deck: open a saved script, picking one from a list of the last accessed.

Save: save the current script.

as: save the current script with another name.

Exit program: close the program.

Validate deck: the program check the syntax of the script.

Build deck: the program builds the deck of cards.

Print deck: the program print the deck of cards.

Save images: the program saves the images of each card of the deck, see page 45.

MT: the program can launch several instances of itself, each with a range of the deck.

PDF: the program creates a PDF file with all the cards’ images, see page 44.

CP: the program creates one image from each page of a PDF, see page 45.

GIFa: with this option you can save the current deck into an animated GIF image (you can choose the delay between images and select an optimized palette).

TIFF: with this option you can save a multi-page TIFF image (with RGB or CMYK color space).

Print script: print the current script.

Insert >: this button open a menu, where you can insert a color, a font, an image, a symbol, a gradient, an include file, a linked file, a label, a frame or a folder.

Linked data: you can edit the data from a linked csv file, see page 49.

Find: find a string in the script editor.

rpl: find and replace a string in the script editor.

+Com: the program add a comment in the selected lines of the script.

-Com: the program removes a comment in the selected lines of the script.

Help (F1): the program shows an help page for the current directive.

(F2): the program shows a window for modifying the current directive.

Config: the configuration options, see page 54.

Info: info about the author.

In the right bar you can use these command buttons:

Link first: if you check this option, only the first line from a data file (csv or spreadsheet) is read, for testing purpose.

Link dis.: if you check this option, the data file (csv or spreadsheet) is not read, and are shown only the fields' names, for testing purpose.

Preview: remove the check in this option if you want to hide the card preview (the rendering is faster).

Goto card: click to select a card from the deck to be viewed.

Auto build: check this option if you want to see in real time the script's changes in the preview.

Highlight (checkbox): check this option to highlight with colors each line of the editor and each graphic element of the preview.

Highlight (button): click to highlight the graphic element of the preview corresponding to the current line of the editor.

Partial: the program renders the current card only until the position of the cursor in the editor.

Arrow buttons: with these buttons you move between the cards of the deck (first, prior, next, and last).

Card preview: this button shows you an enlarged view of the current card.

Canv: this button shows you the canvas (the "zero" card).

Visual Editor: the program opens the visual editor window, see page 52.

Comp: this button shows a windows for comparing different decks of cards.

Script list: in this window you can execute several scripts, in a batch mode, see page 43.

Table: the program opens the virtual table window, see page 50.

The Game Crafter: in this window you can upload a deck of card directly to the website <http://www.thegamecrafter.com> for printing and/or publishing your game.

All deck: this button selects all the cards in the deck to be rendered (the start-end range is in the two edit box to the left and right of this button).

Editor commands

CTRL+X	Cut
CTRL+C	Copy
CTRL+V	Paste
CTRL+A	Select all
CTRL+B	Validate and build the current card
CTRL+I	Insert card's number (character §)
CTRL+O	Insert frame's number (character °)
CTRL+P	Insert frame's number (character μ)
SHIFT+CTRL+I	Block indent
SHIFT+CTRL+U	Block un-indent
CTRL+D	Add new tab with a new version
CTRL+M	Line break
CTRL+N	Add new tab (empty)
CTRL+Y	Delete line
SHIFT+CTRL+Y	Delete EOL
CTRL+Z	Undo
SHIFT+CTRL+Z	Redo
CTRL+0..9	Go to marker 0..9
SHIFT+CTRL+0..9	Set/remove marker 0..9
SHIFT+CTRL+C	Set columns selection
SHIFT+CTRL+L	Set lines selection
SHIFT+CTRL+N	Set standard selection
SHIFT+CTRL+B	Match bracket
CTRL+F	Find
CTRL+H	Replace
CTRL+G	Go to line
F1	Help (current line directive)
CTRL+F1	Auto layout (white on black)
F2	Modify (current line directive)
CTRL+F2	Auto layout (color)
F3	Modify (current line directive, visual mode)
CTRL+F3	Auto layout (black on white)
F4	Visual editor
F5	Auto build switch
F6	Go to card
F7	Highlight current line
CTRL+F7	Highlight all lines switch
F8	Insert label
CTRL+F8	Insert frame
F9	Insert color
CTRL+F9	Insert gradient
F10	Partial build switch (build source until current line)

Tip: You can copy the current card's image if you press CTRL+C after a click on the card image.

Tip: You can validate and build the current card's image if you right-click on the card image.

Tip: You can validate and build the whole deck if you right-click on the "Validate deck" button.

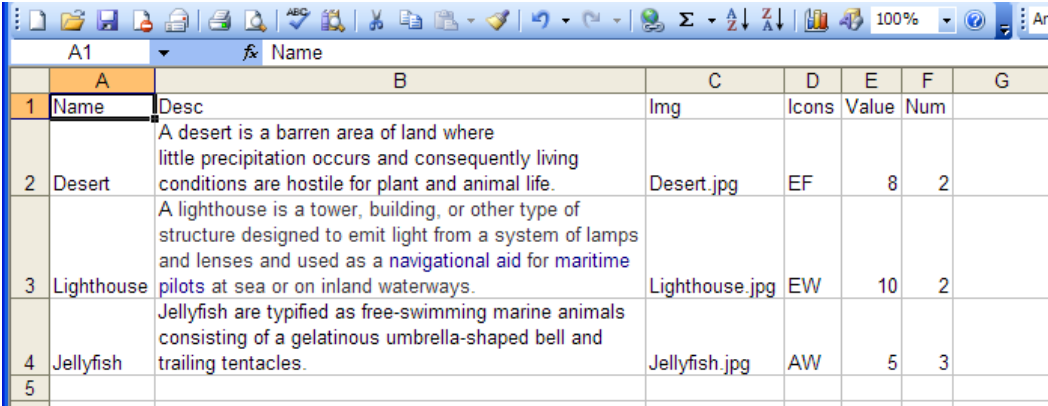
Tip: You can edit more than one script simultaneously, right click on the tab on the upper side of the screen and choose the voice "Add new tab" to add another tab to the editor.

Tip: You can move between cards using the mouse wheel.

Getting started...

This is a simple yet complete tutorial about how to create a deck of cards starting from a spreadsheet file.

First, I wrote some data, and save them as Data.xls:



	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	Name	Desc	Img	Icons	Value	Num	
2	Desert	A desert is a barren area of land where little precipitation occurs and consequently living conditions are hostile for plant and animal life.	Desert.jpg	EF	8	2	
3	Lighthouse	A lighthouse is a tower, building, or other type of structure designed to emit light from a system of lamps and lenses and used as a navigational aid for maritime pilots at sea or on inland waterways.	Lighthouse.jpg	EW	10	2	
4	Jellyfish	Jellyfish are typified as free-swimming marine animals consisting of a gelatinous umbrella-shaped bell and trailing tentacles.	Jellyfish.jpg	AW	5	3	
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Note: each column will be identified with the name in the first line (each must be different).

I start nanDECK, and as first line I link that file:

```
LINK = Data.xls
```

Then I save the script, as **tut01.txt**, in the same folder with the Excel file (if I want to save it in a different folder, in the LINK line I must specify also the path, for example c:\users\nand\desktop\data\data.xls).

I want to put the title in the top of the card, then I select a font with the line:

```
FONT = Arial, 24, , #000000
```

Font name for the 1st parameter, size for the 2nd, and color for the 4th. The 3rd is empty, this is the place for flags like **B** (bold), **I** (italic), **U** (underline) and so on (among others, if you want to shrink the font size to fit the space, use a **N** flag, if you doesn't want to see the text background, use a **T** flag). If you use more than one flag, put them all in this parameter (for example: **BTN**).

And add the title with this line:

```
TEXT = 1-3, [name], 0, 0, 100%, 20%
```

The 1st parameter is the range, and I want to put this text on three cards (from 1 to 3, then the syntax is 1-3), the 2nd parameter is the column name from the Excel file (enclosed in square brackets), the others are the position (0, 0 is top left), width (100% of the card's width) and height (20% is a fifth of the card's height).

Note: I can use also values in cm, and I can specify 0, 0, 6, 1.8 (for a default card of 6 x 9 cm), but with percent values I can change the size of the card without having to change every size of every element.

With a click on "Validate deck" button, "Build deck" button, the deck is created with three (ugly) cards:

Desert	Lighthouse	Jellyfish
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Let's add some images:

```
IMAGE = 1-3, [img], 0, 20%, 100%, 40%, 0, P
```

The 0 in the 7th parameter is the angle of rotation for the image, and the **P** is for proportionally resize the image, if you have transparent PNGs, add a **N** flag in the same parameter (i.e. **PN**).

I've added the images' files in the same folder with the spreadsheet and the script, and this is the result after Validate + Build:



These lines are for the description:

```
FONT = Arial, 10, , #000000
TEXT = 1-3, [desc], 5%, 65%, 90%, 30%, left, wordwrap
```

I choose a smaller font, and since the description is more than one line, I add left as horizontal alignment and wordwrap as vertical. This is the result:



These lines are for the value column:

```
FONT = Arial, 32, T, #FF0000
TEXT = 1-3, [value], 0, 20%, 20%, 40%
```

To make the number readable on every background, I can add an outlined text:

```
FONT = Arial, 32, T, #FFFFFF
TEXT = 1-3, [value], 0, 20%, 20%, 40%, center, center, 0, 100, 0.1
```

The "0, 100, 0.1" are respectively for angle, transparency and outline width.

Note that these lines must be added before, because every element in a script is drawn accordingly to its position: first are drawn elements in the first lines, the last drawn are those in the bottom lines.



I have four icons (one for each element), each identified with a letter in my Excel file (and on each card there may be more than one icon). I add these lines in the script:

```
ICON = 1-3, A, air.png
ICON = 1-3, E, earth.png
ICON = 1-3, F, fire.png
```

ICON = 1-3, W, water.png

ICONS = 1-3, [icons], 80%, 20%, 20%, 40%, 20%, 10%, 0, PN

In the last line I specify the icons' area (80%, 20%, 20%, 40%), the size of each icon (20%, 10%), the angle of rotation (0) and to use proportional resize (P) and PNG transparency (N).

I've added the four png files in the same folder. And this is the result:



Finally, I want to duplicate each card for the number specified in the "num" column, then I add, as first line (before the LINK), this directive:

LINKMULTI = num

I must also change every range 1-3 into 1-7. This is the result page:



This is a more compact version of the script, here the 1st parameter (the range) is empty for most directives because I want to put the text/images on all the cards, and if I leave the 1st parameter empty, nanDECK uses as a default **1-n**, where **n** is the number of lines in the Excel file.

```
LINKMULTI = num
LINK = Data.xls

FONT = Arial, 24, , #000000
TEXT = , [name], 0, 0, 100%, 20%

IMAGE = , [img], 0, 20%, 100%, 40%, 0, P

FONT = Arial, 10, , #000000
TEXT = , [desc], 5%, 65%, 90%, 30%, left, wordwrap

FONT = Arial, 32, T, #FFFFFF
TEXT = , [value], 0, 20%, 20%, 40%, center, center, 0, 100, 0.1
FONT = Arial, 32, T, #FF0000
TEXT = , [value], 0, 20%, 20%, 40%

ICON = , A, air.png
ICON = , E, earth.png
ICON = , F, fire.png
ICON = , W, water.png

ICONS = , [icons], 80%, 20%, 20%, 40%, 20%, 10%, 0, PN
```

Ranges

Many directives (like IMAGE or TEXT) have a parameter for specifying for which cards will be executed that directive. A card in a range may be specified directly with a number, a list of cards with a list of numbers separated by a comma “,” and a range of cards with the first and last cards separated with a dash “-” or the first card and a number, separated with a number sign “#”.

Examples:

```
RECTANGLE = 1, 0, 0, 6, 9, #0000FF
RECTANGLE = "1,3,5,7", 0, 0, 6, 9, #0000FF
RECTANGLE = 1-10, 0, 0, 6, 9, #0000FF
RECTANGLE = 10#5, 0, 0, 6, 9, #0000FF
```

Note: in the 2nd line the range must be enclosed in quote for the presence of commas, however, you can always enclose all ranges in quotes.

You can mix the two methods, and use a complex range, like:

```
RECTANGLE = "1-10,12,15,19-20,35#3", 0, 0, 6, 9, #0000FF
```

A number in a range can be the result of an expression (see page 35), and must be enclosed between “{” and “}”. For example:

```
RECTANGLE = 1-{2*5}, 0, 0, 6, 9, #0000FF
```

Usually, the order doesn’t matter (1-10 is equal to 10-1) but for one command, COPYCARD, the order is important, because the source range is uses as specified, these two rows are different:

```
COPYCARD = 11-20, 1-10
COPYCARD = 11-20, 10-1
```

The 1st row gives as result this sequence of cards:
1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10

The 2nd row gives as result this sequence of cards:
1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,10,9,8,7,6,5,4,3,2,1

There is a syntax that can be used to change that behavior, useful, for example, to invert sub-ranges of cards (for printing front-back). For example:

```
COPYCARD = 10-18, 1-9$abc>cba
```

The first group of characters is the start pattern, the second group is the destination pattern, reversed in groups of three cards. You can obtain the same result manually writing:

```
COPYCARD = 10-18, "3-1,6-4,9-7"
```

This syntax is useful also if you want to specify a “hollow” range, for example, if you want a rectangle only on even cards:

```
RECTANGLE = 1-10$ab>a, 1, 1, 4, 4, #FF0000
```

Note: the \$abc>cba syntax works only when the card number is defined using a CARDS command.

See also: AUTORANGE label function (page 23).

Sequences

A sequence is a list of values used as a parameter in a directive. Each value is separated using the character pipe “|”. For each card in the directive’s range the program uses a different element in a sequence (restarting from the first if the sequence’s size isn’t enough to fill the range), for example, if you want ten cards, half with the word “odd” and half with the word “even”, you can use the TEXT directive, with a range 1-10 and a sequence of the two words as text parameter (“odd|even”).

```
FONT = Arial, 32, , #000000
TEXT = 1-10, "odd|even", 0, 0, 6, 9, center
```

Sequences may be very long, you can manipulate them in a more clear manner if you use them in labels. Usually a sequence must be on a single line, but you can split a long sequence into multiple lines, starting the first line with a “{” and ending the last line with a “}”. For example:

```
{[long] = "one|
two|
three|
four|
five|
six|
seven|
eight|
nine|
ten"}
FONT = Arial, 32, , #000000
TEXT = 1-10, [long], 0, 0, 6, 9, center
```

Tip: The split-line syntax with “{” and “}” can be used not only for sequences, but with every command.

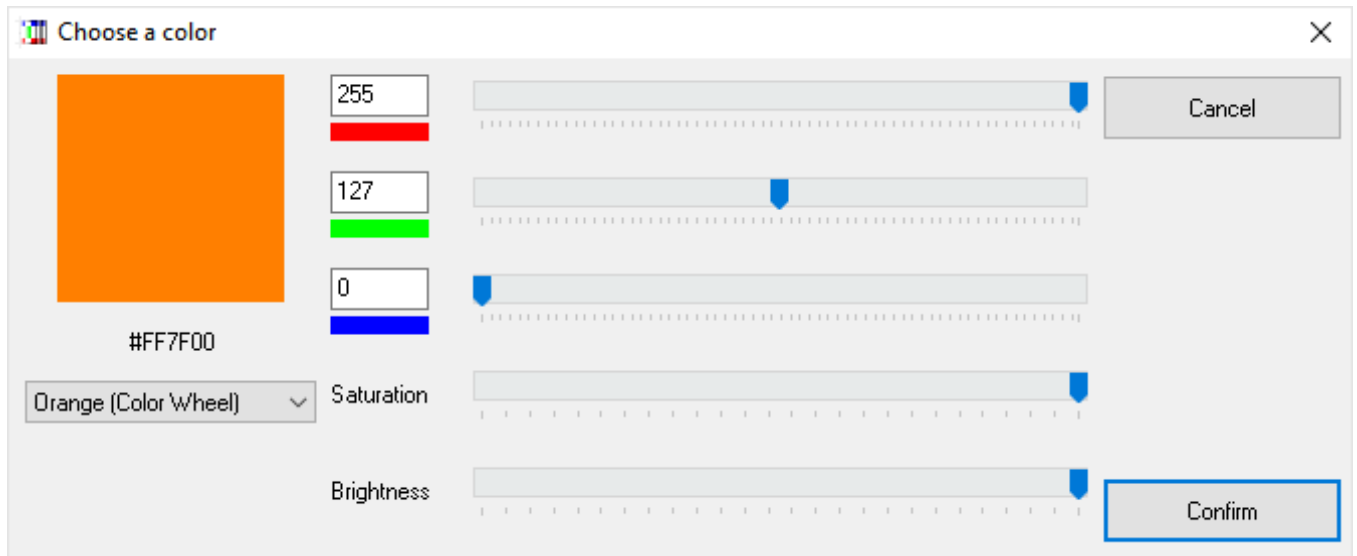
Colors

In this program, the colors will be defined by a string of seven characters, starting with a number sign “#” and six hexadecimal digits (using the HTML syntax), two for each component (red-green-blue), for example:

White	#FFFFFF
Black	#000000
Red	#FF0000
Green	#00FF00
Blue	#0000FF
Cyan	#00FFFF
Magenta	#FF00FF
Yellow	#FFFF00

Tip: if you use the wizard for a new deck (the “wiz” button, to the right of “New deck” button), you can check the “Include labels for HTML colors” to obtain a set of 140 label definition for many colors.

Tip: you can choose a color from a color picker, clicking on the button “Insert” and choosing the menu voice “Color”.










If instead of a hexadecimal digit you specify a letter “H”, you obtain a random value from 0 to 15. For example, if you want a complete random color, with this syntax you can use #HHHHHH, instead for a random hue of blue, you can use #0000HH, and so on. The letter “L” stands for the last color used, then #LLLLLL is the last color, instead #0000LL is the last blue component used.

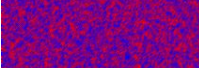


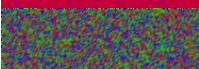
You can concatenate more than one color to obtain a gradient, followed by a “@” to specify the angle. If you use these special values for the angle, you obtain a special gradient:

- 360 Radial gradient
- 361 Elliptical gradient
- 362 Square gradient
- 363 Star gradient

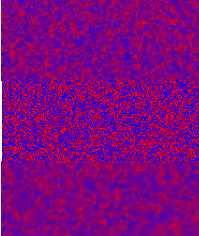
These are some examples:

From black to white, horizontal	#FFFFFF#000000@0	
From red to blue, vertical	#0000FF#FF0000@90	
From cyan to magenta, radial	#FF00FF#00FFFF@360	
From cyan to magenta, elliptical	#FF00FF#00FFFF@361	
From teal to yellow, square	#FFFF00#008080@362	
From orange to purple, star	#400080#FFA500@363	
From red, to green, to blue, horizontal	#0000FF#00FF00#FF0000@0	

If you omit the “@”, the colors are randomized (and smoothed); specifying a “%” and a number, you set a threshold for the 2nd color, for example:

Blue and red, randomized	#0000FF#FF0000	
Blue and red, randomized 50%	#0000FF#FF0000%50	
Red and blue, randomized 50%	#FF0000#0000FF%50	
Blue, green, and red, randomized	#0000FF#00FF00#FF0000	

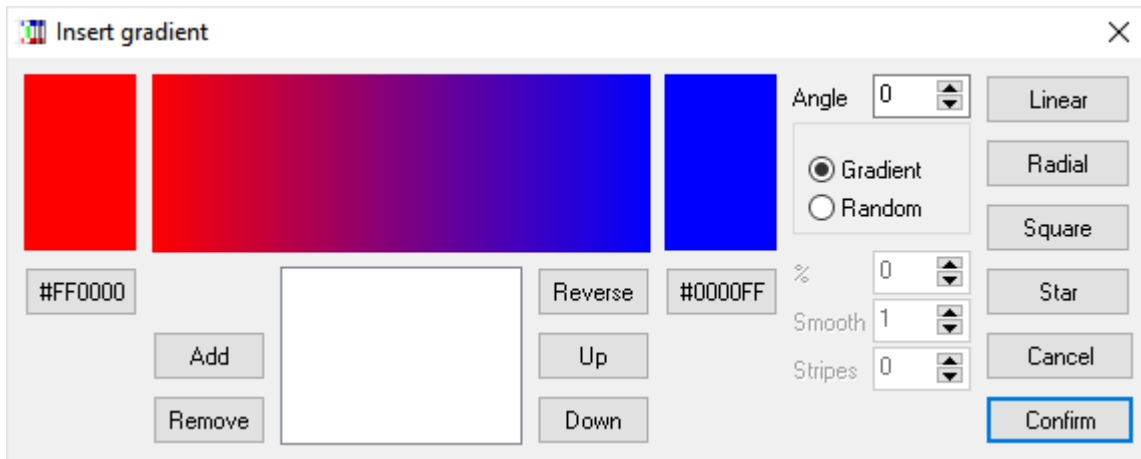
Specifying a \$ and a number, the colors are smoothed that number of times (without specifying it, the color is smoothed only one time), for example:

Blue and red	#0000FF#FF0000	
Blue and red, no smoothing	#0000FF#FF0000\$0	
Red and blue, two smoothing	#FF0000#0000FF\$2	

If you add a ç in the color, the random pattern is made of stripes (and you can use more ç to make the stripes longer), for example:

Blue and red, randomized	#0000FF#FF0000	
Blue and red, striped	#0000FF#FF0000ç	
Blue and red, striped x 2	#0000FF#FF0000çç	

Tip: you can choose a gradient from a visual form, clicking on the button “Insert” and choosing the menu voice “Gradient”.



Labels

A label is used as a variable value in a script, and may be initialized and used several times in the code. It can be initialized with this syntax:

```
[name] = value
```

And used specifying its name (always delimited with “[” and “]”). This is an example:

```
[alpha] = "This is a text"  
FONT = Arial, 32, , #000000  
TEXT = 1-10, [alpha], 0, 0, 6, 9, center
```

If the label contains a sequence (see page 15), you can obtain the number of elements contained using the syntax “(name)”. It can be used directly as a parameter or in an expression. For example:

```
[alpha] = "one|two|three"  
FONT = Arial, 32, , #000000  
TEXT = "1-{(alpha)*2}", [alpha], 0, 0, 6, 9, center
```

The result deck will be composed of six cards, with the word sequence one-two-three-one-two-three.

When you define a label, there are some characters you can use as prefix or postfix for the [name] to obtain special behavior.

```
[name]number = value
```

The resulting value is the original value repeated *number* times. Instead, with these letters as a prefix, you can use this program as a combinatorial engine:

C	combination
P	permutation
CR	combination with repetitions
PR	permutation with repetitions

```
C[name]number = object1|object2...objectN  
P[name]number = object1|object2...objectN
```

These syntaxes create two labels with a combination and a permutation of *number* objects from the sequences, for example:

```
C[label1]2 = "A|B|C"  
P[label2]2 = "A|B|C"
```

these labels will be translated into:

```
[label1] = "AB|AC|BC"  
[label2] = "AB|AC|BA|BC|CA|CB"
```

With repetitions:

```
CR[label1]2 = "A|B|C"  
PR[label2]2 = "A|B|C"
```

the result will be:

```
[label1] = "AA|AB|AC|BB|BC|CC"  
[label2] = "AA|AB|AC|BA|BB|BC|CA|CB|CC"
```

Special flags:

- D remove duplicate elements
- X remove "rotated" elements
- S remove elements with the same "structure"
- N randomize elements
- A sort elements in ascending order
- Z sort elements in descending order
- I keep only crossing paths
- O keep only paths that doesn't cross themselves

The "D" flag is useful when you have multiple elements in combinations/repetitions, for example:

```
C[label1]2 = "A|B|C|C"
```

will be evaluated as:

```
[label1] = "AB|AC|AC|BC|BC|CC"
```

If you don't want repetitions, you can add the "D" flag (as a prefix) and the result will be:

```
[label1] = "AB|AC|BC|CC"
```

The "X" flag need a longer explanation. Let's say, you need to create tiles with 4 quadrants, with all the combination of three elements (plains, woods and mountains), this is the starting script:

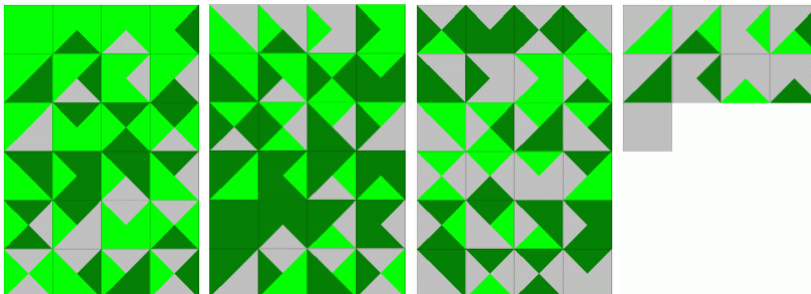
```
CARDSIZE = 4, 4
[QUARTER1] = 0, 0, 2, 2, 0, 4
[QUARTER2] = 0, 0, 4, 0, 2, 2
[QUARTER3] = 4, 0, 4, 4, 2, 2
[QUARTER4] = 0, 4, 2, 2, 4, 4

PR[SCHEMA]4 = P|F|M
[ALL] = 1-(SCHEMA)

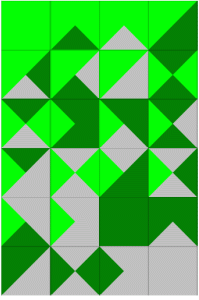
[COLOR_P] = #00FF00
[COLOR_F] = #008000
[COLOR_M] = #C0C0C0

TRIANGLE = [ALL], [QUARTER1], [COLOR_[SCHEMA:1,1]]
TRIANGLE = [ALL], [QUARTER2], [COLOR_[SCHEMA:2,1]]
TRIANGLE = [ALL], [QUARTER3], [COLOR_[SCHEMA:3,1]]
TRIANGLE = [ALL], [QUARTER4], [COLOR_[SCHEMA:4,1]]
```

This is the result (4 pages of 81 tiles):



The tiles are all different, but not if you rotate them, for example, PFPF is equal to FFPF (rotated 90°). To eliminate them, you can use the "X" prefix. This is the result (1 page of 24 tiles):



The “X” flag can be used more than once, to specify that not all the “rotations” will be considered as equals; for example, with only one “X”, the sequence 0102 is equal to:

```
1020
0201
2010
```

In a square token with a number on each side, this is equal to 90° rotations. Instead, with “XX”, the sequence 0102 is equal only to 0201 (in a square token, this is equal to considering only rotations of 180°, or rather, that rotations of 90° aren’t considered).

The “S” flag remove elements with the same structure: for example, the sequence 0102 has the same structure of the sequence 1210. In the previous example, from the 24 tiles, only six have a different structure:



The “N” flag will be used if you want to randomize the sequence, if you write, for example:

```
N[elements] = "alpha|beta|gamma|delta"
```

it will be randomly evaluated each time you validate the deck, for example as:

```
[elements] = "beta|gamma|delta|alpha"
```

If you want to analyze only a sub-string from the result of the permutation/combination engine or an external linked file, you can use the “:” syntax to extract a sub-string, the syntax is [label:start,number] where start is the starting character and number is the length of the sub-string in characters. For example, in the script about tiles in the previous page, every line extracts only a character from the label (composed of four characters), and associates it with another label:

```
TRIANGLE = [ALL], [QUARTER1], [COLOR_[SCHEMA:1,1]]
TRIANGLE = [ALL], [QUARTER2], [COLOR_[SCHEMA:2,1]]
TRIANGLE = [ALL], [QUARTER3], [COLOR_[SCHEMA:3,1]]
TRIANGLE = [ALL], [QUARTER4], [COLOR_[SCHEMA:4,1]]
```

If the label [SCHEMA] was, as an example, “PFFM”, these lines will be evaluated as:

```
TRIANGLE = [ALL], [QUARTER1], [COLOR_P]
TRIANGLE = [ALL], [QUARTER2], [COLOR_F]
TRIANGLE = [ALL], [QUARTER3], [COLOR_P]
TRIANGLE = [ALL], [QUARTER4], [COLOR_M]
```

Tip: you can view a list of labels, their contents, and choose one of them from a list, clicking on the button “Insert” and choosing the menu voice “Label”.

You can extract a single element in a sequence using the ? operator in an expression (delimited with curly brackets { and }).

For example, this scripts will print the letter “c”:

```
[ALPHA] = a|b|c|d|e
FONT = ARIAL, 32, , #000000
TEXT = 1, {ALPHA?3}, 0, 0, 100%, 100%
```

There is also a syntax for creating labels with a condition and with a for...next cycle (note that you can't define a label between standard IF...ENDIF or FOR...NEXT blocks):

```
[label] %[condition], variable, start, end, step = value
```

The [condition] parameter must be a label, it cannot be written directly because a condition is too complex to be evaluated correctly in a single line. This is an example:

```
[check1]=[a]=1
[check2]=[a]<>1
[color] %[check1]=#FF0000
[color] %[check2]=#0000FF
```

In this example, if [a] is **1**, the label [color] is red (#FF0000), if [a] isn't **1**, the label [color] is blue (#0000FF).

The condition can be omitted, in this case the label is defined only if it doesn't already exist. In this example, the label [alpha] is red, and the label [beta] is blue:

```
[alpha]=#FF0000

[alpha] %=#0000FF
[beta] %=#0000FF
```

The label creation can be repeated in a for...next cycle, for example, if you want to define ten labels, with powers of two, you can write:

```
[lab(count)] %, (count), 1, 9 = {(count)^2}
```

Note that the condition parameter is empty (the comma after the % symbol), and that if the step parameter is omitted, its value is assumed equal to one. The variable (count) can be anything (the parenthesis aren't really needed). The result is equal to write this code:

```
[lab1]=1
[lab2]=4
[lab3]=9
[lab4]=16
[lab5]=25
[lab6]=36
[lab7]=49
[lab8]=64
[lab9]=81
```

An alternate syntax for the definitions of labels in a loop is this:

```
[label] %[condition], variable, [sequence] = value
```

In this syntax, a step in the loop is executed for each value of the sequence (value that is replaced in the variable), for example:

```
[seq] = alfa|beta|gamma
[lab_(var)] %, (var), [seq] = test_(var)
```

The result is equal to this code:

```
[lab_alfa]=test_alfa
[lab_beta]=test_beta
[lab_gamma]=test_gamma
```

Label functions

AUTOLABEL

This function creates a label containing a sequence of numbers. This is the syntax:

```
[name] = AUTOLABEL(start, end, step, separator)
```

For example, this line:

```
[a] = AUTOLABEL(1, 10, 2)
```

will be evaluated as:

```
[a] = 1|3|5|7|9|11
```

The standard separator is the pipe (the “|” character), if you want a different separator, you can specify it as the 4th parameter.

AUTORANGE

This function calculates a range starting from the previous AUTORANGE (or card 1, if it was the first), the only parameter is a number of cards. This is the syntax:

```
[name] = AUTORANGE(number)
```

For example, these rows:

```
[a] = AUTORANGE(10)  
[b] = AUTORANGE(5)  
[c] = AUTORANGE(8)
```

will be evaluated as:

```
[a] = 1-10  
[b] = 11-15  
[c] = 16-23
```

You can reset the counter, using a negative number as parameter. For example, these rows:

```
[a] = AUTORANGE(10)  
[b] = AUTORANGE(-5)  
[c] = AUTORANGE(8)
```

will be evaluated as:

```
[a] = 1-10  
[b] = 1-5  
[c] = 6-13
```

CONCAT

This function creates a label concatenating different strings, this is the syntax:

```
[name] = CONCAT(parameter1, number1, parameter2, number2, ... parameterN, numberN)
```

Each parameters is repeated a number of times equal to the next parameter. This is an example:

```
[test] = CONCAT(#000000, 3, #FFFFFF, 2)
```

Will be evaluated as:

```
[test] = #000000#000000#000000#FFFFFF#FFFFFF
```

CONCAT1

This function is equivalent to **CONCAT**, with a repetition of each parameter of one, this is the syntax:

```
[name] = CONCAT(parameter1, parameter2, ... parameterN)
```

DIRFILES

This function creates a sequence label using names of files from a folder (and subfolders), this is the syntax:

```
[name] = DIRFILES(path, extension)
```

The extension can be a sequence of extensions, like jpg|bmp|gif.

This is an example:

```
[img] = DIRFILES("c:\images\", jpg)
```

and it will be evaluated as:

```
[img] = "c:\images\one.jpg|c:\images\two.jpg|c:\images\three.jpg"
```

Instead of an extension, you can specify in the 2nd parameter a file mask (with * and ? as wildcards). For example:

```
[img] = DIRFILES("c:\images\", "img*.jpg")
```

EVAL

This function creates a sequence with the results of the evaluation of another sequence, this is the syntax:

```
[name] = EVAL(sequence)
```

This is an example:

```
[alfa] = {1+1}|{2*3}|{3^3}  
[beta] = EVAL([alfa])
```

These two lines are equivalent to:

```
[beta] = 2|6|27
```

Note: you obtain the same result with a single line:

```
[beta] = EVAL({1+1}|{2*3}|{3^3})
```

EXPAND

This function creates a sequence replicating itself *number1* times, with each element replicated *number2* times (this parameter is option, if not specified is treated equal to one):

```
[name] = EXPAND(sequence, number1, number2)
```

This is an example:

```
[alfa] = a|b|c  
[beta] = EXPAND([alfa], 2, 3)
```

These two lines are equivalent to:

```
[beta] = a|a|a|b|b|b|c|c|c|a|a|a|b|b|b|c|c|c
```

FILTER

This function creates a sequence taking elements from another sequence, filtering and grouping them using some rules. The basic syntax is:

```
[name] = FILTER([name], filter1, filter2 ... filterN)
```

In the filterN parameters you can use wildcards: ? for any character, * for any characters, and use ranges of characters within parenthesis (as an example, **1(0-9)** matches a number from 10 to 19). For example, this script will print only elements that start with a zero (four elements on eight):

```
[ALPHA] = 000|001|010|011|100|101|110|111
[BETA] = FILTER([ALPHA], 0*)
FONT = ARIAL, 32, , #000000
TEXT = 1-{(BETA)}, [BETA], 0, 0, 100%, 100%
```

In the 1st parameter you can specify these additional flags:

§	the sorted/added elements are used to create the new sequence
>	sort characters from an element in ascending order before comparing it to the filters
<	sort characters from an element in descending order before comparing it to the filters
+	add numbers from an elements before comparing it to the filters
@	keep only the characters specified after this flag
#	discard all the characters specified after this flag
\$	counts the maximum occurrences of a character(s) in the same element
^	counts the maximum occurrences of specific character(s) in all positions on the previous accepted elements
~	counts all the occurrences of specific character(s) in all positions on the previous accepted elements
=	counts the maximum occurrences of specific character(s) in the same position on the previous accepted elements
£	counts the maximum occurrence of a straight of characters
°	set the rule for evaluating a straight (if not specified, is used the ASCII sequence of letters/numbers)
%	replace a character(s) with another(s), all the couples are specified after this flag
!	counts the distance (in characters) between two copies of the same characters, specified after this flag
&	the element is evaluated from his position within the sequence, starting from one
¬	the condition (for including or not an element) is reversed (for inserting the symbol, type ALT + 0172)
_	if an element is not included, a null string is added in its position

You can combine multiple flags, and use a space if you want to mix two similar functions, for example, a \$ followed by \$\$ can be coded as "\$ \$\$".

