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## Product Description

### **Deploy MATLAB® code as .NET or COM components**

MATLAB Builder™ NE lets you create .NET and COM components from MATLAB programs that include MATLAB math and graphics, and GUIs developed with MATLAB. You can integrate these components into larger .NET, COM, and Web applications and deploy them royalty-free to computers that do not have MATLAB installed.

Using MATLAB Compiler™, MATLAB Builder NE encrypts your MATLAB programs and then generates .NET or COM wrappers around them so that they can be accessed just like native .NET and COM components.

### **Key Features**

- Royalty-free desktop and Web deployment of .NET and COM components to computers that do not have MATLAB installed
- Components callable from Common Language Specification (CLS)-compliant languages, including C#, F#, VB.NET, or ASP.NET, and COM-compliant technology, including Visual Basic®, ASP, or Excel®
- Type-safe automatic conversion to and from native .NET, COM, and MATLAB data types
- Direct passing of .NET objects to and from a compiled MATLAB function
- Windows Communication Foundation (WCF) support with Web or enterprise service-oriented architecture (SOA)
- .NET remoting for interprocess communication
- WebFigures interface for MATLAB figure zooming, rotating, and panning

## Product Overview

### **MATLAB Compiler Extension**

MATLAB Builder NE lets you create .NET and COM components from MATLAB programs that include MATLAB math and graphics, and GUIs developed with MATLAB. You can integrate these components into larger .NET, COM, and Web applications and deploy them royalty-free to computers that do not have MATLAB installed.

Using MATLAB Compiler, MATLAB Builder NE encrypts your MATLAB programs and then generates .NET or COM wrappers around them so that they can be accessed just like native .NET and COM components.

The builder converts MATLAB functions to .NET methods that encapsulate MATLAB code written by the MATLAB programmer. All MATLAB code to be compiled must take the form of a function. Each MATLAB Builder NE component contains one or more classes, each providing an interface to the MATLAB functions in the MATLAB code.

When you package and distribute the application to your users, you include supporting files generated by the builder as well as the MATLAB Compiler Runtime (MCR). For more information about the MCR, see “Distribute MATLAB Code Using the MATLAB Compiler Runtime (MCR)” on page 5-2 in the MATLAB Compiler documentation.

For more information about how this product works with MATLAB Compiler, see “MATLAB Code Deployment”.

## MATLAB Builder NE Prerequisites

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### Your Role in the .NET Application Deployment Process



Depending on the size of your organization, you may play one or more roles in the process of successfully deploying a .NET application. For example, your role may be to:

- Analyze user requirements and satisfy them by writing a program in MATLAB code (MATLAB programmer)
- Implement the infrastructure needed to successfully deploy a .NET application to the Web (middle-tier developer)
- Create a remotable component that can be shared across distributed systems (.NET developer)
- Perform tasks associated with numerous roles, usually within a smaller organization (end-to-end developer)

The table Application Deployment Roles, Goals, and Tasks on page 1-5 describes some of the different roles, or jobs, that MATLAB Builder NE users typically perform and which tasks they would most likely perform when running the examples in this documentation.





### Application Deployment Roles, Goals, and Tasks

Role	Knowledge Base	Responsibilities	Task To Achieve Goal
 <b>MATLAB programmer</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MATLAB expert</li> <li>• No IT experience</li> <li>• No access to IT systems</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develops models; implements in MATLAB</li> <li>• Uses tools to create a component that is used by the .NET programmer</li> </ul>	See “Creating a .NET Component From MATLAB Code” on page 1-11.
 <b>.NET developer</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Little or no MATLAB experience</li> <li>• Moderate IT experience</li> <li>• .NET expert</li> <li>• Minimal access to IT systems</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Integrates deployed component with the rest of the .NET application</li> <li>• Integrates deployed MATLAB Figures with the rest of the .NET application</li> </ul>	See “Integrating Your .NET Component In a C# Application” on page 1-22.

### What You Need to Know

To use the MATLAB Builder NE product, specific requirements exist for each user role.

<b>Role</b>	<b>Requirements</b>
 <b>MATLAB programmer</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A basic knowledge of MATLAB, and how to work with:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ MATLAB data types</li><li>▪ MATLAB structures</li></ul></li></ul>
 <b>.NET developer</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Exposure to:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ A CLS-compliant programming language</li><li>▪ .NET Framework</li></ul></li><li>• Knowledge of object-oriented programming concepts</li></ul>

## Products, Compilers, and IDE Installation

Install the following to run the example described in this chapter:

- MATLAB
- MATLAB Compiler
- MATLAB Builder NE
- An *Integrated Development Environment (IDE)* such as Microsoft® Visual Studio®

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**Note** Log in with administrator privileges before installing these products.

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For more information about product installation and requirements, see “Installation and Configuration” in the MATLAB Compiler documentation.

### Microsoft .NET Framework Installation

Install the supported version of the Microsoft .NET Framework. Your ability to use the latest builder functionality often depends on having the most current version of the framework installed.

See “Supported Microsoft .NET Framework Versions” for details.

## Troubleshooting Installation Problems.

For these issues...	Solution
No compatible version of .NET framework found	Install the supported Microsoft .NET Framework version. See “Supported Microsoft .NET Framework Versions”

## Deployment Target Architectures and Compatibility

Before you deploy a component with MATLAB Builder NE, consider if your target machines are 32-bit or 64-bit.

Applications developed on one architecture must be compatible with the architecture on the system where they are deployed.

## Dependency and Non-Compilable Code Considerations

Before you deploy your code, examine the code for dependencies on functions that may not be compatible with MATLAB Compiler.

For more detailed information about dependency analysis (`depfun`) and how MATLAB Compiler evaluates MATLAB code prior to compilation, see “MATLAB Code Deployment” in the *MATLAB Compiler User’s Guide*.

## For More Information

If you want to...	See...
Deploy a .NET component	“The Magic Square Example” on page 1-9
Deploy a COM component	“Magic Square Example” on page 14-2 for COM Builder
Deploy a component on the Web	Chapter 7, “Web Deployment of Figures and Images”

<b>If you want to...</b>	<b>See...</b>
Deploy a figure or image to the Web	Chapter 7, “Web Deployment of Figures and Images”
Deploy a <i>remotable component</i>	Chapter 8, “.NET Remoting”

# The Magic Square Example

## About This Example

This example shows you how to transform a MATLAB function into a deployable MATLAB Builder NE component.

The Magic Square example shows you how to create a .NET component named `MagicSquareComp`, which contains the `MLTestClass` class and other files needed to deploy your application.

The `MLTestClass` wraps a MATLAB function, `makesquare.m`, which computes a magic square.

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**Note** The examples here use the Windows® `deploytool` GUI, a graphical front-end interface to MATLAB Compiler software. For information about how to perform these tasks using the command-line interface to MATLAB® Compiler™ software, see the `mcc` reference page in this User's Guide.

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## What Is a Magic Square?

A *magic square* is simply a square array of integers arranged so that their sum is the same when added vertically, horizontally, or diagonally.

## How Do I Access the Examples?

For information on accessing the example files in the product, see `matlabroot\toolbox\dotnetbuilder\Examples\VS8\NET`.

## Watch a Video

Watch a video about deploying applications using MATLAB Builder NE.

**For More Information**

<b>If you want to...</b>	<b>See...</b>
See a complete code sample of integrating the Magic Square component into a .NET application	“The Magic Square Component in an Enterprise C# Application” on page 1-37
Deploy a Web component	Chapter 7, “Web Deployment of Figures and Images”
Deploy an existing figure or image to the Web	Chapter 7, “Web Deployment of Figures and Images”
Deploy a <i>remotable component</i>	Chapter 8, “.NET Remoting”

## Creating a .NET Component From MATLAB Code

### In this section...


“makesquare Testing” on page 1-12

“Deployable Component Creation” on page 1-13

“Packaging Your Component (Optional)” on page 1-16

“Copying the Package You Created” on page 1-21

### MATLAB Programmer

Role	Knowledge Base	Responsibilities
 <b>MATLAB programmer</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MATLAB expert</li> <li>• No IT experience</li> <li>• No access to IT systems</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develops models; implements in MATLAB</li> <li>• Uses tools to create a component that is used by the .NET developer</li> </ul>

The MATLAB programmer usually performs the following tasks.

### Key Tasks for the MATLAB Programmer

Task	Reference
Test the MATLAB code to ensure it is suitable for deployment.	“makesquare Testing” on page 1-12
Create a .NET component by running the <code>deploytool</code> .	“Deployable Component Creation” on page 1-13
Optionally, use the Packaging Tool to wrap all deliverable files in one bundle.	“Packaging Your Component (Optional)” on page 1-16
Copy the output so the .NET programmer can work with it further.	“Copying the Package You Created” on page 1-21

## **makesquare Testing**

In this example, you test a precreated MATLAB file (`makesquare.m`) containing the predefined MATLAB function `magic`, in order to have a baseline to compare to the results of the function when it is finally wrapped as a deployable .NET component.

- 1** Using MATLAB, locate the `makesquare.m` file at `matlabroot\toolbox\dotnetbuilder\Examples\VS8\NET\MagicSquareExample\MagicSquareExample.m`. This file has the following contents:

```
function y = makesquare(x)
%MAKESQUARE Magic square of size x.
% Y = MAKESQUARE(X) returns a magic square of size x.
% This file is used as an example for the MATLAB
% Builder NE product.

% Copyright 2001-2012 The MathWorks, Inc.

y = magic(x);
```

- 2** At the MATLAB command prompt, enter `makesquare(5)`, and view the results. The output should appear as follows:

```
17 24 1 8 15
23 5 7 14 16
4 6 13 20 22
10 12 19 21 3
11 18 25 2 9
```

### **For More Information**

<b>If you want to...</b>	<b>See...</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Perform basic MATLAB Programmer tasks</li><li>• Understand how the deployment products process your MATLAB functions</li></ul>	Chapter 2, “MATLAB Code Deployment”



If you want to...	See...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand how the deployment products work together</li> <li>• Explore guidelines about writing deployable MATLAB code</li> </ul>	

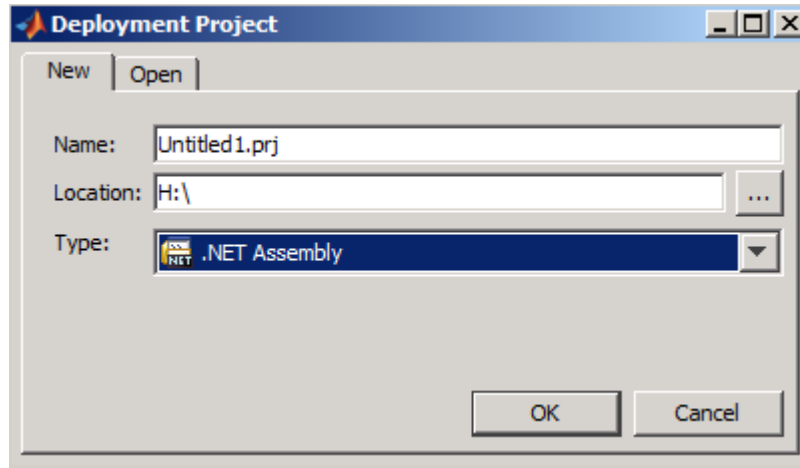
## Deployable Component Creation

You create a .NET component by using the Deployment Tool GUI to build a .NET class that wraps around the sample MATLAB code discussed in “makesquare Testing” on page 1-12.

Use the following information when creating your component as you work through this example:

Project Name	makeSqr
Class Name	MLTestClass
File to compile	makesquare.m


- 1 Start MATLAB, if you have not done so already.
- 2 Type `deploytool` at the command prompt, and press **Enter**. The Deployment Project dialog box opens.



### The Deployment Project Dialog Box

- 3 Create a deployment project using the Deployment Project dialog box:
  - a Type the name of your project, in the **Name** field.
  - b Enter the location of the project in the **Location** field. Alternately, navigate to the location.
  - c Select the target for the deployment project from the **Type** drop-down menu.
  - d Click **OK**.

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**Tip** You can inspect the values in the Settings dialog before building your project. To do so, click the Action icon (  ) on the toolbar, and then click **Settings**. Verify where your **src** and **distrib** folders will be created because you will need to reference these folders later.

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- 4 On the **Build** tab:
  - If you are building a COM application, click **Add files** to open the Add Files dialog box.  
Click **Open** to select the file or files.

- If you are building a .NET application, click **Add class**. Type the name of the class in the Class Name field, designated by the letter c:



For this class, add MATLAB files you want to compile by clicking **Add files** then click **Open** to select the file or files. To add another class, click **Add class**.

- You may optionally add supporting files. For examples of these files, see the `deploytool` Help. To add these files, in the Shared Resources and Helper Files area:


**e** Click **Add files/directories**

**f** Click **Open** to select the file or files.

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**Note** If you are building a COM component (*not a .NET component*) and you don't have administrator privileges, you can select the **Register the resulting component for you only on the development machine** option in the **Settings** dialog of the Deployment Tool (in the **Advanced** tab) or use the `mcc -u` option.

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- 5 When you complete your changes, click the Build button (). When the build finishes, click **Close** to dismiss the dialog box.

## What Gets Built?

After you build your .NET component with the Deployment Tool, you have the following in the `src` and `distrib` subdirectories of your project directory:

These Subdirectories of the Project Directory:	Contain these files:
src	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>componentName.xml</i></li> <li>• <i>componentName.pdb</i> (if the <b>Debug</b> option is selected)</li> </ul>
distrib	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>componentName.dll</i></li> <li>• <i>componentNameNative.dll</i></li> </ul> <hr/> <p><b>Note</b> See Chapter 8, “.NET Remoting” for more information on using the native .NET API.</p> <hr/>

### For More Information

If you want to...	See...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perform basic MATLAB Programmer tasks</li> <li>• Understand how the deployment products process your MATLAB functions</li> <li>• Understand how the deployment products work together</li> <li>• Explore guidelines about writing deployable MATLAB code</li> </ul>	Chapter 2, “MATLAB Code Deployment”

## Packaging Your Component (Optional)

Bundling the .NET component with additional files you can distribute to users is called *packaging*. You perform this step using the packaging function of `deploytool`. If you are creating a shared component and want to include additional code with the component, you must perform this step.

The package process zips the following files into a single self-extracting executable, `componentName.exe`:

- `componentName.dll`
- `componentNameNative.dll`

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**Note** See Chapter 8, “.NET Remoting” for more information on using the native .NET API.

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- `componentName.xml`
- `componentName.pdb` (if the **Debug** option is selected)
- MCR Installer (if the **Include MCR** option is selected)
- `_install.bat` (script run by the self-extracting executable)

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**Tip** Instead of performing the steps below, you can alternately copy the `distrib` folder and the MCR Installer to a local folder of your choice.

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**1** On the **Package** tab, add the MATLAB Compiler Runtime (MCR). To do so, click **Add MCR**, and choose one of the two options described in the following table.

Option	What Does This Option Do?	When Should I Use This Option?
<b>Embed the MCR in the package</b>	This option physically copies the MCR Installer file into the package you create.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You have a limited number of end users who deploy a small number of applications at sporadic intervals</li> <li>• Your users have no intranet/network access</li> <li>• Resources such as disk space, performance, and</li> </ul>

Option	What Does This Option Do?	When Should I Use This Option?
		<p>processing time are not significant concerns</p> <hr/> <p><b>Note</b> Distributing the MCR Installer with each application requires more resources.</p> <hr/>
<p><b>Invoke the MCR from a network location</b></p>	<p>This option lets you add a link to an MCR Installer residing on a local area network, allowing you to invoke the installer over the network, as opposed to copying the installer physically into the deployable package. This option sets up a script to install the MCR from a specified network location, saving time and resources when deploying applications.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You have a large number of end users who deploy applications frequently</li> <li>• Your users have intranet/network access</li> <li>• Resources such as disk space, performance, and processing time are significant concerns for your organization</li> </ul> <p>If you choose this option, modify the location of the MCR Installer, if needed. To do so, select the <b>Preferences</b> link in this dialog box, or change the <b>Compiler</b> option in your MATLAB Preferences.</p>

Option	What Does This Option Do?	When Should I Use This Option?
		<hr/> <p><b>Caution</b> Before selecting this option, consult with your network or systems administrator. Your administrator may already have selected a network location from which to run the MCR Installer.</p> <hr/>

For more information about the role the MCR plays in the deployment process, see “Distribute MATLAB Code Using the MATLAB Compiler Runtime (MCR)” on page 5-2.

- 2 Next, add others files you feel may be useful to end users. To package additional files or folders, click **Add file/directories**, select the file or folder you want to package, and click **Open**.
- 3 In the Deployment Tool, click the Packaging button ().
- 4 For Windows, the package is a self-extracting executable. On platforms other than Windows, the package is delivered as a .zip file. Verify that the contents of the `distrib` folder contains the files you specified.

