

DroidBasic Syntax

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First Edition

This edition applies to release to the latest release of DroidBasic and to all subsequent released and modifications until otherwise indicated in new editions. Make sure you are using the correct edition for the level of the product. The term „DroidBasic“ as used in this publication, refers to the DroidBasic product set.

Conventions Used In This Book / Way Of Writing

normal text appears in writing Arial. Here is an example here: This is normal text

Syntax and source code code appear in writing Courier New. Here the example:

```
Dim i As Integer
```

Important references and keywords are itally deposited: *Arguments*

DroidBasic-Syntax

The syntax of sub, function or statement in the DroidBasic help entry shows all elements, which are needed to correctly use the sub, function or statement. How you can understand those information shows the following lines.

Example: One Syntax of the MsgBox-Function

MsgBox(prompt[, buttons] [, title])

Arguments, which are inside of [], are optional. (Do not write these [] in your DroidBasic code). The only argument, what you have give the MsgBox-Function is the one for the showing the text: ‘prompt’.

Arguments for functions or subs can be used with the help of their position or their name. In order to use the arguments defined with their position, you do not have to ignore the position written in the syntax. You must write them exactly in the same order they occur in the syntax. All arguments must be separated by a comma. Example:

```
MsgBox("The answer is right!", 0, "window with answer")
```

If you would like to use a argument with its name, use the name of the argument and colon and equals sign (:= and the value of the argument. You can write these named arguments in any order you wish. Example:

```
MsgBox(title:="window with answer", prompt:="The answer is right!")
```

Some arguments are written inside of {} in the syntax of functions or subs.

MessageBox(Icon As Integer, Title As String, Text As String, InformativeText As String,

DetailedText As String, {StandardButton As Integer | List(Text As String, Role As Integer), ...}

In the syntax of the MessageBox command: { } together with | means that one of the elements must be written.(Do not write these { } in your DroidBasic code).

Syntax of the 'Dim'-Statement

Dim VarName[ARRAY] [As DataType] [, VarName[ARRAY] [As DataType]] ...

'Dim' is a keyword in the syntax of the 'Dim'-Statement. The only needed element is VarName (the name of the variable). The following statement creates three variables: myVar, nextVar and thirdVar. These variables are declared as 'Object'-variables automatically.

```
Dim myVar, nextVar, thirdVar
```

The following example declares a variable of type 'String'.

```
Dim myAns As String
```

If you want to declare many variables in one line, you should declare every datatype of each variable explicitly. Variables without declared datatype get the default datatype, which is 'Object'.

```
Dim x As Integer, y As Integer, z As Integer
```

X and y get in the datatype 'Object' in the following statement. Only z has the 'Integer' datatype.

```
Dim x, y, z As Integer
```

You have to put [] (new style), if you want to declare an array variable. The indexes of the array are optional. The following statement declares a dynamic array named myArray.

```
Dim myArray[]
```

Variable

Declaration

Dim

Public

Private

Static (not supported yet)

As

```
Dim sName As String
```

```
Public Dim sName As String
```

```
Private Dim sName As String
```

```
Dim Name[ARRAY] [As Type] [, Name[ARRAY] [As Type]] ...
```

```
Dim Name [= Expression]
```

```
Dim Name [As Type] [= Expression]
```

```
[Public | Private | Static] Dim Name [= Expression] [As Type]
```

Assignment

```
Dim yourName As String  
yourName = InputBox("What is your name?")  
MsgBox "Your Name is " & yourName
```

User Defined Type

Type (not supported yet)

```
Type Name  
  Name [ARRAY] As Type  
  ...  
End Type
```

Comment

```
'  
' this is a comment
```

Literal

Byte, Short, Integer

```
1, 2, -44, 4453, +78
```

Hex

```
&HAA43
```

Binary

```
&B11110001
```

Single/Double/Float

```
21.32, 0.344, -435.235421.21, +67.8
```

Decimal (not supported yet)

```
45.3@
```

DateTime

There is no literal. Use the proper date function instead.

String

```
"hello"
```

Boolean

```
True, False
```

Constant

Const

As

```
Const Border As Integer = 377
```

```
Const Name = Expression
```

```
Const Name [As Type] = Expression [, Name [As Type] = Expression] ...
```

```
[Public | Private] Const Name [As Type] = Expression
```

Working With Objects

Create Class

```
Variables / Constants / Properties / Types / Enumerations  
Functions  
Subs  
...
```

Access Class Variable And Instance Variable

```
classname.classVariable  
objectname.instanceVariable
```

Access Class Method Or Instance Method (Function Or Sub)

```
objectname.instanceVariable = 99
```

Class Method Or Instance Method

```
Sub myInstanceMethod  
...  
End Sub
```

Access Class Type

`objectname.typefield`

Access Class Enum

`objectname.enumfield`

Access Class Property

`objectname.classproperty`

Call Method

`objectname.myMethod()`

Current Instance Of Object

Me

Scope modifier

Private

Public

Array (not supported yet)

Dim

`Dim variableName[Index] As Type`

`Dim variableName[Index, Index, ...] As Type`

`Dim variableName[Index To Index] As Type`

`Dim variableName[Index To Index, Index To Index, ...] As Type`

Access Array

`i[3] = 10`

`o[3, 88] = 10`

Lower And Upper Bound Of Array

UBound

LBound

UBound (arrayVariable[, (Dimension)])

LBound (arrayVariable[, (Dimension)])

Multi-Dimension

Dim i(100, 50, 400)

Dim sngMulti(1 To 5, 1 To 10) As Single

Dynamic Array

Dim a[] As Integer

Redim

Redim variableName[Index]

Redim variableName[Index, Index, ...]