For example, this script will print only elements that contains a zero and two ones (three elements on eight):

```
[ALPHA] = 000|001|010|011|100|101|110|111
[BETA] = FILTER(>[ALPHA], 011)
FONT = ARIAL, 32, , #000000
TEXT = "1-{(BETA)}", [BETA], 0, 0, 100%, 100%
```

The flags ">", "<", "+", "\$", "^", "=", and "%" can be repeated, when you have to considering elements not as single characters, but as strings composed with more than one characters. For example, the element "0123" gives these results:

+	6
++	24
>	0123
>>	0123
<	3210
<<	2301

This is an example for utilization of “\$” flag. First, a label is created with all the permutations (with repetitions) of four elements from a set of five (a, b, c, d, and e), then, another label is created filtering only the occurrence of a three-of-a-kind and four-of-a-kind:

```
pr[a]4 = a|b|c|d|e
[b] = FILTER($[a], 3, 4)
FONT = ARIAL, 64, , #000000
TEXT = 1-{(b)}, [b], 0, 0, 100%, 100%
```

In this example, the same sequence is filtered to get only the labels that contains one or less repetitions of the same character in the same position:

```
pr[a]4 = a|b|c|d|e
[b] = FILTER(=[a], 0, 1)
FONT = ARIAL, 64, , #000000
TEXT = 1-{(b)}, [b], 0, 0, 100%, 100%
```

In this example the characters “a”, “d”, and “g” are replaced with the numbers “1”, “2”, and “3”:

```
[test_a] = abc|def|ghi
[test_b] = FILTER($[test_a]%a1d2g3)
```

The result sequence [test_b] is equal to:

```
1bc|2ef|3hi
```

You can create a sequence of parameters with a “FOR=” keyword, for example, if you want ten numbers, instead of adding all of them you can use a single parameter like “1-10FOR=-” (the 2nd minus symbol is the position of the counter in the result).

Instead of a parameter used as a filter, you can specify a “mask” (with the prefix “MASK=”), that is used to apply the filter only to some characters of the elements from the sequence; you specify a character that you want to consider with a “1”, and a character to ignore with a “0”. For example, if you want to apply the rules only to the even characters of a ten character string, use this parameter: MASK=0101010101

If there are more than one rule in the 1st parameter, and if you specify a number before the mask keyword, that mask is applied only to a single rule (1 for the 1st rule, 2 for the 2nd, and so on).

GRADIENTSEQ

This function creates a sequence of gradients, splitting one into several sections, the syntax is:

```
[name] = GRADIENTSEQ(gradient, number)
```

For example, with this line the program creates a sequence of three gradients:

```
[gradient] = GRADIENTSEQ(#000000#FF0000@0, 3)
```

GROUP

This function takes all the elements in a sequence and removes all the duplicate elements, optionally, it can return a count of all the elements.

For example:

```
[alfa] = a|b|a|e|c|c|c|a|b|f|d|e
[beta] = GROUP([alfa])
[gamma] = GROUP([alfa], COUNT)
```

The two resulting sequences contain these values:

```
[beta] = a|b|c|d|e|f
[gamma] = 3|2|3|1|2|1
```

JOIN

This function uses alternatively the elements from two (or more) sequences for building a new sequence, the syntax is:

```
[name] = JOIN(sequence1, sequence2, ... sequenceN)
```

The length of the new sequence is equal to the longest source sequence. This is an example:

```
[label1] = A|B
[label2] = 1|2|3|4
[label3] = JOIN([label1], [label2])
```

The 3rd label will be evaluated as:

```
[label3] = A1|B2|A3|B4
```

LABELRANGE

This function creates a range, using elements from a sequence. The syntax for this function is:

```
[name] = LABELRANGE(sequence, item, offset)
```

If you specify the optional *item* parameter, the range is created with only the cards matching the *item* parameter position (wildcards * and ? are accepted). If you don't specify the *item* parameter, the default element from a sequence is considered "1". The *offset* parameter, if specified, will be added to every card of the range.

For example:

```
[sequence] = 0|1|1|0|0|1
[label] = LABELRANGE([sequence])
```

Result:

```
[label] = "2,3,6"
```

The *item* parameter can also accept these operators (in the format *operatorvalue*):

- = the item's position from the sequence is included if it's equal to the value (this operator can be omitted),
- <> the item's position from the sequence is included if it's different from the value,
- > the item's position from the sequence is included if it's greater than the value,
- < the item's position from the sequence is included if it's smaller than the value,
- >= the item's position from the sequence is included if it's greater or equal to the value,
- <= the item's position from the sequence is included if it's smaller or equal to the value.
- @ the item's position from the sequence is included if the value is contained in it.
- # the item's position from the sequence is included if the value isn't contained in it.

For example:

```
[sequence] = 1|2|3|4|5|6|7|8|9|10
[label] = LABELRANGE([sequence], >=5)
```

Result:

```
[label] = "5,6,7,8,9,10"
```

LABELSTRING

This function creates a string with elements taken from a sequence. The syntax for this function is:

```
[name] = LABELSTRING(sequence, number)
```

Without the optional *number* parameter, the result is a single string, taken from concatenating every element of the sequence. If you specify a number as 2nd parameter, for every nth element a new element of the sequence is created. For example:

```
[sequence] = A|B|C|D|E|F  
[label] = LABELSTRING([sequence])
```

These two lines are equivalent to:

```
[label] = ABCDEF
```

Another example:

```
[sequence] = A|B|C|D|E|F  
[label] = LABELSTRING([sequence], 2)
```

Result:

```
[label] = AB|CD|EF
```

LENGTH

This function creates a new sequence with the lengths of the elements of the sequence in the 1st (and only) parameter, the syntax is:

```
[name] = LENGTH(sequence)
```

For example:

```
[sequence] = ABC|DE|F|GH|IJK|LMNO  
[label] = LENGTH([sequence])
```

Result:

```
[label] = 3|2|1|2|3|4
```

PRODUCT

This function combines two (or more) sequences, in the result every element of the first sequence is combined with every element of the second sequence (and so on), the syntax is:

```
[name] = PRODUCT(sequence1, sequence2, ... sequenceN)
```

The length of the new sequence is equal to the product of the length of all source sequences. This is an example:

```
[label1] = A|B  
[label2] = 1|2|3|4  
[label3] = PRODUCT([label1], [label2])
```

The 3rd label will be evaluated as:

```
[label3] = A1|A2|A3|A4|B1|B2|B3|B4
```

RANGEADD

This function combines several ranges in one, the syntax is:

```
[range] = RANGEADD(range1, range2, ... rangeN)
```

For example:

```
[range1] = "1-3"  
[range2] = "2-4"  
[range3] = "8-10"  
[range] = RANGEADD([range1],[range2],[range3])
```

Result:

```
[range] = "1-4,8-10"
```

RANGEREM

This function extracts a sub-range from another range, this is the syntax:

```
[sub-range] = RANGEREM(range1, range2, ... rangeN)
```

This directive removes the ranges *range2*, ... *rangeN* from *range1*.

For example:

```
[range1] = "1-10"  
[range2] = "3,4"  
[range3] = "7-9"  
[range4] = RANGEREM([range1], [range2], [range3])
```

Result:

```
[range4] = "1-2,5-6,10"
```

RANGESUB

This function extracts a sub-range from another range, this is the syntax:

```
[sub-range] = RANGESUB(range, start, number)
```

The sub-range starts from the element specified by the *start* parameter, and is composed of *number* elements. If the *number* parameter is missing (or equal to zero) the sub-range goes to the end of the initial range; if the *start* parameter is equal to zero, the sub-range starts from the last element taken with another RANGESUB function (or from the start of the initial range), in a behavior similar to that implemented with AUTORANGE function.

For example:

```
[range1] = "1-10"  
[range2] = RANGESUB([range1], 3, 4)
```

Result:

```
[range2] = "3-6"
```

REPLACE

This function replaces in a string (or a sequence) all instances of a substring with another. The syntax for this function is:

```
[name] = REPLACE("string", "from", "to")
```

SAVELABEL

This function saves the content of a label (or more than one label) into a CSV text file. The syntax for this function is:

```
[name] = SAVELABEL("filename", label1 , label2, ... labelN)
```

The result label **[name]** contains the filename. Note: do not use the [] in the label parameters.

STRINGLABEL

This function creates a sequence label with elements taken from a string. The syntax for this function is:

```
[name] = STRINGLABEL("string", length)
```

The optional length parameter sets the number of characters taken for each element of the sequence. If omitted, the length is one character. For example, these two lines are equivalent:

```
[label] = STRINGLABEL("This is a test")
```

```
[label] = "T|h|i|s| |i|s| |a| |t|e|s|t"
```

TOKENIZE

This function extracts a substring from a string, using a separator that slices the string into several tokens, and a number that specify the single token extracted. The syntax for this function is:

```
[name] = TOKENIZE("string", number, separator)
```

If the separator is not specified, is assumed to be equal to “|” (pipe), note that is the same separator for the elements in a sequence. For example:

```
[result] = TOKENIZE("Alpha-Beta-Gamma", 2, -)
```

The **[result]** label would be equal to “**Beta**”

Frames

A frame is a special label, used when you need to identify a rectangular area used for placing a graphical content. A frame is defined used this syntax:

```
<name> = position x, position y, width, height
```

And can be used for example with a RECTANGLE directive:

```
RECTANGLE = 1, <name>, #000000
```

This is a behavior that can be done also with a label, but in a frame you can add an alignment and a specific size, with this syntax:

```
<name, alignment, width, height>
```

The “alignment” can be a flag from this list:

TL	top-left
TC	top-center
TR	top-right
CL	center-left
CC	center-center
CR	center-right
BL	bottom-left
BC	bottom-center
BR	bottom-right

An example with all this nine alignments:

```
<frame> = 1, 1, 4, 7
FONT = Arial, 16, , #FFFFFF, #0000FF
RECTANGLE = 1, <frame>, #CCCCFF
TEXT = 1, "TL", <frame, TL, 1, 1>, CENTER, CENTER
TEXT = 1, "TC", <frame, TC, 1, 1>, CENTER, CENTER
TEXT = 1, "TR", <frame, TR, 1, 1>, CENTER, CENTER
TEXT = 1, "CL", <frame, CL, 1, 1>, CENTER, CENTER
TEXT = 1, "CC", <frame, CC, 1, 1>, CENTER, CENTER
TEXT = 1, "CR", <frame, CR, 1, 1>, CENTER, CENTER
TEXT = 1, "BL", <frame, BL, 1, 1>, CENTER, CENTER
TEXT = 1, "BC", <frame, BC, 1, 1>, CENTER, CENTER
TEXT = 1, "BR", <frame, BR, 1, 1>, CENTER, CENTER
```

Result: Image 1

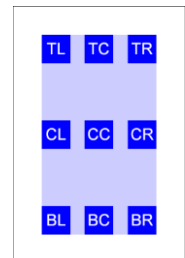


Image 1

One between width and height can be expanded to the full extent of frame’s width or height, using this syntax and one of these alignments for width:

```
<name, alignment, height>
```

TW	top aligned, full width
CW	center aligned, full width
BW	bottom aligned, full width

Example:

```
<frame> = 1, 1, 4, 7
FONT = Arial, 16, , #FFFFFF, #0000FF
RECTANGLE = 1, <frame>, #CCCCFF
TEXT = 1, "TW", <frame, TW, 1>, CENTER, CENTER
TEXT = 1, "CW", <frame, CW, 1>, CENTER, CENTER
TEXT = 1, "BW", <frame, BW, 1>, CENTER, CENTER
```

Result: Image 2

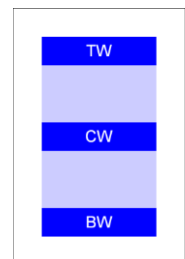


Image 2

This syntax and these alignments are used for a full height:

```
<name, alignment, width>
```

HL full height, left aligned
HC full height, center aligned
HR full height, right aligned

```
<frame> = 1, 1, 4, 7  
FONT = Arial, 16, , #FFFFFF, #0000FF  
RECTANGLE = 1, <frame>, #CCCCFF  
TEXT = 1, "HL", <frame, HL, 1>, CENTER, CENTER  
TEXT = 1, "HC", <frame, HC, 1>, CENTER, CENTER  
TEXT = 1, "HR", <frame, HR, 1>, CENTER, CENTER
```

Result: Image 3

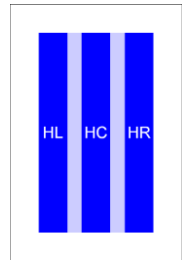


Image 3

Another type of syntax can be used to extract only a position (useful with lines):

```
<name, alignment>
```

PTL top-left
PTC top-center
PTR top-right
PCL center-left
PCC center-center
PCR center-right

PBL bottom-left
PBC bottom-center
PBR bottom-right

```
<frame> = 1, 1, 4, 7  
RECTANGLE = 1, <frame>, #CCCCFF  
LINE = 1, <frame, PTL>, <frame, PBR>, #FF0000, 0.2  
LINE = 1, <frame, PTR>, <frame, PBL>, #FF0000, 0.2
```

Result: Image 4

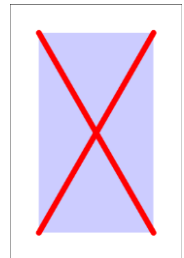


Image 4

Instead of using two frames, you can also combine two alignment of this type in a single frame, for example, with this script the result is the same of the Image 4:

```
<frame> = 1, 1, 4, 7  
RECTANGLE = 1, <frame>, #CCCCFF  
LINE = 1, <frame, PTL, PBR>, #FF0000, 0.2  
LINE = 1, <frame, PTR, PBL>, #FF0000, 0.2
```

Instead of using a size (width or height) in cm, you can use a fraction of the whole frame size, using a number followed by “%%” (instead, a single “%” gives you a size equal to a fraction of the whole card). For example:

```
<frame> = 1, 1, 4, 7  
FONT = Arial, 16, , #FFFFFF, #0000FF  
RECTANGLE = 1, <frame>, #CCCCFF  
TEXT = 1, "TL", <frame, TL, 50%>, 50%>, CENTER, CENTER
```

Result: Image 5

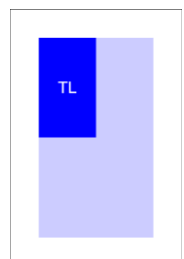


Image 5

Tip: you can view a list of frames, their contents, and choose one of them from a list, clicking on the button “Insert” and choosing the menu voice “Frame”.

With these syntaxes you can align a sub-frame starting from the last sub-frame, in the four directions:

TS top aligned, full width
BS bottom aligned, full width

SL left aligned, full height
 SR right aligned, full height

```
<frame> = 1, 1, 4, 7
FONT = Arial, 16, , #FFFFFF, #0000FF
TEXT = 1, TS1, <frame, TS, 1>, CENTER, CENTER
FONT = Arial, 16, , #FFFFFF, #00FF00
TEXT = 1, TS2, <frame, TS, 1>, CENTER, CENTER
FONT = Arial, 16, , #FFFFFF, #FF0000
TEXT = 1, TS3, <frame, TS, 1>, CENTER, CENTER
FONT = Arial, 16, , #000000, #FFFF00
TEXT = 1, TS4, <frame, TS, 0>, CENTER, CENTER
```

Result: Image 6

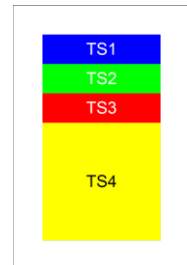


Image 6

In this example, the first frame can also be referenced with TW, and the result didn't change.

If you specify a zero as the width/height of the element, it fills all the available space (the 4th frame in this example).

With these flags, the program extracts three coordinates from the four of a frame, useful when using the TRIANGLE directive (see page 150), for a shape that fills half of the frame:

HTL top left, top right, and bottom left
 HTR top left, top right, and bottom right
 HBL top left, bottom left, and bottom right
 HBR top right, bottom left, and bottom right

For example:

```
<frame> = 1, 1, 4, 7
RECTANGLE = 1, <frame>, #CCCCFF
TRIANGLE = 1, <frame, HTL>, #FF0000
```

Result: Image 7

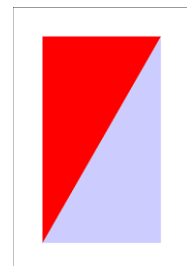


Image 7

These flags gives also three coordinates:

TTL an arrowhead with the point to the top-left corner of the frame
 TTC an arrowhead with the point to the center of the top side of the frame
 TTL an arrowhead with the point to the top-right corner of the frame
 TCL an arrowhead with the point to the center of the left side of the frame
 TCR an arrowhead with the point to the center of the right side of the frame
 TBL an arrowhead with the point to the bottom-left corner of the frame
 TBC an arrowhead with the point to the center of the bottom side of the frame
 TBR an arrowhead with the point to the bottom-right corner of the frame

For example:

```
<frame> = 1, 1, 4, 7
RECTANGLE = 1, <frame>, #CCCCFF
TRIANGLE = 1, <frame, TTC>, #FF0000
```

Result: Image 8

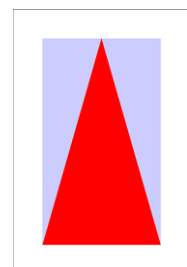


Image 8

With several functions you can create groups of frames, and referencing them with wildcards (the list is after this chapter):

- * a group of any characters,
- ? any one character,
- ~ a random frame from a group,
- ! the first frame from a group, the frame is then deleted from the frame group (instead of the first frame, a random frame is selected if used with the “~” symbol),
- this is not a wildcard used in a frame name, but instead is used when the frame number is needed in a standard expression (with “{“ and “}” delimiters),
- / normally, the frames created with a function are added to the existing ones; with this character in the frames’ name, the definition rewrites the previous frames (the name is considered without “/”).

Finally, in a frame name with ! or ~ wildcards, you can specify more than one frame adding a number before the symbol. For example, if you want three random green box from a grid, three blue and three red you can write:

```
[base] = FRAMEBOX(0, 0, 6, 9, 1, 1, E)
RECTANGLE = 1, <3!~base*>, #00FF00
RECTANGLE = 1, <3!~base*>, #0000FF
RECTANGLE = 1, <3!~base*>, #FF0000
GRID = 1, 0, 0, 6, 9, #000000, 0.1, 6, 9
Result: Image 9
```

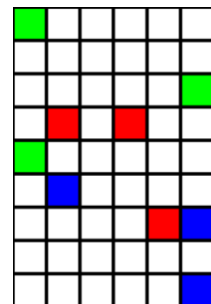


Image 9

Note: without the “!” symbol, the randomized frames may overlay themselves. Instead, without the “~” symbol, the frames are extracted from the start of the group. For example, with this script:

```
[base] = FRAMEBOX(0, 0, 6, 9, 1, 1, E)
RECTANGLE = 1, <3!base*>, #00FF00
RECTANGLE = 1, <3!base*>, #0000FF
RECTANGLE = 1, <3!base*>, #FF0000
GRID = 1, 0, 0, 6, 9, #000000, 0.1, 6, 9
Result: Image 10
```

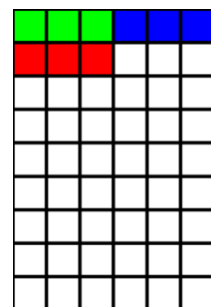


Image 10

Frame functions

FRAMEBOX

This function creates a list of frames (see page 31), based on a rectangular grid. The syntax for this function is:

```
[name] = FRAMEBOX(x, y, width, height, cell width, cell height, flags, zoom x, zoom y)
```

The last parameters (*zoom x* and *zoom y*) are optional, if not specified are equal to 100 (no zoom); if you want half sized frames, you can specify 50, if you want double sized frames, the value is 200, and so on. The zoom can be different between horizontal and vertical values.

The frames are created with a name composed from the **[name]** and the flag in the 7th parameter. You can use these flags:

L	letters
N	numbers
C	coordinates
E	coordinates with letters and numbers
R	coordinates with letters and numbers (numbers are reversed)
.	separator for C flag
-	separator for C flag
_	separator for C flag
W	add only “white” squares in a chessboard
B	add only “black” squares in a chessboard

With these flags, coordinates are added to each frame name:

L	A, B, C, D...
N	1, 2, 3, 4...
C	0101,0102,0103...0201,0202,0203...
E	A1,A2,A3...B1,B2,B3...
C.	1.1,1.2,1.3...2.1,2.2,2.3...
C-	1-1,1-2,1-3...2-1,2-2,2-3...
C_	1_1,1_2,1_3...2_1,2_2,2_3...

If you didn't specify any flag, the frames are created with the same name.

Example:

```
[box] = FRAMEBOX(0, 0, 4, 3, 1, 1, C_)
```

The resulting frames will be:

```
<BOX1_1> = 0, 0, 1, 1  
<BOX1_2> = 0, 1, 1, 1  
<BOX1_3> = 0, 2, 1, 1  
<BOX2_1> = 1, 0, 1, 1  
<BOX2_2> = 1, 1, 1, 1  
<BOX2_3> = 1, 2, 1, 1  
<BOX3_1> = 2, 0, 1, 1  
<BOX3_2> = 2, 1, 1, 1  
<BOX3_3> = 2, 2, 1, 1  
<BOX4_1> = 3, 0, 1, 1  
<BOX4_2> = 3, 1, 1, 1  
<BOX4_3> = 3, 2, 1, 1
```

You can use frames with wildcards (? for any one character, * for a group of any characters), can use the tilde (~) symbol as a flag for addressing a random frame, the exclamation mark (!) as a flag for deleting the frame after use, and referencing the current frame's number with the degree (°) symbol (in an expression), or the current frame's name with

the micro (μ) symbol (in an expression). For example, if you want to split an image into 4 images (in a 2 x 2 pattern) and save them, you can use this script:

```
[a] = FRAMEBOX(0, 0, 6, 9, 3, 4.5, N)
IMAGE = 1, "c:\my images\earth.jpg", 0, 0, 6, 9, 0
SAVE = 1, "c:\my images\earth_{°}.jpg", <a*>
```

FRAMECLOCK

This function creates a list of frames (see page 31) arranged in a circle (like a clock's quadrant). The syntax for this function is:

```
[name] = FRAMECLOCK(x, y, width, height, cell width, cell height, number, angle,
start, end, factor)
```

The frames are created with a name composed from the **[name]** and a number, the number goes from "1" to the 7th parameter.

Example:

```
[clock] = FRAMECLOCK(0, 0, 4, 4, 1, 1, 8)
```

You can use frames with wildcards (? for any one character, * for a group of any characters), can use the tilde (~) symbol as a flag for addressing a random frame, the exclamation mark (!) as a flag for deleting the frame after use, and referencing the current frame's number with the degree (°) symbol (in an expression) or the current frame's name with the micro (μ) symbol (in an expression).

The **angle** optional parameter is used if you want to rotate all the frames of a precise degree.

The **start** and **end** optional parameters are used if you want draw only an arc instead of full circle (both are degrees).

The **factor** optional parameter, if not zero, creates a spiral of frames, instead of a circle (positive for clockwise spirals, negative for anti-clockwise spirals).

FRAMECOUNT

This function creates a label with the number of frames from a frame name. The syntax for this function is:

```
[name] = FRAMECOUNT(name)
```

In the **[name]** parameter you can use wildcards (? for any one character, * for a group of any characters).

FRAMEDISK

With this function you can define a group of frames, specifying two frames, and including all the frames in the circle drawn used the first frame as a center and the latter as a radius. It works with frames created from FRAMEBOX and FRAMEHEX functions. The syntax is:

```
[diskgroup] = FRAMEDISK(frame1, frame2)
```

For example:

```
CARDSIZE = 18, 20
HEXGRID = 1, 0, 0, 18, 20, 1,, #000000, EMPTY, 0.1
[base] = FRAMEHEX(0, 0, 18, 20, 1, E)
[diskgroup] = FRAMEDISK(basee6, basee4)
POLYGON = 1, <diskgroup>, 6, 90, #FF0000
```

FRAMEHEX

This function creates a list of frames (see page 31), based on an hexagonal grid. The syntax for this function is:

```
[name] = FRAMEHEX(x, y, width, height, hex size, flags, zoom x, zoom y)
```

The last parameters (*zoom x* and *zoom y*) are optional, if not specified are equal to 100 (no zoom); if you want half sized frames, you can specify 50, if you want double sized frames, the value is 200, and so on. The zoom can be different between horizontal and vertical values.

The frames are created with a name composed from the **[name]** and the flag in the 6th parameter. You can use these flags:

L letters
 N numbers
 C coordinates
 E coordinate with letters + numbers
 . separator for C flag
 - separator for C flag
 _ separator for C flag
 O outer frame (the default, it creates a frame suitable for drawing a circle outside the hex)
 I inner frame (it creates a frame suitable for drawing a circle inside the hex)
 X uses a pattern for obtaining “easy to cut” hexagons (“trihexagonal” tiling)
 A the hexes are arranged in horizontal lines instead of vertical
 S the line (or the column, if the A flag is specified) starts with a shifted hex

With these flags, coordinates are added to each frame name:

L) A, B, C, D...
 N) 1, 2, 3, 4...
 C) 0101,0102,0103...0201,0202,0203...
 E) A1,A2,A3...B1,B2,B3...
 C.) 1.1,1.2,1.3...2.1,2.2,2.3...
 C-) 1-1,1-2,1-3...2-1,2-2,2-3...
 C_) 1_1,1_2,1_3...2_1,2_2,2_3...

If you didn't specify any flag, the frames are created with the same name.

You can use frames with wildcards (? for any one character, * for a group of any characters), can use the tilde (~) symbol as a flag for addressing a random frame, the exclamation mark (!) as a flag for deleting the frame after use and referencing the current frame with the degree (°) symbol (in an expression). For example, this script draws a circle on a random hex of the first column of a grid:

```
CARDSIZE = 18, 20
HEXGRID = 1, 0, 0, 18, 20, 1, , #000000, EMPTY, 0.1
[base] = FRAMEHEX(0, 0, 18, 20, 1, E)
ELLIPSE = 1, <~basea*>, #FF0000
```

FRAMELINE

With this function you can define a group of frames, specifying a first frame, a last frame, and including all the frames in the shortest path between the two. It works with frames created from FRAMEBOX and FRAMEHEX functions. The syntax is:

```
[linegroup] = FRAMELINE(frame1, frame2)
```

For example:

```
CARDSIZE = 18, 20
HEXGRID = 1, 0, 0, 18, 20, 1,, #000000, EMPTY, 0.1
[base] = FRAMEHEX(0, 0, 18, 20, 1, E)
[linegroup] = FRAMELINE(basea1, baseh9)
POLYGON = 1, <linegroup>, 6, 90, #FF0000
```

FRAMELIST

With this function you can define a group of frames, and use a single command on all of them. The syntax is:

```
[group] = FRAMELIST(frame1, frame2, frame3,...)
```

You can specify a single frame for parameter, or use another group of frames. If you use a minus sign (-) before the name, the order with frames in a group are added is reversed; with a dollar sign (\$) the frames are in bidirectional order (from left to right in the first row, then right to left in the next row, and so on...).

For example, this script draws three circles on the first three hexes in the top-left corner of a grid:

```
CARDSIZE = 18, 20
HEXGRID = 1, 0, 0, 18, 20, 1,, #000000, EMPTY, 0.1
[base] = FRAMEHEX(0, 0, 18, 20, 1, E)
[group] = FRAMELIST(basea1, basea2, baseb1)
ELLIPSE = 1, <group>, #FF0000
```

FRAMEMELD

With this function you create a new frame, merging several others. The syntax is

```
[newframe] = FRAMEMELD(frame1, frame2, frame3,...)
```

For example:

```
CARDSIZE = 18, 20
HEXGRID = 1, 0, 0, 18, 20, 1,, #000000, EMPTY, 0.1
[base] = FRAMEHEX(0, 0, 18, 20, 1, E)
[group] = FRAMEDISK(basef3, basef1)
POLYGON = 1, <group>, 6, 90, #FF0000
[meld] = FRAMEMELD(based1, baseh5)
ELLIPSE = 1, <meld>, #0000FF, EMPTY, 0.2
```

FRAMENET

This function creates a new group of frames, composed with all possible couple from two groups of frames, eventually including only these contained with a range of distances. The syntax is:

```
[newframe] = FRAMENET(frame group 1, frame group 2, min distance, max distance, flags)
```

In the *flags* parameter you can use one or more of these flags:

- L the frame(s) added is from the center of the starting frame to the center of the ending frame (it can be used for drawing lines), this is the default option,
- N the frame(s) added is the ending frame,
- 1 the frame(s) added are only from the 1st quadrant (top-right),
- 2 the frame(s) added are only from the 2nd quadrant (bottom-right),
- 3 the frame(s) added are only from the 3rd quadrant (bottom-left),
- 4 the frame(s) added are only from the 4th quadrant (top-left).

If you didn't specify any of flags **1234**, the frame are taken from all the starting list.

For example, this is a net from all the points in a rectangular grid, with a maximum distance of four units:

```
[net0] = FRAMEBOX(0, 0, 6, 9, 1, 1, L)
[net1] = FRAMENET(net0*, net0*, 0, 4)
LINERECT = 1, <net1>, #000000
```

Another example, this is a "star map", connecting ten random "planets" in an hexagonal grid with a distance from two to four units:

```
[map0] = FRAMEHEX(0, 0, 6, 9, 0.1, L, 50%)
```

```
[map1] = FRAMELIST(10!~map0*)
[map2] = FRAMENET(map1, map1, 2, 4)
LINERECT = 1, <map2>, #000000
ELLIPSE = 1, <map1>, #0000FF
```

FRAMEPATH

With this function you can define a group of frames, specifying a first frame, a last frame, and including all the frames in the shortest path between the two, and optionally delete them. It works with frames created from FRAMEBOX. The syntax is:

```
[pathgroup] = FRAMEPATH(frame1, frame2, flags)
```

In the *flags* parameter you can use one or more of these flags:

F	add frame1 to the result group
L	add frame2 to the result group
D	delete the frames used for the path
S	delete the frame used as 1 st parameter (start frame)
E	delete the frame used as 2 nd parameter (end frame)
T	use the shortest path

For example:

```
[grid] = FRAMEBOX(0, 0, 6, 9, 0.5, 0.5, C)
[path1] = FRAMEPATH(grid0203, grid1116, D)
[path2] = FRAMEPATH(grid0203, grid1116, D)
[path3] = FRAMEPATH(grid0203, grid1116, D)
RECTANGLE = 1, <grid*>, #0000FF, #FF0000, 0.1
ELLIPSE = 1, <path1>, #AAAAAA, #00FF00, 0.05
ELLIPSE = 1, <path2>, #AAAAAA, #0000FF, 0.05
ELLIPSE = 1, <path3>, #AAAAAA, #FF0000, 0.05
```

FRAMEPER

This function creates a new group of frames, adding for each starting frame the four frames from its sides (the starting frame is considered rectangular). The syntax is:

```
[newframe] = FRAMEPER(frame group, width, flags, margin)
```

The **width** parameter specifies the width of the left and right frames, and the height of top and bottom frames. In the *flags* parameter you can use one or more of these flags:

1	a frame for the top side of the rectangular frame is added to the result,
2	a frame for the right side of the rectangular frame is added to the result,
3	a frame for the bottom side of the rectangular frame is added to the result,
4	a frame for the left side of the rectangular frame is added to the result,
V	with this flag the frames are created in vertical order (instead of an horizontal order).

If you didn't specify any of flags **1234**, all the four frames are added. The margin parameter specify how much space is added to the left and to the right (for horizontal sides) and to the top and to the bottom (for vertical sides) of the frame.

FRAMERECT

With this function you can define a group of frames, specifying two frames, and including all the frames in the rectangle drawn used the first frame as top-left and the latter as bottom-right. It works with frames created from FRAMEBOX and FRAMEHEX functions. The syntax is:

```
[rectgroup] = FRAMERECT(frame1, frame2)
```

For example:

```
CARDSIZE = 18, 20
HEXGRID = 1, 0, 0, 18, 20, 1,, #000000, EMPTY, 0.1
[base] = FRAMEHEX(0, 0, 18, 20, 1, E)
[rectgroup] = FRAMERECT(baseb3, basei6)
POLYGON = 1, <rectgroup>, 6, 90, #FF0000
```

FRAMESUB

With this function you can define a new frame from another frame (1st parameter), removing items from a third frame (2nd parameter). The syntax is:

```
[group] = FRAMESUB(frame1, frame2)
```

For example, this script uses two square group of frames for creating a third hollow group of frames (subtracting the second from the first):

```
[grp_a] = FRAMEBOX(0, 0, 6, 6, 1, 1, C)
[grp_b] = FRAMEBOX(1, 1, 4, 4, 1, 1, C)
[grp_c] = FRAMESUB(grp_a*, grp_b*)
ELLIPSE = 1, <grp_c*>, #00FF00
```

FRAMETRANS

This function creates a new group of frames, taking all the frames from a group, and applying to them an horizontal and a vertical offset, and optionally a change in width and height. The syntax is:

```
[newframe] = FRAMETRANS(frame group, horizontal offset, vertical offset, width change, height change)
```

For example, this line takes all frames from group **test**, and creates a group **test_trans** shifted right of 0.5:

```
[test_trans] = FRAMETRANS(test, 0.5, 0)
```

FRAMETRI

With this function you can define a group of frames, specifying three frames, and including all the frames in the triangle drawn used the frames as vertexes. It works with frames created from FRAMEBOX and FRAMEHEX functions. The syntax is:

```
[trianglegroup] = FRAMETRI(frame1, frame2, frame3, flags)
```

You can use these flags in the 4th parameter:

O = doesn't include the outer frames

I = doesn't include the inner frames

For example:

```
CARDSIZE = 18, 20
HEXGRID = 1, 0, 0, 18, 20, 1,, #000000, EMPTY, 0.1
[base] = FRAMEHEX(0, 0, 18, 20, 1, E)
[trianglegroup] = FRAMETRI(baseb3, basei6, basec10)
POLYGON = 1, <trianglegroup>, 6, 90, #FF0000
```

Expressions

Expressions may be used to calculate numeric parameters or numbers in TEXT parameters, these delimited with “{” and “}”. You can use numbers (integer and decimal separated with a dot “.”), parenthesis and these operators:

+	addition
-	subtraction
*	multiplication
/	division
^	exponentiation
#	modulus
£	integer division

For changing the order of operations, you can use “(, “)”, “{” and “}”, these are treated like the same. You can’t use “[” and “]” (used for labels).

For example, these are valid expressions:

```
RECTANGLE = 1, 0, 0, (1+2)*2, (1+2)^2, #FF0000
```

```
TEXT = 1, "Result {(2+2)^2}", 0, 0, 6, 9, center
```

This is a special variable: the paragraph character (§) gives you the current card number; for example, that script creates ten cards, each with a number from 1 to 10:

```
FONT = Arial, 32, , #000000  
TEXT = 1-10, "{§}", 0, 0, 6, 9, center
```

That script creates ten cards, each with a random number from 1 to 100:

```
FONT = Arial, 32, , #000000  
TEXT = 1-10, "{1d100}", 0, 0, 6, 9, center
```

Counters are integer variables, that can be used in expressions, valid counters are:

```
A B C D E F G H I J
```

A counter can be initialized with COUNTER directive:

```
COUNTER = 1, A, 1
```

and later re-used in an expression:

```
RECTANGLE = 1, 0, 0, A, A, #00FF00
```

A counter can be auto-incremented with a pre- and/or a post- number. If A has a value of 10, this command:

```
TEXT = 1, "{1A2}", 0, 0, 3, 3, center
```

will give an output of 11, and A will have a value of 13 after that line.

The counter D is a special case, it has been changed for default into a dice (see DICE keyword, page 75), to give a random value, the syntax is *ndf*, where *n* is the number of dice, each with *f* faces. If not specified, *n* is set to one, and *f* is set to six.

These are special symbols:

Z	Format
X	Repeat

The “Z” symbol may be used when you need to format a decimal value with a fixed number of digits. The syntax is *valueZmask*, when the mask a sequence of zero “0” characters for the integer part, a dot “.” and a sequence of zero “0” for the decimal part. For example:

```
FONT = Arial, 32, , #000000  
TEXT = 1, "{4/3Z00.00}", 0, 0, 6, 9, center, center
```

The result will be a “01.33” printed on the card.

The syntax for the “X” symbol is *textXnumber*, and duplicates the *text* for a *number* of times. For example:

```
FONT = Arial, 32, , #000000  
TEXT = 1-5, "{*X$}", 0, 0, 6, 9, center, center
```

Will output an asterisk on the 1st card, two asterisks on the 2nd card, three on the 3rd and so on.