### **MATLAB Compiler Runtime (MCR) and the MCR Installer**

The *MATLAB Compiler Runtime (MCR)* is an execution engine made up of the same shared libraries MATLAB uses to enable the execution of MATLAB files on systems without an installed version of MATLAB.

The MATLAB Compiler Runtime (MCR) is now available for downloading from the Web to simplify the distribution of your applications or components created with the MATLAB® Compiler. Direct your end users to the MATLAB Compiler product page to download the MCR, as opposed to redistributing or packaging it with your applications or components.

In order to deploy a component, you can either *package* the MCR along with it or simply direct your end users to download it from the Web.

Before you utilize the MCR on a system without MATLAB, run the *MCR Installer*. Locate the installer by entering the `mcrinstaller` command from MATLAB.

The installer does the following:

- 1** Installs the MCR (if not already installed on the target machine)
- 2** Installs the component assembly in the folder from which the installer is run
- 3** Copies the `MWArray` assembly to the Global Assembly Cache (GAC), as part of installing the MCR

### For More Information

If you want to...	See...
Build (compile) a component from your MATLAB code	“Deployable Component Creation” on page 1-13
Integrate your component into a production environment	“Integrating Your Component into a .NET Class Using Microsoft® Visual Studio®” on page 1-27
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Perform basic MATLAB Programmer tasks</li><li>• Understand how the deployment products process your MATLAB functions</li><li>• Understand how the deployment products work together</li><li>• Explore guidelines about writing deployable MATLAB code</li></ul>	Chapter 2, “MATLAB Code Deployment”



## **Copying the Package You Created**


Copy the package that you created to the local folder of your choice, or send them directly to the .NET developer.

## Integrating Your .NET Component In a C# Application

In this section...
“Gathering Files Needed for Deployment” on page 1-23
“Distribute MATLAB Code Using the MATLAB Compiler Runtime (MCR)” on page 5-2
“Integrating Your Component into a .NET Class Using Microsoft® Visual Studio®” on page 1-27
“Building and Testing the .NET Application with Microsoft® Visual Studio®” on page 1-36
“The Magic Square Component in an Enterprise C# Application” on page 1-37

The following tasks are usually performed by the .NET developer.

### .NET Developer

Role	Knowledge Base	Responsibilities
 .NET Developer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Little to no MATLAB experience</li> <li>• Moderate IT experience</li> <li>• .NET expert</li> <li>• Minimal access to IT systems</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Integrates deployed component with the rest of the .NET application</li> </ul>

## Key Tasks for the .NET Developer

Task	Reference
Ensure you have the needed files from the MATLAB programmer.	“Gathering Files Needed for Deployment” on page 1-23
Install your application on target computers without MATLAB (installing the MCR).	“Distribute MATLAB Code Using the MATLAB Compiler Runtime (MCR)” on page 5-2
Integrate classes generated by the MATLAB Builder NE product into existing .NET applications.	“Integrating Your Component into a .NET Class Using Microsoft® Visual Studio®” on page 1-27
Verify your .NET application works as expected in your end user’s deployment environment.	“Building and Testing the .NET Application with Microsoft® Visual Studio®” on page 1-36

## Gathering Files Needed for Deployment

Before beginning, verify you have the files the MATLAB programmer packaged, listed in “Packaging Your Component (Optional)” on page 1-16.

The package is a self-extracting executable. Paste it in a folder on the development machine and run it. If you are using a .zip file bundled with WinZip, unzip and extract the contents to the development machine.

## Distribute MATLAB Code Using the MATLAB Compiler Runtime (MCR)

On target computers without MATLAB, install the MCR, if it is not already present on the deployment machine.

### MATLAB Compiler Runtime (MCR) and the MCR Installer

The *MATLAB Compiler Runtime (MCR)* is an execution engine made up of the same shared libraries MATLAB uses to enable the execution of MATLAB files on systems without an installed version of MATLAB.

The MATLAB Compiler Runtime (MCR) is now available for downloading from the Web to simplify the distribution of your applications or components created with the MATLAB® Compiler. Direct your end users to the MATLAB Compiler product page to download the MCR, as opposed to redistributing or packaging it with your applications or components.

In order to deploy a component, you can either *package* the MCR along with it or simply direct your end users to download it from the Web.

Before you utilize the MCR on a system without MATLAB, run the *MCR Installer*. Locate the installer by entering the `mcrinstaller` command from MATLAB.

The installer does the following:

- 1 Installs the MCR (if not already installed on the target machine)
- 2 Installs the component assembly in the folder from which the installer is run
- 3 Copies the `MWArray` assembly to the Global Assembly Cache (GAC), as part of installing the MCR

## **MCR Prerequisites**

- 1 Since installing the MCR requires write access to the system registry, ensure you have administrator privileges to run the MCR Installer.
- 2 The version of the MCR that runs your application on the target computer must be compatible with the version of MATLAB Compiler that built the component.
- 3 Avoid installing the MCR in MATLAB installation directories.

## **Add the MCR Installer To Your Deployment Package**

Include the MCR in your deployment by using the Deployment Tool.

On the **Package** tab of the `deploytool` interface, click **Add MCR**.

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**Note** For more information about additional options for including the MCR Installer (embedding it in your package or locating the installer on a network share), see “Packaging (Optional)” in the *MATLAB Compiler User’s Guide* or in your respective Builder User’s Guide.

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## Testing with the MCR

When you test with the MCR, keep in mind that the MCR is an instance of MATLAB. Given this, it is not possible to load the MCR into MATLAB.

For example, if you build a generic COM component with the Deployment Tool from MATLAB Builder NE, you generate a DLL.

If you then try to test the component with an application such as `actxserver`, which loads its process into MATLAB, you are effectively loading the MCR into MATLAB, producing an error such as this:

```
mwsamp.mymagic(3,[],[])  
??? Invoke Error, Dispatch Exception:  
Source: tmw1.Class1.1_0  
Description: MCR instance is not available
```

Therefore, understand the behaviors of third-party processes before attempting to test them with the MCR.

If you are uncertain about the behavior of these processes, contact your developer or systems administrator.

## MCR Installation and Setting System Paths

To install the MCR, perform the following tasks on the target machines:

- 1** If you added the MCR during packaging, open the package to locate the installer. Otherwise, run the command `mcrinstaller` to display the locations where you can download the installer.
- 2** If you are running on a platform other than Windows, set the system paths on the target machine. Setting the paths enables your application to find the MCR.

Windows paths are set automatically. On Linux and Mac, you can use the run script to set paths. See “Using MATLAB Compiler on Mac® or Linux®” for detailed information on performing all deployment tasks specifically with UNIX variants such as Linux and Mac.

**Where to find the MWArray API.** The MCR also includes `MWArray.dll`, which contains an API for exchanging data between your applications and the MCR. You can find documentation for this API in the `Help` folder of the installation.

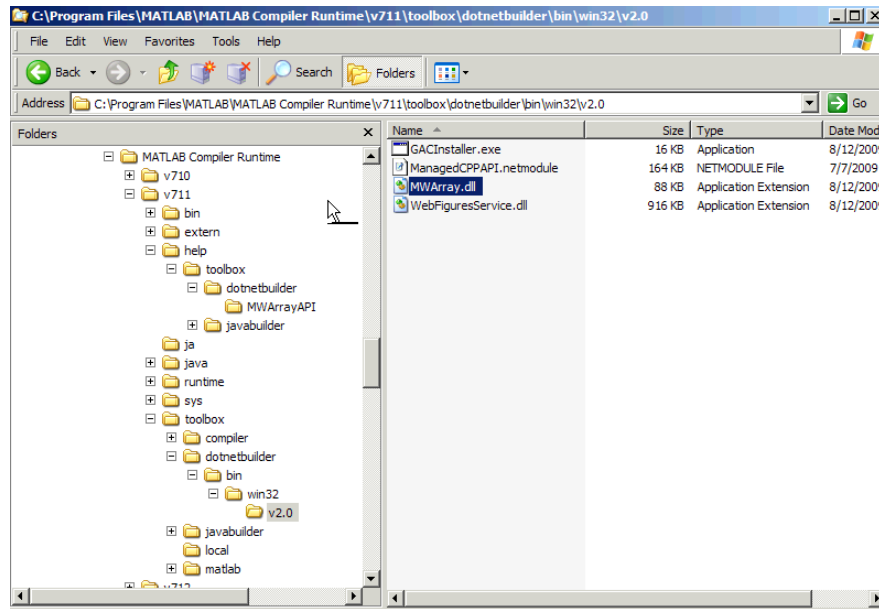
On target machines where the MCR Installer is run, the MCR Installer puts the `MWArray` assembly in `installation_folder\toolbox\dotnetbuilder\bin\architecture\framework_version`.

See *MATLAB Builder NE Release Notes* for a list of supported framework versions.

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**Tip** Learn about creating type-safe interfaces for .NET components, in order to avoid data conversion tasks with `MWArray`. See Chapter 6, “Type-Safe Interfaces, WCF, and MEF” for details.

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**Sample Directory Structure of the MCR Including MWArray.dll**

## Integrating Your Component into a .NET Class Using Microsoft Visual Studio

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- “Creating a Reference to Your Component” on page 1-28
- “Creating a Reference to the MWArray API” on page 1-28
- “Making .NET Namespaces Available for Your Generated Component and MWArray Libraries” on page 1-29
- “Initializing Your Classes” on page 1-31
- “Instantiating Your Classes” on page 1-32
- “Invoking the Component” on page 1-33
- “Handling Errors Using Try-Catch Blocks” on page 1-34
- “For More Information” on page 1-36

## Creating a Microsoft Visual Studio Project

To create a Microsoft Visual Studio project:

- 1 Open Microsoft Visual Studio
- 2 Click **File > New > Project**.
- 3 In the New Project dialog, select the project type and template you want to use.

For example, if you want to create a C# Console Application, select **Windows** in the **Visual C#** branch of the **Project Type** pane, and select the **Console Application** template from the **Templates** pane.

- 4 Type the name of the project in the **Name** field (**MainApp**, for example).
- 5 Click **OK**. Your **MainApp** source shell is created.

## Creating a Reference to Your Component

Create a reference in your **MainApp** code to the component that you just built. In Microsoft Visual Studio, perform the following steps:

- 1 In the Solution Explorer pane within Microsoft Visual Studio (usually on the right side), select the name of your project, **MainApp**, highlighting it.
- 2 Right-click **MainApp** and select **Add Reference**.
- 3 In the Add Reference dialog box, select the **Browse** tab. Locate the **distrib** folder you created when you built the .NET component. Select the assembly **makeSqr.dll**.
- 4 Click **OK**. Your .NET assembly, created with the Deployment Tool, is now referenced by your Microsoft Visual Studio project.

## Creating a Reference to the MWArray API

In addition to adding a reference to your **makeSqr** assembly, you also need to reference **MWArray.dll**.



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**Note** if you previously installed the MCR, `MWArray.dll` which has already been registered with the *Global Assembly Cache (GAC)*. The GAC is a machine-wide .NET assembly cache for Microsoft's CLR platform.

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To create the `MWArray` reference, in Microsoft Visual Studio, perform the following steps:

- 1 In the Solution Explorer pane within Microsoft Visual Studio (usually on the right side), select the name of your project (**MainApp**), and highlight it.
- 2 Right-click and select **Add Reference**.
- 3 In the Add Reference dialog box, locate `MWArray.dll` by doing the following, based on the version of Visual Studio you are running:
  - **Microsoft Visual Studio 2005 or 2008:** In the Add Reference dialog box, select the **.NET** tab. Locate **MathWorks, .NET MWArray API**, and select it. Click **OK**
  - **Microsoft Visual Studio 2010:** Browse for `MWArray` in this location: `matlabroot\toolbox\dotnetbuilder\bin\arch\version\` and click **Open**.
- 4 Click **OK**. `MWArray.dll` is now referenced by your Microsoft Visual Studio project.

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**Tip** If you cannot locate the **MathWorks, .NET MWArray API**, it is likely the MCR was not installed correctly. See “Distribute MATLAB Code Using the MATLAB Compiler Runtime (MCR)” on page 5-2 for more information.

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## **Making .NET Namespaces Available for Your Generated Component and `MWArray` Libraries**

Make pertinent namespaces available to your application by adding the following using statements to your C#/.NET code:

```
using com.component_name;
```

```
using MathWorks.MATLAB.NET.Arrays;  
using MathWorks.MATLAB.NET.Utility;
```

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**Tip** When you add these statements to your code, use these best-practices:

- Terminate each using statement with a semi-colon (;).
  - Add references to the MWArray API. Microsoft Visual Studio's auto-completion feature, Intellisense™, can provide you completion tips as you write your code, but only if you first add references. See “Creating a Reference to Your Component” on page 1-28 and “Creating a Reference to the MWArray API” on page 1-28 for more information.
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**Specifying Component Assembly and Namespace.** To use the component assembly generated using the MATLAB Builder NE product from the client application, you must

- Reference the MATLAB data conversion assembly and specify the namespace in your application, as shown:

```
using MathWorks.MATLAB.NET.Arrays;
```

- Reference the namespace for the builder assembly generated for your particular component and specify the namespace in your application, for example:

```
using MyComponentName;
```

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**Note** The builder supports nested namespaces.

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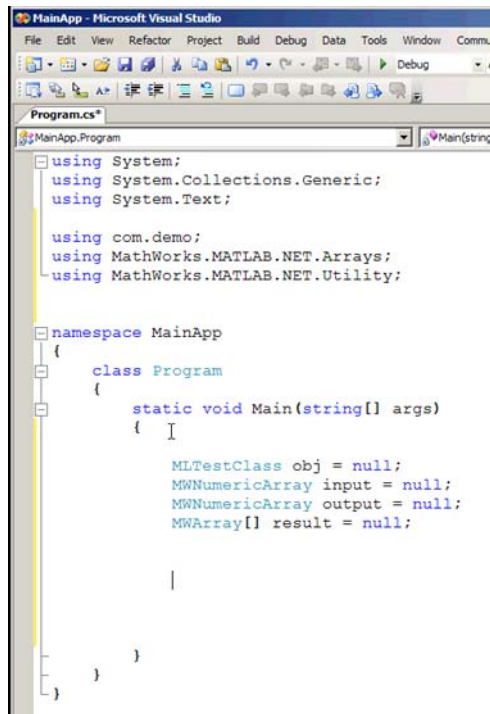
Suppose you named the component you created `MyComponentName` and you want to use it in a program named `MyApp.cs`. Here are the statements to use at the beginning of `MyApp.cs`:

```
using System;  
using MathWorks.MATLAB.NET.Arrays;  
using MyComponentName;
```

## Initializing Your Classes

As a best practice, initialize your classes before you use them.

For example, you start by initializing an abstract class, `MLTestClass`, and then writing the code as follows.



```
using System;
using System.Collections.Generic;
using System.Text;

using com.demo;
using MathWorks.MATLAB.NET.Arrays;
using MathWorks.MATLAB.NET.Utility;

namespace MainApp
{
    class Program
    {
        static void Main(string[] args)
        {
            MLTestClass obj = null;
            MWNumericArray input = null;
            MWNumericArray output = null;
            MWArray[] result = null;

            |

        }
    }
}
```

## Initializing Classes

In this example, you perform the following initializations:

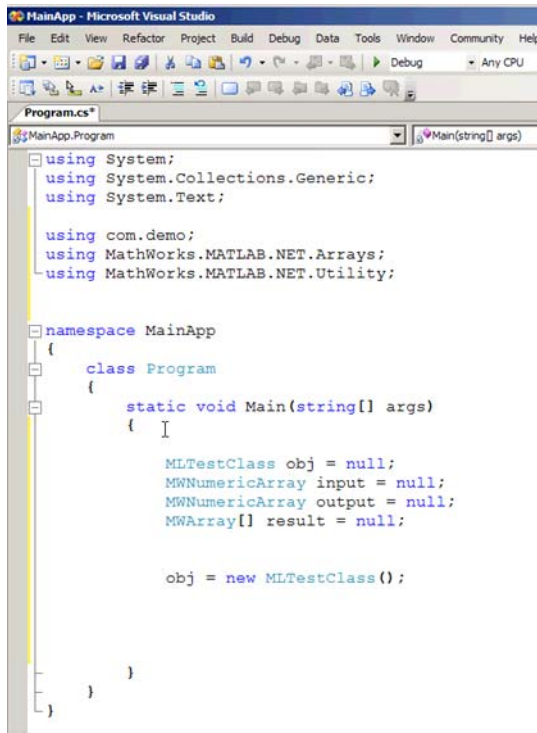
- Initializing classes to handle all input and output arguments (`MWNumericArray input = null` and `MWNumericArray output = null`). `MWNumericArray` is an interface to MATLAB's numeric type.