Redim variableName[Index To Index]

Redim variableName[Index To Index, Index To Index, ...]

Flow Control - Decision

Single Decision

If

Then

Else

End If

If Expression Then Statement

If Expression Then Statement : Else Statement

If Expression Then LineNo

If Expression Then LabelName:

If Expression Then
[Statements]


```
End If
```

```
If Expression Then  
  [Statements]  
Else  
  [Statements]  
End If
```

```
If Expression Then  
  [Statements]  
Else If Expression  
  [Statements]  
Else  
  [Statements]  
End If
```

```
If Expression Then  
  [Statements]  
Else If Expression  
  [Statements]  
Else If Expression  
  [Statements]  
Else  
  [Statements]  
End If
```

```
If Expression Then  
  [Statements]  
Else If Expression  
  [Statements]  
End If
```

IIf – Short If

```
IIf(Expression, ThenReturnExpression, ElseReturnExpression)
```

Multi Decision

Select

Select Case

Case

End Select

```
Select Expression ' modern style  
Case Expression  
  [Statements]  
Case Expression  
  [Statements]  
End Select
```

```
Select Case Expression  
Case Expression  
  [Statements]  
Case Expression
```

```
[Statements]
End Select

Select Case Expression
Case Expression
  [Statements]
Case Expression To Expression
  [Statements]
Case Is Expression
  [Statements]
Case Else
  [Statements]
End Select
```

Unconditional Jump

GoTo

```
GoTo label:

GoTo myExit:
GoTo nextStep:
```

Flow Control - Loop

For Next

To

Step

```
For variable = beginExpr To endExpr [Step Expression]
  [Statements]
Next [variable]
```

Do While ... Loop

```
Do While Expression
  [Statements]
Loop
```

Do ... Loop Until

```
Do
  [Statements]
Loop Until Expression
```

Do ... Loop While

```
Do
  [Statements]
Loop While Expression
```

Do Until ... Loop

```
Do Until Expression
  [Statements]
Loop
```

While ... End While

```
While Expression
  [Statements]
End While
```

Explicit Leave Of Loop

```
Exit For
Exit Do
Break (new style)
```

Explicit Test of Loop Condition

```
Iterate For
Iterate Do
Continue (new style)
```

Subs / Procedures

Sub-Procedure

Sub

End Sub

```
Sub Name([Argumente])
  [Statements]
End Sub
```

```
Sub Name([Argumente])
  [Statements]
End Sub
```

Function-Procedure

Function

End Function

```
Function Name([Argumente]) [As Type]
  [Statements]
End Function
```

```
Function Name([Argumente]) [As Type]
  [Statements]
End Function
```

Argument

Name As Type

[ByVal | ByRef] Name As Type

[ByVal | ByRef] Name [As Type]

[ByVal | ByRef] Name [[]][As Type]

Call Of Sub or Function

```
Sub Main()  
    MultiBeep(56)  
    Meldung()  
End Sub
```

```
Sub MultiBeep(Anzahl)  
    For n As Integer = 1 To Anzahl  
        Beep  
    Next n  
End Sub
```

```
Sub Meldung()  
    MsgBox "Zeit für eine Pause!"  
End Sub
```

Explicit Leave Of Procedures

```
Exit Sub  
Exit Function  
Return (new style)
```

Functions

Function

End Function

```
Function Name([Argumente]) [As Type]  
    [Statements]  
End Function
```

```
Function Name([Argumente]) [As Type]  
    [Statements]  
End Function
```

Return Function Value

```
Return Expression
```

Return Expression

```
FunctionName = Expression
```

Property

Access Property

```
varname.classproperty = 99  
Print varname.classproperty
```

Property (not supported yet)

```
Property Function Get_Name(Argument)  
    [Statements]  
End Function
```

```
Property Sub Set_Name(Argument)  
    [Statements]  
End Sub
```

User defined Type (not supported yet)

Access Type

```
Type  
    varname.typefield = 99  
End Type
```

```
Type Name  
    Name [ARRAY] As Type  
    ...  
End Type
```

Enumeration (not supported yet)

Access Enum

```
varname.enumfield = 99
```

```
Enum Name  
    Name [= Expression]  
    ...  
End Enum
```

Module

Access Module Variable

```
modulename.moduleVariable  
moduleVariable
```

Access Module Sub Or Function

```
modulename.moduleSub(99)
```

Module Sub Or Function

```
Sub myModuleSub
```

```
...
```

```
End Sub
```

```
Function myModuleFunction
```

```
...
```

```
End Function
```

Call Module Sub Or Function

```
modulename.myModuleSub()
```

Access Module Type

```
modulename.typefield
```

Access Module Enum

```
modulename.enumfield
```

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