Comments

Comments can be inserted in scripts, marking them with a character on the start of the line. The character can be an apostrophe (') or a semicolon (;) or a custom character selected from the “Config” window.

Example:

```
CARDS = 52
'This is a standard deck
```

From the “Config” window you can also check the “Use in-line comments marked by ...” option, and after that you can use a syntax like that:

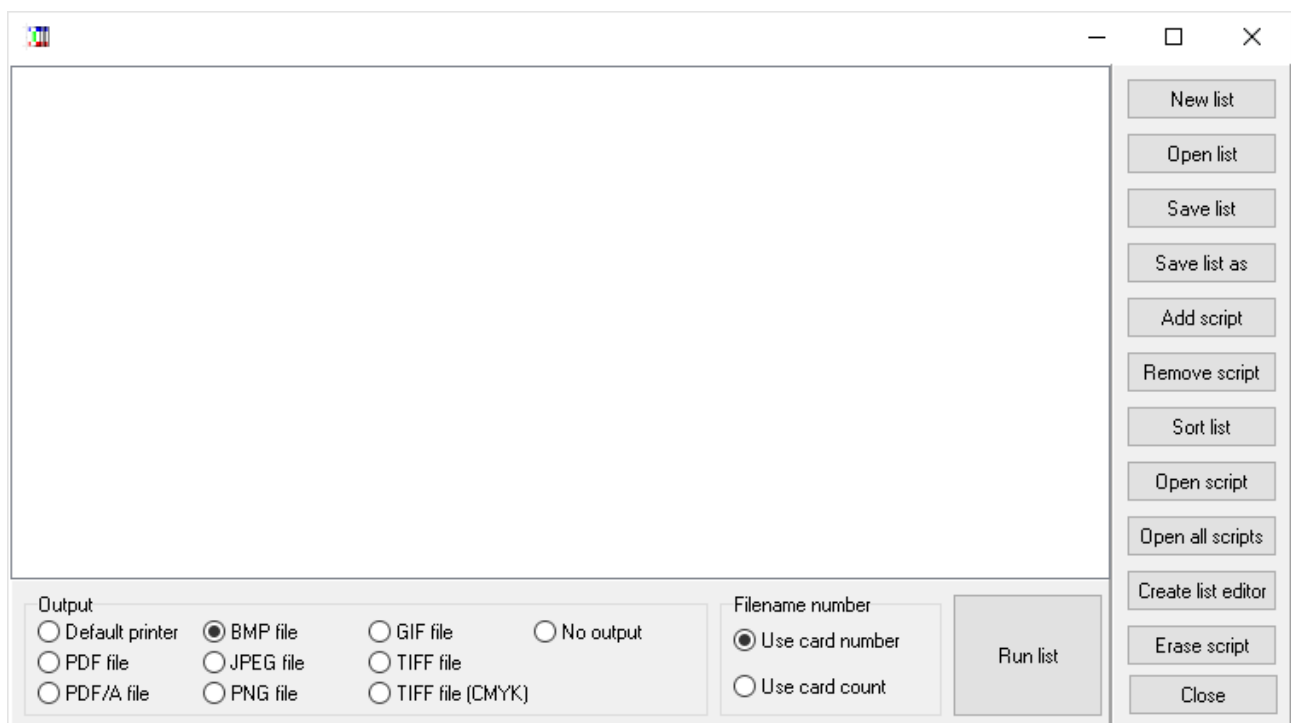
```
CARDS = 52 `` This is a standard deck
```

If you use a custom character, and open your script on another computer (with a different configuration) your comments will not be evaluated as such. To avoid this problem, you must include a COMMENT directive at the start of your script (see page 68).

You can apply or remove the current comment’s character in a block of selected text with two buttons on the right side of the main window: “+Com” for apply comments and “-Com” for removing comments.

Script lists

If you must work on multiple scripts, you can create a list for manipulating them. You can activate this option clicking on the button “Script list”:

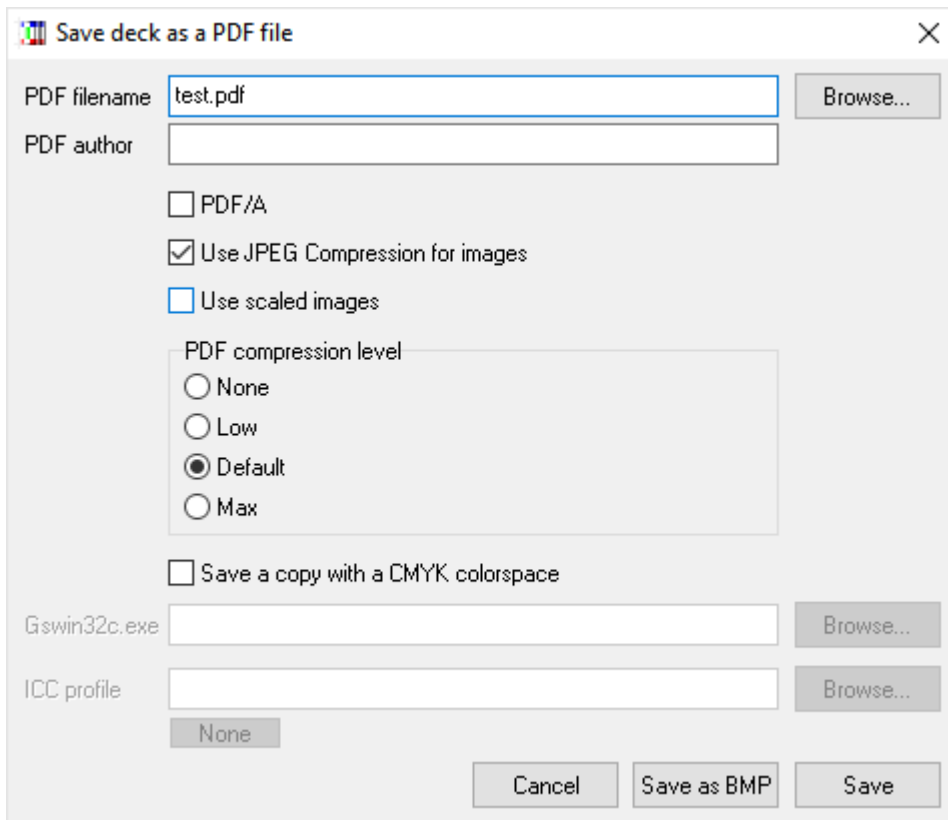


With the buttons on the right side you can create a new list, open an old list, save the current list (with the current name or specifying another), add another script to the list, remove a script and sort the list. You can also open the selected script, or open all of them (in multiple tabs), create a list from all the current scripts and erase the selected script.

With the button “Run list” you can launch a “Validate and build” task on all the scripts listed in this windows, choosing the output for them with the “Output” box: you can print the result, create PDF, and save the images in bmp, jpg, png or tiff format (the latter with standard and CMYK color space). With the “Filename number” box you can choose if the filename must be chosen from card number or card count: it can be different if you use a PRINT directive (see page 130) in your scripts.

Create PDF

The button “PDF” in the main window opens this form:



The screenshot shows a dialog box titled "Save deck as a PDF file" with a close button (X) in the top right corner. The dialog contains the following fields and options:

- PDF filename:** A text input field containing "test.pdf" and a "Browse..." button to its right.
- PDF author:** An empty text input field.
- Options:**
 - PDF/A
 - Use JPEG Compression for images
 - Use scaled images
- PDF compression level:** A group box containing four radio buttons: "None", "Low", "Default" (which is selected), and "Max".
- Save a copy with a CMYK colorspace:**
- Gswin32c.exe:** A text input field containing "Gswin32c.exe" and a "Browse..." button to its right.
- ICC profile:** A text input field containing "None" and a "Browse..." button to its right.

At the bottom of the dialog are three buttons: "Cancel", "Save as BMP", and "Save".

With this form you can specify a filename and an author for the PDF file.

PDF/A: with this option the PDF file is saved in this format.

Use JPEG Compression form images: with this option enabled all the images in the PDF file are internally stored in JPEG format.

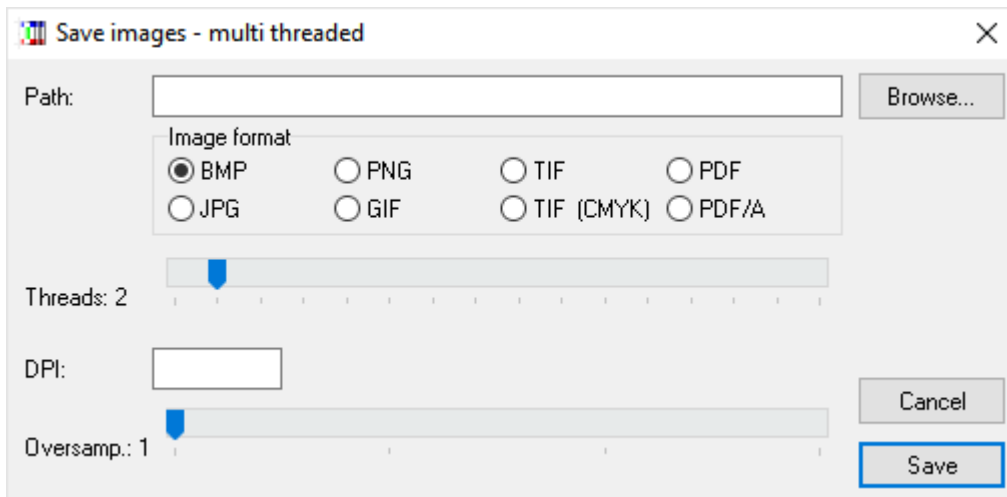
Use scaled images: with this option enabled, the program uses a high image compression for the PDF file, reducing its size (and its quality).

PDF compression level: you can choose between four standard compression level for the images (None, Low, Default and Max).

Save a copy with a CMYK color space: if you have installed Ghostscript (<http://www.ghostscript.com>) you can also save it with CMYK color space (instead of RGB), specifying the path for the executable (Gswin32c.exe), and use an ICC color profile.

Save images

The button “MT” in the main window opens this form:

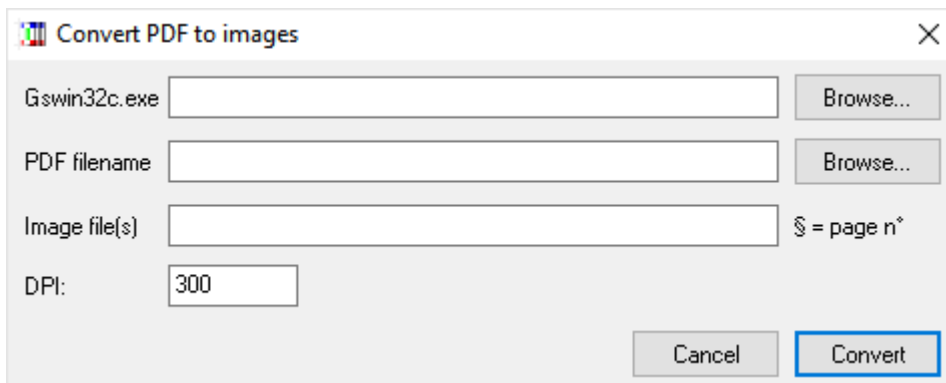


With this form you can specify a path for saving the cards’ images, the file format, the number of threads to be used, the DPI (see page 76) and oversampling (see page 124) values.

Note: every thread uses a separate memory pool, thus it’s possible to use more than 4GBytes of memory.

Convert a PDF to images

The button “CP” in the main window opens this form:



If you have installed Ghostscript (<http://www.ghostscript.com>) you can convert PDF files into images. The first field is for the Ghostscript’s executable; the second is the name of the PDF file, the third is for the resulting images (you can use the \$ character for the page number); the fourth field is for the DPI resolution of the final images.

Command-line parameters

You can run nanDECK from the command line (if you want to execute a script in a batch, for example). The syntax is:

```
nanDECK <script file> <action>
```

The *action* parameter can be one of the following:

```
/createbmp
/createjpg
/createpng          the program creates all the cards and saves them in bmp/jpg/png/gif/tif formats (also with CMYK
/creategif          color space), one file for each card
/createtif
/createtifcmyk

/creategifa
/createpdf          the program creates all the cards and saves them in one single file in animated-gif or pdf format
/createpdfa

/print              the program creates all the cards and prints them with the default printer

/exec               the program runs the script (useful when using SAVE directive)

/range=             the program create only a range of the card, with the syntax start-end (for example /range=1-10)
/output=            this is the path for the resulting files
/dpi=               you can specify a different DPI value (the value in the script isn't used)
/oversample=        you can specify an oversample value (the value in the script isn't used)
/name=              the program uses a label for the name of the card when saved as individual images
```

For example, to save all images obtained with script “c:\my scripts\test01.txt” in png files, you can write:

```
nanDECK "c:\my scripts\test01.txt" /createpng
```

To create a pdf with all the cards, you can write:

```
nanDECK "c:\my scripts\test01.txt" /createpdf
```

The images are created in the same folder for the script, and for multiple images, a number will be added to the end of the filename. In the 1st example, the images will be named:

```
c:\my scripts\test01_01.png
c:\my scripts\test01_02.png
c:\my scripts\test01_03.png
...
```

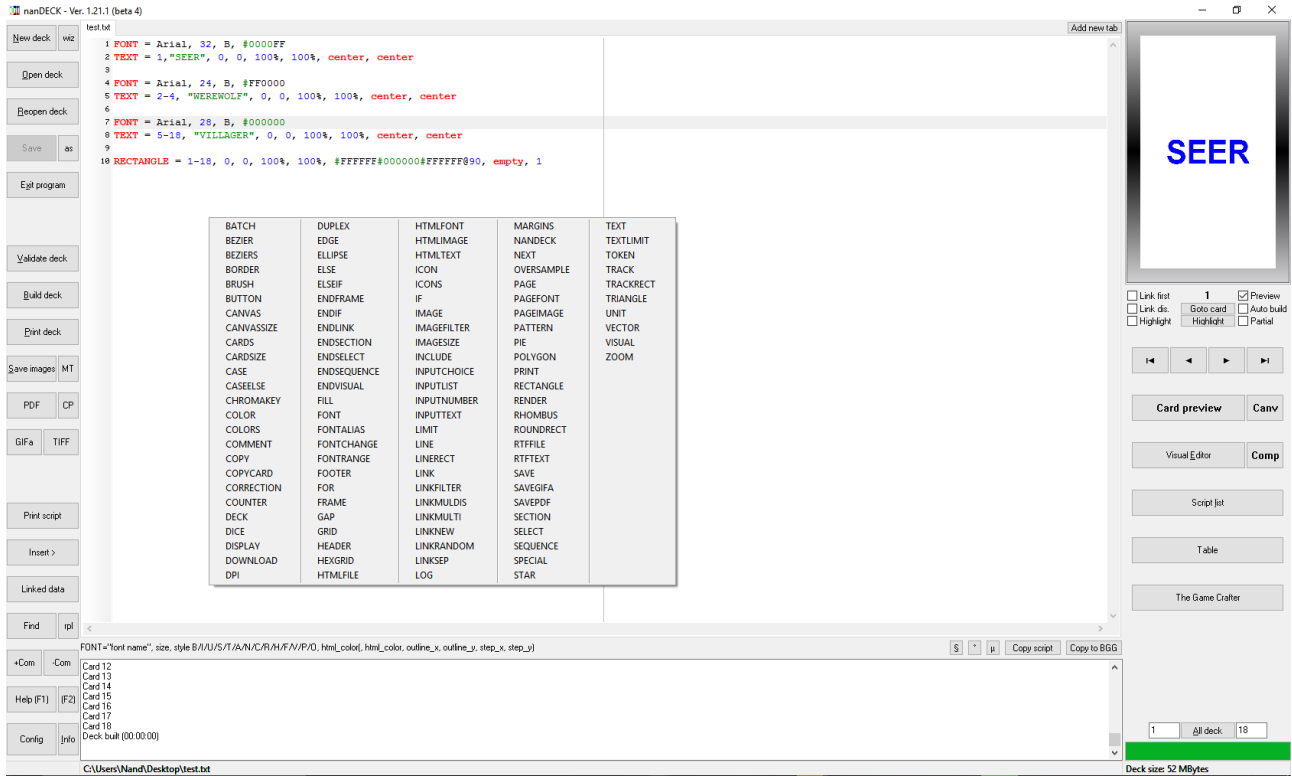
In the 2nd example, the file will be named:

```
c:\my scripts\test01.pdf
```

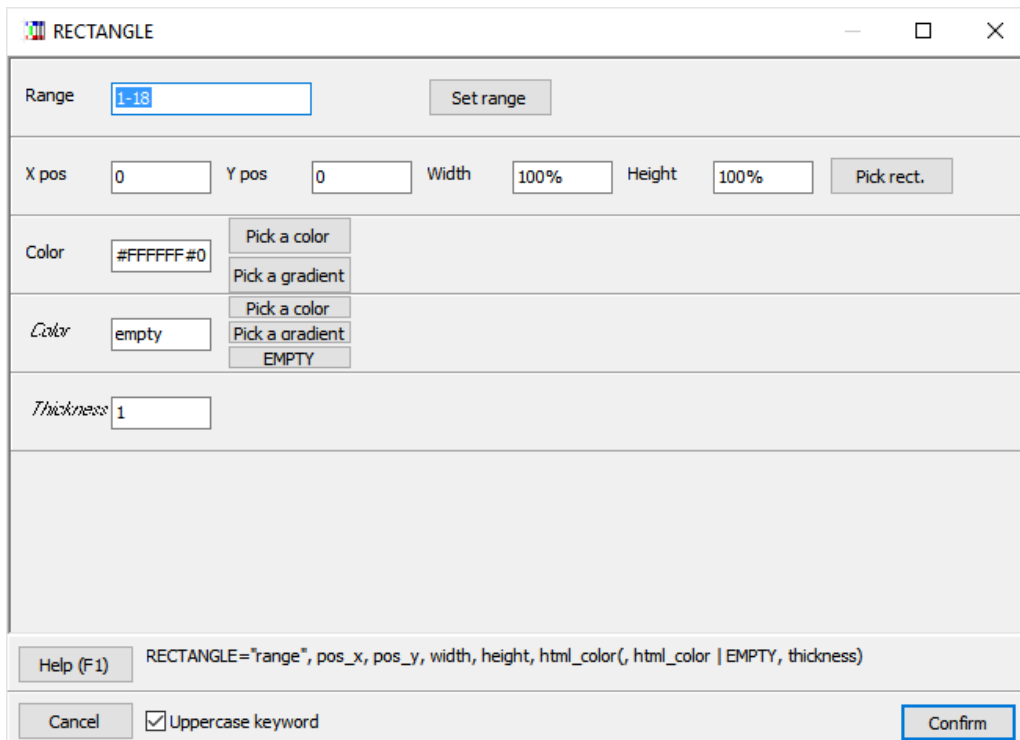
If you leave the *action* parameter empty, the program will only load the script specified in the 2nd parameter.

Keyword wizards

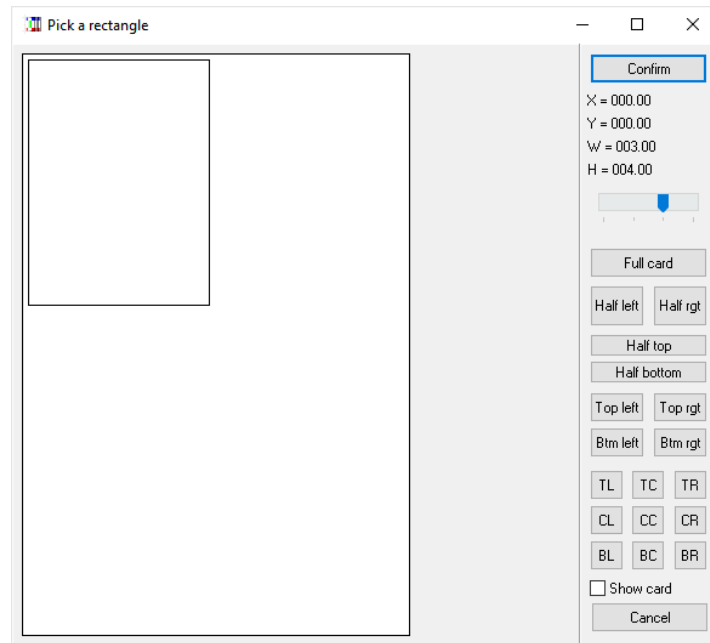
In this program you can use a wizard for inserting keywords (and specifying all the parameters). In the main editor, if you want to insert a directive, right click on an empty row and a menu appears, with all the keywords, if you click on one entry, the corresponding wizard form will be showed:



For every keyword, a different wizard form appears, with all the parameters (obligatory and optional). The same windows appears if you press “F2” (modify) key on a pre-existent row. For example, this is the RECTANGLE wizard form:



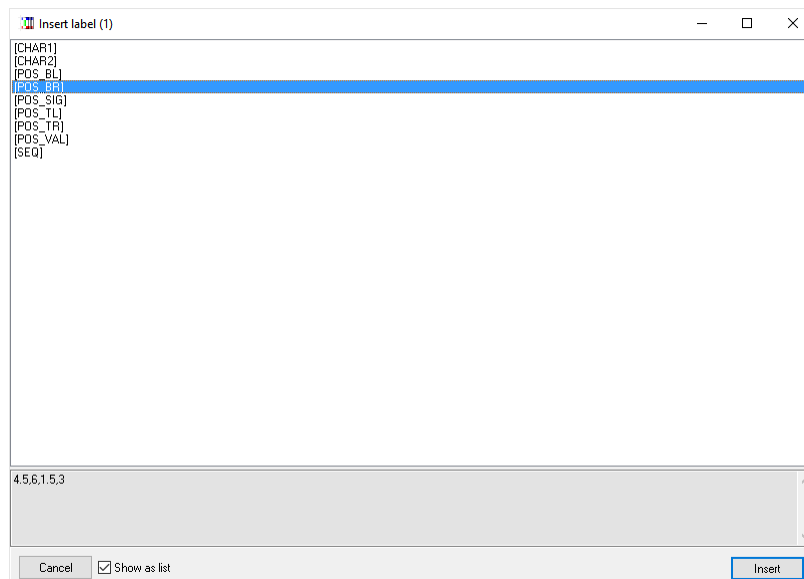
Optional parameters are in *italic* (like *Thickness* in the above form). A hint for the syntax is show in the bottom of the form, with the “**Confirm**”, “**Help**” (it points to the RECTANGLE help page) and “**Cancel**” buttons. For some parameters there are buttons for inserting specific values (like colors and gradients). For position and size there is a specific form (“**Pick rect.**” Button, in the above form):



The rectangle can be moved and resized, dragging it with the mouse; you can use the rightmost buttons to change the rectangle size or position into some standard values.

Tip: you can go directly to this form, pressing the key F3 (or clicking the “Visual edit” button) where you are on a line with a graphic directive.

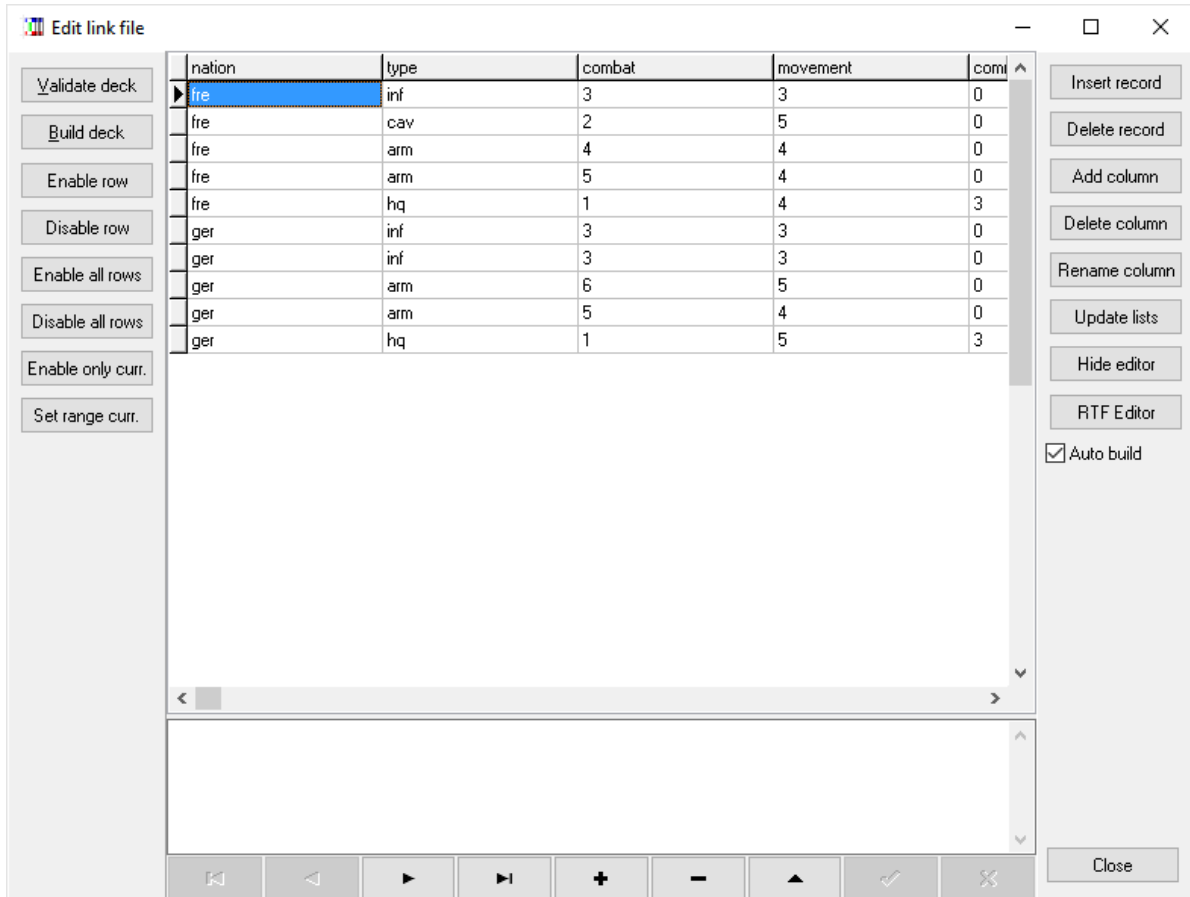
In the wizard form, if you double click in a field, you can choose a label name from a list (you can see also the label’s value):



Tip: in every field you can use the mouse wheel to increase / decrease a numeric value.

Linked data editor

If you use a LINK directive (see page 116) to use a CSV data file, you can edit directly this file using the “Linked data” button. If you click on it, the program shows you a list of linked file. If you choose one of this, a windows opens itself, showing you a table with the file content. For example:



You can modify directly a cell clicking on it (there is a larger edit box on the bottom of the window), you can also change the table' sorting with a click on the column (one click sets an ascending order, another click sets a descending order, it doesn't work for larger fields). With the buttons on the right you can do some tasks, like insert or delete a record, add, delete or rename a column (a field), update the lists of data (in the drop-down menu in each field), hide or show the editor, open an external RTF editor (for the current field) or close the window.

The two buttons “Validate deck” and “Build deck” on the left are replicated from the main window. With the other buttons on the left you enable or disable the current row (putting a ‘ in front of it), or enable or disable all the rows. You can also enable only the current row, or setting the range for the deck building. With the buttons on the lower side of the window (under the edit box) you can move the current record (first, previous, next and last), add (+), delete (-), edit (the triangle), confirm (the check sign) or discard (X) the changes in a record.

All the change made in this window to the linked file will be saved if you save the main script file.

Tip: you can instantly build a single card with a double click on one row of data.

Tip: you can instantly open the external RTF editor with a double click on the lower editor.

Tip: you can select the external RTF in the “Config” button from the main window.

Virtual table

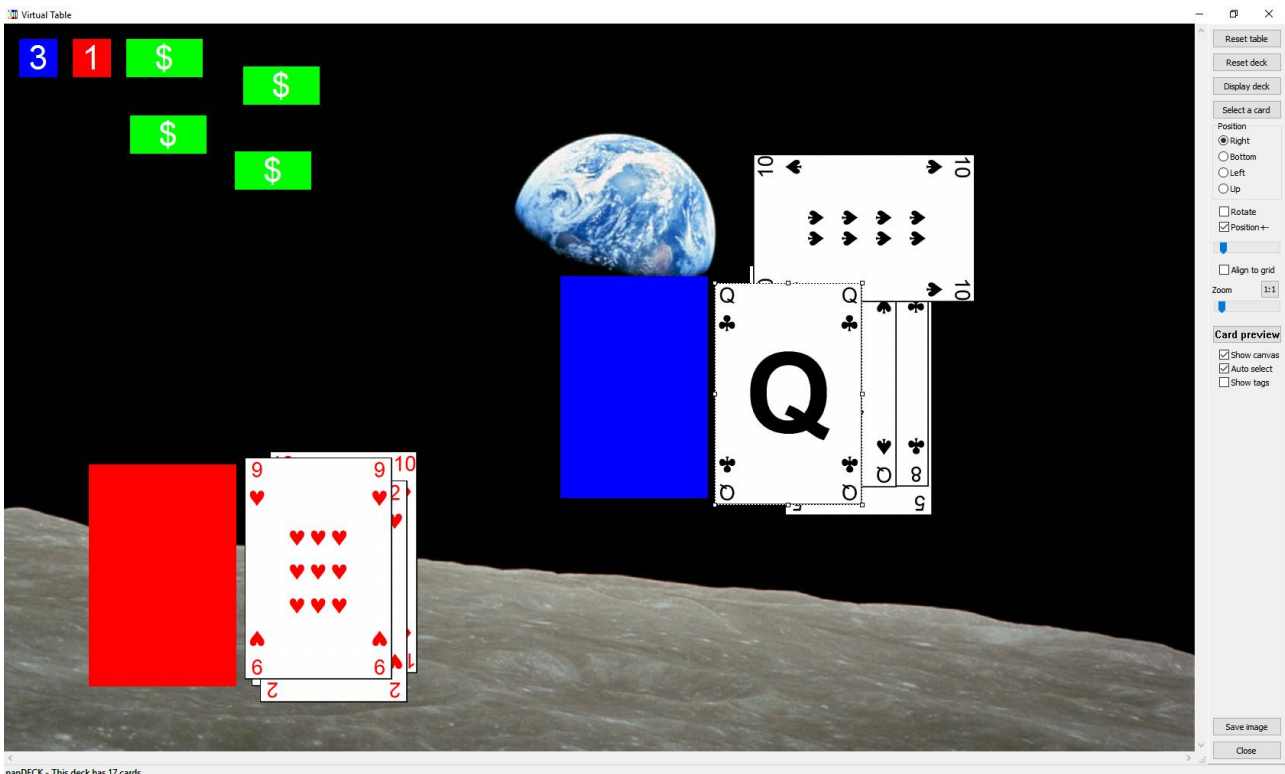
The “Virtual table” option is a desktop in which you can put the result of card rendering, you can use it for saving images for a manual or play test the drawing of cards from a deck. Without modifying your script, you can view the Virtual table clicking on the button “Table” after building a deck. Then you can see a window with your deck in the center of the screen, and you can use these commands:

Mouse commands on decks

click	select deck
double click	draw a card face up
shift double click	draw a card face down
right click	rotate deck 90°
resize	resize deck image
shift resize	resize deck image without keeping size ratio
ctrl resize	resize deck image from the center

Mouse commands on cards

click	select card
double click	turn card face down/face up
right click	rotate card 90°
resize	resize card image
shift resize	resize card image without keeping size ratio
ctrl resize	resize card image from the center
ctrl click	pick all the cards and the decks under the cursor and create a new deck
mouse wheel	zoom table

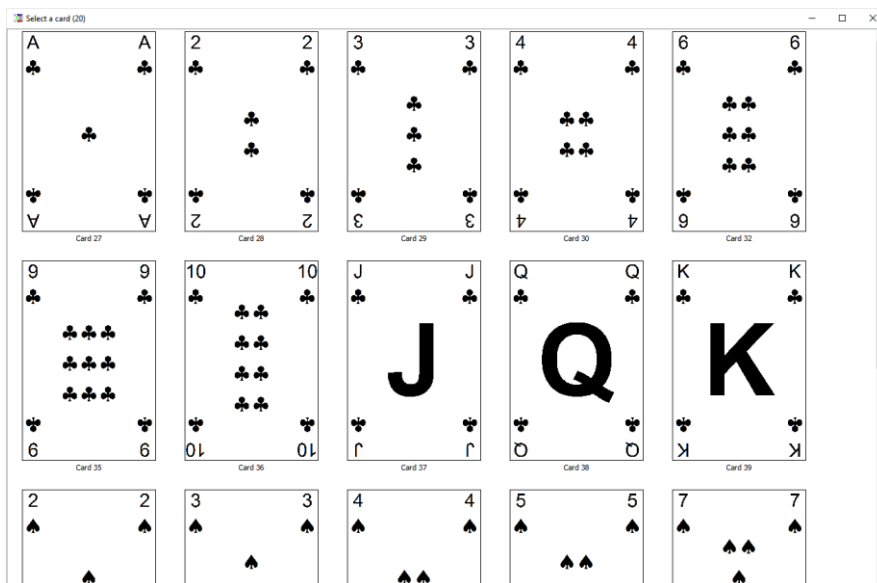


In the bottom line of the window you can read the number of cards in the selected deck. On the right panel you have these controls:

Reset table	this button reset to the initial state all the decks and the elements on the table
Reset deck	this button reset to the initial state the selected deck
Display deck	this button draws all cards in the deck, and position them left to right, top to bottom in the table

Select a card	this button lets you to select a single card from a deck
Position	the card drawn from the deck is placed to this position, relative to its deck
Rotate	after a card is draw, the position is moved to the next
Position +/-	the card drawn is placed in a slightly random direction
Position slider	the amount of the offset of the position when the last option is enabled
Align to Grid	the card drawn is placed in a grid of the same size of the card
Zoom slider	this slider enlarge or reduce the table size
1:1 button	this button reset the zoom
Card preview	this button show the current card, enlarged
Show canvas	the canvas is shown as a background image
Auto select	the elements of the table are selected automatically when the mouse pass over them
Show tags	the tags (see page 143) are shown in the four quadrants of the table
Save image	the table is saved as a bmp file
Close	you close this window

This is the window that the program shows you to select a single card from a deck:



There are two directive that you can use in your script to customize the Virtual table: the DECK directive splits the cards in more than one deck, and the TOKEN directive creates some elements to be used on the table, with a fixed text or a randomized value, in the latter case you can “roll” the token with a double click on it.