- Initializing a class to handle MWArrays that the program returns (MWArray[] result = null — an array of MWArrays).

## Instantiating Your Classes

After your classes have been initialized, you write code to create *objects* (instances of the class) using *instantiation* (creating an instance of a class). Instantiating a class requires use of the `new` keyword.

In this example, you instantiate `MLTestClass` with `obj = new MLTestClass();`



```
using System;
using System.Collections.Generic;
using System.Text;

using com.demo;
using MathWorks.MATLAB.NET.Arrays;
using MathWorks.MATLAB.NET.Utility;

namespace MainApp
{
    class Program
    {
        static void Main(string[] args)
        {
            MLTestClass obj = null;
            MWNumericArray input = null;
            MWNumericArray output = null;
            MWArray[] result = null;

            obj = new MLTestClass();
        }
    }
}
```

## Instantiating a Class

**Creating an Instance of a Class.** As with any .NET class, you need to create an instance of the classes you create with the MATLAB Builder NE product before you can use them in your program.

Suppose you build a component with a class named `MyComponentClass`. Here is an example of creating an instance of that class:

```
MyComponentClass classInstance = new MyComponentClass();
```

### Invoking the Component

After you complete the tasks of initializing and instantiating the classes you are working with, invoke the `makeSqr` component you built with MATLAB Builder NE in “Deployable Component Creation” on page 1-13.

Invoke the component method using a signature containing both the number of output arguments expected and the number of input arguments the MATLAB function requires. In this example, using `makeSqr`, the number of input arguments is 1 and the number of output arguments is 5:

```
obj.makeSqr(1, 5);
```

**Using Implicit Conversion.** Make use of implicit conversion, from .NET types to MATLAB types, by passing the native C# value directly to `makeSqr` using the input argument, as follows:

```
input = new MWNumericArray(5);  
obj.makeSqr(1, input);
```

**Using Implicit Constructors.** You can exploit implicit constructors supplied with `MWArray` classes to save writing code.

For example, in this example, you can directly define your input as 5 (input being identified previously as MATLAB numeric type `MWNumericArray`).

```
namespace MainApp
{
    class Program
    {
        static void Main(string[] args)
        {
            MLTestClass obj = null;
            MWNumericArray input = null;
            MWNumericArray output = null;
            MWArray[] result = null;

            obj = new MLTestClass();

            input = 5;
            obj.makeSqr(1, input);
        }
    }
}
```

## Defining Input Using an Implicit Constructor

**Handling Output from MWArray.** The `makeSqr` method returns an array of MWArrays

Extract the Magic Square you created from the first indice of `result` and print the output, as follows:

```
output = (MWNumericArray)result[0];
Console.WriteLine(output);
```

## Handling Errors Using Try-Catch Blocks

Because class instantiation and method invocation make their exceptions at run-time, you enclose your code in a try-catch block to handle errors.

```

namespace MainApp
{
    class Program
    {
        static void Main(string[] args)
        {
            MLTestClass obj = null;
            MWNumericArray input = null;
            MWNumericArray output = null;
            MWArray[] result = null;

            try
            {
                obj = new MLTestClass();

                input = 5;
                result = obj.makeSqr(1, input);

                output = (MWNumericArray)result[0];
                Console.WriteLine(output);
            }
            catch (Exception)
            {
                throw;
            }
        }
    }
}

```

### Using a Try-Catch Block

### For More Information

If you want to...	See...
Perform advanced integration tasks	Chapter 4, “Component Integration”
Convert native data types to MATLAB data types	“Manual Data Conversion from Native Types to MATLAB Types” on page 4-8
Learn about creating type-safe interfaces, in order to avoid data conversion tasks with MWArray.	Chapter 6, “Type-Safe Interfaces, WCF, and MEF”

If you want to...	See...
Automatic casting to MATLAB data types	“Automatic Casting to MATLAB Types” on page 4-7
Learn more about building your component	Chapter 3, “Component Building”
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perform basic MATLAB Programmer tasks</li> <li>• Understand how the deployment products process your MATLAB functions</li> <li>• Understand how the deployment products work together</li> <li>• Explore guidelines about writing deployable MATLAB code</li> </ul>	Chapter 2, “MATLAB Code Deployment”

## Building and Testing the .NET Application with Microsoft Visual Studio

After you finish writing your code, you build and run it with Microsoft Visual Studio:

- 1** To build the application, select **Build > Build Solution**.
- 2** To run the application, select **Debug > Start Without Debugging**.

### For More Information

If you want to...	See...
Perform advanced integration tasks	Chapter 4, “Component Integration”
Convert native data types to MATLAB data types	“Manual Data Conversion from Native Types to MATLAB Types” on page 4-8



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## The Magic Square Component in an Enterprise C# Application

- 1 Write source code for an application that uses the .NET component created in “Deployable Component Creation” on page 1-13.

The C# source code for the sample application for this example is in `MagicSquareExample\MagicSquareCSApp\MagicSquareApp.cs`.

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**Tip** Although MATLAB Builder NE generates C# code for the `MagicSquare` component and the sample application is in C#, applications that use the component do not need to be coded in C#. You can access the component from any CLS-compliant .NET language. For C#, as well as Microsoft Visual Basic examples, see Chapter 4, “Component Integration”.

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## 2 Build the application using Visual Studio .NET.

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**Note** In the project file for this example, the `MWArray` assembly and the magic square component assembly have been prereferenced. Any references preceded by an exclamation point require you to remove the reference and rereference the affected assembly.

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**Note** Microsoft .NET Framework version 2.0 is not supported by Visual Studio 2003.

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- a** Open the project file for the Magic Square example (`MagicSquareCSApp.csproj`) in Visual Studio .NET.
- b** Add a reference to the `MWArray` component in `matlabroot\toolbox\dotnetbuilder\bin\architecture\framework_version`.

See “Supported Microsoft .NET Framework Versions” for a list of supported framework versions.

- c** If necessary, add a reference to the Magic Square component (`MagicSquareComp`), which is in the `distrib` subfolder.

## Next Steps

After you create and distribute the initial application, you probably want to continue to enhance that application. See the following documentation references for details about some of the more common tasks to perform as you develop your application.

Writing .NET applications that can access .NET methods that encapsulate MATLAB code	Chapter 4, “Component Integration”
Sample applications that access methods developed in MATLAB	Chapter 4, “Component Integration”
Learn about creating type-safe interfaces, in order to avoid data conversion tasks with <code>MWArray</code> .	Chapter 6, “Type-Safe Interfaces, WCF, and MEF”

Deploying .NET components over the Web	Chapter 7, “Web Deployment of Figures and Images”
Creating a remotable component or learning about remotable components	Chapter 8, “.NET Remoting”


# MATLAB Code Deployment

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- “Application Deployment Products and the Deployment Tool” on page 2-4
- “Writing Deployable MATLAB Code” on page 2-12
- “How the Deployment Products Process MATLAB Function Signatures” on page 2-17
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- “MATLAB Data File (MAT Files)” on page 2-21

## MATLAB Application Deployment Products

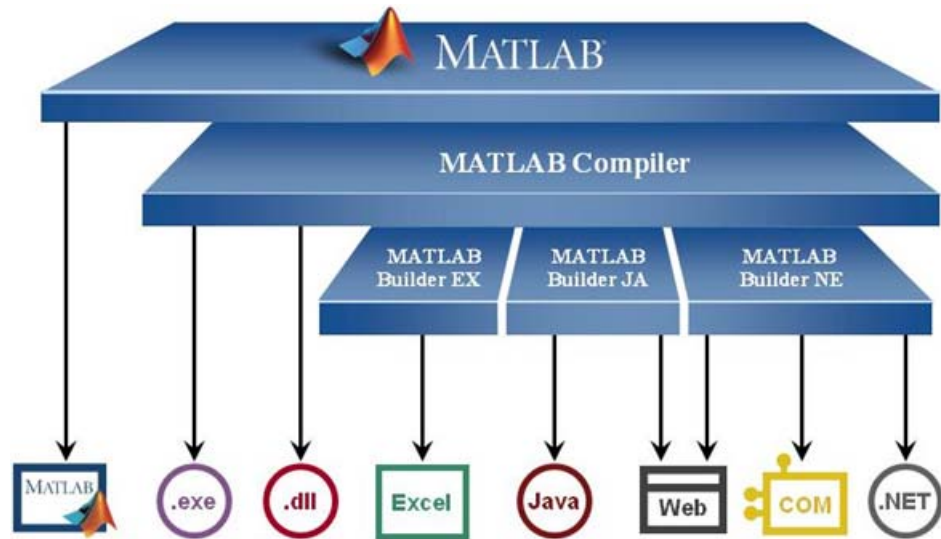
### MATLAB Programmer

Role	Knowledge Base	Responsibilities
 <b>MATLAB programmer</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MATLAB expert</li> <li>• No IT experience</li> <li>• No access to IT systems</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develops models; implements in MATLAB</li> <li>• Uses tools to create a component that is used by the .NET developer</li> </ul>

The following table and figure summarizes the target applications supported by each product.

### MATLAB Suite of Application Deployment Products

Product	Target	Stand-alones?	Function Libraries?	Graphical Apps?	Web Apps?	WebFigures?
MATLAB Compiler	C and C++ standalones	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
MATLAB Builder NE	C# .NET components Visual Basic COM components	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
MATLAB Builder JA	Java™ components	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
MATLAB Builder EX	Microsoft Excel add-ins	No	Yes	Yes	No	No



### **MATLAB® Application Deployment Products**

As this figure illustrates, each of the builder products uses the MATLAB Compiler core code to create deployable components.

## Application Deployment Products and the Deployment Tool

### In this section...

“What Is the Difference Between the Deployment Tool and the mcc Command Line?” on page 2-4

“How Does MATLAB® Compiler™ Software Build My Application?” on page 2-4

“Dependency Analysis Function (depfun)” on page 2-7

“MEX-Files, DLLs, or Shared Libraries” on page 2-8

“Component Technology File (CTF Archive)” on page 2-8

### What Is the Difference Between the Deployment Tool and the mcc Command Line?

When you use the Deployment Tool (deploytool) GUI, you perform any function you would invoke using the MATLAB Compiler mcc command-line interface. The Deployment Tool interactive menus and dialogs build mcc commands that are customized to your specification. As such, your MATLAB code is processed the same way as if you were compiling it using mcc.

Deployment Tool advantages include:

- You perform related deployment tasks with a single intuitive GUI.
- You maintain related information in a convenient project file.
- Your project state persists between sessions.
- Your previous project loads automatically when the Deployment Tool starts.
- You load previously stored compiler projects from a prepopulated menu.
- Package applications for distribution.

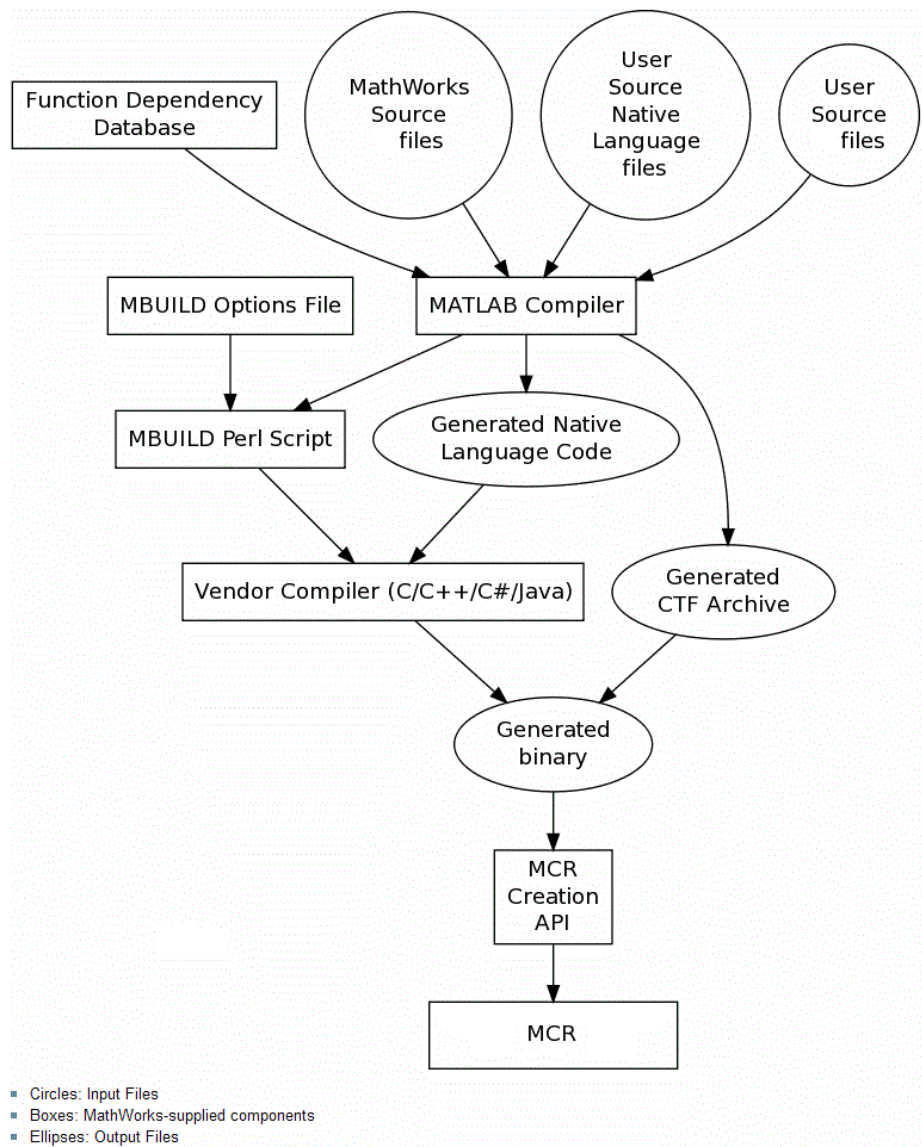
### How Does MATLAB Compiler Software Build My Application?

To build an application, MATLAB Compiler software performs these tasks:



- 1** Parses command-line arguments and classifies by type the files you provide.
- 2** Analyzes files for dependencies using the Dependency Analysis Function (`depfun`). Dependencies affect deployability and originate from functions called by the file. Deployability is affected by:
  - File type — MATLAB, Java, MEX, and so on.
  - File location — MATLAB, MATLAB toolbox, user code, and so on.
  - File deployability — Whether the file is deployable outside of MATLAB

For more information about `depfun`, see “Dependency Analysis Function (`depfun`)” on page 2-7.



**MATLAB® Compiler™ Build Process**

- 3** Validates MEX-files. In particular, `mexFunction` entry points are verified. For more details about MEX-file processing, see “MEX-Files, DLLs, or Shared Libraries” on page 2-8.
- 4** Creates a CTF archive from the input files and their dependencies. For more details about CTF archives see “Component Technology File (CTF Archive)” on page 2-8.
- 5** Generates target-specific wrapper code. For example, a C main function requires a very different wrapper than the wrapper for a Java interface class.
- 6** Invokes a third-party target-specific compiler to create the appropriate binary software component (a standalone executable, a Java JAR file, and so on).

## Dependency Analysis Function (`depfun`)

MATLAB Compiler uses a dependency analysis function (`depfun`) to determine the list of necessary files to include in the CTF package. Sometimes, this process generates a large list of files, particularly when MATLAB object classes exist in the compilation and `depfun` cannot resolve overloaded methods at compile time. Dependency analysis also processes `include/exclude` files on each pass (see the `mcc` flag “-a Add to Archive”).

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**Tip** To improve compile time performance and lessen application size, prune the path with “-N Clear Path”, “-p Add Directory to Path”. You can also specify **Toolboxes on Path** in the `deploytool` **Settings**

For more information about `depfun`, `addpath`, and `rmpath`, see “Dependency Analysis Function (`depfun`) and User Interaction with the Compilation Path”.

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`depfun` searches for executable content such as:

- MATLAB files
- P-files
- Java classes and `.jar` files

- .fig files
- MEX-files

depfun does not search for data files of any kind. You must manually include data files in the search

### **MEX-Files, DLLs, or Shared Libraries**

When you compile MATLAB functions containing MEX-files, ensure that depfun can find them. Doing so allows you to avoid many common compilation problems. In particular, note that:

- Because depfun cannot examine MEX-files, DLLs, or shared libraries to determine their dependencies, explicitly include all executable files these files require. To do so, use either the `mcc -a` option or the options on the **Advanced** tab in the Deployment Tool under **Settings**.
- If you have any doubts that depfun can find a MATLAB function called by a MEX-file, DLL, or shared library, then manually include that function. To do so, use either the `mcc -a` option or by using the options on the **Advanced** tab in the Deployment Tool under **Settings**.
- Not all functions are compatible with MATLAB Compiler. Check the file `mccExcludedFiles.log` after your build completes. This file lists all functions called from your application that you cannot deploy.