Example:

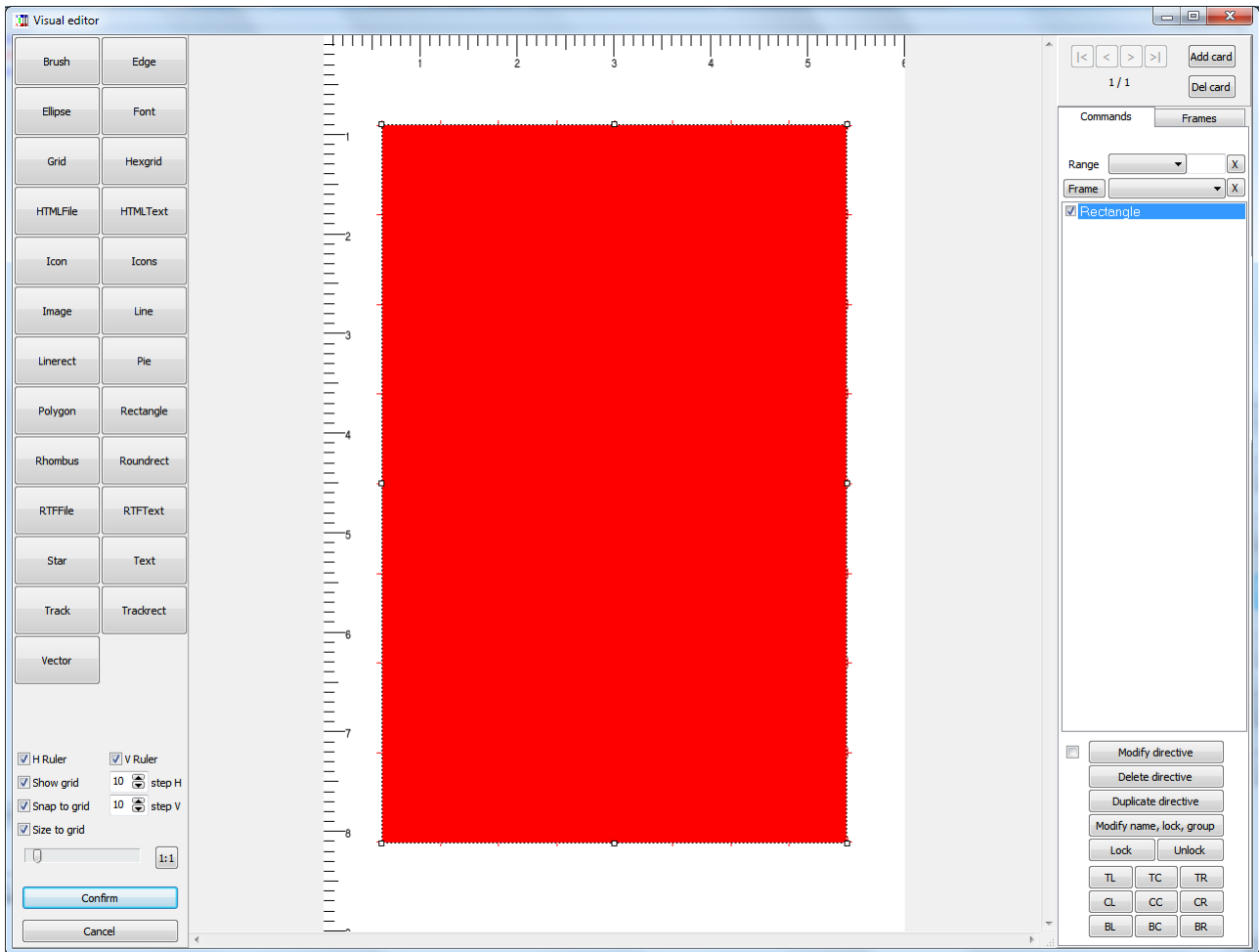
```

...
DECK = "1-26", "Red", #FF0000, 30%
DECK = "27-52", "Black", #0000FF, 30%
TOKEN = "{1d6}", 50, 50, #FFFFFF, #0000FF, 1
TOKEN = "{1d6}", 50, 50, #FFFFFF, #FF0000, 1
TOKEN = "$", 100, 50, #FFFFFF, #00FF00, 10

```

Visual editor

You can open the Visual Editor with a click on the “Visual editor” button, or pressing F4 on the keyboard, this is the main form:



The visual directives are a subset of the standard ones, and are loaded from a section of the source delimited with `VISUAL / ENDVISUAL` directives, for example:

```
VISUAL
ELLIPSE = 1, 0, 0, 100%, 100%, #0000FF
ENDVISUAL
```

With this script, when you press the “Visual Editor” button, the program loads the lines between `VISUAL / ENDVISUAL` in the visual GUI, and you can modify them, or add new directives (with the toolbox on the left of the window).

When you press the “Confirm” button, all the objects are inserted in the source, between `VISUAL / ENDVISUAL`, so there is a two-way interaction between source and GUI (but only in a section of the source). Non-visual directives are not allowed in this section (the program gives an error in the validation step).

If the `VISUAL / ENDVISUAL` section is not present, the program shows you an empty GUI (but you can add new objects) and when you return to the source, a visual section is added to the end of it.

You can see at the right of the GUI window a list of directives, that will go to the source if confirmed, that are layered from the top (first, to the rear) to the bottom (last, to the front). They can be drag and dropped across the list to change their layer position (the result is shown immediately in the main panel).

At the top right of the window there are some buttons to navigate through the deck (and add or delete cards), a combo box for choosing a label / sequence to be inserted in directives like TEXT or IMAGE and another combo box for choosing a sequence to be used with a LABELRANGE function to choose a range (the object is shown only when the item of the sequence is equal to "1").

The last combo box is when you want to link the object to a frame (only frames defined within VISUAL / ENDVISUAL section are shown); these frames are shown by clicking on the "Frames" tab (all other objects are locked); in this tab you can also enable only a group of frames: to define a group you can create frames with a **group/name** syntax (for example: **group1/frame1**, **group1/frame2**, etc.). If you enable the option "Change objects' frames", when you choose a group the program will move all the objects that has frames with compatible names to the new frames.

In the bottom left of the windows there are the controls for showing h/v rulers, a grid (with the number of horizontal and vertical steps) and snap/size to the grid, a slider for zooming in and out the card, and a button "**1:1**" for restoring a 100% zoom.

In the bottom right there are nine buttons, to move the selected element to these positions. If you use the right mouse, the element instead of being moved is resized (for example, the CC button resize it to the whole card).

Mouse controls:

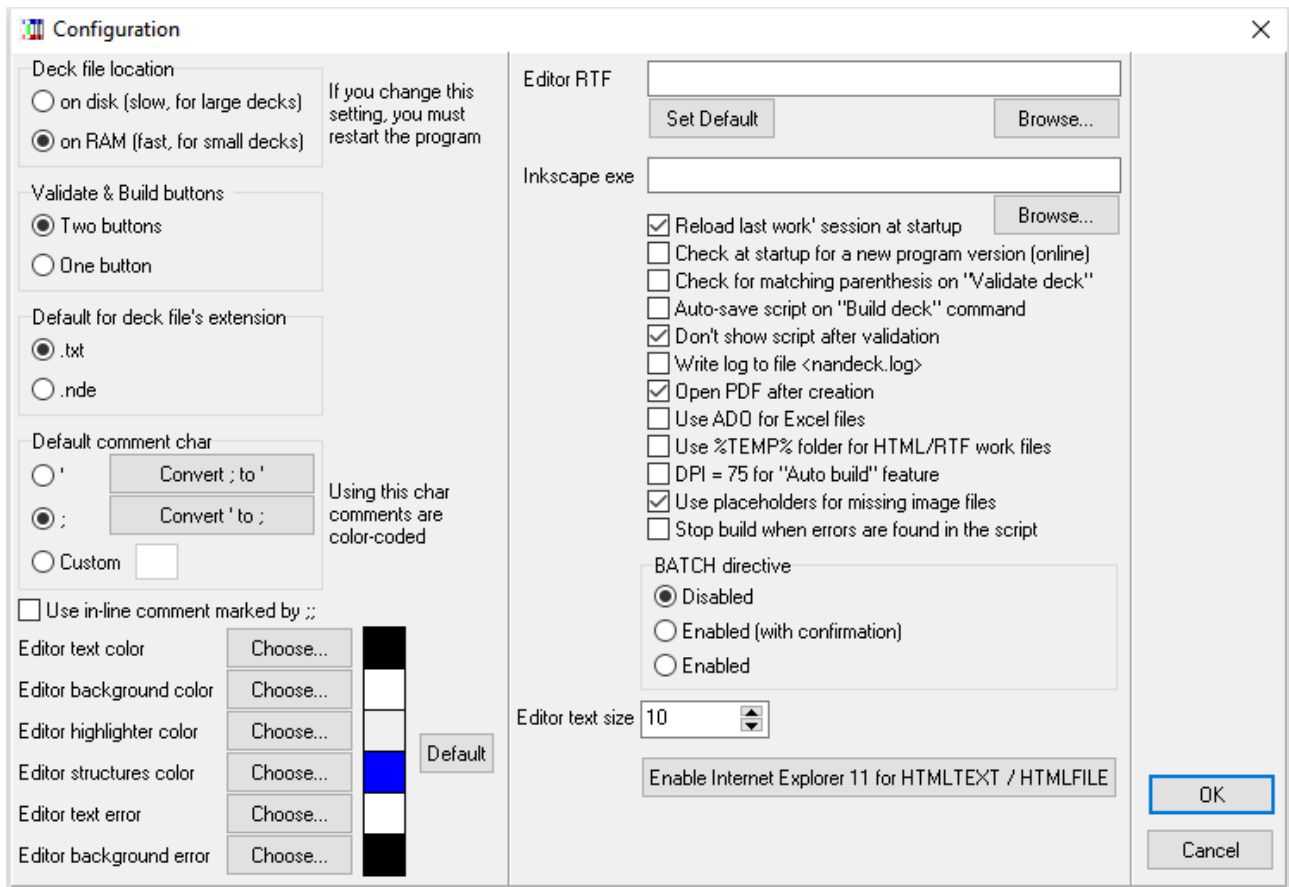
- double click (on the command, to the right of the screen): modify comment, lock and group of an object,
- right click (on the object and the command): modify the parameters utilized for rendering,
- use mouse wheel for zooming the card's image,
- use CTRL + mouse wheel to move between cards.

Shortcuts:

F2	modify current element
Del	delete current element
CTRL+D	duplicate the current object,
CTRL+L	lock the position of the current object,
CTRL+U	unlock the position of the current object.

Configuration

The “Config” button on the main window brings you to the configuration window:



Deck file location: the program can run in two modes, the default “on RAM” setting uses RAM for the card rendering, it is fast, but if you have many high-resolution cards it can slow down the whole computer (when the RAM is full). Instead the “on disk” setting is slower, but it can render many high-resolution cards without slowing down your PC. The same is true if you have very large decks (thousands of cards).

Validate & Build buttons: usually “Validate” and “Build” are two distinct buttons in the main window. With this option, you can have one single button “Validate & Build”; if you click it, the script will be first validated, and if valid, the deck will be built next.

Default for deck file’s extension: with this option you can choose the default extension between “.txt” and “.nde” (and assigning these files to the nanDECK program, and open them with a double click).

Default comment char: with this option you can choose the character used for commenting lines, and changing all of them from one to another, you can also use a custom character (instead of the default ‘ and ;).

Use in-line comment marked by ;;: if you enable this option, you can use a double comment char for inserting comments on the same line used for commands. For example (with the default “;” comment char):

```
CARDSIZE = 6, 9 ;; default card size
```

Editor text color,
Editor background color,
Editor highlighter color,
Editor structures color,
Editor text error,

Editor background error color: with these buttons you can change the default colors for the editor text, background, highlighted line, lines that contain special directives, text and background for lines that contain errors (and re-setting them to the default values by pressing the **Default** button).

Editor RTF: this is the path to the executable file called when you want to edit a field text in a linked file with an external RTF editor. You can also choose the default executable linked with an “.rtf” file extension.

Inkscape exe: this is the path to the executable file for Inkscape, used with the VECTOR directive (see page 152) when you want to use it for the rendering, instead of the internal engine (the default, less accurate).

Reload last work’ session at startup: with this option enabled, at the start the program loads the file(s) opened in the last session.

Check at startup for a new program version (online): with this option enabled, at the start the program checks online if a new release is available for the download, and warns you in the window’s title.

Check for matching parenthesis on “Validate deck”: with this option enabled, the program checks if the parenthesis match in all your script.

Auto-save script on “Build deck” command: with this option enabled, the program always saves the script when you click on the “Build deck” button.

Don’t show script after validation: usually the program, after the validation procedure, writes the script in the lower box in the main window. With this option enabled, the script is not written (speeding up the validation process).

Write log to file <nandeck.log>: with this option enable, you can save the program log (all the text shown in the lower box in the main window) in a text file.

Open PDF after creation: with this option enabled, after a PDF is created, the program opens it, using the default application associated with “.pdf” extension.

Use ADO for Excel files: with this option for loading files from Excel is used an ADO library, is slower than the internal method, but you can open files that are concurrently open in Excel.

Use %TEMP% folder for RTF/HTML work files: these directives create a temporary file, if you enable this option that file will be create in the temporary folder, if you disable this option it will be created in the current folder. Note that if you have projects in folder linked to a cloud service (like Dropbox™) you should enable this option.

DPI = 75 for “Auto build” feature: if you have enabled the “Auto build” option, if this option is enabled, the preview is done at a lower resolution (useful for slow PC).

Use placeholders for missing image files: if you specify file images that doesn’t exists, the program creates them (a random color bitmap with the name of the file repeated on it) and shows you in a window the list of the missing files.

Stop build when errors are found in the script: with this option enabled, the validate procedure is stopped when an error is found in the editor, if it is disabled, the line with errors are highlighted and the validation is completed.

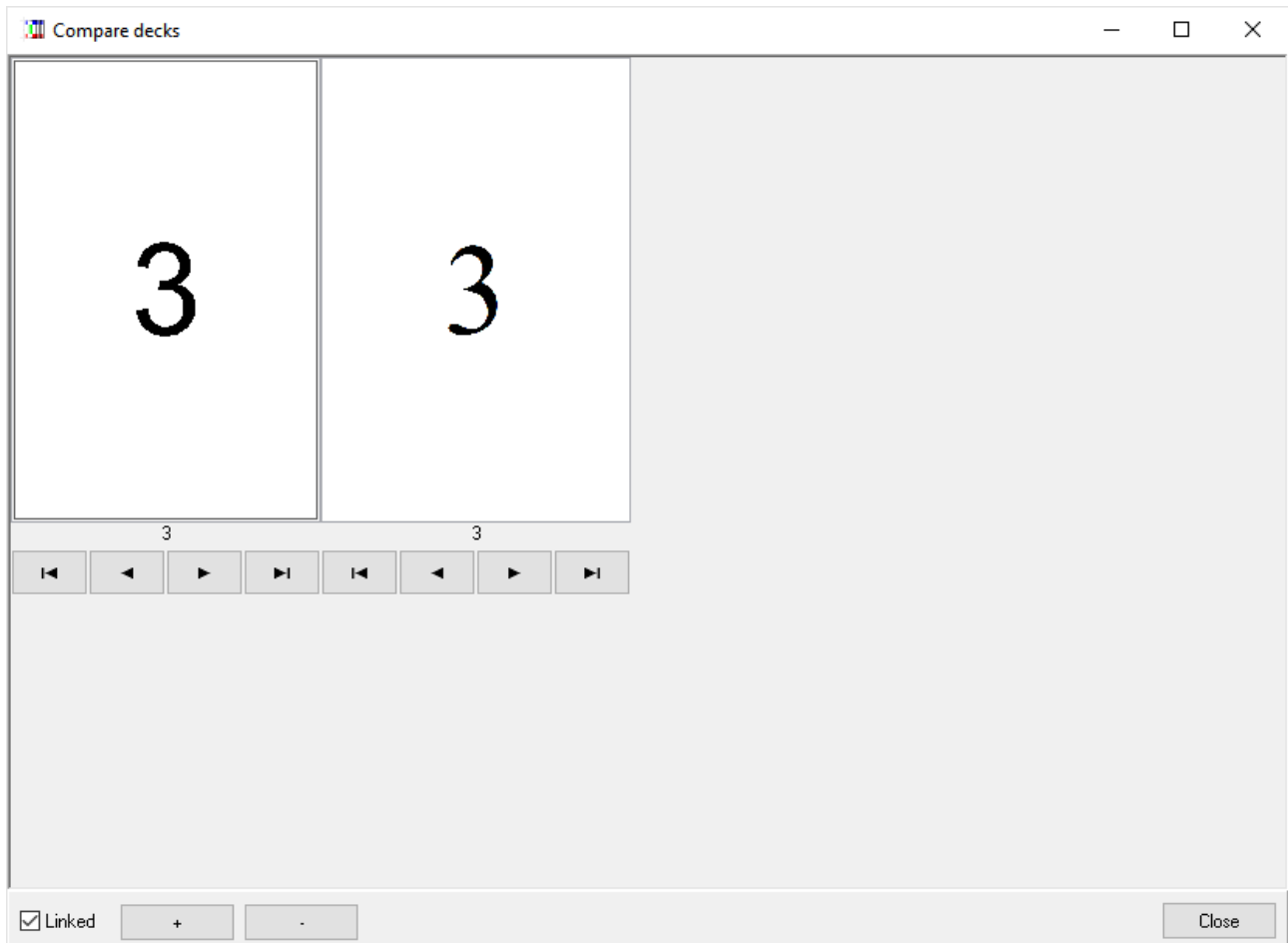
BATCH directive: for security reason the BATCH directive (see page 59) must be enabled before use, selecting an option from “Disabled”, “Enabled (with confirmation)”, and “Enabled”.

Editor text size: this number sets the size of the font for the editor’s character (the default is 10).

Enable Internet Explorer 11 for HTMLTEXT / HTMLFILE: as a default a program can’t use Internet Explorer features beyond version 6, until there is a specific entry in Windows’ Regedit; by using this button the program writes that correct entry.

Compare decks

When you have loaded more than one deck (adding another tab with CTRL+N) you can view them side to side by clicking on the “Comp” button in the right side of the main window:



You can browse the decks with the arrow buttons (linked by default, but you can remove this feature with the “Linked” checkbox) and you can zoom in or out with the two buttons “+” and “-”.

Shortcuts

At the start, nanDECK reads a **shortcuts.txt** file from the same folder, and creates shortcuts for every line read (or combinations of lines). You can recall these clip of text with combinations of keys like **Ctrl + Alt + letter** or **Ctrl + Alt + Shift + letter**. The lines associated with the *letter* character, lower of uppercase, (identified before a “:” colon) are inserted in the main editor (in the current edit position).

For example, if you have this **shortcuts.txt** file (created with Notepad or another text editor):

```
r:RECTANGLE = 1, 0, 0, 100%, 100%, #0000FF
T:FONT = ARIAL, 32, , #000000
TEXT = 1, "Test", 0, 0, 100%, 100%
```

You can press **Ctrl + Alt + r** for the RECTANGLE line or **Ctrl + Alt + Shift + t** for the FONT + TEXT lines.

References

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BoardGameGeek Guild	http://www.boardgamegeek.com/guild/454

F.A.Q.

1) When I must use quotes (“)?

This program uses an interpreter for the evaluation of all parameters, this code separates them using commas (,). So, if a parameter has a comma in it, you must enclose the parameter in quotes. Otherwise, if a parameter has no commas, the quotes are optional (the program will accept the parameter with or without quote), but for some parameter quotes are an error (for numeric parameters, for example).

Correct examples:

```
IMAGE = "1-10", "c:\my images\earth.jpg", 0, 0, 6, 9, 0
IMAGE = 1-10, c:\my images\earth.jpg, 0, 0, 6, 9, 0
TEXT = 1-10, "This, is a test", 0, 0, 6, 9
```

Note: quotes in ranges aren't needed.

Wrong example:

```
TEXT = 1-10, This, is a test, 0, 0, 6, 9
```

The 2nd parameter will be split into “This” for 2nd parameter and “is a test” for 3th.

2) How I can insert quotes (or another character) in a text?

You can use `\n` syntax to insert a character in a text, with **n** being the ASCII code of that character, for example, if you want to enclose a text in quotes (ASCII 34) or add a new line (ASCII 13):

```
FONT = Arial, 32, , #000000
TEXT = 1, "I say \34\Hello\34\"", 0, 0, 6, 9, center, center
```

3) Why this program uses so much memory?

This program has two settings for storing cards during creation: RAM or disk. The default setting is in RAM, and you can change that in the “Config” window, remember that RAM is faster (and you can run multiple instances of the program) but the computer may slow down when it starts using swap space; on disk is slower (can you can’t run multiple instances) but the speed remains the same even with very large decks (or higher DPI settings).

4) Why there is option (X) if you can use (Y)?

When writing this program I tried to maintain backward compatibility with previous version, so you can do the same thing in more than one way. For example: WWTOP option for vertical alignment in TEXT command is equal to CENTER, for backward compatibility.

5) There is a Linux version?

No, but if you install Wine you can run the same nanDECK version for Windows on your Linux, with all the major features; also, if you want better compatibility, you can download and install the “Microsoft core fonts”.

Wine <http://www.winehq.org/>
Microsoft core fonts <http://sourceforge.net/projects/corefonts/files/the%20fonts/>

Note : with a recent update, nanDECK uses a DLL (FONTSUB.DLL) that is not present in every distribution, if this is the case the program won’t start, you must download a zip that includes this file from here:

http://www.nand.it/nandeck/nandeck_wine.zip

6) There is a Mac version?

No, but if you install Winebottler (and XQuartz) you can run the same nanDECK version for Windows on your OSX, with all the major features. You can use also an emulator like Virtual Box (free) or Parallels (commercial software).

Winebottler <http://winebottler.kronenberg.org/>
XQuartz <http://xquartz.macosforge.org/>

Note : with a recent update, nanDECK uses a DLL (FONTSUB.DLL) that is not present in every distribution, if this is the case the program won’t start, you must download a zip that includes this file from here:

http://www.nand.it/nandeck/nandeck_wine.zip

Directives

BATCH

This directive executes an external batch script (a text file with a “.bat.” extension). For security reasons, you must enable the relative option in the Configuration form: here you can choose between “Disabled”, “Enabled (with confirmation)”, and “Enabled”.

Syntax:

BATCH = “batch file”

Parameters:

“**batch file**”: path and name for a batch file.

Example:

```
BATCH = "c:\bat\copy_files.bat"
```

BEZIER

This directive draws a Bezier curve from a starting point (x1, y1) to an ending point (x2, y2), using two “handles” (h1 and h2).

Syntax:

BEZIER = “range”, x1, y1, h1_x, h1_y, h2_x, h2_y, x2, y2, html color, *thickness*, *end arrow*, *start arrow*

Parameters:

“**range**”: a set of cards,

x1, y1: coordinates of starting point (in cm),

h1_x, h1_y: coordinates of handle for starting point (in cm),

h2_x, h2_y: coordinates of handle for ending point (in cm),

x2, y2: coordinates of ending point (in cm),

html color: color of the curve, in the same format used for HTML. You can also specify a gradient,

thickness: thickness of the curve (in cm), if omitted, the curve is 1 pixel wide,

end arrow: width of the arrow (in cm), if omitted (or zero) there is no arrow at the end of the curve,

start arrow: width of the arrow (in cm), if omitted (or zero) there is no arrow at the start of the curve.

Example:

```
BEZIER = 1, 1.5, 0, 1.5, 4.5, 4.5, 4.5, 4.5, 4.5, 9, #0000FF, 0.15
BEZIER = 1, 4.5, 0, 4.5, 4.5, 1.5, 4.5, 1.5, 9, #0000FF, 0.15
BEZIER = 1, 0, 3, 3, 3, 3, 6, 6, 6, #FF0000, 0.15
BEZIER = 1, 0, 6, 3, 6, 3, 3, 3, 6, 3, #FF0000, 0.15
```

Result: *Image 11*

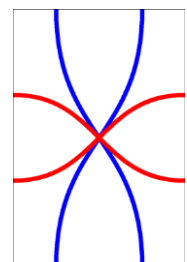


Image 11

BEZIERS

This directive draws a Bezier curve from a starting point (from the last BEZIERS directive) to an ending point (x, y), using two “handles” (one from the last directive and one from parameter h). The first directive sets only the starting point, for each subsequent directive a curve is drawn (the starting point for the next curve is the ending point of the last). For restarting the process, you can specify a BEZIERS with only the range parameter.

Syntax:

BEZIERS = “range”, x, y, h_x, h_y, *html color*, *thickness*, *end arrow*, *start arrow*

Parameters:

“range”: a set of cards,

x, y: coordinates of starting/ending point (in cm),

h_x, h_y: coordinates of handle for starting/ending point (in cm),

html color: color of the curve, in the same format used for HTML. You can also specify a gradient,

thickness: thickness of the curve (in cm), if omitted, the curve is 1 pixel wide,

end arrow: width of the arrow (in cm), if omitted (or zero) there is no arrow at the end of the curve,

start arrow: width of the arrow (in cm), if omitted (or zero) there is no arrow at the start of the curve.

Example:

```
BEZIERS = 1, 0, 0, 3, 0, #000000, 0.1
BEZIERS = 1, 0, 3, 3, 3, #FF0000, 0.1, 0.5
BEZIERS = 1, 0, 6, 3, 6, #00FF00, 0.1, 0.5
BEZIERS = 1, 0, 9, 3, 9, #0000FF, 0.1, 0.5
```

Result: Image 12

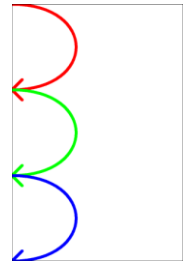


Image 12

BLEED

This directive fills the space beyond a rectangle with the colors from the border of the rectangle, if you don't specify the size of the outer rectangle, this directive fills the whole card.

Syntax:

```
BLEED = "range", pos_x, pos_y, width, height, pos_x2, pos_y2, width2, height2
```

Parameters:

"range": a set of cards

pos_x: horizontal position (in cm)

pos_y: vertical position (in cm)

width: width of the rectangle (in cm)

height: height of the rectangle (in cm)

pos_x2: horizontal position (in cm) of the outer rectangle

pos_y2: vertical position (in cm) of the outer rectangle

width2: width of the outer rectangle (in cm)

height2: height of the outer rectangle (in cm)

Examples:

```
BLEED = "1-10", 1, 1, 4, 7
```

```
BLEED = "1-10", 1, 1, 4, 7, 0.5, 0.5, 5, 6
```

BORDER

This directive draws a border around all the cards.

Syntax:

`BORDER = border type, html color, thickness, guidelines, guide color, mark size, horizontal guide offset, vertical guide offset`

Parameters:

border type: the type of border can be chosen between:

RECTANGLE	draws a rectangle
ROUNDED	draws a rectangle with rounded corners
MARK	draws cut marks
NONE	no border

html color: color of the border, in the same format used for HTML, black if not specified,

thickness: thickness of the border (in cm), if omitted, it is 1 pixel wide,

Note: the thickness of the border is measured on two cards; if you use a thickness of 1 cm, for example, on each card the border is 0.5 cm wide.

guidelines: this is for drawing lines beyond the card's boundaries (over the page's margins). You can choose between:

NONE	no guidelines (the default)
DOTTED	dotted lines
SOLID	solid lines
MARK	draws cut marks only (solid lines)
MARKDOT	draws cut marks only (dotted lines)

guide color: color of the guidelines, in the same format used for HTML, black if not specified,

mark size: length of the cut marks (in cm) for MARK border type,

horizontal guide offset: horizontal guides are displaced of an offset (in cm), zero if not specified,

vertical guide offset: vertical guides are displaced of an offset (in cm), equal to horizontal offset if not specified.

Examples:

```
BORDER = RECTANGLE
```

```
BORDER = ROUNDED, #0000FF, 0.5
```

BRUSH

This directive changes the style used for filling the shapes in these directives:

ELLIPSE
FILL
HEXGRID
PIE
POLYGON
RECTANGLE
ROUNRECT
STAR
TRIANGLE

Syntax:

BRUSH="range", style, *image file*, *width*, *height*

Parameters:

“**range**”: a set of cards,

style: you can choose a style between these options:

SOLID	draws a solid fill (the default),
DIAGLEFT	fills with lines, drawn diagonally from top right to bottom left,
DIAGRIGHT	fills with lines, drawn diagonally from top left to bottom right,
SQUARE	fills with squares,
CROSS	fills with squares, rotated 45°,
HORIZONTAL	fills with lines, drawn horizontally,
VERTICAL	fills with lines, drawn vertically,
CUSTOM	fills with an image

image file: the image file used for filling the shapes

width: width of the image, in cm

height: height of the image, in cm

Examples:

```
BRUSH="1-10", SQUARE
```

```
BRUSH="1-10", CUSTOM, "dots.gif", 5%, 5%
```

BUTTON

This directive draws a 3D rectangle over a set of cards. This directive works only if you have previously drawn something in the specified area.

Syntax:

BUTTON = “range”, position x, position y, width, height, depth, flag

Parameters:

“range”: a set of cards,

position x: horizontal position (in cm),

position y: vertical position (in cm),

width: width of the rectangle (in cm),

height: height of the rectangle (in cm),

depth: width of the 3D border,

flag: one or more of the following flags:

I from out to in
O from in to out
G gradient effect

Example:

```
RECTANGLE = 1, 1, 1, 4, 3, #00FFFF  
RECTANGLE = 1, 1, 5, 4, 3, #00FFFF  
BUTTON = 1, 1, 1, 4, 3, 0.3, I  
BUTTON = 1, 1, 5, 4, 3, 0.3, O
```

Result: *Image 13*

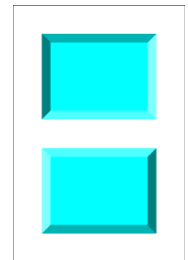


Image 13

CANVAS

With this directive the program splits the canvas (card 0) onto a range of cards. The canvas' size can be decided with a CANVASSIZE directive (see page 66).

Syntax:

CANVAS = "range"

Parameters:

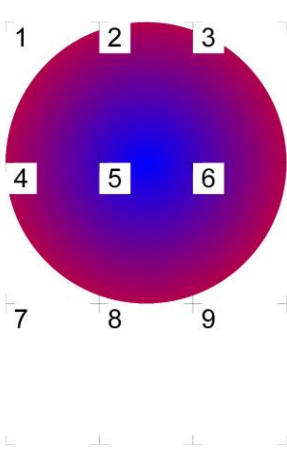
"range": a set of cards.

Tip: You can view the content of the canvas bitmap with a click on the button "Canv" (to the right of the "Card preview" button). You can reduce/enlarge it with a double-click on the image.

For example, if you must draw a large circle, to be split onto six cards, you can use the CANVASSIZE/CANVAS directives, like in this script:

```
BORDER = MARK
CANVASSIZE = 18, 18
CANVAS = 1-6
ELLIPSE = 0, 0, 0, 18, 18, #0000FF#FF0000@360
FONT = Arial, 48, , #000000
TEXT= 1-9, {$}, 0, 0, 2, 2, CENTER, CENTER
```

This is the resulting printed page (I've added a number in the top-left corner of each card for helping identify them):



CANVASSIZE

This directive sets the size of the canvas (card number 0). If omitted, is considered to be 6 cm x 9 cm. The card 0 is a card that isn't printed with the deck, is can have a different size than the standard card and can be used in two ways: as a drawing board to realize special effects, and to draw a larger card that must be split onto several standard cards, using the CANVAS directive (see page 65).

Syntax:

CANVASSIZE = width, height

Example:

```
CANVASSIZE = 12, 18
```

CANVASWORK

This directive tells the program to draw the canvas (card 0) after drawing the range of cards specified in the parameter.

Syntax:

CANVASWORK = "range"

Parameters:

"range": a set of cards.

CARDS

This directive can be used to specify the total number of cards that compose the current deck.

Syntax:

CARDS = number

This directive is somehow obsolete, if you don't specify it, the total number of cards is deducted from the other directives. For example, in that script the total number of cards is set to 20:

```
RECTANGLE = "1-5,15-20", 0, 0, 6, 9, #00FF00
```

But, if you specify also a CARDS directive, the cards' number is forced. For example, in that script the total number of cards is set to 15 (and the extra cards specified in RECTANGLE are ignored):

```
CARDS = 15  
RECTANGLE = "1-5,15-20", 0, 0, 6, 9, #00FF00
```

CARDSIZE

This directive sets the size of cards (in cm). If omitted, is considered to be 6 cm x 9 cm.

Syntax:

CARDSIZE = width, height

Examples:

```
CARDSIZE = 5, 10
```

```
CARDSIZE = 2.5, 2.5
```

CASE

This directive is used in a structure SELECT...ENDSELECT to specify a code that must be executed when the value in the SELECT is equal to a specific value (see page 139).

Syntax:

CASE = value

Parameters:

value: a string, number, label or expression that can be evaluated.

CASEELSE

This directive is used in a structure SELECT...ENDSELECT to specify a code that must be executed only if all the CASEs directives are not executed (see page 139).

Syntax:

CASEELSE

Parameters:

None

CHROMAKEY

This directive sets the color to be treated as transparent during image loading (with IMAGE directive, see page 104). The default transparent color, if CHROMAKEY was not used, is the color in the top-left pixel of the image.

Syntax:

CHROMAKEY = html color / corner type, *level*

Parameters:

corner type: the color will be picked from one of the four corners:

TOPLEFT
TOPRIGHT
BOTTOMLEFT
BOTTOMRIGHT

level: if specified, are treated as transparent also the colors within a level of difference from the base transparent color (calculated as a distance in CIELab space).

Examples:

CHROMAKEY = #FFFFFF

CHROMAKEY = TOPLEFT

COLOR

This directive modifies the colors, brightness, contrast and saturation of images (and text) being rendered on a range of cards. See directives IMAGE (page 104), ICONS (page 100), PATTERN (page 127) and TEXT (page 143).

Syntax:

COLOR = "range", html color, *brightness/contrast/saturation*

Parameters:

"range": a set of cards,

html color: color used for rendering the image, in the same format used for HTML. If you want to maintain the original colors, you must use a median gray (#808080).

brightness/contrast/saturation: a triplets of brightness, contrast and saturation value, used for rendering the image, written in hexadecimal format (similar to an html color), starting with an ampersand (&) character. If you want to maintain some of the original values, use the median value (hexadecimal 80). If this parameter is omitted, are used three neutral values (&808080).

Examples:

```
COLOR = 1, #00FF00  
IMAGE = 1, "c:\images\earth.jpg", 0, 0, 6, 9, 0, P  
Result: Image 14
```

```
COLOR = 1, #808080, &FF8080  
IMAGE = 1, "c:\images\earth.jpg", 0, 0, 6, 9, 0, P  
Result: Image 15
```

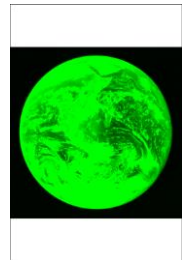


Image 14



Image 15

COLORS

This directive writes from one to four colors into as many variables, that can be used instead of a color value.

Syntax:

COLORS = “range”, *html color1*, *html color2*, *html color3*, *html color4*, *html color 5*

Parameters:

“range”: a set of cards,

html color1: a color value, in HTML format, that is stored into variable #ZZZZZZ

html color2: a color value, in HTML format, that is stored into variable #YYYYYY

html color3: a color value, in HTML format, that is stored into variable #XXXXXX

html color4: a color value, in HTML format, that is stored into variable #WWWWWW

html color5: a color value, in HTML format, that is stored into variable #VVVVVV

Instead of a color, you can use another variable, or the syntax #XçY to read a color located at position X, Y of the current card (you can use also % with each value, for example: #50%ç50%).

With the syntax #X1çY1çX2çY2 you can read the most used color in an image, (the image starts from X1, Y1 and end to X2, Y2).

With the syntax #X1çY1çX2çY2çMinçMax you can read the most used color in an image, (the image starts from X1, Y1 and end to X2, Y2), excluding colors with percent brightness lower than **Min** and higher than **Max**.

With the syntax #AAAAA>#BBBBB<#CCCCC you can select between two color: if the brightness of color #A is more or equal to 50%, the variable is set to color #B, if the brightness is less than 50%, the variable is set to color #C.

Every color can be also modified adding a value for saturation and a value for brightness change (in percent), with the syntax #000000+saturation+brightness (the values for saturation and brightness can also be negatives).

Example:

```
COLORS = 1, #FF0000
COLORS = 2, #00FF00
COLORS = 3, #0000FF
RECTANGLE = 1-3, 0, 0, 100%, 100%, #ZZZZZZ
```

COMMENT

This directive sets the character used for comments, and eventually activate the in-line comments. The utilization of this directive is equivalent to the settings in the "Config" section of the program.

Syntax:

```
COMMENT = character, INLINE
```

Parameters:

character: the character used for comments, it must be the first character of the line,

INLINE: the same character (doubled) will be used for in-line comments.

Examples:

```
COMMENT = &  
& This is a comment
```

```
COMMENT = !, INLINE  
RECTANGLE=1, 0, 0, 6, 9, #00FF00 !! This is another comment
```

COPY

This directive does a copy-and-paste of a section of a card into another position on the same card. If you want to copy a section of a card onto another card, you must use the SAVE and IMAGE directives (see page 137).

Syntax:

COPY = "range", position x start, position y start, width start, height start, position x end, position y end, width end, height end, angle, *flags*

Parameters:

"range": a set of cards,

position x start: starting horizontal position (in cm) of the image,

position y start: starting vertical position (in cm) of the image,

width start: starting width of the image (in cm),

height start: starting height of the image (in cm),

position x end: ending horizontal position (in cm) of the image,

position y end: ending vertical position (in cm) of the image,

width end: ending width of the image (in cm),

height end: ending height of the image (in cm),

angle: angle of image rotation, can be 0 for no rotation,

flags: in this parameter you can specify a special behavior for the image, possible values are:

H Horizontal mirror
V Vertical mirror

Example:

```
IMAGE = 1, " c:\images\earth.jpg", 0, 0, 3, 3.5, 0, P
FONT = Arial, 16, , #FFFFFF, #00000
TEXT = 1, "Earth", 0, 3.5, 3, 1, CENTER, CENTER
COPY = 1, 0, 0, 3, 4.5, 3, 0, 3, 4.5, 0, H
COPY = 1, 0, 0, 3, 4.5, 0, 4.5, 3, 4.5, 0, V
COPY = 1, 0, 0, 3, 4.5, 3, 4.5, 3, 4.5, 0, HV
```

Result: Image 16



Image 16

COPYCARD

This directive duplicates cards from a source range to a destination range. Both source and destination ranges can be single cards.

Syntax:

COPYCARD = "destination range", "source range"

Parameters:

"destination range": a set of cards,

"source range": a set of cards.

Example:

```
COPYCARD = "5-8", "1-2"
```

This is the deck, before the directive:

CARD 1
CARD 2
CARD 3
CARD 4

This is the deck, after the directive:

CARD 1
CARD 2
CARD 3
CARD 4
CARD 1
CARD 2
CARD 1
CARD 2

CORRECTION

This directive enables/disables the pixel correction. If enabled, one pixel is added to width and heights of ELLIPSE, RECTANGLE, ROUNDRECT, and RHOMBUS directives. The correction default is ON.

Syntax:

CORRECTION = "range", flag

Parameters:

"range": a range of cards,

"flag": values accepted are:

ON Pixel correction enabled
OFF Pixel correction disabled

Example:

```
CORRECTION = 1, OFF
```

COUNTER

This directive sets a counter to a value. A counter is a variable that can be used in expressions (see page 35). This directive can be used with a dice (see DICE directive, page 75) to revert it into a counter. Note: after the build a warning is issued if one counter is used in an expression without being initialized.

Syntax:

COUNTER = "range", counter, value

Parameters:

"range": a set of cards,

counter: valid counters are:

```
A B C D E F G H I J
```

value: a value, it can be a fixed number or an expression.

Examples:

```
COUNTER = "1", A, 100
```

```
COUNTER = "1-10", B, 2D6
```

DECK

This directive prepares a deck of cards to be used in the “Virtual table” option (see page 50). If you don’t use this directive, the program prepares a deck to be used in the virtual table with all the cards.

Syntax:

DECK = “range”, “name”, html color, height, *flag*, *card back*

Parameters:

“**range**”: a set of cards,

“**name**”: the name of the deck,

html color: deck color in the same format used for HTML,

height: height of the deck (in pixels), you can also specify a % of the screen height. The deck’s width is proportional to the height.

flag: you can specify these options:

R the deck is shuffled (the default)

N the deck is not shuffled (the order of the cards is those specified in “**range**” parameter)

card back: if you specify a number for this parameter, for the deck image (back of cards) is used that card (taken from the deck) instead of a color. You can also use a range of cards for this parameter.

Example:

```
DECK = 1-13, "Hearts", #FF0000, 50%
```

DICE

This directive converts one counter into a dice (it can be used later in expressions).

Syntax:

DICE = "range", counter, "dice range", dice number, *flags*, *default 1*, *default 2*

Parameters:

"range": a set of cards,

counter: valid counters are:

A B C D E F G H I J

dice range: a range of values, from which is taken the result of the dice roll,

dice number: the number of dice rolled,

flags: the syntax for this parameter is *fng*, where *f* is the flag that specify how the dice are grouped, *n* is a number that specify how much dice are used, and *g* is the flag that specify how the dice to be grouped are chosen from the main pool.

The 1st flag can be chosen between:

+ sum (the default, if not specified)
* multiply
- subtract
absolute value after subtract
£ concatenate
^ concatenate without duplicates

The 2nd flag can be chosen between:

+ upper dice (the default, if not specified)
- lower dice

default 1: the value to be used if the number before the dice is missing,

default 2: the value to be used if the number after the dice is missing,

Example, for rolling four dice (with values from one to six) and sum the upper three:

```
DICE = 1, A, "1-6", 4, +3+
```

DISPLAY

This directive draws a range of cards to the canvas (card 0), resizing it accordingly, and save it with a filename (if specified). If the range is omitted, all the deck is drawn and saved. The width parameter is the number of cards in horizontal, if omitted, is chosen the maximum number from the factors of the total number of the cards.

Syntax:

DISPLAY = "filename", *starting card*, *ending card*, *width*

Example:

```
DISPLAY = "c:\deck.png", 1, 10
```

DOWNLOAD

This directive downloads a file from Internet, if the file doesn't already exists in the specified path.

Syntax:

DOWNLOAD = URL, *filename*

Parameters:

URL: the URL for a file, it must start with **http://** or **https://**,

filename: the path and filename for the downloaded file, if omitted, the path is the current folder, and the name is taken from the URL parameter.

Example:

```
DOWNLOAD = http://game-icons.net/icons/delapouite/originals/png/sheep.png
```

You can also use two sequences, one for the URLs and one for the filenames.

DPI

This directive sets the resolution of cards (in Dots Per Inch). If omitted, is considered to be 300 (the default for printing); if you want to show the cards on screen, you can use a value of 150.

Syntax:

DPI = number

Note that with a value too high, the time of rendering can be very long, and the program uses more memory (or disk space).

Example:

```
DPI = 150
```

DUPLEX

This directive copies a card (or a range of cards) to another position (or range) calculated automatically by the software, it is useful to manage duplicates or synchronize the front and back of cards for a duplex printing. See also PRINT directive (see page 130).

Syntax:

DUPLEX = "front card(s)", "back card(s)", *number*

Parameters:

"front card(s)": a card or a range of card to be copied,

"back card(s)": a card or a range of card to be copied, front-to-back with the card(s) specified in the 1st parameter,

number: if specified, the card is replicated a number of times; if not specified, it is treated like one copy.

Example:

```
DUPLEX = 1-10, 11  
DUPLEX = 12-21, 22, 2
```

EDGE

This directive changes the style used for drawing the lines / boundaries with these directives:

BEZIER
ELLIPSE
HEXGRID
LINE
LINERECT
GRID
PIE
POLYGON
RECTANGLE
ROUNDRECT
STAR
TRACK
TRACKRECT
TRIANGLE

Syntax:

EDGE = “range”, style, *pattern*

Parameters:

“range”: a set of cards,

style: you can choose a style between these options:

SOLID	draws a solid line (the default),
DASH	draws a dashed line,
DOT	draws a dotted line,
DASHDOT	draws a line alternating a dash and a dot,
DASHDOTDOT	draws a line alternating a dash and two dots,
CUSTOM	draws a line using a custom pattern

pattern: a pattern for the custom style, this pattern can be composed of:

O	dot
D	dash
S	space

These letters can be repeated, for example “OSDSOS” is a valid pattern.

ELLIPSE

This directive draws an ellipse (or a circle) in a set of cards.

Syntax:

ELLIPSE = “range”, position x, position y, width, height, html color, *html color*, *thickness*

Parameters:

“range”: a set of cards,

position x: horizontal position (in cm),

position y: vertical position (in cm),

width: width of the ellipse (in cm),

height: height of the ellipse (in cm),

html color: border color of the ellipse, in the same format used for HTML. You can also specify a gradient.

html color: inner color of the ellipse, in the same format used for HTML, if not specified the inner color is the same of border color. You can also specify “EMPTY” for a hollow ellipse or a gradient.

thickness: thickness of the border of the ellipse (in cm), if omitted, the ellipse’s border is 1 pixel wide.

Examples:

```
ELLIPSE = 1, 1, 1, 4, 7, #00FF00
```

Result: Image 17

```
ELLIPSE = 1, 1, 1, 4, 7, #FF00FF, EMPTY, 0.1
```

Result: Image 18

```
ELLIPSE = 1, 1, 1, 4, 7, #FF0000#0000FF@90
```

Result: Image 19

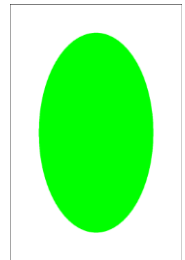


Image 17

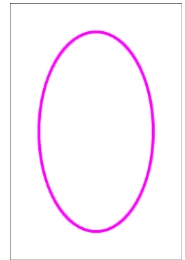


Image 18

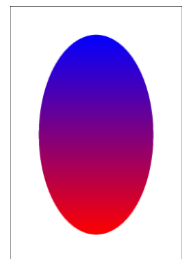


Image 19

ELSE

This directive is used in a structure IF...ENDIF to specify a code that must be executed only if the test in the IF directive is not true (see page 102).

Syntax:

ELSE

Parameters:

none

ELSEIF

This directive is used in a structure IF...ENDIF to specify a code that must be executed only if the test in this line is true and the test in the first IF directive is false (see page 102).

Syntax:

...
ELSEIF = value1 operator value2
...

Parameters:

value: a string, number, label or expression that can be evaluated,

operator: the condition is evaluated using the two values and this operator, you can use one operator from the same listed for the IF directive.

END

This directive is used to close a MACRO...END structure (see page 122).

Syntax:

END

Parameters:

none

ENDFRAME

This directive closes a FRAME...ENDFRAME definition (see page 89).

Syntax:

ENDFRAME

Parameters:

none

ENDIF

This directive is used to close an IF...ENDIF structure (see page 102).

Syntax:

ENDIF

Parameters:

none

ENDLAYER

This directive closes a LAYER...ENDLAYER definition (see page 112).

Syntax:

ENDLAYER

Parameters:

none

ENDLINK

This directive closes a LINK...ENDLINK definition (see page 116).

Syntax:

ENDLINK

Parameters:

none

Example:

```
linkmulti=num
link=
num,string
1,alpha
2,beta
3,gamma
endlink
[all]="1-{(num)}"
font=Arial,48,,#000000
text=[all],[num],0,0,100%,50%
text=[all],[string],0,50%,100%,50%
```

ENDSECTION

This directive closes a SECTION...ENDSECTION definition (see page 138).

Syntax:

ENDSECTION

Parameters:

none

ENDSELECT

This directive is used to close a SELECT...ENDSELECT structure (see page 139).

Syntax:

ENDSELECT

Parameters:

none

ENDSEQUENCE

This directive is used to close a SEQUENCE...ENDSEQUENCE structure (see page 140).

Syntax:

ENDSEQUENCE

Parameters:

none

ENDVISUAL

This directive closes a VISUAL...ENDVISUAL definition (see page 52).

Syntax:

ENDVISUAL

Parameters:

none

FILL

This directive fills a region with a color (the region is delimited by another color).

Syntax:

FILL = “range”, position x, position y, html fill color, html border color

Parameters:

“range”: a set of cards,

position x: horizontal initial position (in cm) of the fill,

position y: vertical initial position (in cm) of the fill,

html fill color: color of the fill. You can also specify a gradient,

html border color: this color is the boundary for the fill.

Example:

```
LINE = 1, 0, 1, 6, 1, #0000FF, 0.1
LINE = 1, 0, 8, 6, 8, #0000FF, 0.1
LINE = 1, 1, 0, 1, 9, #0000FF, 0.1
LINE = 1, 5, 0, 5, 9, #0000FF, 0.1
LINE = 1, 0, 9, 6, 0, #0000FF, 0.1
FILL = 1, 2, 2, #FFFF00#FF8000@0, #0000FF
FILL = 1, 2, 7, #FF8000#FFFF00@0, #0000FF
```

Result: *Image 20*

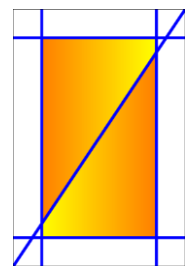


Image 20

FONT

This directive sets the font for any following TEXT command (see page 144). Note that there isn't any reference to a range of cards. If you want a ranged command, you can use FONTRANGE instead (see page 84).

Syntax:

FONT = "font name", size, style, html color, *html color*, *outline x*, *outline y*, *step x*, *step y*

Parameters:

"font name": character font name (string),

size: character font size, in typographical points (1 point = 1/72 of an inch),

style: character font style and flag used for visualization, values accepted are:

B	bold
I	italic
U	underline
S	strikeout
T	transparent font background
N	do not clip text at the boundary
C	circular text
R	circular text, reversed
H	circular text, half circumference
Q	circular text, one quarter circumference
E	circular text, three quarter circumference
F	the size is reduced until the text fits in the rectangle specified by TEXT directive
V	vertical text
P	do not clip text area beyond the rectangle
O	transparent font text (flag T is ignored)

html color: character color, in the same format used for HTML. You can also specify a gradient,

html color: background color, in the same format used for HTML. You can also specify a gradient.

This parameter can be omitted (it will be used the last background color used, or white if none was specified), if you specified T as a style flag, the background color will not be used.

Tip: you can choose the font with a Windows standard dialog, clicking on the button "Insert" and choosing the menu voice "Font".

Examples (the difference was in the T flag in the 2nd FONT command):

```
RECTANGLE = 1, 0, 0, 6, 4, #FF0000
FONT = "Arial", 32, B, #FFFFFF, #0000FF
TEXT = 1, "TEST", 0, 1, 6, 2, center
Result: Image 21
```

```
RECTANGLE = 1, 0, 0, 6, 4, #FF0000
FONT = "Arial", 32, BT, #FFFFFF, #0000FF
TEXT = 1, "TEST", 0, 1, 6, 2, center
Result: Image 22
```

outline x: horizontal expansion in cm, with that parameter the text will be replicated horizontally from -x to +x,

outline y: vertical expansion in cm, with that parameter the text will be replicated vertically from -y to +y.

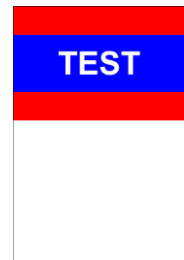


Image 21



Image 22

step x: the number of times the text is printed horizontally.

step y: the number of times the text is printed vertically.

Example:

```
FONT = "Arial", 32, B, #FFFFFF, #0000FF, 0.1, 0.1  
TEXT = 1, "TEST", 0, 1, 6, 2, center
```

Result: Image 23



Image 23

FONTALIAS

This directive enables/disables the font anti-aliasing, using the Operating System's routines. It's useful to remove colored pixels in the text's boundaries, especially when using HTMLTEXT (see page 95) or RTFTEXT (see page 136) directives with transparent background.

Syntax:

FONTALIAS = "range", flag

Parameters:

"range": a range of cards,

"flag": values accepted are:

ON Font anti-aliasing enabled
OFF Font anti-aliasing disabled

Example:

```
{[html_on]="<style type='text/css'>p {font-size: 32px}</style><p>  
ANTIALIASING ON</p>"}  
{[html_off]="<style type='text/css'>p {font-size: 32px}</style><p>  
ANTIALIASING OFF</p>"}  
ELLIPSE = 1, 0, 0, 6, 3, #FF0000  
ELLIPSE = 1, 0, 3, 6, 3, #FF0000  
FONTALIAS = 1, ON  
HTMLTEXT = 1, [html_on], 0, 0, 6, 3, #FFFFFF, 0, T  
FONTALIAS = 1, OFF  
HTMLTEXT = 1, [html_off], 0, 3, 6, 3, #FFFFFF, 0, T
```

Result: Image 24

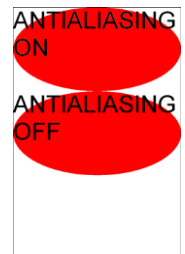


Image 24

FONTCHANGE

This directive changes a font in the script with another. It's useful when you want to test a script on a computer that doesn't have a font, and you didn't want to change all the occurrences (or use a label).

Syntax:

```
FONTCHANGE = "old font", "new font"
```

Parameters:

"old font": the font that you want to be changed,

"new font": the font that you want to use instead.

Example:

```
FONTCHANGE = "Calibri", "Times New Roman"
```

FONTRANGE

This command is equivalent to FONT (see page 83) but is applied to a range of cards (specified by the 1st parameter).

Syntax:

FONT = “range”, “font name”, size, style, html color, *html color*, *outline x*, *outline y*, *step x*, *step y*

Parameters:

“**range**”: a range of cards,

“**font name**”: character font name (string),

size: character font size, in typographical points (1 point = 1/72 of an inch),

style: character font style and flag used for visualization, values accepted are:

B	bold
I	italic
U	underline
S	strikeout
T	transparent font background
N	for not clipping text at the boundary
C	for circular text
R	circular text, reversed
H	circular text, half circumference
Q	circular text, one quarter circumference
E	circular text, three quarter circumference
F	the size is reduced until the text fits in the rectangle specified by TEXT directive
V	vertical text
P	do not clip text area beyond the rectangle
O	transparent font text (flag T is ignored)

html color: character color, in the same format used for HTML. You can also specify a gradient,

html color: background color, in the same format used for HTML. You can also specify a gradient,

outline x: horizontal expansion in cm, with that parameter the text will be replicated horizontally from $-x$ to $+x$,

outline y: vertical expansion in cm, with that parameter the text will be replicated vertically from $-y$ to $+y$.

step x: the number of times the text is printed horizontally.

step y: the number of times the text is printed vertically.

Tip: you can choose the font with a Windows standard dialog, clicking on the button “Insert” and choosing the menu voice “Font”.

FOOTER

This directive prints a text in the page's footer specified by a page range (with a syntax similar to cards' range).

Syntax:

FOOTER = "page range", "text", horizontal alignment

Parameters:

"page range": a set of pages, if empty the text is printed onto all the pages,

"text": the text to be printed, you can also use four variables:

{P}	page number
{N}	total page number
{D}	date
{T}	time

horizontal alignment: the text's horizontal alignment in the page, values accepted are:

LEFT	left aligned
CENTER	centered
RIGHT	right aligned

Examples:

```
FOOTER = "1-3", "Deck 1", CENTER
```

```
FOOTER = "", "printed {D} {T}", RIGHT
```

FOR

This directive executes the code between a FOR row and a NEXT row (see page 123), exiting when the **counter** value is equal to **end** value, starting from **start** value and adding a **step** value at each loop.

Syntax:

FOR = counter, start value, end value, *step*

Parameters:

counter: the variable counter storing the value, can be chosen between A B C E F G H I J,

start value: starting value for the counter,

end value: ending value for the counter,

step: increment for counter at each loop, if not specified is assumed to be 1.

Example:

```
FOR = A, 1, 4
  FOR = B, 1, 7
    RECTANGLE = 1, A, B, 1, 1, #FF0000, #0000FF
  NEXT
NEXT
```

Result: Image 25

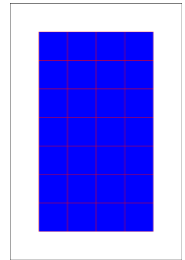


Image 25

FRAME

This directive is used in a FRAME...ENDFRAME structure to define frames using characters in rectangular patterns, for example, if you want to define three frames, one for the card, one for an image and one for the text below, you can write these lines:

```
FRAME
AAAAAA
ABBBBA
ABBBBA
ABBBBA
ACCCCA
ACCCCA
AAAAAA
ENDFRAME
```

The result is equal to these lines:

```
<A>=0%,0%,100%,100%
<B>=16.7%,14.3%,66.7%,42.9%
<C>=16.7%,57.1%,66.7%,28.6%
```

With this method you can create 36 frames (one for each letter/number), the names are case-insensitive.

Syntax:

FRAME = *list of split frames*

Parameters:

list of split frames: if you add here some frames, these frames are treated individually, and are not merged in a single frame. In the last example, if you specify **B** as a parameter, instead of one frame, the program creates twelve frames (all named **B**).

GAP

This directive sets a space between cards in printed pages. If the directive GAP is not specified, there will be no gap between cards.

Syntax:

GAP = horizontal gap, vertical gap, *flag*

Parameters:

horizontal gap: horizontal space (in cm),

vertical gap: vertical spaces (in cm).

flag: values accepted are:

ON: to enable a guideline in the mid of the gap

OFF: to disable it (the default)

If the directive GAP is not specified, there is no gap between cards.

Example:

GAP = 1, 1

GRID

This directive draws a grid in a set of cards.

Syntax:

GRID = "range", position x, position y, width, height, html color, thickness, horizontal cells, vertical cells, *pattern*

Parameters:

“range”: a set of cards,

position x: horizontal position (in cm),

position y: vertical position (in cm),

width: width of the rectangle (in cm),

height: height of the rectangle (in cm),

html color: border color of the grid, in the same format used for HTML. You can also specify a gradient,

thickness: thickness of the grid (in cm), if set to zero, the grid’s border will be 1 pixel wide,

horizontal cells: number of horizontal cells,

vertical cells: number of vertical cells,

pattern: a pattern for the line used to draw the grid, this pattern can be composed of:

O dot
D dash
S space

These letters can be repeated, for example “OSDSOS” is a valid pattern.

Example:

```
GRID = 1, 1, 1, 4, 4, #FF0000#0000FF@90, 0.1, 3, 3
```

Result: Image 26

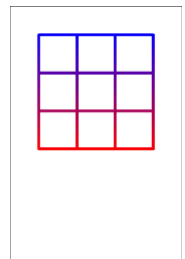


Image 26

HEADER

This directive prints a text in the page's header specified by a page range (with a syntax similar to cards' range).

Syntax:

HEADER = "page range", "text", horizontal alignment

Parameters:

"page range": a set of pages, if empty the text is printed onto all the pages,

"text": the text to be printed, you can also use four variables:

{P}	page number
{N}	total page number
{D}	date
{T}	time

horizontal alignment: the text's horizontal alignment in the page, values accepted are:

LEFT	left aligned
CENTER	centered
RIGHT	right aligned

Examples:

```
HEADER = "1-3", "Deck 1", CENTER
```

```
HEADER = "", "printed {D} {T}", RIGHT
```

HEXGRID

This directive draws a hexagonal grid in a set of cards.

Syntax:

HEXGRID = "range", pos_x, pos_y, width, height, hex side, flags, html color, *html color*, *thickness*

Parameters:

"range": a set of cards,

pos_x: horizontal position (in cm),

pos_y: vertical position (in cm),

width: width of the rectangle (in cm),

height: height of the rectangle (in cm),

hex side: length of the hexagon' side (in cm),

flags: you can use the following flags:

- D add a dot in the center of the hexagon
- L add a label in each hexagon (A, B, C...)
- N add a label in each hexagon (1, 2, 3...)
- C add a label in each hexagon (11, 12, 13...21, 22, 23...)
- E add a label in each hexagon (A1, A2, A3...B1, B2, B3...)
- . add a separator for C flag
- add a separator for C flag
- _ add a separator for C flag
- X doesn't draw the grid (useful if you want only a dot or a label)

html color: border color of the grid, in the same format used for HTML. You can also specify a gradient,

html color: inner color of the hexagons, in the same format used for HTML, if not specified the inner color is the same of border color. You can also specify "EMPTY" for a hollow (and transparent) hexagon or a gradient,

thickness: thickness of the grid (in cm), if omitted, the grid's border is 1 pixel wide.

Example:

```
FONT = ARIAL, 10, , #000000
HEXGRID = 1, 0, 0, 6, 9, 1, N, #000000, #00FF00
Result: Image 27
```

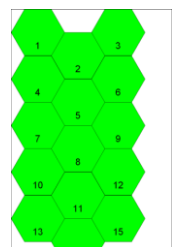


Image 27

HTMLFILE

This directive prints the HTML text loaded from a filename in the cards specified by a range.

Syntax:

HTMLFILE = "range", "filename", position x, position y, width, height, *html color*, *angle*, *flags*, *alpha-channel*

Parameters:

"range": a set of cards,

"filename": the HTML filename for text to be printed (eventually with a pathname),

position x: horizontal position (in cm),

position y: vertical position (in cm),

width: width of the text's rectangle (in cm),

height: height of the text's rectangle (in cm),

html color: background color for text,

angle: angle of text rotation, you must specify 0 for no rotation,

flags: you can specify one or more flags, chosen between:

T	Transparent background for text
H	Horizontal mirror
V	Vertical mirror
I	HTML rendering with internal engine
E	HTML rendering with Explorer
2	Render a x2 image (don't use if you already have an OVERSAMPLE directive)
4	Render a x4 image (don't use if you already have an OVERSAMPLE directive)
8	Render a x8 image (don't use if you already have an OVERSAMPLE directive)

alpha-channel: level of transparency of text, from 0 (full transparent) to 100 (full solid). If omitted, the level is set to 100 (full solid). You can also specify an angle for the transparency, with the format **level@angle**; in this case the level of transparency is the starting level, ending with 0 (full transparent).

Example:

```
HTMLFILE = 1, "c:\test.html", 0, 0, 6, 9, #FFFFFF, 0, T
```

Result: Image 28



Image 28

HTMLFONT

This directive creates a tag that can be used for recalling a font in an HTMLTEXT directive (see page 98). If you create a tag with name *example*, in HTML you can assign these characteristics in an HTML text delimited with `<example>` and `</example>` tags.

There are three special tags: **th**, **tr**, and **td**, that are used with the HTML tags of the same names (i.e. in tables).

Syntax:

HTMLFONT = “html tag”, “font name”, size, style, html color, *alignment*, *shadow x*, *shadow y*, *shadow blur*, *shadow color*, *outline color*, *outline width*, *indent*

Parameters:

“**html tag**”: a name used for referencing the font,

“**font name**”: character font name (string),

size: character font size, in typographical points (1 point = 1/72 of an inch),

style: character font style and flag used for visualization, values accepted are:

B	bold
I	italic
U	underline
S	strikeout
O	shadow over outline (the default is outline over shadow)
N	do not resize this font when using F flag in HTMLTEXT (see page 98)

html color: character color, in the same format used for HTML, you can also specify a gradient.

alignment: the text’s horizontal alignment, values accepted are:

left	left aligned
center	centered
right	right aligned
justify	the text is justified

The horizontal alignment is optional, if omitted is considered to be equal to **left**,

shadow x: the horizontal offset for a shadow drawn under the text. Note: all the shadow’s parameters work only with flag E, and Internet Explorer must be version 11 or more,

shadow y: the vertical offset for a shadow drawn under the text,

shadow blur: if you specify this parameter, the shadow is blurred,

shadow color: the color for the text’ shadow, in the same format used for HTML,

outline color: the color for the text’s outline, in the same format used for HTML,

outline width: the width for the text’s outline,

indent: the indentation in cm of the first line (you can specify a negative number for hanging indentation).

Note: if an alignment is omitted, the program use a tag with the font info, otherwise, the program uses a <div> tag. In other words, if you want to use different font on the same line, it's possible only with a tag, and you must omit the alignment parameter.



Image 29

Example:

```
HTMLFONT = alpha, Arial, 32, , #000000
HTMLFONT = beta, "Times New Roman", 18, I, #0000FF
HTMLTEXT = 1, "<beta>This is a </beta><alpha>test</alpha>", 0, 0,
100%, 100%
```

Result: Image 29

HTMLIMAGE

To simplify insertion of images in HTMLTEXT directives (see page 98), you can specify a name with this directive, associated with a filename, width and height. When an HTMLTEXT is rendered, the name is substituted with an HTML tag for the image, with the correct size.

Syntax:

HTMLIMAGE = "range", "name", "filename", width, height, *flags*

"range": a set of cards,

"name": the name associated to the image (replaced in HTML),

"filename": the filename for the image,

width: width of the image (in cm),

height: height of the image (in cm),

flags: you can specify one or more flags, chosen between:

P	Proportional
T	Image alignment to the top of text (only with Explorer)
M	Image alignment to the middle of text (only with Explorer)
B	Image alignment to the bottom of text (only with Explorer)

Example:

```
HTMLIMAGE = 1, "(one)", "image.bmp", 1, 1, P
HTMLTEXT = 1, "<p>Test (one)</p>", 0, 0, 6, 9, #FFFFFF, 0, T
```

HTMLMARGINS

This directive adds the settings for margins and vertical alignment to an existing tag (that was created with HTMLFONT directive, see page 95) to be used in HTMLTEXT directive (see page 98); this directive works only with E flag in HTMLTEXT (MS Explorer).

Syntax:

HTMLMARGINS = "html tag", top margin, *left margin*, *right margin*, *bottom margin*, *alignment*

Parameters:

"html tag": a name used for referencing the font,

top margin: the size of the top margin, in cm,

left margin: the size of the left margin, in cm,

right margin: the size of the right margin, in cm,

bottom margin: the size of the bottom margin, in cm,

alignment: the text's vertical alignment, values accepted are:

top	top aligned
center	centered
bottom	bottom aligned

Example:

```
HTMLFONT = alpha, Arial, 32, , #000000
HTMLMARGINS = alpha, 0.5, 1, 1
HTMLTEXT = 1, "<alpha>test</alpha>", 0, 0, 100%, 100%, #FFFFFF, 0, E
```

HTMLTEXT

This directive prints a text, using HTML format, in the cards specified by a range. This directive is useful if you want to print a text with multiple size, font, attributes, colors and so on. For expressions, you must include them in double curly parenthesis `{{ }}`. You can add also one or more images, using a keyword(s), coded with the HTMLIMAGE directive (see page 96).

Syntax:

HTMLTEXT = "range", "text", position x, position y, width, height, *html color* , *angle*, *flags*, *alpha-channel*

Parameters:

"range": a set of cards,

"text": the HTML text to be printed,

position x: horizontal position (in cm),

position y: vertical position (in cm),

width: width of the text's rectangle (in cm),

height: height of the text's rectangle (in cm),

html color: background color for text,

angle: angle of text rotation, you must specify 0 for no rotation,

flags: you can specify one or more flags, chosen between:

T	Transparent background for text
H	Horizontal mirror
V	Vertical mirror
I	HTML rendering with internal engine
E	HTML rendering with MS Explorer
2	Render a x2 image (don't use if you already have an OVERSAMPLE directive)
4	Render a x4 image (don't use if you already have an OVERSAMPLE directive)
8	Render a x8 image (don't use if you already have an OVERSAMPLE directive)
R	Vertical text
B	Transparent background, better rendering of png, works only with E flag (MS Explorer)
F	The text is resized to fit the box (MS Explorer)
M	The images are resized with the text (only if using F flag, MS Explorer)
L	TEXTLIMIT variables are calculated more accurately (MS Explorer)

alpha-channel: level of transparency of text, from 0 (full transparent) to 100 (full solid). If omitted, the level is set to 100 (full solid). You can also specify an angle for the transparency, with the format **level@angle**; in this case the level of transparency is the starting level, ending with 0 (full transparent).

Example:

```
{[html]="<p><b>Text</b> example</p>
<p><b>Image</b> example</p>
<img src='c:\earth.jpg'>"}
HTMLTEXT = 1, [html], 0, 0, 6, 9, #FFFFFF, 0, T
Result: Image 30
```



Image 30

ICON

This directive assigns a single character (key) to an image, to be used later with an ICONS directive (see page 94).

Syntax:

ICON = "range", key, "image file"

Parameters:

"range": a set of cards,

key: a character used to identify the image (like "A"),

"image file": an existent image file (eventually with a path), formats allowed are bmp, gif, png, jpg, and tif.

Example:

```
ICON = "1-10", A, "c:\images\image1.jpg"  
ICON = "1-10", B, "c:\images\image2.jpg"  
ICON = "1-10", C, "c:\images\image3.jpg"
```

ICONS

This directive prints a number of images in a rectangular area, like a multi-image PATTERN directive (see page 127), the “keys” parameter identifies the images used, defined before with some ICON directives (see page 94). For example, if you write:

```
ICON = "1-10", A, "c:\images\image1.jpg"  
ICON = "1-10", B, "c:\images\image2.jpg"  
ICON = "1-10", C, "c:\images\image3.jpg"
```

Later you can use a key of “ABC” to print the three images all together in a rectangular area. This directive is useful when you have to convert to images an output from the combination/permutation engine.

Syntax:

ICONS = “range”, keys, position x, position y, width, height, image width, image height, *angle*, *flags*, *horizontal alignment*, *vertical alignment*, *alpha-channel*, *key length*, *width factor*, *height factor*

Parameters:

“**range**”: a set of cards,

keys: a string, composed by characters assigned to images with ICON directives,

position x: horizontal position (in cm),

position y: vertical position (in cm),

width: width of the rectangle in which the images are printed (in cm),

height: height of the rectangle in which the images are printed (in cm),

image width: width of the single image to be printed (in cm),

image height: height of the single image to be printed (in cm),

angle: angle of image rotation, if not specified it is assumed to be 0 (for no rotation),

flags: in this parameter you can specify a special behavior for images, possible values are:

T	Transparent
A	Anti-aliasing
R	Reverse, reversing the filling order of pattern’s elements (from bottom to top)
N	Use PNG transparency
P	Proportional
V	Vertical pattern

horizontal alignment: the images’ horizontal alignment in the rectangle, values accepted are:

LEFT	left aligned
CENTER	centered (the default)
RIGHT	right aligned

vertical alignment: the images’ vertical alignment in the rectangle, values accepted are:

TOP	top aligned
CENTER	centered (the default)
BOTTOM	bottom aligned

alpha-channel: level of transparency of image, from 0 (full transparent) to 100 (full solid). If omitted, the level is set to 100 (full solid),

key length: the default length of the character string utilized for key is one character, but a different length can be specified here, the "keys" parameter length must be a multiple,

width factor: the width of the image is adjusted with this factor, adding space if more than 100, removing space if less than 100 (if not specified, the width factor of the image is 100),

height factor: the height of the image is adjusted with this factor, adding space if more than 100, removing space if less than 100 (if not specified, the height factor of the image is 100).

Example:

```
RECTANGLE = 1, 0, 0, 6, 6, #0000FF  
ICON = 1, A, "c:\images\dot_red.gif"  
ICON = 1, B, "c:\images\dot_blue.gif"  
ICON = 1, C, "c:\images\dot_black.gif"  
ICONS = 1, BAC, 0, 0, 6, 6, 2, 2, 0, T, CENTER, CENTER
```

Result: Image 31

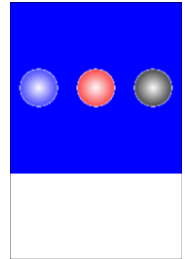


Image 31

IF

The IF...ENDIF structure can be used to create sections of code that must be executed only if are verified some conditions.

Syntax:

```
IF = value1 operator value2
...
ELSEIF = value3 operator value4
...
ELSEIF = value5 operator value6
...
ELSE
...
ENDIF
```

Parameters:

value: a string, number, label or expression that can be evaluated,

operator: the condition is evaluated using the two values and this operator, you can use one operator from this list:

=	value1 and value2 are equal
>	value1 is major than value2
<	value1 is minor than value2
>=	value1 is major or equal than value2
<=	value1 is minor or equal than value2
<>	value1 and value 2 are different
@	value1 is contained into value2
#	value1 is not contained into value2

More than one test can be combined using Boolean logic, every test must be enclosed in parenthesis, and these are the accepted keywords:

```
_TRUE_
_FALSE_
_NOT_
_AND_
_OR_
```

If in an expression there are more than one logic operator, they are evaluated with these priorities (if they have the same priorities, they are evaluated from left to right):

- 1) `_NOT_`
- 2) `_AND_`
- 3) `_OR_`

Examples:

```
; choose a value between R, E and T
[check] = R
IF = [check] = R
    RECTANGLE = 1, 0, 0, 6, 9, #0000FF
ELSEIF = [check] = E
    ELLIPSE = 1, 0, 0, 6, 9, #00FF00
ELSEIF = [check] = T
    TRIANGLE = 1, 3, 0, 6, 9, 0, 9, #FF0000
ELSE
    RECTANGLE = 1, 0, 0, 6, 9, #000000
```

```
ENDIF
```

```
; complex logic
```

```
if=([a]=1) _AND_ _NOT_ ([b]=3)
```

```
; in this example, the _AND_ operator is evaluated first
```

```
if=([a]=1) _OR_ ([b]=1) _AND_ ([c]=1)
```

```
; in this example, the _OR_ operator is evaluated first
```

```
if=(([a]=1) _OR_ ([b]=1)) _AND_ ([c]=1)
```

Note: if you want to use a sequence as argument for the IF directive, you must extract an element using the ? operator (and § for the number of the current card) inside an expression (with curly brackets). For example:

```
IF = {sequence?§} = element
```

IMAGE

This directive can be used to add an external image to a range of cards.