### **Component Technology File (CTF Archive)**

Each application or shared library you produce using MATLAB Compiler has an associated Component Technology File (CTF) archive. The archive contains all the MATLAB based content (MATLAB files, MEX-files, and so on) associated with the component.

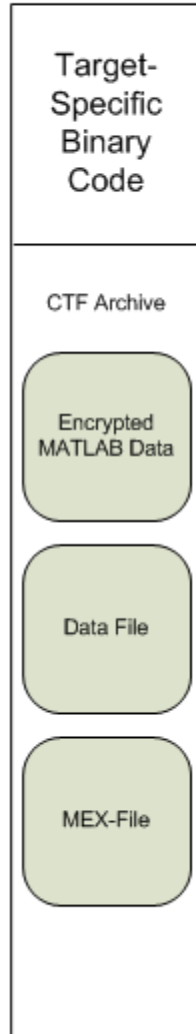
MATLAB Compiler also embeds a CTF archive in each generated binary. The CTF houses all deployable files. All MATLAB files encrypt in the CTF archive using the Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) cryptosystem.

If you choose to extract the CTF archive as a separate file, the files remain encrypted. For more information on how to extract the CTF archive refer to the references in the following table.

**Information on CTF Archive Embedding/Extraction and Component Cache**

<b>Product</b>	<b>Refer to</b>
MATLAB Compiler	“MCR Component Cache and CTF Archive Embedding”
MATLAB Builder NE	“MCR Component Cache and CTF Archive Embedding” on page 5-9
MATLAB Builder JA	“Using MCR Component Cache and MWComponentOptions”
MATLAB Builder EX	Using MCR Component Cache and CTF Archive Embedding

## Generated Component (EXE, DLL, SO, etc)



## **Additional Details**

Multiple CTF archives, such as those generated with COM, .NET, or Excel components, can coexist in the same user application. You cannot, however, mix and match the MATLAB files they contain. You cannot combine encrypted and compressed MATLAB files from multiple CTF archives into another CTF archive and distribute them.

All the MATLAB files from a given CTF archive associate with a unique cryptographic key. MATLAB files with different keys, placed in the same CTF archive, do not execute. If you want to generate another application with a different mix of MATLAB files, recompile these MATLAB files into a new CTF archive.

MATLAB Compiler deletes the CTF archive and generated binary following a failed compilation, but only if these files did not exist before compilation initiates. Run `help mcc -K` for more information.

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**Note** CTF archives are extracted by default to `user_name\AppData\Local\Temp\userid\mcrCachen.nn`.

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**Caution Release Engineers and Software Configuration Managers:** Do not use build procedures or processes that strip shared libraries on CTF archives. If you do, you can possibly strip the CTF archive from the binary, resulting in run-time errors for the driver application.

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## Writing Deployable MATLAB Code

### In this section...

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“Do Not Rely on Changing Directory or Path to Control the Execution of MATLAB Files” on page 2-13

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“Gradually Refactor Applications That Depend on Noncompilable Functions” on page 2-14

“Do Not Create or Use Nonconstant Static State Variables” on page 2-15

“Get Proper Licenses for Toolbox Functionality You Want to Deploy” on page 2-15

### Compiled Applications Do Not Process MATLAB Files at Runtime

MATLAB Compiler secures your code against unauthorized changes. Deployable MATLAB files are suspended or frozen at the time MATLAB Compiler encrypts them—they do not change from that point onward. This does not mean that you cannot deploy a flexible application—it means that *you must design your application with flexibility in mind*. If you want the end user to be able to choose between two different methods, for example, both methods must be available in the built component.

The MCR only works on MATLAB code that was encrypted when the component was built. Any function or process that dynamically generates new MATLAB code will not work against the MCR.

Some MATLAB toolboxes, such as the Neural Network Toolbox™ product, generate MATLAB code dynamically. Because the MCR only executes encrypted MATLAB files, and the Neural Network Toolbox generates unencrypted MATLAB files, some functions in the Neural Network Toolbox cannot be deployed.



Similarly, functions that need to examine the contents of a MATLAB function file cannot be deployed. `HELP`, for example, is dynamic and not available in deployed mode. You can use `LOADLIBRARY` in deployed mode if you provide it with a MATLAB function prototype.

Instead of compiling the function that generates the MATLAB code and attempting to deploy it, perform the following tasks:

- 1 Run the code once in MATLAB to obtain your generated function.
- 2 Compile the MATLAB code with MATLAB Compiler, including the generated function.

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**Tip** Another alternative to using `EVAL` or `FEVAL` is using anonymous function handles.

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If you require the ability to create MATLAB code for dynamic run time processing, your end users must have an installed copy of MATLAB.

## **Do Not Rely on Changing Directory or Path to Control the Execution of MATLAB Files**

In general, good programming practices advise against redirecting a program search path dynamically within the code. Many developers are prone to this behavior since it mimics the actions they usually perform on the command line. However, this can lead to problems when deploying code.

For example, in a deployed application, the MATLAB and Java paths are fixed and cannot change. Therefore, any attempts to change these paths (using the `cd` command or the `addpath` command) fails

If you find you cannot avoid placing `addpath` calls in your MATLAB code, use `ismcc` and `isdeployed`. See the next section for details.

## Use `ismcc` and `isdeployed` Functions To Execute Deployment-Specific Code Paths

The `isdeployed` function allows you to specify which portion of your MATLAB code is deployable, and which is not. Such specification minimizes your compilation errors and helps create more efficient, maintainable code.

For example, you find it unavoidable to use `addpath` when writing your `startup.m`. Using `ismcc` and `isdeployed`, you specify when and what is compiled and executed.

For an example of using `isdeployed`, see “Passing Arguments to and from a Standalone Application”.

## Gradually Refactor Applications That Depend on Noncompilable Functions

Over time, refactor, streamline, and modularize MATLAB code containing non-compilable or non-deployable functions that use `ismcc` and `isdeployed`. Your eventual goal is “graceful degradation” of non-deployable code. In other words, the code must present the end user with as few obstacles to deployment as possible until it is practically eliminated.

Partition your code into design-time and run time code sections:

- *Design-time code* is code that is currently evolving. Almost all code goes through a phase of perpetual rewriting, debugging, and optimization. In some toolboxes, such as the Neural Network Toolbox product, the code goes through a period of self-training as it reacts to various data permutations and patterns. Such code is almost never designed to be deployed.
- *Run-time code*, on the other hand, has solidified or become stable—it is in a finished state and is ready to be deployed by the end user.

Consider creating a separate directory for code that is not meant to be deployed or for code that calls undeployable code.

## Do Not Create or Use Nonconstant Static State Variables

Avoid using the following:

- Global variables in MATLAB code
- Static variables in MEX-files
- Static variables in Java code

The state of these variables is persistent and shared with everything in the process.

When deploying applications, using persistent variables can cause problems because the MCR process runs in a single thread. You cannot load more than one of these non-constant, static variables into the same process. In addition, these static variables do not work well in multithreaded applications.

When programming with the builder components, you should be aware that an instance of the MCR is created for each instance of a new class. If the same class is instantiated again using a different variable name, it is attached to the MCR created by the previous instance of the same class. In short, if an assembly contains  $n$  unique classes, there will be maximum of  $n$  instances of MCRs created, each corresponding to one or more instances of one of the classes.

If you must use static variables, bind them to instances. For example, defining instance variables in a Java class is preferable to defining the variable as `static`.

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**Note** This guideline does not apply to MATLAB Builder EX. When programming with Microsoft Excel, you can assign global variables to large matrices that persist between calls.

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## Get Proper Licenses for Toolbox Functionality You Want to Deploy

You must have a valid MathWorks® license for toolboxes you use to create deployable components.

If you do not have a valid license for your toolbox, you cannot create a deployable component with it.

# How the Deployment Products Process MATLAB Function Signatures

## In this section...

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“MATLAB Programming Basics” on page 2-17

## MATLAB Function Signature

MATLAB supports multiple signatures for function calls.

The generic MATLAB function has the following structure:

```
function [Out1,Out2,...,varargout]=foo(In1,In2,...,varargin)
```

To the *left* of the equal sign, the function specifies a set of explicit and optional return arguments.

To the *right* of the equal sign, the function lists explicit *input* arguments followed by one or more optional arguments.

All arguments represent a specific MATLAB type.

When the compiler or builder product processes your MATLAB code, it creates several overloaded methods that implement the MATLAB functions. Each of these overloaded methods corresponds to a call to the generic MATLAB function with a specific number of input arguments.

In addition to these methods, the builder creates another method that defines the return values of the MATLAB function as an input argument. This method simulates the `feval` external API interface in MATLAB.

## MATLAB Programming Basics

### Creating a Deployable MATLAB Function

Virtually any calculation that you can create in MATLAB can be deployed, if it resides in a function. For example:

```
>> 1 + 1
```

cannot be deployed.

However, the following calculation:

```
function result = addSomeNumbers()  
    result = 1+1;  
end
```

can be deployed because the calculation now resides in a function.

### **Taking Inputs into a Function**

You typically pass inputs to a function. You can use primitive data type as an input into a function.

To pass inputs, put them in parentheses. For example:

```
function result = addSomeNumbers(number1, number2)  
    result = number1 + number2;  
end
```

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## MATLAB Library Loading

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**Note** It is important to understand the difference between the following:

- MATLAB `loadlibrary` function — Loads shared library into MATLAB.
  - Operating system `loadlibrary` function — Loads specified Windows or UNIX operating system module into the address space of the calling process.
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With MATLAB Compiler version 4.0 (R14) and later, you can use MATLAB file prototypes as described below to load your library in a compiled application. Loading libraries using H-file headers is not supported in compiled applications. This behavior occurs when `loadlibrary` is compiled with the header argument as in the statement:

```
loadlibrary(library, header)
```

In order to work around this issue, execute the following command at the MATLAB command prompt:

```
loadlibrary(library, header, 'mfilename', 'mylibrarymfile');
```

where *mylibrarymfile* is the name of a MATLAB file you would like to use when loading this library. This step only needs to be performed once to generate a MATLAB file for the library.

In the code that is to be compiled, you can now call `loadlibrary` with the following syntax:

```
loadlibrary(library, @mylibrarymfile, 'alias', alias)
```

With MATLAB Compiler versions 4.0.1 (R14+) and later, generated MATLAB files will automatically be included in the CTF file as part of the compilation process. For MATLAB Compiler versions 4.0 (R14) and later, include your library MATLAB file in the compilation with the `-a` option with `mcc`.

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**Caution** With MATLAB Compiler Version 3.0 (R13SP1) and earlier, you cannot compile calls to `loadlibrary` because of general restrictions and limitations of the product.

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## MATLAB Data File (MAT Files)

### In this section...

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“Load and Save Functions” on page 2-21

“MATLAB Objects” on page 2-24

### Explicitly Including MAT files Using the %#function Pragma

MATLAB Compiler excludes MAT files from “Dependency Analysis Function (depfun)” on page 2-7 by default.

If you want MATLAB Compiler to explicitly inspect data within a MAT file, you need to specify the %#function pragma when writing your MATLAB code.

For example, if you are creating a solution with Neural Network Toolbox, you need to use the %#function pragma within your GUI code to include a dependency on the `gmdistribution` class, for instance.

### Load and Save Functions

If your deployed application uses MATLAB data files (MAT-files), it is helpful to code `LOAD` and `SAVE` functions to manipulate the data and store it for later processing.

- Use `isdeployed` to determine if your code is running in or out of the MATLAB workspace.
- Specify the data file by either using `WHICH` (to locate its full path name) define it relative to the location of `ctfroot`.
- All MAT-files are unchanged after `mcc` runs. These files are not encrypted when written to the CTF archive.

For more information about CTF archives, see “Component Technology File (CTF Archive)” on page 2-8.

See the `ctfroot` reference page for more information about `ctfroot`.

Use the following example as a template for manipulating your MATLAB data inside, and outside, of MATLAB.

## Using Load/Save Functions to Process MATLAB Data for Deployed Applications

The following example specifies three MATLAB data files:

- `user_data.mat`
- `userdata/extra_data.mat`
- `../externdata/extern_data.mat`

**1** Navigate to `install_root\extern\examples\Data_Handling`.

**2** Compile `ex_loadsave.m` with the following `mcc` command:

```
mcc -mv ex_loadsave.m -a 'user_data.mat' -a
    './userdata/extra_data.mat' -a
    '../externdata/extern_data.mat'
```

### **ex\_loadsave.m.**

```
function ex_loadsave
% This example shows how to work with the
% "load/save" functions on data files in
% deployed mode. There are three source data files
% in this example.
%   user_data.mat
%   userdata/extra_data.mat
%   ../externdata/extern_data.mat
%
% Compile this example with the mcc command:
%   mcc -m ex_loadsave.m -a 'user_data.mat' -a
%     './userdata/extra_data.mat'
%     -a '../externdata/extern_data.mat'
% All the folders under the current main MATLAB file directory will
% be included as
% relative path to ctroot; All other folders will have the
% folder
% structure included in the ctf archive file from root of the
```

```

%      disk drive.
%
% If a data file is outside of the main MATLAB file path,
%      the absolute path will be
% included in ctf and extracted under ctffoot. For example:
%      Data file
%      "c:\$matlabroot\examples\externdata\extern_data.mat"
%      will be added into ctf and extracted to
%      "$ctffoot\$matlabroot\examples\externdata\extern_data.mat".
%
% All mat/data files are unchanged after mcc runs. There is
% no exryption on these user included data files. They are
% included in the ctf archive.
%
% The target data file is:
%      ./output/saved_data.mat
%      When writing the file to local disk, do not save any files
%      under ctffoot since it may be refreshed and deleted
%      when the application isnext started.

%==== load data file =====
if isdeployed
    % In deployed mode, all file under CTFRoot in the path are loaded
    % by full path name or relative to $ctffoot.
    % LOADFILENAME1=which(fullfile(ctffoot,mfilename,'user_data.mat'));
    % LOADFILENAME2=which(fullfile(ctffoot,'userdata','extra_data.mat'));
    LOADFILENAME1=which(fullfile('user_data.mat'));
    LOADFILENAME2=which(fullfile('extra_data.mat'));
    % For external data file, full path will be added into ctf;
    % you don't need specify the full path to find the file.
    LOADFILENAME3=which(fullfile('extern_data.mat'));
else
    %running the code in MATLAB
    LOADFILENAME1=fullfile(matlabroot,'extern','examples','compiler',
        'Data_Handling','user_data.mat');
    LOADFILENAME2=fullfile(matlabroot,'extern','examples','compiler',
        'Data_Handling','userdata','extra_data.mat');
    LOADFILENAME3=fullfile(matlabroot,'extern','examples','compiler',
        'externdata','extern_data.mat');
end

```

```
% Load the data file from current working directory
disp(['Load A from : ',LOADFILENAME1]);
load(LOADFILENAME1,'data1');
disp('A= ');
disp(data1);

% Load the data file from sub directory
disp(['Load B from : ',LOADFILENAME2]);
load(LOADFILENAME2,'data2');
disp('B= ');
disp(data2);

% Load extern data outside of current working directory
disp(['Load extern data from : ',LOADFILENAME3]);
load(LOADFILENAME3);
disp('ext_data= ');
disp(ext_data);

%==== multiple the data matrix by 2 =====
result = data1*data2;
disp('A * B = ');
disp(result);

%==== save the new data to a new file =====
SAVEPATH=strcat(pwd,filesep,'output');
if ( ~isdir(SAVEPATH))
    mkdir(SAVEPATH);
end
SAVEFILENAME=strcat(SAVEPATH,filesep,'saved_data.mat');
disp(['Save the A * B result to : ',SAVEFILENAME]);
save(SAVEFILENAME, 'result');
```

### **MATLAB Objects**

When working with MATLAB objects, remember to include the following statement in your MAT file:

```
%#function class_constructor
```

Using the `%#function` pragma in this manner forces `deffun` to load needed class definitions, enabling the MCR to successfully load the object.



# Component Building


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## Supported Compilation Targets

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### MATLAB Programmer

Role	Knowledge Base	Responsibilities
 <p><b>MATLAB programmer</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MATLAB expert</li> <li>• No IT experience</li> <li>• No access to IT systems</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develops models; implements in MATLAB</li> <li>• Uses tools to create a component that is used by the .NET developer</li> </ul>

### .NET Component

MATLAB Builder NE supports compilation (building) of .NET components through CLS compliant language wrapper generation.

### Common Language Specification (CLS) Compliancy

CLS is an acronym for *Common Language Specification*, a subset of language features supported by the *.NET common language Runtime (CLR)*. MATLAB® Builder™ NE classes are CLS compliant—they are designed to interoperate with all .NET programming languages.