Syntax:

IMAGE = range, image file, position x, position y, width, height, angle, *flag*, *alpha-channel*, *texture width*, *texture height*, *skew horizontal*, *skew vertical*

Parameters:

range: a set of cards (the standards rules about ranges will be applied),

image file: an existent image file (eventually with a path), formats allowed are bmp, gif, png, jpg, and tif,

position x: horizontal position (in cm),

position y: vertical position (in cm),

width: width of the image (in cm),

height: height of the image (in cm),

angle: angle of image rotation, can be 0 for no rotation.

These are the required parameters. This directive can be used for a background on all your cards, or a logo on top-right, or a centered image. Simply specify range, image, position and angle. For example:

```
IMAGE = 1, "c:\images\earth.jpg", 0, 0, 6, 9, 0
```

Result: Image 32



Image 32

Note that the image will fill the destination rectangle, the standard behavior of this command is resizing the original image and altering the aspect ratio for width and height. If you want to maintain the original aspect you must use a flag, as additional parameter.

```
RECTANGLE = 1, 0, 0, 6, 9, #0000FF  
IMAGE = 1, "c:\images\earth.jpg", 0, 0, 6, 9, 0, P
```

Result: Image 33



Image 33

flag: in this parameter you can specify any, some or all of these letters:

P	Proportional
A	Anti-aliasing
G	Grayscale
H	Horizontal mirror
V	Vertical mirror
T	Transparent
X	Texture
N	Use PNG transparency
R	Don't adjust size for rotated images
D	Use DPI from image file
C	Extends the image cropping the borders

With the "P" flag, the image will be resized maintaining the original aspect ratio. The previous background remains unchanged in the zone not occupied by the image.

With the "A" flag, to the image will be applied a smoothing filter. There aren't other settings related to that parameter.

With the "G" flag, the image will be reduced to tones of gray (256 levels maximum). There aren't other settings related to that parameter.

With the “H” or “V” flags, the image will be mirrored in the corresponding direction (these flags may be used both with the same image).

If the “T” flag is used, the image will be rendered with a transparent color. If the CHROMAKEY directive was not used before, the transparent color is assumed to be the first pixel of the image (top left pixel). With the CHROMAKEY directive (see relative entry, page 67), you can specify a pixel from another corner, or directly a color.

With the “X” flag, the image is used to fill the destination space (see texture width/height parameters).

With the “N” flag, the image is loaded reading the transparency information (only PNG format).

Without the “R” flag, a rotated image is stretched to be fully included in the destination rectangle, with this flag, the directive maintains the original size for the rotated image.

With the “D” flag, the size of the image is adjusted reading the DPI from the file (only with BMP, PNG, and JPG formats).

alpha-channel: level of transparency of image, from 0 (full transparent) to 100 (full solid). If omitted, the level is set to 100 (full solid). You can also specify an angle for the transparency, with the format **level@angle**; in this case the level of transparency is the starting level, ending with 0 (full transparent), for example:

```
RECTANGLE = 1, 0, 0, 6, 9, #0000FF  
IMAGE = 1, "c:\images\earth.jpg", 0, 0, 6, 9, 0, P, 100@90
```

Result: Image 34



Image 34

texture width: width of the texture (in cm), used only with “X” flag, if omitted the default is the image’s width,

texture height: height of the texture (in cm), used only with “X” flag, if omitted the default is the image’s height.

This is an example of using a texture to fill a space on a card (note, the alpha-channel is specified because you can’t leave the parameter empty), with texture size 1x1 cm (remember, the card is 6x9 cm):

```
IMAGE = 1, "c:\images\earth.jpg", 0, 0, 6, 9, 0, X, 100, 1, 1
```

Result: Image 35



Image 35

skew horizontal: draw the image shifted horizontally (to the right for positive number, to the left for negative), the value 1 is the image’s width (you can use a decimal value),

skew vertical: draw the image shifted vertically (to the bottom for positive number, to the top for negative), the value 1 is the image’s height (you can use a decimal value).

This is an example for the skew effect (horizontal, value 0.5), note that the second image was vertically mirrored and printed with an alpha-channel value of 60.

```
RECTANGLE = 1, 0, 0, 6, 9, #000000  
IMAGE = 1, "c:\images\earth.jpg", 0, 0, 6, 6, 0  
IMAGE = 1, "c:\images\earth.jpg", 0, 6, 6, 3, 0, V, 60, 0, 0, 0.5, 0
```

Result: Image 36



Image 36

Tip: you can choose a name (and path) from a Windows standard dialog, clicking on the button “Insert” and choosing the menu voice “Image”.

IMAGEFILTER

This directive sets the filter using when images are loaded and resized in a card (with IMAGE, ICONS, PATTERN, HTMLTEXT/HTMLFILE, RTFTEXT/RTFFILE, and OVERSAMPLE directives). If not specified, the default filter is LINEAR.

Syntax:

IMAGEFILTER = filter name

Parameter:

filter name: the filter may be one of the following:

NEAREST
DRAFT
LINEAR
COSINE
SPLINE
LANCZOS
MITCHELL

Example:

```
IMAGEFILTER=LANCZOS
```

IMAGESIZE

This directive reads an image and writes in two variables the image's width and height (in pixel).

Syntax:

IMAGESIZE = "range", "image file"

The variables are:

IW image's width
IH image's height

Parameters:

"range": a set of cards,

"image file": an existent image file (eventually with a path), formats allowed are bmp, gif, png and jpg.

Example:

```
IMAGESIZE = 1, "c:\images\earth.jpg"  
IMAGE = 1, "c:\images\earth.jpg", 0, 0, 6, 6, 0, P  
FONT = Arial, 16, , #000000  
TEXT = 1, "Width={IW}" ,0 ,7 ,6 ,1 ,left, center  
TEXT = 1, "Height={IH}" ,0 ,8 ,6 ,1 ,left, center  
Result: Image 37
```



Image 37

INCLUDE

This directive includes another script file in the current script, as if it was copied and pasted. You can omit the path if the included file is in the same directory of the including script.

Syntax:

```
INCLUDE = "filename"
```

Examples:

```
INCLUDE = "c:\test\alpha.txt"
```

```
INCLUDE = beta.txt
```

Tip: you can choose a name (and path) from a Windows standard dialog, clicking on the button "Insert" and choosing the menu voice "Include".

INPUTCHOICE

With this directive, the user can input a variable text that can be used as a label value, this text can be chosen between the values from a sequence. The text confirmed is stored to a file with the same name of the script and “ini” for extension, or can be saved to a specific configuration file, to be loaded in a subsequent execution.

Syntax:

```
INPUTCHOICE = “label”, “description”, “default”, “values”
```

Parameters:

“**label**”: the label for storing input text,

“**description**”: a text shown before the input box,

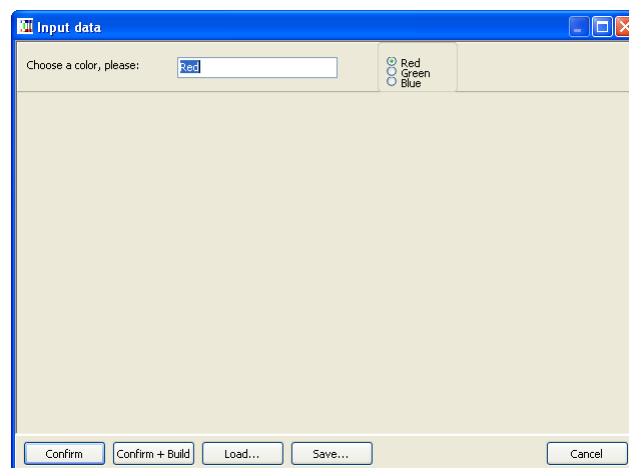
“**default**”: starting value for the label,

“**values**”: a sequence with the available choices.

Example:

```
INPUTCHOICE = "color", "Choose a color, please:", "Red", "Red|Green|Blue"
```

This is the resulting input form:



The image shows a screenshot of a Windows-style dialog box titled "Input data". The dialog has a light beige background and a blue border. At the top left, it says "Choose a color, please:". To the right of this text is a text input field containing the word "Red". To the right of the input field is a vertical list of three radio buttons, each followed by a color name: "Red", "Green", and "Blue". The "Red" radio button is selected. At the bottom of the dialog, there are five buttons: "Confirm", "Confirm + Build", "Load...", "Save...", and "Cancel".

INPUTLIST

With this directive, the user can input a variable text that can be used as a label value, this text can be chosen between the values from a sequence. The text confirmed is stored to a file with the same name of the script and “ini” for extension, or can be saved to a specific configuration file, to be loaded in a subsequent execution.

Syntax:

```
INPUTLIST = “label”, “description”, “default”, “values”
```

Parameters:

“**label**”: the label for storing input text,

“**description**”: a text showed before the input box,

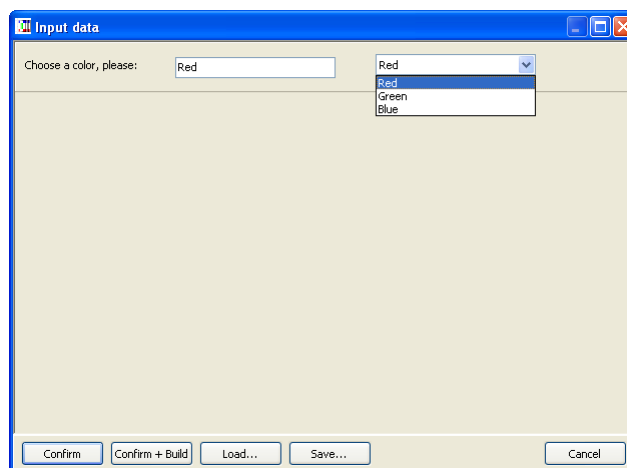
“**default**”: starting value for the label,

“**values**”: a sequence with the available choices.

Example:

```
INPUTLIST = "color", "Choose a color, please:", "Red", "Red|Green|Blue"
```

This is the resulting input form:



INPUTNUMBER

With this directive, the user can input a variable integer number that can be used as a label value, this number can be chosen between a minimum and a maximum value. The number confirmed is stored to a file with the same name of the script and “ini” for extension, or can be saved to a specific configuration file, to be loaded in a subsequent execution.

Syntax:

```
INPUTNUMBER = “label”, “description”, default, min, max
```

Parameters:

“**label**”: the label for storing input number,

“**description**”: a text shown before the input box,

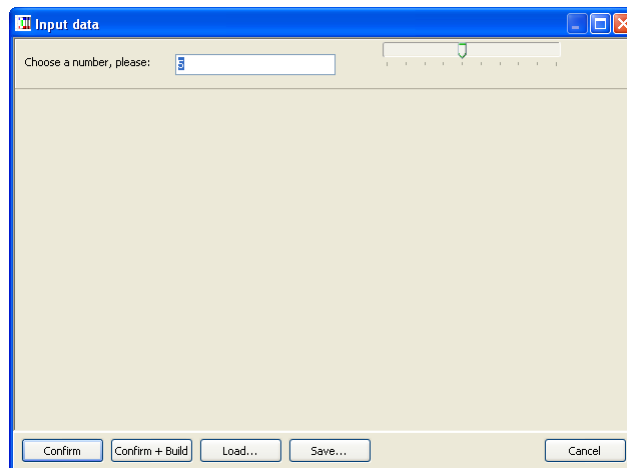
default: starting value for the number,

min: minimum value for the number,

max: maximum value for the number.

Example:

```
INPUTNUMBER = "name", "Choose a number, please:", 5, 1, 10
```



INPUTTEXT

With this directive, the user can input a variable text that can be used as a label value. The text confirmed is stored to a file with the same name of the script and “ini” for extension, or can be saved to a specific configuration file, to be loaded in a subsequent execution.

Syntax:

```
INPUTTEXT = “label”, “description”, “default”, flags
```

Parameters:

“**label**”: the label for storing input text,

“**description**”: a text showed before the input box,

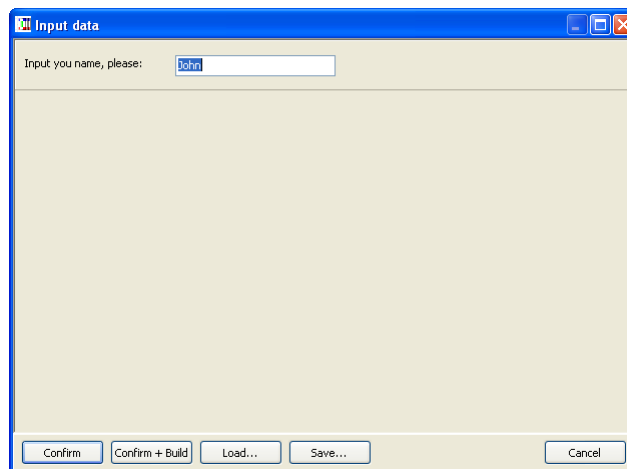
“**default**”: starting value for the label.

flags: in this parameter you can add a flag for a special effect, like:

- F The program shows a button for browsing a file (to be added in the text field),
- G The program shows a button for browsing a graphical file (to be added in the text field),
- C The program shows a button for selecting a color,
- R The program shows a button for selecting a color gradient.

Example:

```
INPUTTEXT = "name", "Input you name, please:", "John"
```



LAYER

The directives between a structure LAYER...ENDLAYER are drawn in a separate card, then printed on the main card. Since the drawing directives like the RECTANGLE doesn't support alpha transparency, they can be drawn in this mode with a LAYER structure.

Syntax:

LAYER = *alpha-channel*, *offset_x*, *offset_y*

Parameters:

alpha-channel: level of transparency of the layer, from 0 (full transparent) to 100 (full solid). If omitted, the level is set to 100 (full solid). You can also specify an angle for the transparency, with the format **level@angle**; in this case the level of transparency is the starting level, ending with 0 (full transparent).

offset_x: horizontal offset of the layer

offset_y: vertical offset of the layer

Example:

```
LAYER = 50
RECTANGLE = 1, 3, 0.5, 3, 8, #FF0000
FONT = Arial, 24, T, #000000
TEXT = 1, Alfa, 3, 5, 3, 5
ENDLAYER
```

LIMIT

This directive fills four variables with the coordinates of latest drawn object's boundaries (in cm), from various command (*). You can use these variables in other commands.

Syntax:

LIMIT = "range"

The four variables are:

PL (left)
PR (right)
PT (top)
PB (bottom)

Parameters:

"range": a set of cards

(*) This directive works with this list of directives:

BEZIER
BEZIERS
BUTTON
COPY
ELLIPSE
GRID
HEXGRID
HTMLFILE
HTMLTEXT
ICONS
IMAGE
LINE
LINERECT
PATTERN
PIE
POLYGON
RECTANGLE
RHOMBUS
ROUNDRECT
RTFFILE
RTFTEXT
STAR
TEXT
TRACK
TRACKRECT
TRIANGLE

LINE

This directive draws a line from a point (x1, y1) to another point (x2, y2).

Syntax:

LINE = “range”, x1, y1, x2, y2, html color, *thickness*, *pattern*, *end arrow*, *start arrow*

Parameters:

“range”: a set of cards,

x1, y1: coordinates of first point (in cm),

x2, y2: coordinates of second point (in cm),

html color: color of the line, in the same format used for HTML. You can also specify a gradient,

thickness: thickness of the line (in cm), if omitted, the line is 1 pixel wide,

pattern: a pattern for the line, this pattern can be composed of:

O	dot
D	dash
S	space

These letters can be repeated, for example “OSDSOS” is a valid pattern,

end arrow: width of the arrow (in cm), if omitted (or zero) there is no arrow at the end of the line,

start arrow: width of the arrow (in cm), if omitted (or zero) there is no arrow at the start of the line.

Example:

```
LINE = 1, 1, 1, 5, 1, #0000FF#FF0000@0
LINE = 1, 1, 2, 5, 2, #0000FF#FF0000@0, 0.05
LINE = 1, 1, 3, 5, 3, #0000FF#FF0000@0, 0.1
LINE = 1, 1, 4, 5, 4, #0000FF#FF0000@0, 0.15
LINE = 1, 1, 5, 5, 5, #0000FF#FF0000@0, 0.2
LINE = 1, 1, 6, 5, 6, #0000FF#FF0000@0, 0.25
LINE = 1, 1, 7, 5, 7, #0000FF#FF0000@0, 0.3
LINE = 1, 1, 8, 5, 8, #0000FF#FF0000@0, 0.35, OSDSOS
```

Result: Image 38



Image 38

LINERECT

This directive draws a line from a vertex of a rectangle to the opposite vertex.

Syntax:

LINE = “range”, pos_x, pos_y, width, height, html color, *thickness*, *pattern*, *end arrow*, *start arrow*

Parameters:

“range”: a set of cards,

pos_x: horizontal position (in cm),

pos_y: vertical position (in cm),

width: width of the rectangle (in cm),

height: height of the rectangle (in cm),

html color: color of the line, in the same format used for HTML. You can also specify a gradient,

thickness: thickness of the line (in cm), if omitted, the line is 1 pixel wide,

pattern: a pattern for the line, this pattern can be composed of:

O dot
D dash
S space

These letters can be repeated, for example “OSDSOS” is a valid pattern,

end arrow: width of the arrow (in cm), if omitted (or zero) there is no arrow at the end of the line,

start arrow: width of the arrow (in cm), if omitted (or zero) there is no arrow at the start of the line.

Example:

```
LINERECT = 1, 1, 1, 4, 0, #0000FF#FF0000@0  
LINERECT = 1, 1, 2, 4, 0, #0000FF#FF0000@0, 0.05  
LINERECT = 1, 1, 3, 4, 0, #0000FF#FF0000@0, 0.1  
LINERECT = 1, 1, 4, 4, 0, #0000FF#FF0000@0, 0.15  
LINERECT = 1, 1, 5, 4, 0, #0000FF#FF0000@0, 0.2  
LINERECT = 1, 1, 6, 4, 0, #0000FF#FF0000@0, 0.25  
LINERECT = 1, 1, 7, 4, 0, #0000FF#FF0000@0, 0.3  
LINERECT = 1, 1, 8, 4, 0, #0000FF#FF0000@0, 0.35, OSDSOS
```

Result: Image 39



Image 39

LINK

This directive is used to link data, written as a text file (CSV format) or an Excel file, with the current script. The data linked are referenced in the script as sequences. If the fields' names are omitted, the fields are referenced using the names contained in the first row of the file.

For text files, the character used to separate fields' data can be changed using the LINKSEP directive (see page 120). See also the LINKMULTI directive (page 119) if you need to duplicate the data rows, and the "Linked data editor" chapter (page 49).

Syntax for text files:

```
LINK = "filename", field1, field2, ... fieldN
```

If you omit the "filename" parameter, the program reads the data directly from the script file, until it reads a ENDLINK directive (see page 80).

Syntax for Excel files:

```
LINK = "filename!sheet", field1, field2, ... fieldN
```

If you didn't specify the sheet's name, the program reads the 1st sheet in the file (for example, "sheet1").

Tip: you can choose a name (and path) from a Windows standard dialog, clicking on the button "Insert" and choosing the menu voice "Link".

If the spreadsheet file doesn't exist, the program asks if you want to create it (with the names of the fields specified in the line as the parameters field1, field2, etc).

Examples:

```
LINK = "c:\test\data01.txt"
```

```
LINK = "c:\test\data02.txt", size, speed, weight
```

```
LINK = "c:\test\data01.xls"
```

```
LINK = "c:\test\data01.xls!sheet2"
```

With the 2nd example, in the script these fields are referenced as [size], [speed] and [weight].

Example of file "data02.txt":

```
1, 2, 3  
4, 5, 6  
7, 8, 9  
10, 11, 12
```

The program will translate the data file in these sequences:

```
[size]=1|4|7|10  
[speed]=2|5|8|11  
[weight]=3|6|9|12
```

You can also link a Google Sheet document, using the ID of the file instead of “*filename*” parameter, but you have to share it first, following these steps:

- select the file in Google Drive web page,
- click the Share icon (the icon with the “little man” in top-right button bar),
- click the dropdown menu below “Link sharing on” in the window,
- select a link sharing option, one of the “Anyone with the link...” option.

Now Google shows you a link like this:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1s_p1gcL2BBO_zYIe_v8bADjWzFtc0hh_eY8DIw8OPfY/edit?usp=sharing

The ID of the sheet is the bold part, copy it and paste it in a nanDECK line like this:

[LINK=1s_p1gcL2BBO_zYIe_v8bADjWzFtc0hh_eY8DIw8OPfY](#)

You can also select one of the sheets, with this syntax:

[LINK=ID!Sheet_name](#)

But you must enable the web sharing, with these steps:

- open the spreadsheet in a browser,
- select from menu File → Publish to the Web,
- click on “Publish” button.

LINKFILTER

This directive is used to filter the rows in a linked file. You can specify more than one LINKFILTER directive for a linked file, and must be used before the LINK directive (see page 116).

Syntax:

```
LINKSEP = field_name operator value
```

Parameters:

field_name: is the name of the field for the filter

operator: these are the possible operators used for the filter

```
=      equal
>      major
<      minor
>=     major or equal
<=     minor or equal
<>     different
@      contained into
#      not contained into
```

value: is the value used for the filter

Example:

Linked file:

```
Name, count
Alpha, 1
Beta, 2
Gamma, 3
```

With this script line:

```
LINKFILTER = count < 3
LINK = linked.csv
```

The resulting linked file will be:

```
Name, count
Alpha, 1
Beta, 2
```

If you want to clear all filter, you can use this directive with “CLEAR” parameter:

```
LINKSEP = CLEAR
```

LINKMULDIS

When a linked file is used with a LINKMULTI directive (see page 120), you can specify with this directive one or more fields that aren't replicated; instead of a replica, a single element in a sequence field is taken for each record. It must be used before the LINK directive (see page 116).

Syntax:

```
LINKMULDIS = field1, field2, ..., fieldN
```

For example, if this is a linked file:

```
name, count, data  
Alpha, 1, a  
Beta, 2, b|c  
Gamma, 3, d|e
```

And you add these lines to your script:

```
LINKMULTI = count  
LINKMULDIS = data  
LINK = linked.csv
```

The resulting linked file will be:

```
name, count, data  
Alpha, 1, a  
Beta, 2, b  
Beta, 2, c  
Gamma, 3, d  
Gamma, 3, e  
Gamma, 3, d
```

Note: if a sequence is smaller than the requested number of replicated rows, it's extended (like the **d|e** sequence in the example, extended to **d|e|d** for the three rows).

LINKMULTI

This directive is used to specify a field, used for identifying a multiplier for a line in a linked file. It must be used before the LINK directive (see page 116) and it must refer an existing field in the linked file (or a field specified in the LINK directive).

Syntax:

LINKMULTI = field name

The field must contain a number. For example, if this is a linked file:

```
Name, count
Alpha, 1
Beta, 2
Gamma, 3
```

And you add these lines to your script:

```
LINKMULTI = count
LINK = linked.csv
```

The resulting linked file will be:

```
Name, count
Alpha, 1
Beta, 2
Beta, 2
Gamma, 3
Gamma, 3
Gamma, 3
```

LINKNEW

This directive is used to specify a string, used in substitution for a carriage return read with the LINK directive (see page 116). If you don't specify a LINKNEW directive in your script file, every carriage return read is replaced by `\13`.

Syntax:

LINKNEW = string

LINKRANDOM

This directive enables/disables the randomization of lines read with a LINK directive (see page 116). It must be used before the LINK directive (see page 116).

Syntax:

LINKRANDOM = flag

Parameter:

“**flag**”: values accepted are:

ON To enable randomization
OFF To disable randomization (the default)

Example:

```
LINKRANDOM = ON
LINK = linked.csv
```

LINKSEP

This directive is used to specify the character used in a link file to separate fields. It must be used before the LINK directive (see page 116).

If this command is omitted, is used the default separator, a comma “,”.

Syntax:

LINKSEP = character

You can also specify a special character with the syntax `\n`. For example, for a tab you can use this line:

```
LINKSEP = \9\
```

Example:

```
LINKSEP = ;  
LINK = linked.csv
```

LOG

This directive appends a string in a text file, if the file doesn't exist, it will be created. If you don't specify a value, the file is deleted instead.

Syntax:

LOG = “range”, “file”, “value”

Parameters:

“**range**”: a set of cards,

“**file**”: name of the file,

“**value**”: the string that will be written in the text file

Example:

```
LOG = 1-10, "log.txt", "Card n° {$}"
```

MACRO

With this directive you can create new procedures, to be used like other directives. The END directive marks the end of the new procedure, and you can specify a list of parameters, delimited with parenthesis, to be reused in the script block. You can also specify a default value for each parameter, then if you didn't use a parameter when you call a macro, the default value is used instead.

In a macro you can recall another macro, but you can't create recursive macros.

Syntax:

```
MACRO = name, (parameter1)value1, (parameter2)value2, ...
```

```
...  
END
```

Example:

```
[black] = #000000  
[red] = #FF0000  
[blue] = #0000FF  
;  
MACRO = dot, (rng), (x), (y), (r)  
    ELLIPSE = (rng), (x)-(r), (y)-(r), (r)*2, (r)*2, [red][blue]@0  
END  
;  
MACRO = shadow, (rng), (x), (y), (w), (h), (txt), (col)  
    FONTRANGE = (rng), Arial, 20, B, [black]  
    TEXT = (rng), "(txt)", (x)+0.08, (y)+0.08, (w), (h), CENTER, CENTER, 0, 50  
    FONTRANGE = (rng), Arial, 20, BT, (col)  
    TEXT = (rng), "(txt)", (x), (y), (w), (h), CENTER  
END  
;  
MACRO = card, (rng), (txt), (x), (y), (w), (h), (col)  
    shadow = (rng), (x), (y), (w), (h), (txt), (col)  
    dot = (rng), (x), (y), 0.5  
    dot = (rng), (x)+(w), (y), 0.5  
    dot = (rng), (x), (y)+(h), 0.5  
    dot = (rng), (x)+(w), (y)+(h), 0.5  
END  
;  
card = 1, "Test1", 1, 1, 4, 3, [red][blue]@0  
card = 1, "Test2", 1, 6, 2, 2, [red][blue]@0
```

Result: Image 40

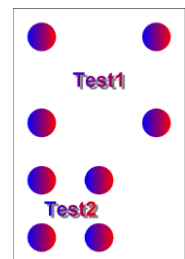


Image 40

MARGINS

This directive sets the page's margins. If the directive MARGINS is not specified, the standard margins are 1 cm (each).

Syntax:

MARGINS = left, right, top, bottom

Parameters:

left: left margin (in cm),

right: right margin (in cm),

top: top margin (in cm),

bottom: bottom margin (in cm).

Example:

```
MARGINS = 2, 2, 1, 1
```

NANDECK

This directive execute another instance of the program, loads a scripts, render all the cards and saves them to disk. Then the execution continues with the next line. This directive is executed only one time with each run of the script.

Syntax:

NANDECK = "source", output, "*path*", *dpi*, *oversample*, "*range*"

Parameters:

"source": another nanDECK script,

output: this flag specify the format of the saved images, you can choose between:

BMP
JPG
PNG
GIF
GIFA
TIF
PDF

"*path*": the path for the saved images, if isn't specified, the images are saved in the save folder of the source,

dpi: the resolution for the images (see page 76), the default is 300,

oversample: the value for the oversample (see page 124), the default is 1 (no oversample),

"*range*": you can specify a range if you don't want to render all the deck.

Example:

```
NANDECK = "c:\scripts\test.txt", PNG, "c:\output"
```

NEXT

This directive closes a FOR...NEXT loop (see page 88).

Syntax:

NEXT

Parameters:

none

OVERSAMPLE

If you specify a parameter greater than one, the program works with cards 2x, 3x, or greater than the size specified, and then resize them to the original size, using the filter specified with IMAGEFILTER directive (see page 106). It's useful to smooth every element of the cards, especially with small size one.

Syntax:

OVERSAMPLE = number

Example:

OVERSAMPLE = 2

With this directive, the memory required (and the rendering time) is much more than usual.

PAGE

This directive sets the paper's size and orientation (for printing and PDF creation).

Syntax:

PAGE = width, height, orientation, *flags*, *html color*, *no border range*

Parameters:

width: page width (in cm)

height: page height (in cm)

orientation: the orientation can be chosen between:

LANDSCAPE horizontal
PORTRAIT vertical

flags: in this parameter you can specify a special behavior for pages, possible values are:

H the cards are horizontally centered
V the cards are vertically centered
E guides are not printed on even pages
O guides are not printed on odd pages

html color: paper color, in the same format used for HTML.

no border range: if a range is specified, the border isn't printed on these cards.

If the directive PAGE is not specified, the standard is 21 x 29.7 (A4), portrait, no flags.

Example:

PAGE = 21, 29.7, LANDSCAPE

PAGEFONT

This directive changes the font's characteristics for page's headers (see page 92) and footers (see page 87). If you don't specify this directive in your script, it will be used Arial 10, black.

Syntax:

PAGEFONT = "font name", size, style, html color

Parameters:

"font name": character's name (string),

size: character's size (integer), in typographical points = 1/72 of an inch,

style: character' style, values accepted are:

B	bold
I	italic
U	underline
S	strikeout

html color: character's color, in the same format used for HTML.

Examples:

```
PAGEFONT = Arial, 10, B, #000000
```

```
PAGEFONT = "Times new roman", 16, IU, #FF0000
```

PAGEIMAGE

This directive draws an image centered on all the printed pages (like a watermark).

Syntax:

PAGEIMAGE = "image file", *flags*

Parameters:

"image file": the image to be printed,

flag: one or more of the following flags:

P	proportional
E	don't print on even pages
O	don't print on odd pages

Example:

```
PAGEIMAGE = watermark.pnk, P
```

PATTERN

This directive prints repeated images in a rectangular area. If you want to print different images instead, you can use the ICON directive (see page 94).

Syntax:

PATTERN = "range", "image file", number, position x, position y, width, height, image width, image height, *angle*, *flags*, *horizontal alignment*, *vertical alignment*, *alpha-channel*

Parameters:

"range": a set of cards,

"image file": an existent image file (eventually with a path), formats allowed are bmp, gif, png, jpg, and tif,

number: the number of images printed (you can also use a sequence here),

position x: horizontal position (in cm),

position y: vertical position (in cm),

width: width of the rectangle in which the images are printed (in cm),

height: height of the rectangle in which the images are printed (in cm),

image width: width of the single image to be printed (in cm),

image height: height of the single image to be printed (in cm),

angle: angle of image rotation, if not specified it is assumed to be 0 (for no rotation),

flags: in this parameter you can specify a special behavior for images, possible values are:

T	Transparent
A	Anti-aliasing
R	Reverse, reversing the filling order of pattern's elements (from bottom to top)
N	Use PNG transparency
P	Proportional
V	Vertical pattern

horizontal alignment: the images' horizontal alignment in the rectangle, values accepted are:

LEFT	left aligned
CENTER	centered (the default)
RIGHT	right aligned

vertical alignment: the images' vertical alignment in the rectangle, values accepted are:

TOP	top aligned
CENTER	centered (the default)
BOTTOM	bottom aligned

alpha-channel: level of transparency of image, from 0 (full transparent) to 100 (full solid). If omitted, the level is set to 100 (full solid).

Examples:

```
[img] = "c:\images\dot_red.gif"
RECTANGLE = 1, 0, 0, 6, 5, #0000FF
PATTERN = 1, [img], 5, 0, 1, 6, 3, 1.5, 1.5, 0, T, CENTER, CENTER
```

Result: Image 41

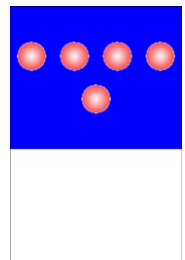


Image 41

PIE

This directive draws a pie slice in a set of cards.

Syntax:

PIE = “range”, position x, position y, width, height, start angle, end angle, html color, *html color*, *thickness*

Parameters:

“range”: a set of cards,

position x: horizontal position (in cm),

position y: vertical position (in cm),

width: width of the pie (in cm),

height: height of the pie (in cm),

start angle: start angle of pie (0=north, 90=east, 180=south, 270=west)

end angle: end angle of pie (0=north, 90=east, 180=south, 270=west)

html color: border color of the pie, in the same format used for HTML. You can also specify a gradient.

html color: inner color of the pie, in the same format used for HTML, if not specified the inner color is the same of border color. You can also specify “EMPTY” for a hollow pie or a gradient.

thickness: thickness of the border of the pie (in cm), if omitted, the pie’s border is 1 pixel wide.

Examples:

```
PIE = 1, 1, 3, 4, 4, 0, 90, #00FF00
```

Result: Image 42

```
PIE = 1, 1, 3, 4, 4, 90, 270, #FF00FF, EMPTY, 0.1
```

Result: Image 43

```
PIE = 1, 1, 3, 4, 4, 0, 270, #FF0000#0000FF@90
```

Result: Image 44

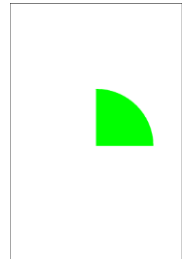


Image 42

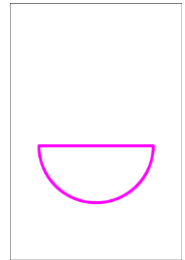


Image 43

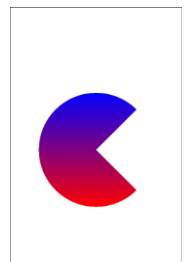


Image 44

POLYGON

This directive draws a polygon in a set of cards.

Syntax:

POLYGON = “range”, position x, position y, width, height, sides, angle, html color, *html color*, *thickness*

Parameters:

“range”: a set of cards,

position x: horizontal position (in cm),

position y: vertical position (in cm),

width: width of the polygon (in cm),

height: height of the polygon (in cm),

sides: number of sides (3 = triangle, 4 = square, 5 = pentagon, and so on...),

angle: angle of rotation (in degrees),

html color: border color of the polygon, in the same format used for HTML. You can also specify a gradient.

html color: inner color of the polygon, in the same format used for HTML, if not specified the inner color is the same of border color. You can also specify “EMPTY” for a hollow polygon or a gradient.

thickness: thickness of the border of the polygon (in cm), if omitted, the polygon’s border is 1 pixel wide.

Examples:

```
POLYGON = 1, 1, 1, 4, 7, 3, 45, #00FF00
```

Result: Image 45

```
POLYGON = 1, 1, 1, 4, 7, 4, 0, #FF00FF, EMPTY, 0.1
```

Result: Image 46

```
POLYGON = 1, 1, 1, 4, 7, 5, 0, #FF0000#0000FF@90
```

Result: Image 47

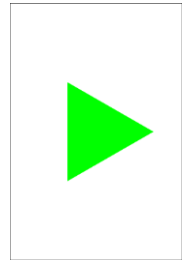


Image 45

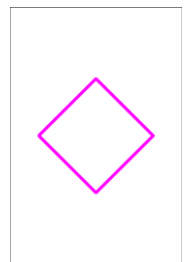


Image 46

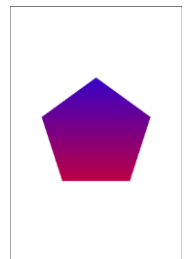


Image 47

PRINT

This directive restricts the deck creation to the specified cards.