Use the builder to package MATLAB functions so that .NET programmers can access them from any CLS-compliant language.

### COM Components

You can also use the builder to create Component Object Model, or COM, components. These components use a software architecture developed by Microsoft® to build component-based applications. COM objects expose interfaces that allow applications and other components to access the features of the objects. You access COM objects through Microsoft Visual Basic, C++,



or any language that supports COM objects. For more information about creating and accessing COM components, see Chapter 12, “Creating and Installing COM Components” and Chapter 13, “Programming with COM Components Created by the MATLAB® Builder™ NE Product”.

# The Deployment Tool GUI

For a complete example of how to build .NET components using the graphical interface, read “The Magic Square Example” on page 1-9 in the Chapter 1, “Getting Started” chapter of this User’s Guide.

For information about how the graphical interface differs from the command line interface, read “What Is the Difference Between the Deployment Tool and the mcc Command Line?” on page 2-4 in the chapter Chapter 2, “MATLAB Code Deployment”, also in this guide.

## Watch a Video

Watch a video about deploying applications using MATLAB Builder NE.

## The mcc Command Line

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### Command-Line Syntax Description

Instead of using the Deployment Tool to create .NET components, you can use the `mcc` command.

The following command defines the complete `mcc` command syntax with all required and optional arguments used to create a .NET component. Brackets indicate optional parts of the syntax.

```
mcc -W 'dotnet:component_name,class_name,  
0.0|framework_version, Private|Encryption_Key_Path,local|remote'  
file1 [file2...fileN][class{class_name:file1  
[,file2,...,fileN]},... [-d output_dir_path] -T link:lib
```

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**Note** For complete information about the `mcc` command, including the `-W` option, see `mcc` in the function reference section of this User's Guide. To learn more about the `mcc` command and all of its options, see the MATLAB Compiler documentation.

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### .NET Bundle Files

You can simplify the command line used to create .NET components. To do so, use the .NET Builder bundle file, named `dotnet`. Using this bundle file still requires that you pass in the five parts (including `local|remote`) of the `-W` argument text string; however, you do not have to specify the `-T` option.

The following example creates a .NET component called `mycomponent` containing a single .NET class named `myclass` with methods `foo` and `bar`. When used with the `-B` option, the word `dotnet` specifies the name of the predefined .NET Builder bundle file.

```
mcc -B 'dotnet:mycomponent,myclass,2.0,  
encryption_keyfile_path,local'  
foo.m bar.m
```

In this example, the builder uses the .NET Framework version 2.0 to compile the component into a shared assembly using the key file specified in `encryption_keyfile_path` to sign the shared component.

See “Supported Microsoft .NET Framework Versions” for a list of supported framework versions.

### Creating a .NET Component Namespace

The following example creates a .NET component from two MATLAB files `foo.m` and `bar.m`.

```
mcc -B  
'dotnet:mycompany.mygroup.mycomponent,myclass,0.0,Private,local'  
foo.m bar.m
```

The example creates a .NET component named `mycomponent` that has the following namespace: `mycompany.mygroup`. The component contains a single .NET class, `myclass`, which contains methods `foo` and `bar`.

To use `myclass`, place the following statement in your code:

```
using mycompany.mygroup;
```

See “Supported Microsoft .NET Framework Versions” for a list of supported framework versions.

### Adding Multiple Classes to a Component

The following example creates a .NET component that includes more than one class. This example uses the optional `class{...}` argument to the `mcc` command.

```
mcc -B 'dotnet:mycompany.mycomponent,myclass,2.0,Private,local' foo.m bar.m  
class{myclass2:foo2.m,bar2.m}
```

The example creates a .NET component named `mycomponent` with two classes:

- myclass has methods foo and bar
- myclass2 has methods foo2 and bar2

See “Supported Microsoft .NET Framework Versions” for a list of supported framework versions.

## Using the Deployment Tool GUI from the Command Line

Desired Results	Command
Start Deployment Tool GUI with the <b>New/Open</b> dialog box active	deploytool (default) or deploytool -n
Start Deployment Tool GUI and load <i>project_name</i>	deploytool <i>project_name.prj</i>
Start Deployment Tool command line interface and build <i>project_name</i> after initializing	deploytool -build <i>project_name.prj</i>
Start Deployment Tool command line interface and package <i>project_name</i> after initializing	deploytool -package <i>project_name.prj</i>
Start Deployment Tool and package an existing project from the Command Line Interface. Specifying the <i>package_name</i> is optional. By default, a project is packaged into a .zip file. On Windows, if the <i>package_name</i> ends with .exe, the project is packaged into a self-extracting .exe.	deploytool -package <i>project_name.prj</i> <i>package_name</i>
Display MATLAB Help for the deploytool command	deploytool -?

### Examples

See “C# Integration Examples” on page 4-31 and “Microsoft® Visual Basic® Integration Examples” on page 4-70 for complete examples of how to build and integrate .NET components.

## For More Information

If you want to...	See...
Learn how to build a component and perform basic integration tasks using C# code	Chapter 1, “Getting Started”
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Basic MATLAB Programmer tasks</li><li>• How the deployment products process your MATLAB functions</li><li>• How the deployment products work together</li></ul>	Chapter 2, “MATLAB Code Deployment”
Advanced integration tasks for the .NET Developer	Chapter 4, “Component Integration”
The MATLAB Component Runtime (MCR)	“Distribute MATLAB Code Using the MATLAB Compiler Runtime (MCR)” on page 5-2






# Component Integration

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## Common Integration Tasks

### .NET Developer

Role	Knowledge Base	Responsibilities
 .NET Developer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Little to no MATLAB experience</li> <li>• Moderate IT experience</li> <li>• .NET expert</li> <li>• Minimal access to IT systems</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Integrates deployed component with the rest of the .NET application</li> </ul>

In “The Magic Square Example” on page 1-9, and in “Integrating Your Component into a .NET Class Using Microsoft® Visual Studio®” on page 1-27 in particular, steps are illustrated that cover the basics of customizing your code in preparation for integrating your deployed .NET component into a large-scale enterprise application. These steps include:

- Installing the MATLAB Compiler Runtime (MCR) on end user computers
- Creating a Microsoft Visual Studio project
- Creating references to the component and to the MWArray API
- Specifying component assemblies and namespaces
- Initializing and instantiating your classes
- Invoking the component using some implicit data conversion techniques
- Handling errors using a basic try-catch block.

### Watch a Video

Watch a video that interactively demonstrates how to perform these basic steps on the MATLAB Builder NE product page.

## Application Coding

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### Using C# Code In an Integrated .NET Component

Before you begin integrating your component code with your .NET application, it is helpful to understand how the elements of the Deployment Tool project map to the class names in your generated wrapper code, and the naming conventions used for class and methods names in this code.

#### Classes and Methods

The builder project contains the files and settings needed by the MATLAB Builder NE product to create a deployable .NET component. A project specifies information about classes and methods, including the MATLAB functions to be included.

The builder transforms MATLAB functions that are specified in the component’s project to methods belonging to a *managed class*.

When creating a component, you must provide one or more class names as well as a component name. The component name also specifies the name of the assembly that implements the component. The class name denotes the name of the class that encapsulates MATLAB functions.

To access the features and operations provided by the MATLAB functions, instantiate the managed class generated by the builder, and then call the methods that encapsulate the MATLAB functions.

### **Component and Class Naming Conventions**

Typically you should specify names for components and classes that will be clear to programmers who use your components. For example, if you are encapsulating many MATLAB functions, it helps to determine a scheme of function categories and to create a separate class for each category. Also, the name of each class should be descriptive of what the class does.

The *.NET Framework General Reference* recommends the use of *Pascal case* for capitalizing the names of identifiers of three or more characters. That is, the first letter in the identifier and the first letter of each subsequent concatenated word are capitalized. For example:

`MakeSquare`

In contrast, MATLAB programmers typically use all lowercase for names of functions. For example:

`makesquare`

By convention, the MATLAB Builder NE examples use Pascal case.

Valid characters are any alpha or numeric characters, as well as the underscore ( `_` ) character.

### **About Version Control**

The builder supports the standard versioning capabilities provided by the .NET Framework.

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**Note** You can make side-by-side invocations of multiple versions of a component within the same application only if they access the same version of the MCR.

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## Data Conversion

There are many instances when you may need to convert various native data types to types compatible with MATLAB. Use this section as a guideline to performing some of these basic tasks.

See “Data Conversion Rules” on page 10-4 for complete tables detailing type-to-type data conversion rules using MATLAB Builder NE.

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**Tip** Learn about creating type-safe interfaces for .NET components, in order to avoid data conversion tasks with `MWArray`. See Chapter 6, “Type-Safe Interfaces, WCF, and MEF” for details.

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## Managing Data Conversion Issues with MATLAB Builder NE Data Conversion Classes

To support data conversion between managed types and MATLAB types, the builder provides a set of data conversion classes derived from the abstract class, `MWArray`.

The `MWArray` data conversion classes allow you to pass most native .NET value types as parameters directly without using explicit data conversion. There is an implicit cast operator for most native numeric and string types that will convert the native type to the appropriate MATLAB array.

When you invoke a method on a component, the input and output parameters are a derived type of `MWArray`. To pass parameters, you can either instantiate one of the `MWArray` subclasses explicitly, or, in many cases, pass the parameters as a *managed data type* and rely on the implicit data conversion feature of .NET Builder.

### **Overview of Classes and Methods in the Data Conversion Class**

**Hierarchy.** To support MATLAB data types, the MATLAB Builder NE product provides the `MWArray` data conversion classes in the MATLAB Builder NE `MWArray` assembly. You reference this assembly in your managed application to convert native arrays to MATLAB arrays and vice versa.

See the `MWArray` API documentation on the MATLAB Builder NE Documentation Roadmap page (on the Web on in the product help) for full details on the classes and methods provided.

The data conversion classes are built as a class hierarchy that represents the major MATLAB array types.

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**Note** See “Overview” on page 10-17 for an introduction to the classes and see `MWArray` Class Library Reference (available online only) for details about this class library.

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The root of the hierarchy is the `MWArray` abstract class. The `MWArray` class has the following subclasses representing the major MATLAB types: `MWNumericArray`, `MWLogicalArray`, `MWCharArray`, `MWCellArray`, and `MWStructArray`.

`MWArray` and its derived classes provide the following functionality:

- Constructors and destructors to instantiate and dispose of MATLAB arrays
- Properties to get and set the array data
- Indexers to support a subset of MATLAB array indexing
- Implicit and explicit data conversion operators
- General methods

**Using Cell and Struct Arrays with `MWArray`.** You must use .NET Remoting to integrate .NET cell and struct arrays with `MWArray`.

See “The Native .NET Cell and Struct Example” on page 8-29 for more information and a complete end-to-end example.

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## Automatic Casting to MATLAB Types

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**Note** Because the conversion process is automatic (in most cases), you do not need to understand the conversion process to pass and return arguments with MATLAB Builder NE components.

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In most instances, if a native .NET primitive or array is used as an input parameter in a C# program, the builder transparently converts it to an instance of the appropriate `MWArray` class before it is passed on to the component method. The builder can convert most CLS-compliant string, numeric type, or multidimensional array of these types to an appropriate `MWArray` type.

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**Note** This conversion is transparent in C# applications, but might require an explicit casting operator in other languages, for example, `op_implicit` in Visual Basic.

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Here is an example. Consider the .NET statement:

```
result = theFourier.plotfft(3, data, interval);
```

In this statement the third argument, namely `interval`, is of the .NET native type `System.Double`. The builder casts this argument to a MATLAB 1-by-1 double `MWNumericArray` type (which is a wrapper class containing a MATLAB double array).

See “Data Conversion Rules” on page 10-4 for a list of all the data types that are supported along with their equivalent types in the MATLAB product.

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**Note** There are some data types commonly used in the MATLAB product that are not available as native .NET types. Examples are cell arrays, structure arrays, and arrays of complex numbers. Represent these array types as instances of `MWCellArray`, `MWStructArray`, and `MWNumericArray`, respectively.

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**Multidimensional Array Processing in MATLAB and .NET.** MATLAB and .NET implement different indexing strategies for multidimensional arrays. When you create a variable of type `MWNumericArray`, MATLAB automatically creates an equivalent array, using its own internal indexing. For example, MATLAB indexes using this schema:

```
(row column page1 page2 ...)
```

while .NET indexes as follows:

```
(... page2 page1 row column)
```

Given the multi-dimensional MATLAB `myarr`:

```
>> myarr(:,:,1) = [1, 2, 3; 4, 5, 6];  
>> myarr(:,:,2) = [7, 8, 9; 10, 11, 12];  
>> myarr
```

```
myarr(:,:,1) =
```

```
    1    2    3  
    4    5    6
```

```
myarr(:,:,2) =
```

```
    7    8    9  
   10   11   12
```

You would code this equivalent in .NET:

```
double[, ,] myarr = {{{1.000000, 2.000000, 3.000000},  
                    {4.000000, 5.000000, 6.000000}}, {{7.000000, 8.000000,  
5.000000}, {10.000000, 11.000000, 12.000000}}};
```

### **Manual Data Conversion from Native Types to MATLAB Types**

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**Native Data Conversion.** The builder provides MATLAB array classes in order to facilitate data conversion between native data and compiled MATLAB functions.

This example explicitly creates a numeric constant using the constructor for the `MWNumericArray` class with a `System.Int32` argument. This variable can then be passed to one of the generated MATLAB Builder NE methods.

```
int data = 24;
MWNumericArray array = new MWNumericArray(data);
Console.WriteLine("Array is of type " + array.NumericType);
```

When you run this example, the results are:

```
Array is of type double
```

In this example, the native integer (`int data`) is converted to an `MWNumericArray` containing a 1-by-1 MATLAB double array, which is the default MATLAB type.

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**Tip** To preserve the integer type (rather than convert to the default double type), you can use the constructor provided by `MWNumericArray` for this purpose. Preserving the integer type can help to save space.

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The MATLAB Builder NE product does not support some MATLAB array types because they are not CLS-compliant. See “Unsupported MATLAB Array Types” on page 10-16 for a list of the unsupported types.

For more information about the concepts involved in data conversion, see “Managing Data Conversion Issues with MATLAB® Builder™ NE Data Conversion Classes” on page 4-5.

**Type Specification.** If you want to create a MATLAB numeric array of a specific type, set the optional `makeDouble` argument to `False`. The native type then determines the type of the MATLAB array that is created.

Here, the code specifies that the array should be constructed as a MATLAB 1-by-1 16-bit integer array:

```
short data = 24;
MWNumericArray array = new MWNumericArray(data, false);
Console.WriteLine("Array is of type " + array.NumericType);
```

Running this example produces the following results:

```
Array is of type int16
```

**Optional Argument Specification.** In the MATLAB product, `varargin` and `varargout` are used to specify arguments that are not required. Consider the following MATLAB function:

```
function y = mysum(varargin)
y = sum([varargin{:}]);
```

This function returns the sum of the inputs. The inputs are provided as a `varargin`, which means that the caller can specify any number of inputs to the function. The result is returned as a scalar double array.

For the `mysum` function, the MATLAB Builder NE product generates the following interfaces:

```
// Single output interfaces
public MWArray mysum()
public MWArray mysum(params MWArray[] varargin)
// Standard interface
public MWArray[] mysum(int numArgsOut)
public MWArray[] mysum(int numArgsOut,
    params MWArray[] varargin)
// feval interface
public void mysum(int numArgsOut, ref MWArray ArgsOut,
    params MWArray[] varargin)
```

The `varargin` arguments can be passed as either an `MWArray[]`, or as a list of explicit input arguments. (In `C#`, the `params` modifier for a method argument specifies that a method accepts any number of parameters of the specific type.) Using `params` allows your code to add any number of optional inputs to the encapsulated MATLAB function.

Here is an example of how you might use the single output interface of the `mysum` method in a `.NET` application:

```
static void Main(string[] args)
{
    MWArray sum= null;
    MySumClass mySumClass = null;
    try
    {
        mySumClass= new MySumClass();
        sum= mySumClass.mysum((double)2, 4);
        Console.WriteLine("Sum= {0}", sum);
        sum= mySumClass.mysum((double)2, 4, 6, 8);
        Console.WriteLine("Sum= {0}", sum);
    }
}
```

The number of input arguments can vary.

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**Note** For this particular signature, you must explicitly cast the first argument to `MWArray` or a type other than integer. Doing this distinguishes the signature from the method signature, which takes an integer as the first argument. If the first argument is not explicitly cast to `MWArray` or as a type other than integer, the argument can be mistaken as representing the number of output arguments.