Syntax:

```
PRINT = "range"
```

Parameters:

"range": a range of cards. If you specify the "DUPLEX" parameter, the range is built using information from the DUPLEX directives (see page 76).

Examples:

```
PRINT = "1-3, 8, 10-12"  
PRINT = DUPLEX
```

RECTANGLE

This directive draws a rectangle in a set of cards.

Syntax:

RECTANGLE = “range”, position x, position y, width, height, html color, *html color*, *thickness*

Parameters:

“**range**”: a set of cards,

position x: horizontal position (in cm),

position y: vertical position (in cm),

width: width of the rectangle (in cm),

height: height of the rectangle (in cm),

html color: border color of the rectangle, in the same format used for HTML. You can also specify a gradient.

html color: inner color of the rectangle, in the same format used for HTML, if not specified the inner color is the same of border color. You can also specify “EMPTY” for a hollow rectangle or a gradient.

thickness: thickness of the border of the rectangle (in cm), if omitted, the rectangle’s border is 1 pixel wide.

Examples:

```
RECTANGLE = 1, 1, 1, 4, 7, #00FF00
```

Result: Image 48

```
RECTANGLE = 1, 1, 1, 4, 7, #FF00FF, EMPTY, 0.1
```

Result: Image 49

```
RECTANGLE = 1, 1, 1, 4, 7, #FF0000#0000FF@90
```

Result: Image 50

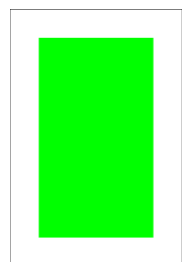


Image 48

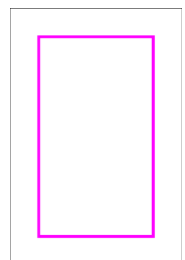


Image 49

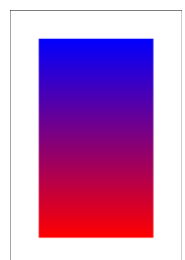


Image 50

RENDER

With this directive the program renders only a range of cards. If omitted, all the deck is rendered. If a *name* is specified, the range is associated with this string, and can be selected on a window, for a faster switch on multiple ranges.

Syntax:

RENDER = starting card, ending card, *name*

Examples:

```
RENDER = 10, 20
```

```
RENDER = 1, 10, "full deck"
```

```
RENDER = 1, 5, "first half"
```

```
RENDER = 6, 10, "second half"
```

RHOMBUS

This directive draws a rhombus in a set of cards.

Syntax:

RHOMBUS = “range”, position x, position y, width, height, html color, *html color*, *thickness*

Parameters:

“**range**”: a set of cards,

position x: horizontal position (in cm),

position y: vertical position (in cm),

width: width of the rhombus (in cm),

height: height of the rhombus (in cm),

html color: border color of the rhombus, in the same format used for HTML. You can also specify a gradient.

html color: inner color of the rhombus, in the same format used for HTML, if not specified the inner color is the same of border color. You can also specify “EMPTY” for a hollow rhombus or a gradient.

thickness: thickness of the border of the rhombus (in cm), if omitted, the rectangle’s border is 1 pixel wide.

Examples:

```
RHOMBUS = 1, 1, 1, 4, 7, #00FF00
```

Result: Image 51

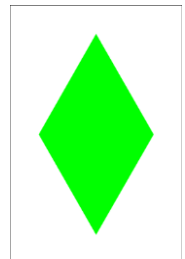


Image 51

ROUNDRECT

This directive draws a rounded rectangle in a set of cards.

Syntax:

RECTANGLE = “range”, position x, position y, width, height, html color, *html color*, *thickness*, *horizontal factor*, *vertical factor*

Parameters:

“range”: a set of cards,

position x: horizontal position (in cm),

position y: vertical position (in cm),

width: width of the rounded rectangle (in cm),

height: height of the rounded rectangle (in cm),

html color: border color of the rounded rectangle, in the same format used for HTML. You can also specify a gradient.

html color: inner color of the rounded rectangle, in the same format used for HTML, if not specified the inner color is the same of border color. You can also specify “EMPTY” for a hollow rounded rectangle or a gradient.

thickness: thickness of the border of the rounded rectangle (in cm), if omitted, the rectangle’s border is 1 pixel wide.

horizontal factor: rounding horizontal factor for the rectangle (1 for a circle), if omitted the default is 5.

vertical factor: rounding vertical factor for the rectangle (1 for a circle), if omitted the default is equal to *horizontal factor* parameter (or 5, if the latter is missing).

Examples:

```
ROUNDRECT = 1, 1, 1, 4, 7, #00FF00
```

Result: Image 52

```
ROUNDRECT = 1, 1, 1, 4, 7, #FF00FF, EMPTY, 0.1, 2
```

Result: Image 53

```
ROUNDRECT = 1, 1, 1, 4, 7, #FF0000#0000FF@90
```

Result: Image 54

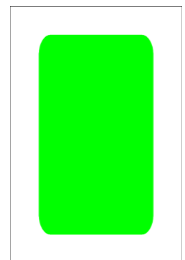


Image 52

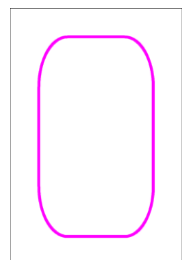


Image 53

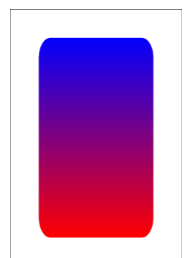


Image 54

RTFFILE

This directive prints the RTF text loaded from a filename in the cards specified by a range. This directive is useful if you want to print a text from a document written using a word-processor (every program has the option to save a file in RTF format).

Syntax:

RTFFILE = "range", "filename", position x, position y, width, height, *html color*, *angle*, *flags*, *alpha-channel*

Parameters:

"range": a set of cards,

"filename": the RTF filename for text to be printed (eventually with a pathname),

position x: horizontal position (in cm),

position y: vertical position (in cm),

width: width of the text's rectangle (in cm),

height: height of the text's rectangle (in cm),

html color: background color for text,

angle: angle of text rotation, you must specify 0 for no rotation,

flags: you can specify one or more flags, chosen between:

T	Transparent background for text
H	Horizontal mirror
V	Vertical mirror

alpha-channel: level of transparency of text, from 0 (full transparent) to 100 (full solid). If omitted, the level is set to 100 (full solid). You can also specify an angle for the transparency, with the format **level@angle**; in this case the level of transparency is the starting level, ending with 0 (full transparent).

Example:

```
RTFFILE = 1, "c:\temp\document.rtf", 0, 0, 6, 8, #FFFF80, 0
```

Result: Image 55

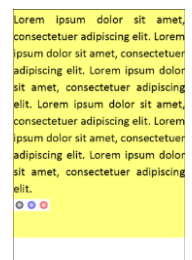


Image 55

RTFTEXT

This directive prints a text, using RTF format, in the cards specified by a range. This directive is useful if you want to print a text with multiple size, font, attributes, colors and so on. For expression, you must include them in double curly parenthesis `{ { }`.

Syntax:

RTFTEXT = "range", "text", position x, position y, width, height, *html color*, *angle*, *flags*, *alpha-channel*

Parameters:

"range": a set of cards,

"text": the RTF text to be printed,

position x: horizontal position (in cm),

position y: vertical position (in cm),

width: width of the text's rectangle (in cm),

height: height of the text's rectangle (in cm),

html color: background color for text,

angle: angle of text rotation, you must specify 0 for no rotation,

flags: you can specify one or more flags, chosen between:

T	Transparent background for text
H	Horizontal mirror
V	Vertical mirror

alpha-channel: level of transparency of text, from 0 (full transparent) to 100 (full solid). If omitted, the level is set to 100 (full solid). You can also specify an angle for the transparency, with the format **level@angle**; in this case the level of transparency is the starting level, ending with 0 (full transparent).

Example:

```
RTFTEXT = 1, "{\rtf normal\par{\b bold}\par{\i italic}\par{\ul underline}}", 0,  
0, 6, 6, #FFFF80, 0
```

Result: Image 56

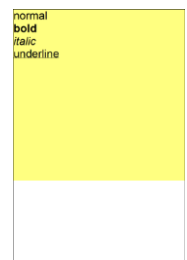


Image 56

SAVE

This directive saves the full or partial image(s) of card(s) specified by a range in a file(s). You can use expressions like `{§}` to specify different filenames for different cards in the range. The image can also be loaded in another card with IMAGE directive (see page 104). The formats you can use for the image are BMP, JPG, PNG and GIF, if you didn't specify an extension for the filename, the default is BMP. If you didn't specify a size, the default is all the card.

Syntax:

```
SAVE = "range", "filename", position x, position y, width, height, transparent_color, zipfile, transparent_image
```

Parameters:

"range": a set of cards,

"filename": the name of the file created (.bmp extension),

position x: horizontal start of saved area (in cm),

position y: vertical start of saved area (in cm),

width: width of the saved area (in cm),

height: height of the saved area (in cm),

transparent_color: for PNG and GIF, if this parameter is specified, the file is save with this color as transparent, for PNG files you can also specify more than one color (for example `#0000FF#00FF00` for two colors) and add also a level of transparency, in the format `#xyyyyyyy`, where `xx` = transparency level (from `00` = full transparent to `FF` = full solid) and `yy` = color,

zipfile: if this parameter is specified, the image file is added to this zip file,

transparent_image: if this parameter is specified (a PNG image), is used as transparency mask for the saved image.

Examples:

```
SAVE = 1-3, "card{§}.bmp", 0, 0, 6, 9
```

```
RECTANGLE = 1, 1, 1, 4, 7, #0000FF#FF0000@90  
RECTANGLE = 1, 0, 0, 6, 9, #000000, EMPTY, 0.5  
SAVE = 1, "temp.bmp", 0, 0, 6, 9  
IMAGE = 1, "temp.bmp", 3, 0, 3, 4.5, 0, A
```

Result: Image 57

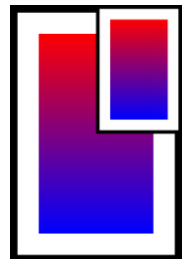


Image 57

SAVEGIFA

This directive saves the full deck of cards in an animated GIF file specified in “filename” parameter.

Syntax:

```
SAVEGIFA = “filename”, msec
```

Parameters:

“filename”: the name of the file to be created (.gif extension)

msec: the delay between each frame (the default is 1000 = 1 second)

Example:

```
SAVEGIFA = deck.gif
```

Note: there isn't a “range” parameter because only the final deck can be printed (and then exported in a PDF file). If you want a partial deck, use also a RENDER directive.

SAVEPDF

This directive saves the full deck of cards in a PDF file specified in “filename” parameter.

Syntax:

```
SAVEPDF = “filename”
```

Parameters:

“filename”: the name of the file to be created (.pdf extension)

Example:

```
SAVEPDF = deck.pdf
```

Note: see above.

SECTION

The directives contained between SECTION and ENDSECTION directives are associated with the parameter “name”, and can be activated or deactivated (using the “flag” parameter), this option can be selected on a window, for a faster activation/deactivation for multiple names.

Syntax:

```
SECTION = “name”, flag
```

The parameter flag can be set equal to:

ON to enable the section
OFF to disable the section

Example:

```
SECTION = "Border", ON  
BORDER = RECTANGLE  
ENDSECTION
```

SELECT

The SELECT...ENDSELECT structure can be used to create sections of code that must be executed only if are verified some conditions. In the default mode, a value is evaluated and only the CASE code with the same value is executed; you can also add an operator to be used for the test evaluation.

Syntax:

```
SELECT = value
...
CASE = value1
...
CASE = value2
...
...
CASEELSE
...
ENDSELECT
```

Parameters:

value: a string, number, label or expression that can be evaluated.

Example:

```
CARDS = 4
[TEST] = 1|2|3|4
SELECT = [TEST]
CASE = 1
    RECTANGLE = 1-4, 0, 0, 100%, 100%, #FF0000
CASE = <4
    ELLIPSE = 1-4, 0, 0, 100%, 100%, #0000FF
CASEELSE
    RHOMBUS = 1-4, 0, 0, 100%, 100%, #00FF00
ENDSELECT
```

SEQUENCE

This directive is used to start a SEQUENCE...ENDSEQUENCE structure, for creating one or more sequences.

Syntax:

```
SEQUENCE = label_name
```

Parameters:

label_name: the name of the label

Each line in this structure is added to the sequence with the name specified as a parameter.

Example:

```
SEQUENCE = Title
Earth
Moon
Mars
Venus
Jupiter
ENDSEQUENCE
```

There is an alternative syntax, for creating multiple sequences. Each line in this structure must contains the name of the sequence and a value, separated with a pipe | character. For example, this script creates five sequences of two elements each:

```
SEQUENCE =

Title           |Earth
Image           |Earth.jpg
Description     |Earth is the third planet from the Sun.
Radius          |6.371
Orbital Period |365

Title           |Moon
Image           |Moon.jpg
Description     |The Moon is Earth's only natural satellite.
Radius          |1.737
Orbital Period |26

ENDSEQUENCE
```

That script is equivalent to this:

```
[Title] = Earth|Moon
[Image] = Earth.jpg|Moon.jpg
[Description] = Earth is the third planet from the Sun.| The Moon is Earth's
only natural satellite.
[Radius] = 6.371|1.737
[Orbital Period] = 365|26
```

SPECIAL

This directive is used to change the special symbols used for some variables.

Syntax:

SPECIAL = card's number character, frame's number character, frame's name character

Parameters:

Card's number character: the character used for the number of the current card (default \$).

Frame's number character: the character used for the number of the current frame (default °).

Frame's name character: the character used for the name of the current frame (default μ).

Example:

```
SPECIAL = $, ^, ?
```

STAR

This directive draws a star in a set of cards.

Syntax:

STAR = “range”, position x, position y, width, height, tips, angle, factor, html color, *html color*, *thickness*

Parameters:

“range”: a set of cards,

position x: horizontal position (in cm),

position y: vertical position (in cm),

width: width of the star (in cm),

height: height of the star (in cm),

tips: number of tips,

angle: angle of rotation (in degrees),

factor: from 0 (very pointy star) to 100 (polygon),

html color: border color of the star, in the same format used for HTML. You can also specify a gradient.

html color: inner color of the star, in the same format used for HTML, if not specified the inner color is the same of border color. You can also specify “EMPTY” for a hollow star or a gradient.

thickness: thickness of the border of the star (in cm), if omitted, the star’s border is 1 pixel wide.

Examples:

```
STAR = 1, 1, 1, 4, 7, 3, 0, 20, #00FF00
```

Result: Image 58

```
STAR = 1, 1, 1, 4, 7, 5, 0, 50, #FF00FF, EMPTY, 0.1
```

Result: Image 59

```
STAR = 1, 1, 1, 4, 7, 6, 90, 80, #FF0000#0000FF@90
```

Result: Image 60

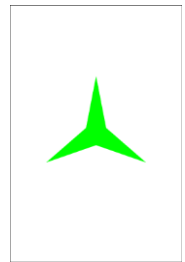


Image 58

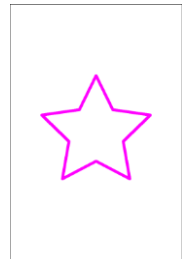


Image 59

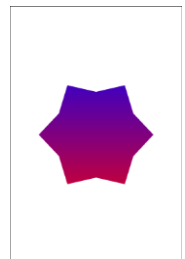


Image 60

TAG

This directive assign a label and a numeric value to a card (or a range of cards). This tag is shown in the Virtual Table (see page 50) when a card is put in a specific location of the table (if more than one card is in one location, the values of all the tags with the same name are summed up).

Syntax:

TAG = “range”, name, value

Parameters:

“range”: a set of cards,

name: the name of the tag,

value: the value of the tag (it can be a sequence of values).

Examples:

TAG = 1-10, card, 1

TAG = 1-20, value, 1|2|3|4|5

TEXT

This directive writes a text on a range of cards. The font used is specified using FONT (see page 83) or FONTRANGE (see page 84) command.

Syntax:

TEXT = “range”, “text”, position x, position y, width, height, *horizontal alignment*, *vertical alignment*, *angle*, *alpha-channel*, *outline width*, *circle offset*, *circle angle*

Parameters:

“range”: a set of cards,

“text”: the text to be printed,

position x: horizontal position (in cm),

position y: vertical position (in cm),

width: width of the rectangle used to draw the text (in cm), you can specify a negative number for a text mirrored horizontally,

height: height of the rectangle used to draw the text (in cm), you can specify a negative number for a text mirrored vertically,

horizontal alignment: the text’s horizontal alignment in the rectangle, values accepted are:

left	left aligned
center	centered
right	right aligned

The horizontal alignment is optional, if omitted is considered to be equal to **center**.

vertical alignment: the text’s vertical alignment in the rectangle, values accepted are:

top	top aligned
center	centered
bottom	bottom aligned
wordwrap	the text is top aligned and word-wrapped in the rectangle
wwtop	the text is top aligned and word-wrapped in the rectangle
wwcenter	the text is center aligned and word-wrapped in the rectangle
wwbottom	the text is bottom aligned and word-wrapped in the rectangle
charwrap	the text is centered, spaced and word-wrapped (every character) in a pattern

The vertical alignment is optional, if omitted is considered to be equal to **center**.

angle: angle of text rotation, if omitted is considered to be 0 (no rotation),

alpha-channel: level of transparency of text, from 0 (full transparent) to 100 (full solid). If omitted, the level is set to 100 (full solid). You can also specify an angle for the transparency, with the format **level@angle**; in this case the level of transparency is the starting level, ending with 0 (full transparent),

outline width: if you specify a number, the font is drawn as outlined, with this number as line's width.

Circle offset: if you specify a number, this is the offset for a circular text (from 0 to 100), the default is 25.

Circle angle: if you specify a number, this is the angle of each letter in a circular text, the default is 0.

If you want a more flexible command for text, you can use RTFTEXT (or RTFFILE). With these commands you can use multiple fonts, size, colors, size and more (justified alignment, tab settings), anything you can write with an RTF editor.

Tip: you can choose a single specific symbol or character from a visual form, clicking on the button "Insert" and choosing the menu voice "Symbol".



Examples:

```
RECTANGLE = 1, 1, 1, 4, 7, #0000FF
FONT = Arial, 16, T, #FFFFFF
TEXT = 1, "center-top", 1, 1, 4, 2, center, top
TEXT = 1, "center-center", 1, 3, 4, 3, center, center
TEXT = 1, "center-bottom", 1, 6, 4, 2, center, bottom
```

Result: Image 61

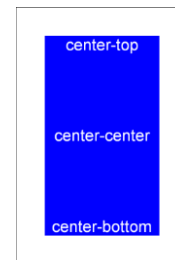


Image 61

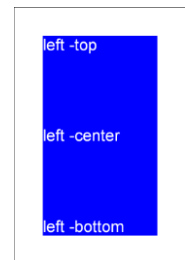


Image 62

```
RECTANGLE = 1, 1, 1, 4, 7, #0000FF
FONT = Arial, 16, T, #FFFFFF
TEXT = 1, "left-top", 1, 1, 4, 2, left, top
TEXT = 1, "left-center", 1, 3, 4, 3, left, center
TEXT = 1, "left-bottom", 1, 6, 4, 2, left, bottom
```

Result: Image 62

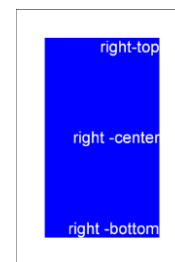


Image 63

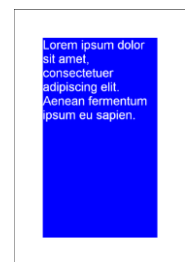


Image 64

```
RECTANGLE = 1, 1, 1, 4, 7, #0000FF
FONT = Arial, 16, T, #FFFFFF
TEXT = 1, "right-top", 1, 1, 4, 2, right, top
TEXT = 1, "right-center", 1, 3, 4, 3, right, center
TEXT = 1, "right-bottom", 1, 6, 4, 2, right, bottom
```

Result: Image 63

```
[test] = "Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetuer adipiscing elit. Aenean fermentum ipsum eu sapien."
```

```
RECTANGLE = 1, 1, 1, 4, 7, #0000FF
FONT = Arial, 12, T, #FFFFFF
TEXT = 1, [test], 1, 1, 4, 7, left, wvtop
```

Result: Image 64

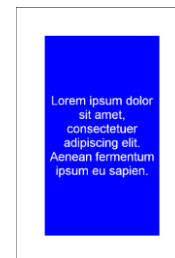


Image 65

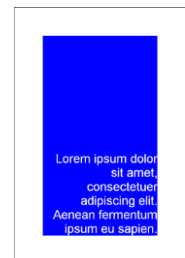


Image 66

```
[test] = "Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetuer adipiscing elit. Aenean fermentum ipsum eu sapien."
```

```
RECTANGLE = 1, 1, 1, 4, 7, #0000FF
FONT = Arial, 12, T, #FFFFFF
TEXT = 1, [test], 1, 1, 4, 7, center, wvcenter
```

Result: Image 65

```
[test] = "Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetuer adipiscing elit. Aenean fermentum ipsum eu sapien."
```

```

RECTANGLE = 1, 1, 1, 4, 7, #0000FF
FONT = Arial, 12, T, #FFFFFF
TEXT = 1, [test], 1, 1, 4, 7, right, wwbottom
Result: Image 66

```

TEXTFONT

This directive writes a text on a range of cards, it uses the parameters both from TEXT (see page 144) and FONT (see page 83) directives.

Syntax:

TEXTFONT = “range”, “text”, position x, position y, width, height, *horizontal alignment*, *vertical alignment*, *angle*, *alpha-channel*, “font name”, size, style, *html color font*, *html color background*, *outline width*, *circle offset*, *circle angle*

TEXTLIMIT

This directive fills four variables with the coordinates of latest drawn text’s boundaries (in cm), from TEXT command (see page 144). You can use these variables in other commands.

Syntax:

TEXTLIMIT = “range”

The four variables are:

```

TL    (left)
TR    (right)
TT    (top)
TB    (bottom)

```

Parameters:

“range”: a set of cards

Example:

```

FONT = Arial,16,,#000000
TEXT = 1, "This is a test", 0, 0, 6, 2, center, center
TEXTLIMIT = 1
LINE = 1, TL, 0, TL, 2, #000000, 0.05
LINE = 1, TR, 0, TR, 2, #000000, 0.05
LINE = 1, 0, TT, 6, TT, #000000, 0.05
LINE = 1, 0, TB, 6, TB, #000000, 0.05
Result: Image 67

```

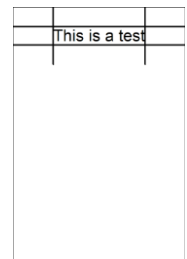


Image 67

THREADS

When the deck is built, if you specify a number different from one, nanDECK executes n copies of itself that render a section of the current deck. The main program waits until all the sections are complete, and loads them in the current deck. With a multithreaded CPU the result is a shorter time for building a deck.

Syntax:

```
THREADS = number
```

Parameter:

number: the number of threads that must be used.

Example:

```
THREADS = 4
```

Note: this method works if the cards are made independently each other, it can't be used if in the script there are keywords like `COPYCARD` or `DUPLEX`.

TOKEN

This directive prepares a token to be used in the “Virtual table” option (see page 50). A token in the Virtual table can be a simple counter with a text that can be moved or stacked, or a dice that can be rolled to obtain random values.

Syntax:

```
TOKEN = “text”, width, height, html font color, html background color, number
```

Parameters:

“text”: the text visualized in the token, can be an empty string or it can be used an expression. If you use an expression with a “d” for a random value, it can be rolled like a die with a double-click of the mouse on the token itself,

width: width of the token (in pixels), you can also specify a % of the screen width,

height: height of the token (in pixels), you can also specify a % of the screen height,

html font color: font color in the same format used for HTML,

html background color: background color in the same format used for HTML,

number: the number of tokens, if more than one the tokens are stacked together on the table.

Examples:

```
TOKEN = "{1d6}", 50, 50, #FFFFFF, #0000FF, 1
```

```
TOKEN = "$", 100, 50, #FFFFFF, #00FF00, 10
```

TRACK

This directive draws a racetrack section from a point (x1, y1) to another point (x2, y2).

Syntax:

TRACK = "range", x1, y1, x2, y2, track width, html color, *num. lanes*, *num. spaces*, *flags*, *thickness*, *left factor*, *right factor*, *pattern*

Parameters:

"range": a set of cards,

x1, y1: coordinates of first point (in cm),

x2, y2: coordinates of second point (in cm),

track width: width of the track (in cm),

html color: color of the track, in the same format used for HTML. You can also specify a gradient,

num. lanes: the number of the lanes that compose the track, the minimum is one.

num. spaces: the number of spaces long the track, the minimum is one.

flags: you can choose these flags:

S	the track section is closed at the start
E	the track section is closed at the end
H	even lanes are drawn forward one half space
L	the track is linked, using a line, to the last track drawn on the same card
C	the track is linked, using a curve, to the last track drawn on the same card
R	don't draw external right link
F	don't draw external left link

thickness: thickness of the track's line (in cm), if omitted, the line is 1 pixel wide,

left factor: for curved link, this parameter set the width of the curve, for the left side of the track,

right factor: for curved link, this parameter set the width of the curve, for the right side of the track,

pattern: a pattern for the track's line, this pattern can be composed of:

O	dot
D	dash
S	space

These letters can be repeated, for example "OSDSOS" is a valid pattern.

Example:

`TRACK = 1, 1, 8, 5, 1, 1, #000000, 3, 4, SE, 0.1`

Result: Image 68

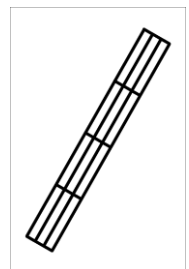


Image 68

TRACKRECT

This directive draws a racetrack section from a vertex of a rectangle to the opposite vertex.

Syntax:

TRACK = “range”, pos_x, pos_y, width, height, track width, html color, *num. lanes*, *num. spaces*, *flags*, *thickness*, *left factor*, *right factor*, *pattern*

Parameters:

“range”: a set of cards,

pos_x: horizontal position (in cm),

pos_y: vertical position (in cm),

width: width of the rectangle (in cm),

height: height of the rectangle (in cm),

track width: width of the track (in cm),

html color: color of the track, in the same format used for HTML. You can also specify a gradient,

num. lanes: the number of the lanes that compose the track, the minimum is one.

num. spaces: the number of spaces long the track, the minimum is one.

flags: you can choose these flags:

S	the track section is closed at the start
E	the track section is closed at the end
H	even lanes are drawn forward one half space
L	the track is linked, using a line, to the last track drawn on the same card
C	the track is linked, using a curve, to the last track drawn on the same card
R	don't draw external right link
F	don't draw external left link

thickness: thickness of the track's line (in cm), if omitted, the line is 1 pixel wide,

left factor: for curved link, this parameter set the width of the curve, for the left side of the track,

right factor: for curved link, this parameter set the width of the curve, for the right side of the track,

pattern: a pattern for the track's line, this pattern can be composed of:

O	dot
D	dash
S	space

These letters can be repeated, for example “OSDSOS” is a valid pattern.

TRIANGLE

This directive draws a triangle in a set of cards.

Syntax:

TRIANGLE = “range”, x1, y1, x2, y2, x3, y3, html color, *html color*, *thickness*

Parameters:

“range”: a set of cards,

x1, y1: coordinates of 1st point (in cm),

x2, y2: coordinates of 2nd point (in cm),

x3, y3: coordinates of 3rd point (in cm),

html color: border color of the triangle, in the same format used for HTML. You can also specify a gradient.

html color: inner color of the triangle, in the same format used for HTML, if not specified the inner color is the same of border color. You can also specify “EMPTY” for a hollow triangle or a gradient.

thickness: thickness of the border of the triangle (in cm), if omitted, the triangle’s border is 1 pixel wide.

Examples:

```
TRIANGLE = 1, 1, 8, 3, 1, 5, 8, #00FF00
```

Result: Image 69

```
TRIANGLE = 1, 1, 8, 3, 1, 5, 8, #FF00FF, EMPTY, 0.1
```

Result: Image 70

```
TRIANGLE = 1, 1, 8, 3, 1, 5, 8, #FF0000#0000FF@90
```

Result: Image 71

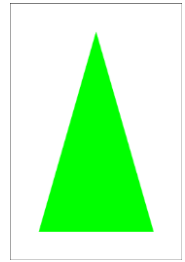


Image 69

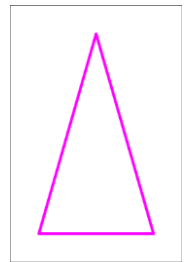


Image 70

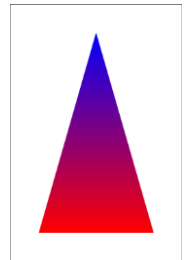


Image 71

UNIT

This directive chooses a unit to be used with all the numeric size in the script. For a correct use, it's better to include it in the first line of the script. The default size unit, if UNIT is not used, is the "cm".

Syntax:

UNIT = unit type

Parameters:

unit type: the type of unit can be chosen between:

CM
MM
INCH

Example:

```
UNIT = inch
```

Tip: instead of using absolute values, you can always specify a size (in every directive) as a fraction of the whole card, using number followed by the percentage "%".

VECTOR

This directive draws a SVG file in a set of cards.

Syntax:

VECTOR = “range”, “image file”, pos_x, pos_y, width, height, *angle*, *alpha-channel*, *flags*

Parameters:

“**range**”: a set of cards

“**image file**”: an existent .svg image file (eventually with a path)

pos_x: horizontal position (in cm)

pos_y: vertical position (in cm)

width: width of the image (in cm)

height: height of the image (in cm)

angle: angle of image rotation, can be 0 for no rotation

alpha-channel: level of transparency of image, from 0 (full transparent) to 100 (full solid). If omitted, the level is set to 100 (full solid)

flags: you can choose these flags:

I use the internal engine (default)

E use Inkscape for image’s rendering (you must specify the path in the Config window)

Example:

```
IMAGE=1-10, test.svg, 0, 0, 4, 4
```

Note: with the internal engine the SVG file specifications aren’t fully implemented, some issues exist (for example, in gradient fill).

VISUAL

This directive is used to open a VISUAL...ENDVISUAL structure (see “Visual editor”, page 52).

Syntax:

VISUAL = *flags, horizontal steps, vertical steps*

Parameters:

flags: you can choose these flags:

H	show the horizontal ruler
V	show the vertical ruler
G	show the grid
P	snap to the grid when you move an object
S	snap to the grid when you resize an object

horizontal steps: number of horizontal steps for the grid

vertical steps: number of vertical steps for the grid

ZOOM

This directive changes the size of cards (all elements, FONT included). Useful to change the final result without having to modify all the data. If omitted, is considered to be 100 (and there is no change in size). You can specify a 2nd parameter for vertical zoom, if it's different from horizontal one.

Syntax:

ZOOM = horizontal zoom, *vertical zoom*

Examples:

```
;half size  
ZOOM = 50
```

```
;double size  
ZOOM = 200
```

Code examples

Wargame counters

```

cardsize=2,2
dpi=600
linkmulti=number
link=data.txt

[back_ger]=#C0C0C0
[front_ger]=#000000
[out_ger]=#808080

[back_fre]=#8ADDF4
[front_fre]=#000000
[out_fre]=#808080

macro=outline,(range1),(text1),(frame),(font1),(size1),(col1),(col2),(col3)
    font=(font1),(size1),,(col3),(col2),0.01,0.01
    text=(range1),(text1),(frame)
    font=(font1),(size1),T,(col1),(col2)
    text=(range1),(text1),(frame)
end

[all]=1-{(number)}
<cnt_all>=0,0,2,2
<val_lft>=0.25,1.25,0.5,0.75
<val_cnt>=0.75,1.25,0.5,0.75
<val_rgt>=1.25,1.25,0.5,0.75
<val_id>=0.25,0,1.5,0.25
<img_cnt>=0.45,0.3,1.1,0.9
<img_cnt2>=0.6,0.5,0.8,0.5
rectangle=[all],0,0,2,2,[back_[nation]]

outline=[all],[combat],<val_lft>,Arial,16,[front_[nation]],[back_[nation]],[out_[nation]]
outline=[all],[movement],<val_rgt>,Arial,16,[front_[nation]],[back_[nation]],[out_[nation]]
if=[command]<>0
    outline=[all],[command],<val_cnt>,Arial,16,[front_[nation]],[back_[nation]],[out_[nation]]
endif
outline=[all],[id],<val_id>,Arial,7,[front_[nation]],[back_[nation]],[out_[nation]]
if=[type]=inf
    line=[all],<img_cnt,PTL>,<img_cnt,PBR>,[front_[nation]],0.04
    line=[all],<img_cnt,PBL>,<img_cnt,PTR>,[front_[nation]],0.04
    line=[all],<img_cnt,PTL>,<img_cnt,PBR>,[out_[nation]],0.02
    line=[all],<img_cnt,PBL>,<img_cnt,PTR>,[out_[nation]],0.02
endif
if=[type]=cav
    line=[all],<img_cnt,PBL>,<img_cnt,PTR>,[front_[nation]],0.04
    line=[all],<img_cnt,PBL>,<img_cnt,PTR>,[out_[nation]],0.02
endif
if=[type]=arm
    ellipse=[all],<img_cnt2>,[front_[nation]],EMPTY,0.04
    ellipse=[all],<img_cnt2>,[out_[nation]],EMPTY,0.02
endif
if=[type]=hq
    outline=[all],HQ,<img_cnt>,Arial,16,[front_[nation]],[back_[nation]],[out_[nation]]
endif
rectangle=[all],<img_cnt>,[front_[nation]],"empty",0.05
rectangle=[all],<img_cnt>,[out_[nation]],"empty",0.02

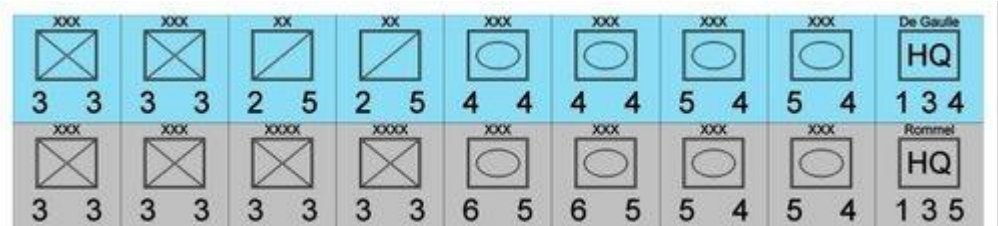
```

Data file (data.txt):

```

nation,type,combat,movement,command,id,number
fre,inf,3,3,0,XXX,2
fre,cav,2,5,0,XX,2
fre,arm,4,4,0,XXX,2
fre,arm,5,4,0,XXX,2
fre,hq,1,4,3,"De Gaulle",1
ger,inf,3,3,0,XXX,2
ger,inf,3,3,0,XXXX,2
ger,arm,6,5,0,XXX,2
ger,arm,5,4,0,XXX,2
ger,hq,1,5,3,Rommel,1

```



Dice results

```
cardsize=18,3
border=rectangle
zoom=50
[all]=1-36
```

```
<d4>=0,0,3,3
<d6>=3,0,3,3
<d8>=6,0,3,3
<d10>=9,0,3,3
<d12>=12,0,3,3
<d20>=15,0,3,3
```

```
[col]=#000000
```

```
font=Arial,32,T,[col]
```

```
polygon=[all],<d4>,3,0,[col],EMPTY,0.1
text=[all],"{1d4}",<d4>
```

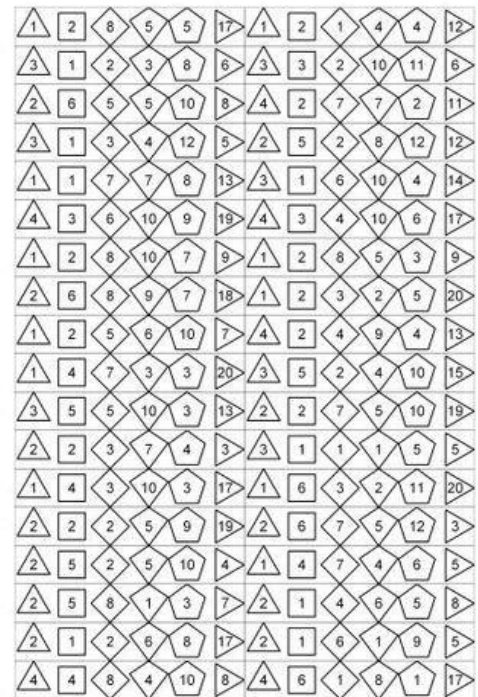
```
polygon=[all],<d6>,4,45,[col],EMPTY,0.1
text=[all],"{1d6}",<d6>
```

```
polygon=[all],<d8>,4,0,[col],EMPTY,0.1
text=[all],"{1d8}",<d8>
```

```
line=[all],9,1,10.5,0,[col],0.1
line=[all],10.5,0,12,1,[col],0.1
line=[all],12,1,10.5,3,[col],0.1
line=[all],10.5,3,9,1,[col],0.1
text=[all],"{1d10}",<d10>
```

```
polygon=[all],<d12>,5,0,[col],EMPTY,0.1
text=[all],"{1d12}",<d12>
```

```
polygon=[all],<d20>,3,90,[col],EMPTY,0.1
text=[all],"{1d20}",<d20>
```



Score track

```
unit=inch
canvassize=15,15

[side_a]=framebox(0,0,14,1,1,1,C)
[side_b]=framebox(14,0,1,14,1,1,C)
[side_c]=framebox(1,14,14,1,1,1,C)
[side_d]=framebox(0,1,1,14,1,1,C)

rectangle=0,<side*>,#000000,empty

font=arial,16,T,#000000
text=0,"{-1}",<side_a*>
text=0,"{13+°}",<side_b*>,center,center,90
text=0,"{26+16-°}",<side_c*>,center,center,180
text=0,"{40+16-°}",<side_d*>,center,center,270

save=0,"board.png"0,0,15,15
```

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15														15
16														16
17														17
18														18
19														19
20														20
21														21
22														22
23														23
24														24
25														25
26														26
27														27
28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	28

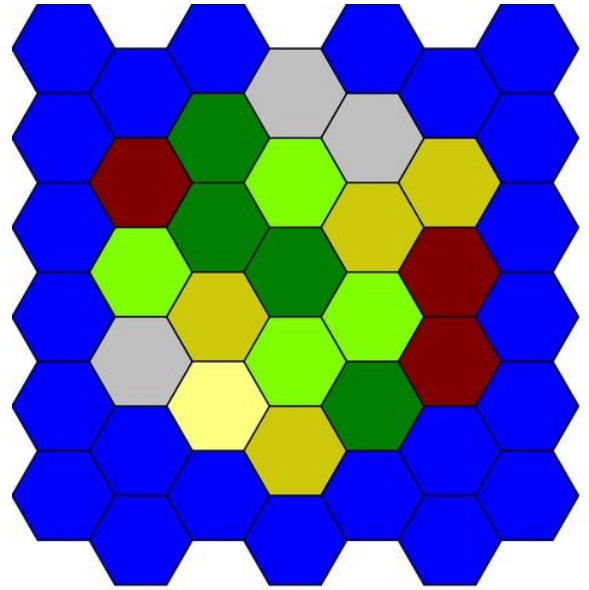
Boggle dice

```
N[a]=01|02|03|04|05|06|07|08|09|10|11|12|13|14|15|16
[range]=1-{(a)}
[d01]=LRYTTE
[d02]=VTHRWE
[d03]=EGHWNE
[d04]=SEOTIS
[d05]=ANAEEG
[d06]=IDSYTT
[d07]=OATTOW
[d08]=MTOICU
[d09]=AFPKFS
[d10]=XLDERI
[d11]=HCPOAS
[d12]=ENSIEU
[d13]=YLDEVVR
[d14]=ZNRNHL
[d15]=NMIQHU
[d16]=OBBAOJ
CARDSIZE = 4.5, 4.5
FONT = Arial, 96, , #000000
TEXT = [range], [[d[a]]:d6,1], 0, 0, 100%, 100%
RECTANGLE = [range], 0, 0, 100%, 100%, #0000FF, EMPTY, 10%
```

N	S	R	O
V	O	V	L
E	O	S	E
I	T	H	E

Catan map

```
canvassize=35,35
[sea]=framehex(0,0,35,35,3,C)
[map]=framedisk(sea43,sea41)
'sea
polygon=0,<sea*>,6,90,#000000,#0000FF,0.1
'field
polygon=0,<4~!map*>,6,90,#000000,#CEC90B,0.1
'forest
polygon=0,<4~!map*>,6,90,#000000,#008000,0.1
'pasture
polygon=0,<4~!map*>,6,90,#000000,#80FF00,0.1
'mountain
polygon=0,<3~!map*>,6,90,#000000,#C0C0C0,0.1
'hill
polygon=0,<3~!map*>,6,90,#000000,#800000,0.1
'desert
polygon=0,<~!map*>,6,90,#000000,#FFFF80,0.1
save=0,"catan.jpg",0,0,35,35
```

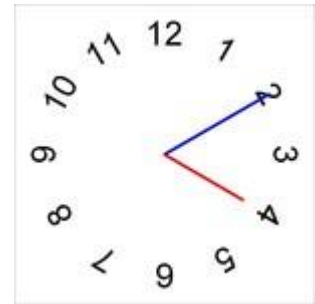


Clock

```
cardsize=10,10
[clock]=frameclock(1,1,8,8,2,2,12)
font=Arial, 32, T, #000000
text=1,"{°}",<clock*>, center, center, °*360/12

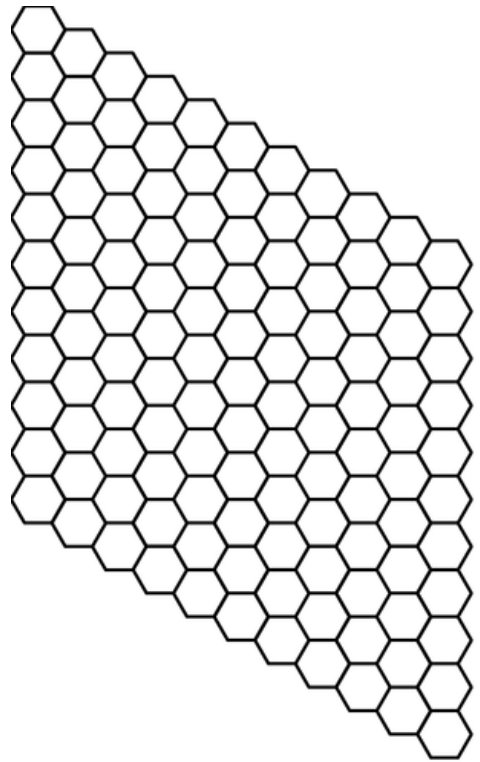
;minutes
line=1,5,5,<clock2,PCC>, #0000FF, 0.1

;hours
[hour]=frameclock(2,2,6,6,1,1,12)
line=1,5,5,<hour4,PCC>, #FF0000, 0.1
```



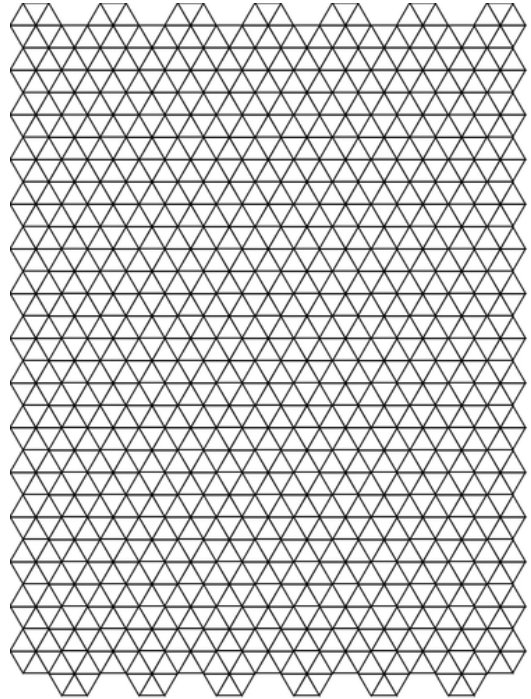
Hex board

```
page=21.59,27.94,portrait,hv
cardsize=16,24
border=none
[base]=framehex(0,0,16,24,0.85,C)
[hex01]=frameline(base0101,base0111)
[hex02]=frameline(base0201,base0211)
[hex03]=frameline(base0302,base0312)
[hex04]=frameline(base0402,base0412)
[hex05]=frameline(base0503,base0513)
[hex06]=frameline(base0603,base0613)
[hex07]=frameline(base0704,base0714)
[hex08]=frameline(base0804,base0814)
[hex09]=frameline(base0905,base0915)
[hex10]=frameline(base1005,base1015)
[hex11]=frameline(base1106,base1116)
polygon=1,<hex*>,6,90,#000000,EMPTY,0.1
```



Triangle map

```
canvassize=21,27
[h]=framehex(0,0,21,27,1,C)
star=0,<h*>,6,90,1,#000000,EMPTY,0.05
hexgrid=0,0,0,21,27,1,,#000000,EMPTY,0.05
save=0,"triangle.png",0,0,21,27
```



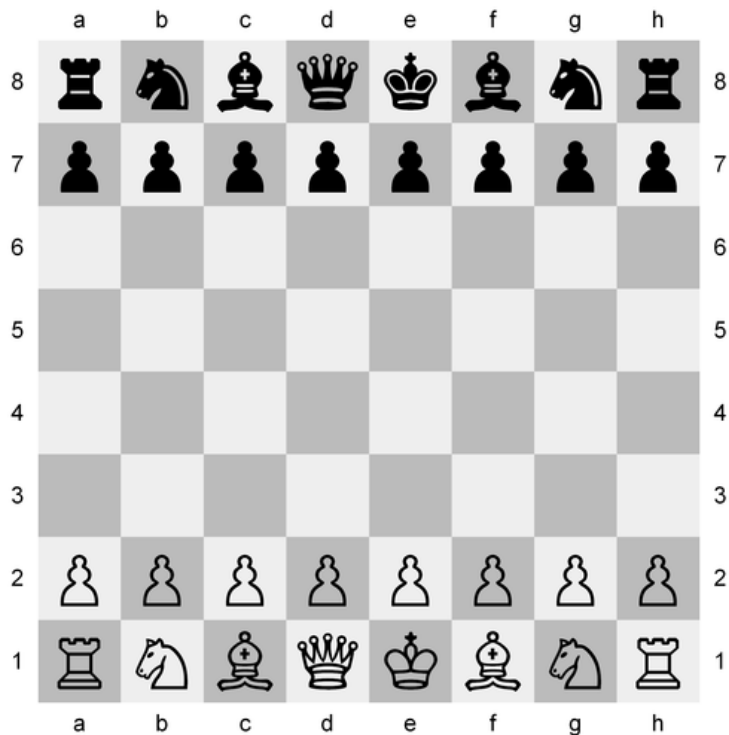
Chess board

With font "Chess Cases". Link: <http://www.enpassant.dk/chess/fonteng.htm#CASES>

```

canvassize=18,18
[ch]=framebox(1,1,16,16,2,2,E)
{[ch_white]=framelist(cha1, chc1, che1, chg1, chb2, chd2, chf2, chh2, cha3, chc3, che3, chg3, chb4, chd4, chf4, chh4,
cha5, chc5, che5, chg5, chb6, chd6, chf6, chh6, cha7, chc7, che7, chg7, chb8, chd8, chf8, chh8) }
{[ch_black]=framelist(chb1, chd1, chf1, chh1, cha2, chc2, che2, chg2, chb3, chd3, chf3, chh3, cha4, chc4, che4, chg4,
chb5, chd5, chf5, chh5, cha6, chc6, che6, chg6, chb7, chd7, chf7, chh7, cha8, chc8, che8, chg8) }
rectangle=0,<ch_white>,#EEEEEE
rectangle=0,<ch_black>,#BBBBBB
[tt]=framebox(1,0,16,1,2,1,N)
[tb]=framebox(1,17,16,1,2,1,N)
[t1]=framelist(tt1,tb1)
[t2]=framelist(tt2,tb2)
[t3]=framelist(tt3,tb3)
[t4]=framelist(tt4,tb4)
[t5]=framelist(tt5,tb5)
[t6]=framelist(tt6,tb6)
[t7]=framelist(tt7,tb7)
[t8]=framelist(tt8,tb8)
[s1]=framebox(0,1,1,16,1,2,N)
[sr]=framebox(17,1,1,16,1,2,N)
[s1]=framelist(s11,sr1)
[s2]=framelist(s12,sr2)
[s3]=framelist(s13,sr3)
[s4]=framelist(s14,sr4)
[s5]=framelist(s15,sr5)
[s6]=framelist(s16,sr6)
[s7]=framelist(s17,sr7)
[s8]=framelist(s18,sr8)
font=arial,16,,#000000
text=0,a,<t1>
text=0,b,<t2>
text=0,c,<t3>
text=0,d,<t4>
text=0,e,<t5>
text=0,f,<t6>
text=0,g,<t7>
text=0,h,<t8>
text=0,8,<s1>
text=0,7,<s2>
text=0,6,<s3>
text=0,5,<s4>
text=0,4,<s5>
text=0,3,<s6>
text=0,2,<s7>
text=0,1,<s8>
font="chess cases",48,T,#000000
[wpa]=p
[wkn]=n
[wbi]=b
[wro]=r
[wqu]=q
[wki]=k
[bpa]=o
[bkn]=m
[bbi]=v
[bro]=t
[bqu]=w
[bki]=l
text=0,[wpa],<ch?7>
text=0,[wro],<cha8>
text=0,[wkn],<chb8>
text=0,[wbi],<chc8>
text=0,[wqu],<chd8>
text=0,[wki],<che8>
text=0,[wbi],<chf8>
text=0,[wkn],<chg8>
text=0,[wro],<chh8>
text=0,[bpa],<ch?2>
text=0,[bro],<cha1>
text=0,[bkn],<chb1>
text=0,[bbi],<chc1>
text=0,[bqu],<chd1>
text=0,[bki],<che1>
text=0,[bbi],<chf1>
text=0,[bkn],<chg1>
text=0,[bro],<chh1>
save=0,chessboard2.png,0,0,18,18

```

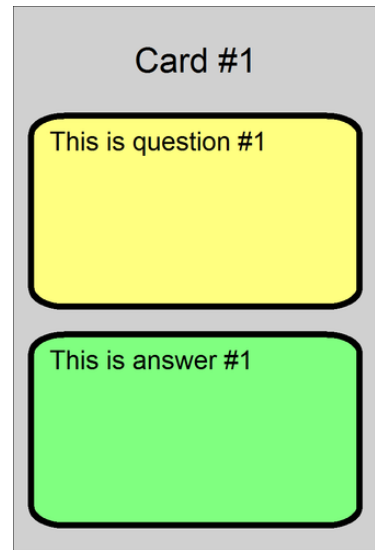


Trivia cards

```
linkmulti=num
link="q&a.txt"
[all]="1-{(id)}"
[card_id]=join("Card #",[id])
[background]=#D0D0D0
[ink]=#000000
[col_q]=#FFFF80
[col_a]=#80FF80
rectangle=[all],0,0,100%,100%,[background]
font=arial,16,,[ink],[background]
text=[all],[card_id],0,0,100%,20%,center,center
roundrect=[all],5%,20%,90%,35%,#000000,[col_q],0.1
font=arial,12,,[ink],[col_q]
text=[all],[question],10%,22%,80%,31%,left,wordwrap
roundrect=[all],5%,60%,90%,35%,#000000,[col_a],0.1
font=arial,12,,[ink],[col_a]
text=[all],[answer],10%,62%,80%,31%,left,wordwrap
```

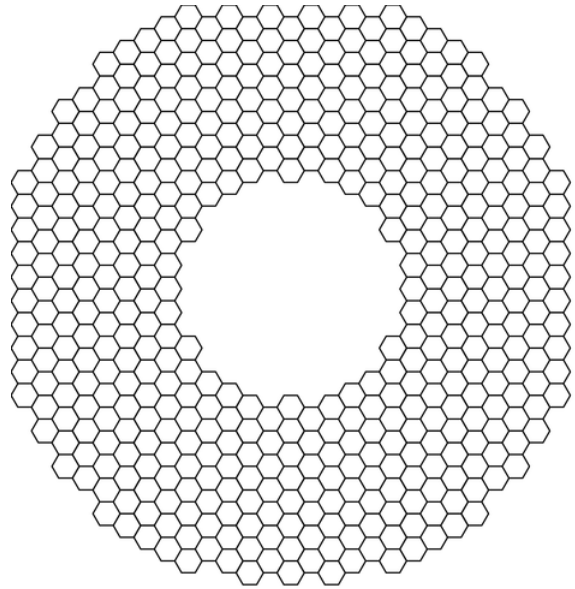
Data file (q&a.txt):

```
id,num,question,answer
1,1,"This is question #1","This is answer #1"
2,1,"This is question #2","This is answer #2"
3,1,"This is question #3","This is answer #3"
4,1,"This is question #4","This is answer #4"
5,1,"This is question #5","This is answer #5"
6,1,"This is question #6","This is answer #6"
7,1,"This is question #7","This is answer #7"
8,1,"This is question #8","This is answer #8"
9,1,"This is question #9","This is answer #9"
10,1,"This is question #10","This is answer #10"
```



Hex racetrack

```
canvassize=42,44
[hexa]=framehex(0,0,42,44,1,C)
[hexb]=framedisk(hexa1412,hexa0112)
[hexc]=framedisk(hexa1412,hexa0912)
[hexd]=framesub(hexb*,hexc*)
polygon=0,<hexd*>,6,90,#000000,EMPTY,0.1
save=0,"track.png",0,0,42,44
```



Tuckbox

```

[img1]=none
[img2]=none
INPUTTEXT="wid","Width (cm)","6"
INPUTTEXT="hei","Height (cm)","9"
INPUTTEXT="dep","Depth (cm)","3"
INPUTCHOICE="extra","Add extra lines","Yes","Yes|No"
INPUTTEXT="img1","Box image (front)","",G
INPUTTEXT="img2","Box image (rear)","",G

[fla]=[dep]/2
[ide]=[fla]/2
[coll]=#000000
[col2]=EMPTY
[thi]=0.1

'Uncomment the following line for A4 paper
PAGE=21,29.7, PORTRAIT, HV

'Uncomment the following line for Letter paper
'PAGE=21.59,27.94, PORTRAIT, HV

BORDER=NONE
CARDSIZE=[fla]+[dep]+[hei]+[dep]+[fla],[dep]+[wid]+[dep]+[wid]+[fla]

IF=[img1]=none
ELSE
  IMAGE=1,[img1],[fla]+[dep],[dep],[hei],[wid],90,P
ENDIF

IF=[img2]=none
ELSE
  IMAGE=1,[img2],[fla]+[dep],[dep]+[wid]+[dep],[hei],[wid],90,P
ENDIF

RECTANGLE=1,[fla]+[dep],0,[hei],[dep],[coll],[col2],[thi]
RECTANGLE=1,[fla],[dep],[dep],[wid],[coll],[col2],[thi]
RECTANGLE=1,[fla]+[dep],[dep],[hei],[wid],[coll],[col2],[thi]
RECTANGLE=1,[fla]+[dep]+[hei],[dep],[dep],[wid],[coll],[col2],[thi]
RECTANGLE=1,[fla]+[dep],[fla]+[dep],[dep]+[wid],[hei],[dep],[coll],[col2],[thi]
RECTANGLE=1,[fla]+[dep],[dep]+[wid]+[dep],[hei],[wid],[coll],[col2],[thi]

LINE=1,[fla]+[dep],0,[fla]+[dep]-[fla],[ide],[coll],[thi]
LINE=1,[fla]+[dep]-[fla],[ide],[fla]+[dep]-[fla],[dep]-[ide],[coll],[thi]
LINE=1,[fla]+[dep]-[fla],[dep]-[ide],[fla]+[dep],[dep],[coll],[thi]

LINE=1,[fla]+[dep]+[hei],0,[fla]+[dep]+[hei]+[fla],[ide],[coll],[thi]
LINE=1,[fla]+[dep]+[hei]+[fla],[ide],[fla]+[dep]+[hei]+[fla],[dep]-[ide],[coll],[thi]
LINE=1,[fla]+[dep]+[hei]+[fla],[dep]-[ide],[fla]+[dep]+[hei],[dep],[coll],[thi]

LINE=1,[fla],[dep],[fla]-[fla],[dep]+[ide],[coll],[thi]
LINE=1,[fla]-[fla],[dep]+[ide],[fla]-[fla],[dep]+[wid]-[ide],[coll],[thi]
LINE=1,[fla]-[fla],[dep]+[wid]-[ide],[fla],[dep]+[wid],[coll],[thi]

LINE=1,[fla]+[dep]+[hei]+[dep],[dep],[fla]+[dep]+[hei]+[dep]+[fla],[dep]+[ide],[coll],[thi]
LINE=1,[fla]+[dep]+[hei]+[dep]+[fla],[dep]+[ide],[fla]+[dep]+[hei]+[dep]+[fla],[dep]+[wid]-[ide],[coll],[thi]
LINE=1,[fla]+[dep]+[hei]+[dep]+[fla],[dep]+[wid]-[ide],[fla]+[dep]+[hei]+[dep],[dep]+[wid],[coll],[thi]

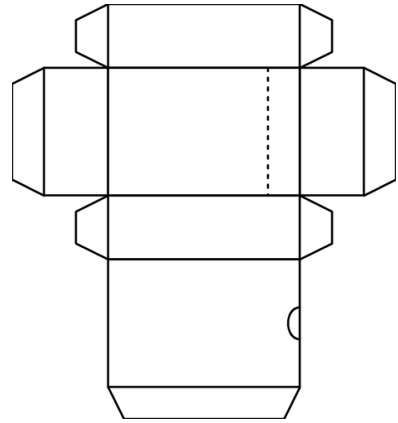
LINE=1,[fla]+[dep],[dep]+[wid],[fla]+[dep]-[fla],[dep]+[wid]+[ide],[coll],[thi]
LINE=1,[fla]+[dep]-[fla],[dep]+[wid]+[ide],[fla]+[dep]-[fla],[dep]+[wid]+[dep]-[ide],[coll],[thi]
LINE=1,[fla]+[dep]-[fla],[dep]+[wid]+[dep]-[ide],[fla]+[dep],[dep]+[wid]+[dep],[coll],[thi]

LINE=1,[fla]+[dep]+[hei],[dep]+[wid],[fla]+[dep]+[hei]+[fla],[dep]+[wid]+[ide],[coll],[thi]
LINE=1,[fla]+[dep]+[hei]+[fla],[dep]+[wid]+[ide],[fla]+[dep]+[hei]+[fla],[dep]+[wid]+[dep]-[ide],[coll],[thi]
LINE=1,[fla]+[dep]+[hei]+[fla],[dep]+[wid]+[dep]-[ide],[fla]+[dep]+[hei],[dep]+[wid]+[dep],[coll],[thi]

LINE=1,[fla]+[dep],[dep]+[wid]+[dep]+[wid],[fla]+[dep]+[ide],[dep]+[wid]+[dep]+[wid]+[fla],[coll],[thi]
LINE=1,[fla]+[dep]+[ide],[dep]+[wid]+[dep]+[wid]+[fla],[fla]+[dep]+[hei]-[ide],[dep]+[wid]+[dep]+[wid]+[fla],[coll],[thi]
LINE=1,[fla]+[dep]+[hei]-[ide],[dep]+[wid]+[dep]+[wid]+[fla],[fla]+[dep]+[hei],[dep]+[wid]+[dep]+[wid],[coll],[thi]

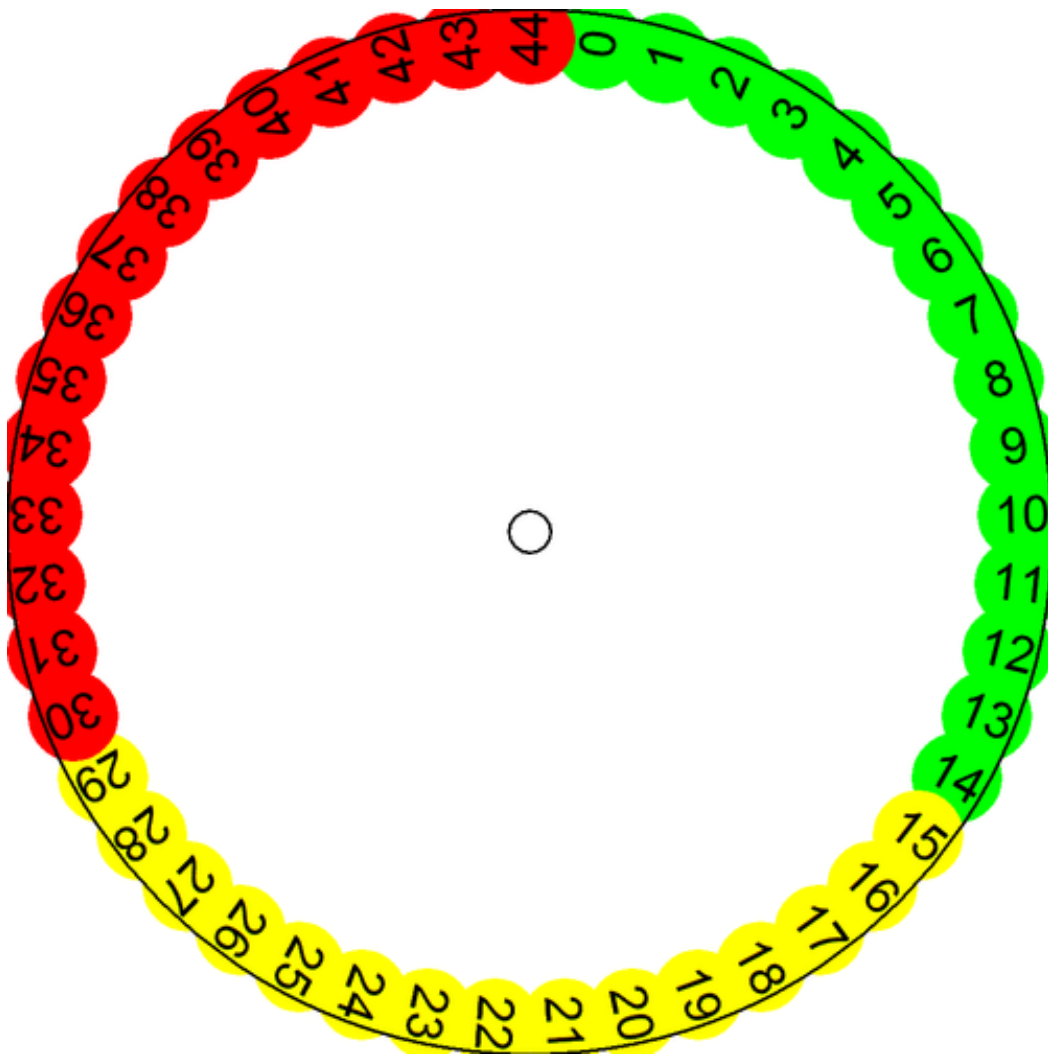
IF=[extra]=Yes
  LINE=1,[fla]+[dep]+[hei]-[fla],[dep],[fla]+[dep]+[hei]-[fla],[dep]+[wid],[coll],[thi],DSS
  {
    BEZIER=1,
    [fla]+[dep]+[hei],[dep]+[wid]+[dep]+[wid]/2-[ide],
    [fla]+[dep]+[hei]-[ide],[dep]+[wid]+[dep]+[wid]/2-[ide],
    [fla]+[dep]+[hei]-[ide],[dep]+[wid]+[dep]+[wid]/2+[ide],
    [fla]+[dep]+[hei],[dep]+[wid]+[dep]+[wid]/2+[ide],
    [coll],[thi]}
  }
ENDIF

```



Number wheel

```
[size]=3.5
[numbers]=45
unit=inch
cardsize=[size],[size]
[num]=frameclock(0.1,0.1,[size]-0.2,[size]-0.2,0.3,0.3,[numbers])
[green]=framelist(num1,num2,num3,num4,num5,num6,num7,num8,num9,num10,num11,num12,num13,num14,num15)
[yellow]=framelist(num16,num17,num18,num19,num20,num21,num22,num23,num24,num25,num26,num27,num28,num29,num30)
[red]=framelist(num31,num32,num33,num34,num35,num36,num37,num38,num39,num40,num41,num42,num43,num44,num45)
font=arial,12,T,#000000
ellipse=1,<green>,#00FF00
ellipse=1,<yellow>,#FFFF00
ellipse=1,<red>,#FF0000
text=1,{^-1},<num*>,center,center,°*360/[numbers]-90
ellipse=1,0,0,100%,100%,#000000,empty,0.01
ellipse=1,48%,48%,4%,4%,#000000,empty,0.01
save=1,"wheel_col.png",0,0,100%,100%
```



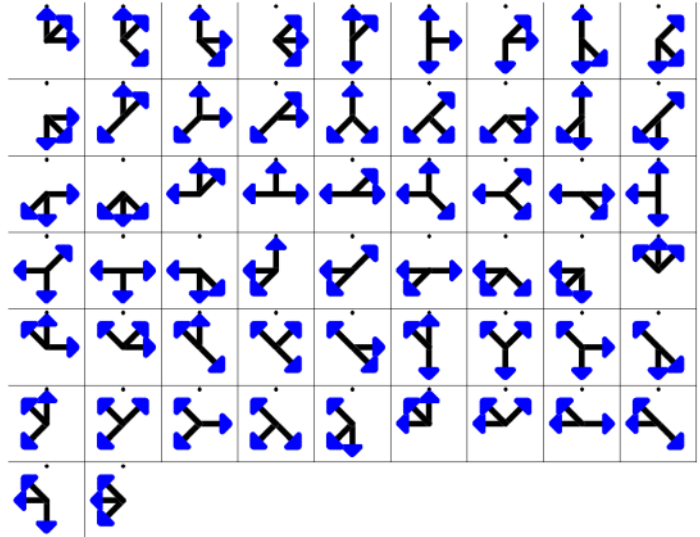
Tripples tiles

cardsize=2,2

```
'draw and save an image (an arrow)
line=0,1 ,0.2,1 ,1 ,#000000,0.15
line=0,1 ,0.2,1.2,0.4,#0000FF,0.15
line=0,1.2,0.4,0.8,0.4,#0000FF,0.15
line=0,0.8,0.4,1 ,0.2,#0000FF,0.15
save=0,"arrow.bmp",0,0,2,2
```

```
'create all the permutations (256) of two elements (0 and 1) taken eight times
pr[perm]8=0|1
'takes only the tiles with three '1'
[tiles]=filter(+[perm],3)
```

```
[all]=1-{(tiles)}
'draws a dot
ellipse=[all],0.95,0.05,0.1,0.1,#000000
'draws the eight arrows
if=[tiles:8,1]=1
    image=[all],"arrow.bmp",0,0,2,2,0,T
endif
if=[tiles:7,1]=1
    image=[all],"arrow.bmp",-0.5,-0.5,3,3,45,T
endif
if=[tiles:6,1]=1
    image=[all],"arrow.bmp",0,0,2,2,90,T
endif
if=[tiles:5,1]=1
    image=[all],"arrow.bmp",-0.5,-0.5,3,3,135,T
endif
if=[tiles:4,1]=1
    image=[all],"arrow.bmp",0,0,2,2,180,T
endif
if=[tiles:3,1]=1
    image=[all],"arrow.bmp",-0.5,-0.5,3,3,225,T
endif
if=[tiles:2,1]=1
    image=[all],"arrow.bmp",0,0,2,2,270,T
endif
if=[tiles:1,1]=1
    image=[all],"arrow.bmp",-0.5,-0.5,3,3,315,T
endif
```



Path tiles

```
oversample=2
macro=tile, (range), (key), (char), (color), (width)
  beziers=(range)
  if=[(key):1,1]=(char)
    beziers=(range),1,0,1,1,(color),(width)
  endif
  if=[(key):2,1]=(char)
    beziers=(range),2,0,2,1,(color),(width)
  endif
  if=[(key):3,1]=(char)
    beziers=(range),3,1,2,1,(color),(width)
  endif
  if=[(key):4,1]=(char)
    beziers=(range),3,2,2,2,(color),(width)
  endif
  if=[(key):5,1]=(char)
    beziers=(range),2,3,2,2,(color),(width)
  endif
  if=[(key):6,1]=(char)
    beziers=(range),1,3,1,2,(color),(width)
  endif
  if=[(key):7,1]=(char)
    beziers=(range),0,2,1,2,(color),(width)
  endif
  if=[(key):8,1]=(char)
    beziers=(range),0,1,1,1,(color),(width)
  endif
end

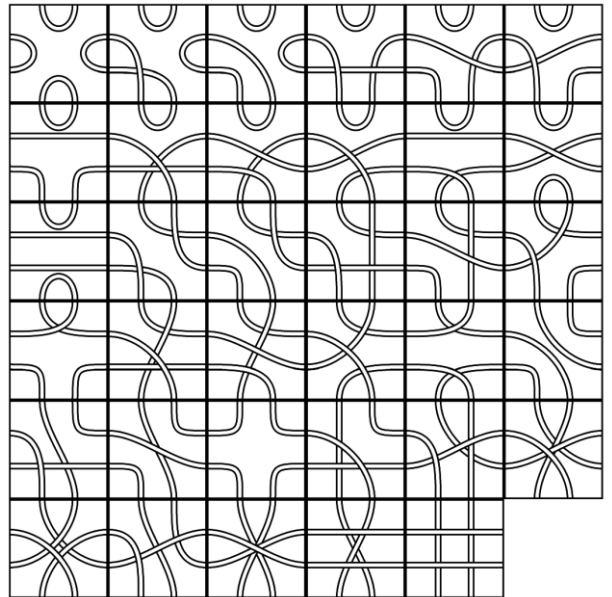
cardsize=3,3

pxxs[list]8=a|a|b|b|c|c|d|d

[range]=1-{(list)}

tile=[range],[list],a,#000000,0.2
tile=[range],[list],a,#FFFFFF,0.1
tile=[range],[list],b,#000000,0.2
tile=[range],[list],b,#FFFFFF,0.1
tile=[range],[list],c,#000000,0.2
tile=[range],[list],c,#FFFFFF,0.1
tile=[range],[list],d,#000000,0.2
tile=[range],[list],d,#FFFFFF,0.1

rectangle=[range],0,0,3,3,#000000,EMPTY,0.1
```



Combinations

```
ellipse=0,0,0,6,6,#FF0000#FFFFFF@360
save=0,a.png,0,0,6,6
ellipse=0,0,0,6,6,#00FF00#FFFFFF@360
save=0,b.png,0,0,6,6
ellipse=0,0,0,6,6,#0000FF#FFFFFF@360
save=0,c.png,0,0,6,6
ellipse=0,0,0,6,6,#FF00FF#FFFFFF@360
save=0,d.png,0,0,6,6
ellipse=0,0,0,6,6,#FFFF00#FFFFFF@360
save=0,e.png,0,0,6,6
ellipse=0,0,0,6,6,#00FFFF#FFFFFF@360
save=0,f.png,0,0,6,6
ellipse=0,0,0,6,6,#000000#FFFFFF@360
save=0,g.png,0,0,6,6
```

```
c[comb]3=a|b|c|d|e|f|g
[all]=1-{(comb)}
icon=[all],a,a.png
icon=[all],b,b.png
icon=[all],c,c.png
icon=[all],d,d.png
icon=[all],e,e.png
icon=[all],f,f.png
icon=[all],g,g.png
icons=[all],[comb],1.5,1.5,3,6,3,3,0,P
```