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### Pass Input Arguments

The following examples show generated code for the `myprimes` MATLAB function, which has the following definition:

```
function p = myprimes(n)
```

```
p = primes(n);
```

### Construct a Single Input Argument

The following sample code constructs data as a `MWNumericArray`, to be passed as input argument:

```
MWNumericArray data = 5;  
MyPrimesClass myClass = new MyPrimesClass();  
MWArray primes = myClass.myprimes(data);
```

### Pass a Native .NET Type

This example passes a native double type to the function.

```
MyPrimesClass myClass = new MyPrimesClass();  
MWArray primes = myClass.myprimes((double)13);
```

The input argument is converted to a MATLAB 1-by-1 double array, as required by the MATLAB function. This is the default conversion rule for a native double type (see “Data Conversion Rules” on page 10-4 for a discussion of the default data conversion for all supported .NET types).

### Use the feval Interface

This interface passes both input and output arguments on the right-hand side of the function call. The output argument `primes` must be preceded by a `ref` attribute.

```
MyPrimesClass myClass = new MyPrimesClass();  
MWArray[] maxPrimes = new MWArray[1];  
maxPrimes[0] = new MWNumericArray(13);  
MWArray[] primes = new MWArray[1];  
myClass.myprimes(1, ref primes, maxPrimes);
```

**Pass a Variable Number of Outputs.** When present, `varargout` arguments are handled in the same way that `varargin` arguments are handled. Consider the following MATLAB function:

```
function varargout = randvectors()  
for i=1:nargout
```

```
    varargout{i} = rand(1, i);  
end
```

This function returns a list of random double vectors such that the length of the *i*th vector is equal to *i*. The builder generates a .NET interface to this function as follows:

```
public void randvectors()  
public MArray[] randvectors(int numArgsOut)  
public void randvectors(int numArgsOut, ref MArray[] varargout)
```

### Usage Example

Here, the standard interface is used and two output arguments are requested:

```
MyVarargOutClass myClass = new MyVarargOutClass();  
MArray[] results = myClass.randvectors(2);  
Console.WriteLine("First output= {0}", results[0]);  
Console.WriteLine("Second output= {0}", results[1]);
```

### Return Value Handling

The previous examples show guidelines to use if you know the type and dimensionality of the output argument. Sometimes, in MATLAB programming, this information is unknown, or can vary. In this case, the code that calls the method might need to query the type and dimensionality of the output arguments.

There are two ways to make the query:

- Use .NET reflection to query any object for its type.
- Use any of several methods provided by the `MArray` class to query information about the underlying MATLAB array.

**.NET Reflection.** You can use *reflection* to dynamically create an instance of a type, bind the type to an existing object, or get the type from an existing object. You can then invoke the type's methods or access its fields and properties. See the MSDN Library for more information about reflection.

The following code sample calls the `myprimes` method, and then determines the type using reflection. The example assumes that the output is returned as a numeric vector array but the exact numeric type is unknown.

```
public void GetPrimes(int n)
{
    MWArray primes= null;
    MyPrimesClass myPrimesClass= null;
    try
    {
        myPrimesClass= new MyPrimesClass();
        primes= myPrimesClass.myprimes((double)n);
        Array primesArray= ((MWNumericArray)primes).
            ToVector(MWArrayComponent.Real);
        if (primesArray is double[])
        {
            double[] doubleArray= (double[])primesArray;
            /* Do something with doubleArray . . . */
        }
        else if (primesArray is float[])
        {
            float[] floatArray= (float[])primesArray;
            /* Do something with floatArray . . . */
        }
        else if (primesArray is int[])
        {
            int[] intArray= (int[])primesArray;
            /*Do something with intArray . . . */
        }
        else if (primesArray is long[])
        {
            long[] longArray= (long[])primesArray;
            /*Do something with longArray . . . */
        }
        else if (primesArray is short[])
        {
            short[] shortArray= (short[])primesArray;
            /*Do something with shortArray . . . */
        }
        else if (primesArray is byte[])
    }
```

```

    {
    byte[] byteArray= (byte[])primesArray;
    /*Do something with byteArray . . . */
    }
else
    {
    throw new ApplicationException("
    Bad type returned from myprimes");
    }
}
}
}

```

The example uses the `toVector` method to return a .NET primitive array (`primesArray`), which represents the underlying MATLAB array. See the following code fragment from the example:

```

primes= myPrimesClass.myprimes((double)n);
Array primesArray= ((MWNumericArray)primes).
    ToVector(MWArrayComponent.Real);

```

---

**Note** The `toVector` is a method of the `MWNumericArray` class. It returns a copy of the array component in column major order. The type of the array elements is determined by the data type of the numeric array.

---

**MWArray Query.** The next example uses the `MWNumericArray.NumericType` method, along with `MWNumericType` enumeration to determine the type of the underlying MATLAB array. See the `switch (numericType)` statement.

```

public void GetPrimes(int n)
{
    MWArray primes= null;
    MyPrimesClass myPrimesClass= null;
    try
    {
        myPrimesClass= new MyPrimesClass();
        primes= myPrimesClass.myprimes((double)n);
        if ((!primes.IsNumericArray) || (2 !=
            primes.NumberofDimensions))
    }
}

```

```
{
  throw new ApplicationException("Bad type returned
    by mwprimes");
}
MWNumericArray _primes= (MWNumericArray)primes;
MWNumericType numericType= _primes.NumericType;
Array primesArray= _primes.ToVector(
  MWArrayComponent.Real);
switch (numericType)
{
  case MWNumericType.Double:
  {
    double[] doubleArray= (double[])primesArray;
    /* (Do something with doubleArray . . .) */
    break;
  }
  case MWNumericType.Single:
  {
    float[] floatArray= (float[])primesArray;
    /* (Do something with floatArray . . .) */
    break;
  }
  case MWNumericType.Int32:
  {
    int[] intArray= (int[])primesArray;
    /* (Do something with intArray . . .) */
    break;
  }
  case MWNumericType.Int64:
  {
    long[] longArray= (long[])primesArray;
    /* (Do something with longArray . . .) */
    break;
  }
  case MWNumericType.Int16:
  {
    short[] shortArray= (short[])primesArray;
    /* (Do something with shortArray . . .) */
    break;
  }
}
```



```

        case MWNumericType.UInt8:
        {
            byte[] byteArray= (byte[])primesArray;
            /* (Do something with byteArray . . .) */
            break;
        }
        default:
        {
            throw new ApplicationException("Bad type returned
                by myprimes");
        }
    }
}
}
}
}

```

The code in the example also checks the dimensionality by calling `NumberOfDimensions`; see the following code fragment:

```

if ((!primes.IsNumericArray) || (2 !=
    primes.NumberofDimensions))
{
    throw new ApplicationException("Bad type returned
        by mwprimes");
}

```

This call throws an exception if the array is not numeric and of the proper dimension.

## MATLAB API Functions in a C# Program

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- “About Building Engine Applications ” on page 4-18
- “MATLAB Engine API in a C# Program” on page 4-18

### Overview

You include functions from MATLAB APIs, such as the Engine API, in your C# code by using the `DllImport` attribute to import functions from `libeng.dll` (written in unmanaged C) and then declaring those functions as

C# equivalents. The imported Engine functions are called using the P/Invoke mechanism, as illustrated in the example below.

### About Building Engine Applications

For detailed information about using an IDE to build engine applications, see “Specifying Engine Libraries” and “Files Required by Engine Applications” in *MATLAB External Interfaces*.

### MATLAB Engine API in a C# Program

- 1 Open Microsoft Visual Studio .NET.
- 2 Select **File > New > Project**.
- 3 Select **Visual C# Applications** in the left pane and **Console Application** in the right pane. Click **OK**.
- 4 Auto-generated code appears. Replace the auto-generated code with this code and run:

```
using System;
using System.Text;
using System.Runtime.InteropServices;

namespace ConsoleApplication8
{
    class MatlabEng
    {
        [DllImport("libeng.dll")]
        static extern IntPtr engOpen(string startcmd);

        [DllImport("libeng.dll")]
        static extern IntPtr engEvalString(IntPtr engine,
                                           string Input);

        public MatlabEng()
        {
            IntPtr engine;
            engine = engOpen(null);
        }
    }
}
```

```
        if (engine == IntPtr.Zero)
            throw new NullReferenceException
                ("Failed to Initialize Engine");

        engEvalString(engine, "surf(peaks)");
    }

    ~MatlabEng()
    {
    }
}

class StartProg
{
    public static void Main()
    {
        MatlabEng mat = new MatlabEng();
    }
}
}
```

## Object Passing by Reference

- “MATLAB Array” on page 4-19
- “Wrapping and Passing .NET Objects with MWOBJECTARRAY” on page 4-19

### **MATLAB Array**

MWOBJECTARRAY, a special subclass of MWARRAY, lets you create a MATLAB array that references .NET objects. For detailed usage information on this class, constructor, and associated methods, see the MWOBJECTARRAY page in the NDOC (the MWARRAY Class Library). You can also search for MWOBJECTARRAY in the MATLAB Help browser **Search** field.

### **Wrapping and Passing .NET Objects with MWOBJECTARRAY**

You can create a MATLAB code wrapper around .NET objects using MWOBJECTARRAY. Use this technique to pass objects by reference to MATLAB

functions and return .NET objects. The examples in this section present some common use cases.

**Passing a .NET Object into a MATLAB Builder NE Component.** To pass an object into a MATLAB Builder NE component:

- 1 Write the MATLAB function that references a .NET type:

```
function addItem(hDictionary, key, value)

    if ~isa(hDictionary, 'System.Collections.Generic.IDictionary')
        error('foo:IncorrectType',
            ... 'expecting a System.Collections.Generic.Dictionary');
    end

    hDictionary.Add(key, value);

end
```

- 2 Create a .NET object to pass to the MATLAB function:

```
Dictionary char2Ascii= new Dictionary();
char2Ascii.Add("A", 65);
char2Ascii.Add("B", 66);
```

- 3 Create an instance of `MWObjectArray` to wrap the .NET object:

```
MWObjectArray MWchar2Ascii=
    new MWObjectArray(char2Ascii);
```

- 4 Pass the wrapped object to the MATLAB function:

```
myComp.addValue(MWchar2Ascii, 'C', 67);
```

**Returning a Custom .NET Object in a MATLAB Function Using a Deployed .NET Builder Component .** You can also use `MWObjectArray` to clone an object inside a MATLAB Builder NE component. Continuing with the example in “Passing a .NET Object into a MATLAB® Builder™ NE Component” on page 4-20, perform the following steps:

- 1 Write the MATLAB function that references a .NET type:

```

function result= add(hMyDouble, value)

    if ~isa(hMyDouble, 'MyDoubleComp.MyDouble')
        error('foo:IncorrectType', 'expecting a MyDoubleComp.MyDouble');
    end
    hMyDoubleClone= hMyDouble.Clone();
    result= hMyDoubleClone.Add(value);

end

```

**2** Create the object:

```
MyDouble myDouble= new MyDouble(75);
```

**3** Create an instance of `MWObjectArray` to wrap the .NET object:

```
MWObjectArray MWdouble= new MWObjectArray(myDouble);
    origRef = new MWObjectArray(hash);
```

**4** Pass the wrapped object to the MATLAB function and retrieve the returned cloned object:

```
MWObjectArray result=
    (MWObjectArray)myComp.add(MWdouble, 25);
```

**5** Unwrap the .NET object and print the result:

```
MyDouble doubleClone= (MyDouble)result.Object;

    Console.WriteLine(myDouble.ToDouble());
    Console.WriteLine(doubleClone.ToDouble());
```

**Cloning an `MWObjectArray`.** When calling the `Clone` method on `MWObjectArray`, the following rules apply for the wrapped object.

- If the wrapped object is a `ValueType`, it is deep-copied.
- If an object is not a `ValueType` and implements `ICloneable`, the `Clone` method for the object is called.
- The `MemberwiseClone` method is called on the wrapped object.

### Calling Clone on MWOBJECTARRAY

```
MWOBJECTARRAY aDate = new MWOBJECTARRAY(new  
    DateTime(1, 1, 2010));  
MWOBJECTARRAY clonedDate = aDate.Clone();
```

**Optimization Example Using MWOBJECTARRAY.** For a full example of how to use MWOBJECTARRAY to create a reference to a .NET object and pass it to a component, see the “Optimization Example” on page 4-63 (C#) and the “Optimization Example (Visual Basic)” on page 4-97.

**MWOBJECTARRAY and Application Domains.** Every ASP .NET Web application deployed to IIS is launched in a separate AppDomain.

The MATLAB .NET interface must support the .NET type wrapped by MWOBJECTARRAY. If the MWOBJECTARRAY is created in the default AppDomain, the wrapped type has no other restrictions.

If the MWOBJECTARRAY is not created in the default AppDomain, the wrapped .NET type must be serializable. This limitation is imposed by the fact that the object needs to be marshaled from the non-default AppDomain to the default AppDomain in order for MATLAB to access it.

### Real or Imaginary Components Within Complex Arrays

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- “Converting MATLAB Arrays to .NET Arrays Using Component Indexing” on page 4-24

### Component Extraction

When you access a complex array (an array made up of both real and imaginary data), you extract both real and imaginary parts (called components) by default. This method call, for example, extracts both real and imaginary components:

```
MWNumericArray complexResult= complexDouble[1, 2];
```

It is also possible, when calling a method to return or assign a value, to extract only the real or imaginary component of a complex matrix. To do this, call the appropriate *component indexing* method.

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**Tip** Learn about creating type-safe interfaces for .NET components, in order to avoid data conversion tasks with MWArray. See Chapter 6, “Type-Safe Interfaces, WCF, and MEF” for details.

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This section describes how to use component indexing when returning or assigning a value, and also describes how to use component indexing to convert MATLAB arrays to .NET arrays using the ToArray or ToVector methods.

## Returning Values Using Component Indexing

The following section illustrates how to return values from full and sparse arrays using component indexing.

### Implementing Component Indexing on Full Complex Numeric Arrays.

To return the real or imaginary component from a full complex numeric array, call the `.real` or `.imaginary` method on `MWArrayComponent` as follows:

```
complexResult= complexDouble[MWArrayComponent.Real, 1, 2];  
complexResult= complexDouble[MWArrayComponent.Imaginary, 1, 2];
```

**Implementing Component Indexing on Sparse Complex Numeric Arrays (Microsoft Visual Studio 8 and Later).** To return the real or imaginary component of a sparse complex numeric array, call the `.real` or `.imaginary` method `MWArrayComponent` as follows:

```
complexResult= sparseComplexDouble[MWArrayComponent.Real, 4, 3];  
complexResult = sparseComplexDouble[MWArrayComponent.Imaginary, 4, 3];
```

### Assigning Values with Component Indexing

The following section illustrates how to assign values to full and sparse arrays using component indexing.

#### Implementing Component Indexing on Full Complex Numeric Arrays.

To assign the real or imaginary component to a full complex numeric array, call the `.real` or `.imaginary` method `MWArrayComponent` as follows:

```
matrix[MWArrayComponent.Real, 2, 2]= 5;  
matrix[MWArrayComponent.Imaginary, 2, 2]= 7;
```

### Converting MATLAB Arrays to .NET Arrays Using Component Indexing

The following section illustrates how to use the `ToArray` and `ToVector` methods to convert full and sparse MATLAB arrays and vectors to .NET arrays and vectors respectively.

**Converting MATLAB Arrays to .NET Arrays.** To convert MATLAB arrays to .NET arrays call the `toArray` method with either the `.real` or `.imaginary` method, as needed, on `MWArrayComponent` as follows:

```
Array nativeArray_real= matrix.ToArray(MWArrayComponent.Real);  
Array nativeArray_imag= matrix.ToArray(MWArrayComponent.Imaginary);
```

**Converting MATLAB Arrays to .NET Vectors.** To convert MATLAB vectors to .NET vectors (single dimension arrays) call the `.real` or `.imaginary` method, as needed, on `MWArrayComponent` as follows:

```
Array nativeArray= sparseMatrix.ToVector(MWArrayComponent.Real);  
Array nativeArray= sparseMatrix.ToVector(MWArrayComponent.Imaginary);
```

### Jagged Array Processing

A *jagged array* is an array whose elements are arrays. The elements of a jagged array can be of different dimensions and sizes, as opposed to the elements of a *non-jagged array* whose elements are of the same dimensions and size.

Web services, in particular, process data almost exclusively in jagged arrays.



MWNumericArrays can only process jagged arrays with a rectangular shape.

In the following code snippet, a rectangular jagged array of type `int` is initialized and populated.

### Initializing and Populating a Jagged Array

```
int[][] jagged = new int[5][];  
for (int i = 0; i < 5; i++)  
    jagged[i] = new int[10];  
MWNumericArray jaggedMWArray = new MWNumericArray(jagged);  
Console.WriteLine(jaggedMWArray);
```

## Field Additions to Data Structures and Data Structure Arrays

When adding fields to data structures and data structure arrays, do so using standard programming techniques. Do not use the `set` command as a shortcut.

For examples of how to correctly add fields to data structures and data structure arrays, see the programming examples in “C# Integration Examples” on page 4-31 and “Microsoft® Visual Basic® Integration Examples” on page 4-70.

## MATLAB Array Indexing

.NET Builder provides indexers to support a subset of MATLAB array indexing.

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**Note** If each element in a large array returned by a .NET Builder component is to be indexed, the returned MATLAB array should first be converted to a native array using the `toArray()` method. This results in much better performance.

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Don't keep the array in MATLAB type; convert it to a native array first. See Chapter 1, “Getting Started” for an example of native type conversion.

### Console Application Blocking When Creating Figures

- “WaitForFiguresToDie Method” on page 4-26
- “Using WaitForFiguresToDie to Block Execution” on page 4-27

#### WaitForFiguresToDie Method

The MATLAB Builder NE product adds a `WaitForFiguresToDie` method to each .NET class that it creates. `WaitForFiguresToDie` takes no arguments. Your application can call `WaitForFiguresToDie` any time during execution.

The purpose of `WaitForFiguresToDie` is to block execution of a calling program as long as figures created in encapsulated MATLAB code are displayed. Typically you use `WaitForFiguresToDie` when:

- There are one or more figures open that were created by a .NET component created by the builder.
- The method that displays the graphics requires user input before continuing.
- The method that calls the figures was called from `main()` in a console program.

When `WaitForFiguresToDie` is called, execution of the calling program is blocked if any figures created by the calling object remain open.

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**Tip** Consider using the `console.readline` method when possible as it accomplishes much of this functionality in a standardized manner.

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**Caution** Use care when calling the `WaitForFiguresToDie` method. Calling this method from an interactive program, such as Microsoft Excel, can hang the application. This method should be called *only* from console-based programs.

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## Using WaitForFiguresToDie to Block Execution

The following example illustrates using `WaitForFiguresToDie` from a .NET application. The example uses a .NET component created by the MATLAB Builder NE product; the object encapsulates MATLAB code that draws a simple plot.

- 1 Create a work folder for your source code. In this example, the folder is `D:\work\plotdemo`.
- 2 In this folder, create the following MATLAB file:

```
drawplot.m

function drawplot()
    plot(1:10);
```

- 3 Use MATLAB Builder NE to create a .NET component with the following properties:

Component name	Figure
Class name	Plotter

- 4 Create a .NET program in a file named `runplot` with the following code:

```
using Figure.Plotter;

public class Main {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        try {
            plotter p = new Plotter();
            try {
                p.showPlot();
                p.WaitForFiguresToDie();
            }
            catch (Exception e) {
                console.writeline(e);
            }
        }
    }
}
```

### 5 Compile the application.

When you run the application, the program displays a plot from 1 to 10 in a MATLAB figure window. The application ends when you dismiss the figure.

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**Note** To see what happens without the call to `WaitForFiguresToDie`, comment out the call, rebuild the application, and run it. In this case, the figure is drawn and is immediately destroyed as the application exits.

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## Error Handling

As with managed code, any errors that occur during execution of an MATLAB function or during data conversion are signaled by a standard .NET exception.

Like any other .NET application, an application that calls a method generated by the MATLAB Builder NE product can handle errors by either

- Catching and handling the exception locally
- Allowing the calling method to catch it

Here are examples for each way of handling errors.

In the `GetPrimes` example the method itself handles the exception.

```
public double[] GetPrimes(int n)
{
    MWArray primes= null;
    MyPrimesClass myPrimesClass= null;
    try
    {
        myPrimesClass= new MyPrimesClass();
        primes= myPrimesClass.myprimes((double)n);
        return (double[])(MWNumericArray)primes.
            ToVector(MWArrayComponent.Real);
    }
    catch (Exception ex)
    {
        Console.WriteLine("Exception: {0}", ex);
    }
}
```

```

        return new double[0];
    }
}

```

In the next example, the method that calls `myprimes` does not catch the exception. Instead, its calling method (that is, the method that calls the method that calls `myprimes`) handles the exception.

```

public double[] GetPrimes(int n)
{
    MWArray primes= null;
    MyPrimesClass myPrimesClass= null;
    try
    {
        myPrimesClass= new MyPrimesClass();
        primes= myPrimesClass.myprimes((double)n);
        return (double[])(MWNumericArray)primes.
            ToVector(MWArrayComponent.Real);
    }

    catch (Exception e)
    {
        throw;
    }
}

```

## Explicitly Freeing Resources With Dispose

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**Note** As of R2009b, native memory management for `mxAarray` is automatically handled by .NET's CLR memory manager. There is no longer a reason to manually disable native memory management when working with `mxAarray`. Calls to disable memory management will result in a null operation.

---

Usually the `Dispose` method is called from a `finally` section in a `try-finally` block as you can see in the following example:

```

try
{
    /* Allocate a huge array */

```

```
        MWNumericArray array = new MWNumericArray(1000,1000);
        .
        . (use the array)
        .
    }
finally
{
    /* Explicitly dispose of the managed array and its */
    /* native resources */
    if (null != array)
    {
        array.Dispose();
    }
}
```

The statement `array.Dispose()` frees the memory allocated by both the managed wrapper and the native MATLAB array.

The `MWArray` class provides two disposal methods: `Dispose` and the static method `DisposeArray`. The `DisposeArray` method is more general in that it disposes of either a single `MWArray` or an array of arrays of type `MWArray`.

## C# Integration Examples

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### Simple Plot Example

- “Purpose” on page 4-31
- “Procedure” on page 4-32

#### Purpose

The `drawgraph` function displays a plot of input parameters `x` and `y`. The purpose of the example is to show you how to:

- Use the MATLAB Builder NE product to convert a MATLAB function (`drawgraph`) to a method of a .NET class (`Plotter`) and wrap the class in a .NET component (`PlotComp`).
- Access the component in a C# application (`PlotApp.cs`) by instantiating the `Plotter` class and using the `MWArray` class library to handle data conversion.

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**Note** For complete reference information about the `MWArray` class hierarchy, see the `MWArray` Class Library Reference (available online only).

---

- Build and run the `PlotCSApp` application, using the Visual Studio .NET development environment.

### Procedure

- 1 If you have not already done so, copy the files for this example as follows:
  - a Copy the following folder that ships with the MATLAB product to your work folder:

```
matlabroot\toolbox\dotnetbuilder\Examples\VS8\NET\PlotExample
```

- b At the MATLAB command prompt, change folder to the new `PlotExample\PlotComp` subfolder in your work folder.
- 2 Write the `drawgraph` function as you would any MATLAB function.

This code is already in your work folder in `PlotExample\PlotComp\drawgraph.m`.

- 3 While in MATLAB, issue the following command to open the Deployment Tool window:

```
deploytool
```

- 4 Build the .NET component. See the instructions in “Deployable Component Creation” on page 1-13 for more details. Use the following information:

Project Name	PlotComp
Class Name	Plotter
File to compile	drawgraph.m

- 5 Write source code for a C# application that accesses the component.

The sample application for this example is in `matlabroot\toolbox\dotnetbuilder\Examples\VS8\PlotExample\PlotCSApp\PlotApp.cs`.

The program listing is shown here.

### PlotApp.cs

```
// *****
```



```
//  
// PlotApp.cs  
//  
// This example demonstrates how to use MATLAB Builder NE to build a component  
// that displays a MATLAB figure window.  
//  
// Copyright 2001-2012 The MathWorks, Inc.  
//  
// *****  
  
using System;  
  
using MathWorks.MATLAB.NET.Utility;  
using MathWorks.MATLAB.NET.Arrays;  
  
using PlotComp;  
  
namespace MathWorks.Examples.PlotApp  
{  
    /// <summary>  
    /// This application demonstrates plotting x-y data by graphing a simple  
    /// parabola into a MATLAB figure window.  
    /// </summary>  
    class PlotCSApp  
    {  
        #region MAIN  
  
        /// <summary>  
        /// The main entry point for the application.  
        /// </summary>  
        [STAThread]  
        static void Main(string[] args)  
        {  
            try  
            {  
                const int numPoints= 10; // Number of points to plot  
  
                // Allocate native array for plot values  
                double [,] plotValues= new double[2, numPoints];
```

```
// Plot 5x vs x^2
for (int x= 1; x <= numPoints; x++)
{
    plotValues[0, x-1]= x*5;
    plotValues[1, x-1]= x*x;
}

// Create a new plotter object
Plotter plotter= new Plotter();

// Plot the two sets of values - Note the ability to cast
// the native array to a MATLAB numeric array
plotter.drawgraph((MWNumericArray)plotValues);

Console.ReadLine(); // Wait for user to exit application
}

catch(Exception exception)
{
    Console.WriteLine("Error: {0}", exception);
}
}

#endregion
}
}
```

The program does the following:

- Creates two arrays of double values
- Creates a `Plotter` object.
- Calls the `drawgraph` method to plot the equation using the MATLAB `plot` function.

- Uses `MWNumericArray` to represent the data needed by the `drawgraph` method to plot the equation.
- Uses a try-catch block to catch and handle any exceptions.

The statement

```
Plotter plotter= new Plotter();
```

creates an instance of the `Plotter` class, and the statement

```
plotter.drawgraph((MWNumericArray)plotValues);
```

explicitly casts the native `plotValues` to `MWNumericArray` and then calls the method `drawgraph`.

- 6 Build the `PlotCSApp` application using Visual Studio .NET.
  - a The `PlotCSApp` folder contains a Visual Studio .NET project file for this example. Open the project in Visual Studio .NET by double-clicking `PlotCSApp.csproj` in Windows Explorer. You can also open it from the MATLAB desktop by right-clicking **PlotCSApp.csproj** > **Open Outside MATLAB**.
  - b Add a reference to the `MWArray` component, which is `matlabroot\toolbox\dotnetbuilder\bin\architecture\framework_version\mwarray.dll`. See “Supported Microsoft .NET Framework Versions” for a list of supported framework versions.
  - c Add or, if necessary, fix the location of a reference to the `PlotComp` component which you built in a previous step. (The component, `PlotComp.dll`, is in the `\PlotExample\PlotComp\x86\V2.0\Debug\distrib` subfolder of your work area.)
- 7 Build and run the application in Visual Studio .NET.

### Passing Variable Arguments

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**Note** This example is similar to “Simple Plot Example” on page 4-31, except that the MATLAB function to be encapsulated takes a variable number of arguments instead of just one.

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The purpose of the example is to show you the following:

- How to use the builder to convert a MATLAB function, `drawgraph`, which takes a variable number of arguments, to a method of a .NET class (`Plotter`) and wrap the class in a .NET component (`VarArgComp`). The `drawgraph` function (which can be called as a method of the `Plotter` class) displays a plot of the input parameters.
- How to access the component in a C# application (`VarArgApp.cs`) by instantiating the `Plotter` class and using `MWArray` to represent data.

---

**Note** For complete reference information about the `MWArray` class hierarchy, see the `MWArray` Class Library Reference (available online only).

---

- How to build and run the `VarArgDemoApp` application, using the Visual Studio .NET development environment.

#### Step-by-Step Procedure

- 1 If you have not already done so, copy the files for this example as follows:
  - a Copy the following folder that ships with the MATLAB product to your work folder:  

```
matlabroot\toolbox\dotnetbuilder\Examples\VS8\NET\VarArgExample
```
  - b At the MATLAB command prompt, `cd` to the new `VarArgExample` subfolder in your work folder.
- 2 Write the MATLAB functions as you would any MATLAB function.

The code for the functions in this example is as follows:

### **drawgraph.m**

```
function [xyCoords] = DrawGraph(colorSpec, varargin)
...
    numVarArgIn= length(varargin);
    xyCoords= zeros(numVarArgIn, 2);

    for idx = 1:numVarArgIn
        xCoord = varargin{idx}(1);
        yCoord = varargin{idx}(2);

        x(idx) = xCoord;
        y(idx) = yCoord;

        xyCoords(idx,1) = xCoord;
        xyCoords(idx,2) = yCoord;
    end

    xmin = min(0, min(x));
    ymin = min(0, min(y));

    axis([xmin fix(max(x))+3 ymin fix(max(y))+3])

    plot(x, y, 'color', colorSpec);
```

### **extractcoords.m**

```
function [varargout] = ExtractCoords(coords)
%EXTRACTCOORDS Extracts a variable number of two element x and y
% coordinate vectors from a two column array
% [VARARGOUT] = EXTRACTCOORDS(COORDS) Extracts x,y coordinates
% from a two column array
% This file is used as an example for the .NET Builder
% Language product.

% Copyright 2001-2012 The MathWorks, Inc.
```

```
% $Revision: 1.1.6.45.2.2 $ $Date: 2012/01/10 21:12:50 $  
  
for idx = 1:nargout  
    varargout{idx}= coords(idx,:);  
end
```

This code is already in your work folder in /VarArgExample/VarArgComp/.

- 3 While in MATLAB, issue the following command to open the Deployment Tool dialog box:

```
deploytool
```

- 4 Build the .NET component. See the instructions in “Deployable Component Creation” on page 1-13 for more details. Use the following information:

Project Name	VarArgComp
Class Name	Plotter
File to compile	extractcoords.m drawgraph.m

- 5 Write source code for an application that accesses the component.

The sample application for this example is in VarArgExample\VarArgCSApp\VarArgApp.cs.

The program listing is shown here.

### **VarArgApp.cs**

```
// *****  
//  
//VarArgApp.cs  
//  
// This example demonstrates how to use MATLAB Builder NE to build a component  
// with a variable number of input and output arguments.  
//  
// Copyright 2001-2012 The MathWorks, Inc.  
//  
// *****
```

```
using System;

using MathWorks.MATLAB.NET.Utility;
using MathWorks.MATLAB.NET.Arrays;

using VarArgComp;

namespace MathWorks.Examples.VarArgApp
{
    /// <summary>
    /// This application demonstrates how to call components
    /// having methods with varargin/vargout arguments.
    /// </summary>
    class VarArgApp
    {
        #region MAIN

        /// <summary>
        /// The main entry point for the application.
        /// </summary>
        [STAThread]
        static void Main(string[] args)
        {
            // Initialize the input data
            MWNumericArray colorSpec= new double[]
                {0.9, 0.0, 0.0};

            MWNumericArray data=
                new MWNumericArray(new int[],{{1,2},{2,4},
                {3,6},{4,8},{5,10}});

            MWArray[] coords= null;

            try
            {
                // Create a new plotter object
                Plotter plotter= new Plotter();

                //Extract a variable number of two element x and y coordinate
                // vectors from the data array
            }
        }
    }
}
```

```
coords= plotter.extractcoords(5, data);

// Draw a graph using the specified color to connect the
// variable number of input coordinates.
// Return a two column data array containing the input coordinates.
data= (MWNumericArray)plotter.drawgraph(colorSpec,
    coords[0], coords[1], coords[2],coords[3], coords[4]);

Console.WriteLine("result=\n{0}", data);

Console.ReadLine(); // Wait for user to exit application

// Note: You can also pass in the coordinate array directly.
data= (MWNumericArray)plotter.drawgraph(colorSpec, coords);

Console.WriteLine("result=\n{0}", data);

Console.ReadLine(); // Wait for user to exit application
}

catch(Exception exception)
{
    Console.WriteLine("Error: {0}", exception);
}
}

#endregion
}
}
```

The program does the following:

- Initializes three arrays (colorSpec, data, and coords) using the MWArray class library
- Creates a Plotter object
- Calls the extracoords and drawgraph methods
- Uses MWNumericArray to represent the data needed by the methods
- Uses a try-catch block to catch and handle any exceptions



The following statements are alternative ways to call the `drawgraph` method:

```
data= (MWNumericArray)plotter.drawgraph(colorSpec,
                                         coords[0], coords[1], coords[2],coords[3], coords[4]);
...
data= (MWNumericArray)plotter.drawgraph((MWArray)colorSpec, coords);
```

- 6 Build the `VarArgApp` application using Visual Studio .NET.
  - a The `VarArgCSApp` folder contains a Visual Studio .NET project file for this example. Open the project in Visual Studio .NET by double-clicking `VarArgCSApp.csproj` in Windows Explorer. You can also open it from the MATLAB desktop by right-clicking **VarArgCSApp.csproj** > **Open Outside MATLAB**.
  - b Add a reference to the `MWArray` component, which is `matlabroot\toolbox\dotnetbuilder\bin\architecture\framework_version\mwarray.dll`. See “Supported Microsoft .NET Framework Versions” for a list of supported framework versions.
  - c Add or, if necessary, fix the location of a reference to the `VarArgComp` component which you built in a previous step. (The component, `VarArgComp.dll`, is in the `\VarArgExample\VarArgComp\x86\v2.0\debug\distrib` subfolder of your work area.)
- 7 Build and run the application in Visual Studio .NET.

## Spectral Analysis Example

- “Purpose” on page 4-41
- “Procedure” on page 4-43

### Purpose

The purpose of the example is to show you the following:

- How to use the MATLAB Builder NE product to create a component (`SpectraComp`) containing more than one class

- How to access the component in a C# application (SpectraApp.cs), including use of the MArray class hierarchy to represent data

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**Note** For complete reference information about the MArray class hierarchy, see the MArray Class Library Reference (available online only).

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- How to build and run the application, using the Visual Studio .NET development environment

The component SpectraComp analyzes a signal and graphs the result. The class, SignalAnalyzer, performs a fast Fourier transform (FFT) on an input data array. A method of this class, computefft, returns the results of that FFT as two output arrays—an array of frequency points and the power spectral density. The second class, Plotter, graphs the returned data using the plotfft method. These two methods, computefft and plotfft, encapsulate MATLAB functions.

The computefft method computes the FFT and power spectral density of the input data and computes a vector of frequency points based on the length of the data entered and the sampling interval. The plotfft method plots the FFT data and the power spectral density in a MATLAB figure window. The MATLAB code for these two methods resides in two MATLAB files, computefft.m and plotfft.m, which can be found in:

```
matlabroot\toolbox\dotnetbuilder\Examples\VS8\NET\SpectraExample\SpectraComp
```

### **computefft.m**

```
function [fftData, freq, powerSpect] =  
    ComputeFFT(data, interval)  
%COMPUTEFFT Computes the FFT and power spectral density.  
% [FFTDATA, FREQ, POWERSPECT] = COMPUTEFFT(DATA, INTERVAL)  
% Computes the FFT and power spectral density of  
% the input data.  
% This file is used as an example for the .NET Builder  
% Language product.  
% Copyright 2001-2012 The MathWorks, Inc.  
if (isempty(data))
```

```

        fftdata = [];
        freq = [];
        powerspect = [];
        return;
    end
    if (interval <= 0)
        error('Sampling interval must be greater than zero');
        return;
    end
    fftData = fft(data);
    freq = (0:length(fftData)-1)/(length(fftData)*interval);
    powerSpect = abs(fftData)/(sqrt(length(fftData)));

```

### plotfft.m

```

function PlotFFT(fftData, freq, powerSpect)
%PLOTFFT Computes and plots the FFT and power spectral density.
% [FFTDATA, FREQ, POWERSPECT] = PLOTFFT(DATA, INTERVAL)
% Computes the FFT and power spectral density
% of the input data.
% This file is used as an example for the .NET Builder
% Language product.
% Copyright 2001-2012 The MathWorks, Inc.
len = length(fftData);
    if (len <= 0)
        return;
    end
    plot(freq(1:floor(len/2)), powerSpect(1:floor(len/2)))
    xlabel('Frequency (Hz)'), grid on
    title('Power spectral density')

```

## Procedure

- 1 If you have not already done so, copy the files for this example as follows:
  - a Copy the following folder that ships with the MATLAB product to your work folder:

```
matlabroot\toolbox\dotnetbuilder\Examples\VS8\NET\SpectraExample
```

**b** At the MATLAB command prompt, `cd` to the new `SpectraExample` subfolder in your work folder.

**2** Write the MATLAB code that you want to access.

This example uses `computefft.m` and `plotfft.m`, which are already in your work folder in `SpectraExample\SpectraComp`.

**3** While in MATLAB, issue the following command to open the Deployment Tool window:

```
deploytool
```

**4** Build the .NET component. See the instructions in “Deployable Component Creation” on page 1-13 for more details. Use the following information:

Project Name	SpectraComp
Class Names	Plotter SignalAnalyzer
Files to compile	computefft.m plotfft.m

**5** Write source code for an application that accesses the component.

The sample application for this example is in `SpectraExample\SpectraCSApp\SpectraApp.cs`.

The program listing is shown here.

### **SpectraApp.cs**

```
// *****  
//  
//SpectraApp.cs  
//  
// This example demonstrates how to use MATLAB Builder NE to build a component  
// with multiple classes.  
//  
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//
```

```
// *****

using System;

using MathWorks.MATLAB.NET.Utility;
using MathWorks.MATLAB.NET.Arrays;

using SpectraComp;

namespace MathWorks.Examples.SpectraApp
{
    /// <summary>
    /// This application computes and plots the power spectral density of an input signal.
    /// </summary>
    class SpectraCSApp
    {
        #region MAIN

        /// <summary>
        /// The main entry point for the application.
        /// </summary>
        [STAThread]
        static void Main(string[] args)
        {
            try
            {
                const double interval= 0.01; // The sampling interval
                const int numSamples= 1001; // The number of samples

                // Construct input data as  $\sin(2\pi \cdot 15 \cdot t) + (\sin(2\pi \cdot 40 \cdot t))$  plus a
                // random signal. Duration= 10; Sampling interval= 0.01
                MWNumericArray data= new MWNumericArray(MWArrayComplexity.Real,
                    MWNumericType.Double, numSamples);

                Random random= new Random();

                // Initialize data
                for (int idx= 1; idx <= numSamples; idx++)
                {
                    double t= (idx-1)* interval;
```

```
        data[idx]= Math.Sin(2.0*Math.PI*15.0*t) + Math.Sin(2.0*Math.PI*40.0*t) +
            random.NextDouble();
    }

    // Create a new signal analyzer object
    SignalAnalyzer signalAnalyzer= new SignalAnalyzer();

    // Compute the fft and power spectral density for the data array
    MWArray[] argsOut= signalAnalyzer.computefft(3, data, interval);

    // Print the first twenty elements of each result array
    int numElements= 20;

    MWNumericArray resultArray= new MWNumericArray(MWArrayComplexity.Complex,
        MWNumericType.Double, numElements);

    for (int idx= 1; idx <= numElements; idx++)
    {
        resultArray[idx]= ((MWNumericArray)argsOut[0])[idx];
    }

    Console.WriteLine("FFT:\n{0}\n", resultArray);

    for (int idx= 1; idx <= numElements; idx++)
    {
        resultArray[idx]= ((MWNumericArray)argsOut[1])[idx];
    }

    Console.WriteLine("Frequency:\n{0}\n", resultArray);

    for (int idx= 1; idx <= numElements; idx++)
    {
        resultArray[idx]= ((MWNumericArray)argsOut[2])[idx];
    }

    Console.WriteLine("Power Spectral Density:\n{0}", resultArray);

    // Create a new plotter object
    Plotter plotter= new Plotter();
```

```
// Plot the fft and power spectral density for the data array
plotter.plotfft(argsOut[0], argsOut[1], argsOut[2]);

Console.ReadLine(); // Wait for user to exit application
}

catch(Exception exception)
{
    Console.WriteLine("Error: {0}", exception);
}
}

#endregion
}
}
```

The program does the following:

- Constructs an input array with values representing a random signal with two sinusoids at 15 and 40 Hz embedded inside of it
- Creates an `MWNumericArray` array that contains the data
- Instantiates a `SignalAnalyzer` object
- Calls the `computefft` method, which computes the FFT, frequency, and the spectral density
- Instantiates a `Plotter` object
- Calls the `plotfft` method, which plots the data
- Uses a try/catch block to handle exceptions

The following statement

```
MWNumericArray data= new MWNumericArray(MWArrayComplexity.Real,
MWNumericType.Double, numSamples);
```

shows how to use the `MWArray` class library to construct a `MWNumericArray` that is used as method input to the `computefft` function.

The following statement

```
SignalAnalyzer signalAnalyzer = new SignalAnalyzer();
```

creates an instance of the class `SignalAnalyzer`, and the following statement

```
MWArray[] argsOut= signalAnalyzer.computefft(3, data, interval);
```

calls the method `computefft`.

- 6 Build the `SpectraApp` application using Visual Studio .NET.
  - a The `SpectraCSApp` folder contains a Visual Studio .NET project file for this example. Open the project in Visual Studio .NET by double-clicking `SpectraCSApp.csproj` in Windows Explorer. You can also open it from the MATLAB desktop by right-clicking **SpectraCSApp.csproj** > **Open Outside MATLAB**.
  - b Add a reference to the `MWArray` component, which is `matlabroot\toolbox\dotnetbuilder\bin\architecture\framework_version\mwarray.dll`. See “Supported Microsoft .NET Framework Versions” for a list of supported framework versions.
  - c If necessary, add (or fix the location of) a reference to the `SpectraComp` component which you built in a previous step. (The component, `SpectraComp.dll`, is in the `\SpectraExample\SpectraComp\x86\V2.0\Debug\distrib` subfolder of your work area.)
- 7 Build and run the application in Visual Studio .NET.

### Matrix Math Example

- “Purpose” on page 4-49
- “Procedure” on page 4-49
- “MATLAB Functions to Be Encapsulated” on page 4-55
- “Understanding the MatrixMath Program” on page 4-56



## Purpose

The purpose of the example is to show you the following:

- How to assign more than one MATLAB function to a component class
- How to access the component in a C# application (`MatrixMathApp.cs`) by instantiating `Factor` and using the `MWArray` class library to handle data conversion

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**Note** For complete reference information about the `MWArray` class hierarchy, see the `MWArray` Class Library Reference (available online only).

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- How to build and run the `MatrixMathApp` application, using the Visual Studio .NET development environment

This example builds a .NET component to perform matrix math. The example creates a program that performs Cholesky, LU, and QR factorizations on a simple tridiagonal matrix (finite difference matrix) with the following form:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

You supply the size of the matrix on the command line, and the program constructs the matrix and performs the three factorizations. The original matrix and the results are printed to standard output. You may optionally perform the calculations using a sparse matrix by specifying the string "sparse" as the second parameter on the command line.

## Procedure

- 1 If you have not already done so, copy the files for this example as follows:
  - a Copy the following folder that ships with the MATLAB product to your work folder:

```
matlabroot\toolbox\dotnetbuilder\Examples\VS8\NET\MatrixMathExample
```

**b** At the MATLAB command prompt, `cd` to the new `MatrixMathExample` subfolder in your work folder.

**2** Write the MATLAB functions as you would any MATLAB function.

The code for the `cholesky`, `ludcomp`, and `qrdecomp` functions is already in your work folder in `MatrixMathExample\MatrixMathComp\`.

**3** While in MATLAB, issue the following command to open the Deployment Tool:

```
deploytool
```

**4** Build the .NET component. See the instructions in “Deployable Component Creation” on page 1-13 for more details. Use the following information:

Project Name	MatrixMathComp
Class Name	Factor
Files to compile	cholesky ludcomp qrdecomp

**5** Write source code for an application that accesses the component.

The sample application for this example is in `MatrixMathExample\MatrixMathCSApp\MatrixMathApp.cs`.

The program listing is shown here.

### **MatrixMathApp.cs**

```
// *****  
//  
// MatrixMathApp.css  
// This example demonstrates how to use MATLAB Builder NE to build a component  
// that returns multiple results and optionally uses sparse matrices for  
// arguments.  
// Copyright 2001-2012 The MathWorks, Inc.  
//  
// *****
```

```
using System;

using MathWorks.MATLAB.NET.Utility;
using MathWorks.MATLAB.NET.Arrays;

using MatrixMathComp;

namespace MathWorks.Examples.MatrixMath
{
    /// <summary>
    /// This application computes cholesky, LU, and QR factorizations of a finite
    /// difference matrix of order N.
    /// The order is passed into the application on the command line.
    /// </summary>
    /// <remarks>
    /// Command Line Arguments:
    /// <newpara></newpara>
    /// args[0] - Matrix order(N)
    /// <newpara></newpara>
    /// args[1] - (optional) sparse; Use a sparse matrix
    /// </remarks>
    class MatrixMathApp
    {
        #region MAIN

        /// <summary>
        /// The main entry point for the application.
        /// </summary>
        [STAThread]
        static void Main(string[] args)
        {
            bool makeSparse= true;
            int matrixOrder= 4;

            MWNumericArray matrix= null; // The matrix to factor

            MWArray argOut= null; // Stores single factorization result
            MWArray[] argsOut= null; // Stores multiple factorization results
        }
    }
}
```

```
try
{
    // If no argument specified, use defaults
    if (0 != args.Length)
    {
        // Convert matrix order
        matrixOrder= Int32.Parse(args[0]);

        if (0 >= matrixOrder)
        {
            throw new ArgumentOutOfRangeException("matrixOrder", matrixOrder,
                "Must enter a positive integer for the matrix order(N)");
        }

        makeSparse= ((1 < args.Length) && (args[1].Equals("sparse")));
    }

    // Create the test matrix. If the second argument is "sparse",
    // create a sparse matrix.
    matrix= (makeSparse)
    ? MWNumericArray.MakeSparse(matrixOrder, matrixOrder,
        MWArrayComplexity.Real, (matrixOrder+(2*(matrixOrder-1))))
    : new MWNumericArray(MWArrayComplexity.Real,
        MWNumericType.Double, matrixOrder, matrixOrder);

    // Initialize the test matrix
    for (int rowIdx= 1; rowIdx <= matrixOrder; rowIdx++)
        for (int colIdx= 1; colIdx <= matrixOrder; colIdx++)
            if (rowIdx == colIdx)
                matrix[rowIdx, colIdx]= 2.0;
            else if ((colIdx == rowIdx+1) || (colIdx == rowIdx-1))
                matrix[rowIdx, colIdx]= -1.0;

    // Create a new factor object
    Factor factor= new Factor();

    // Print the test matrix
    Console.WriteLine("Test Matrix:\n{0}\n", matrix);

    // Compute and print the cholesky factorization using the
```

```
// single output syntax
argOut= factor.cholesky((MArray)matrix);

Console.WriteLine("Cholesky
    Factorization:\n{0}\n", argOut);

// Compute and print the LU factorization using the multiple output syntax
argsOut= factor.lucomp(2, matrix);

Console.WriteLine("LU Factorization:\nL
    Matrix:\n{0}\nU Matrix:\n{1}\n", argsOut[0],
    argsOut[1]);

MNumericArray.DisposeArray(argsOut);

// Compute and print the QR factorization
argsOut= factor.qrcomp(2, matrix);

Console.WriteLine("QR Factorization:\nQ Matrix:\n{0}\nR Matrix:\n{1}\n",
    argsOut[0], argsOut[1]);

Console.ReadLine();
}

catch(Exception exception)
{
    Console.WriteLine("Error: {0}", exception);
}

finally
{
    // Free native resources
    if (null != (object)matrix) matrix.Dispose();
    if (null != (object)argOut) argOut.Dispose();

    MNumericArray.DisposeArray(argsOut);
}
}

#endregion
```

```
}  
}
```

The statement

```
Factor factor= new Factor();
```

creates an instance of the class `Factor`.

The following statements call the methods that encapsulate the MATLAB functions:

```
argOut= factor.cholesky((MWArray)matrix);  
...  
argsOut= factor.ludecomp(2, matrix);  
...  
argsOut= factor.qrdecomp(2, matrix);  
...
```

---

**Note** See “Understanding the MatrixMath Program” on page 4-56 for more details about the structure of this program.

---

- 6 Build the `MatrixMathApp` application using Visual Studio .NET.
  - a The `MatrixMathCSApp` folder contains a Visual Studio .NET project file for this example. Open the project in Visual Studio .NET by double-clicking `MatrixMathCSApp.csproj` in Windows Explorer. You can also open it from the MATLAB desktop by right-clicking **MatrixMathCSApp.csproj** > **Open Outside MATLAB**.
  - b Add a reference to the `MWArray` component, which is `matlabroot\toolbox\dotnetbuilder\bin\architecture\framework_version\mwarray.dll`. See “Supported Microsoft .NET Framework Versions” for a list of supported framework versions.
  - c If necessary, add (or fix the location of) a reference to the `MatrixMathComp` component which you built in a previous step. (The component, `MatrixMathComp.dll`, is in the `\MatrixMathExample\MatrixMathComp\x86\V2.0\Debug\distrib` subfolder of your work area.)

## 7 Build and run the application in Visual Studio .NET.

### **MATLAB Functions to Be Encapsulated**

The following code defines the MATLAB functions used in the example.

#### **cholesky.m**

```
function [L] = Cholesky(A)
%CHOLESKY Cholesky factorization of A.
% L= CHOLESKY(A) returns the Cholesky factorization of A.
% This file is used as an example for the .NET Builder
% Language product.

% Copyright 2001-2012 The MathWorks, Inc.
% $Revision: 1.1.6.45.2.2 $ $Date: 2012/01/10 21:12:50 $

    L = chol(A);
```

#### **ludcomp.m**

```
function [L,U] = LUdecomp(A)
%LUDECOMP LU factorization of A.
% [L,U]= LUDECOMP(A) returns the LU factorization of A.
% This file is used as an example for the .NET Builder
% Language product.

% Copyright 2001-2012 The MathWorks, Inc.
% $Revision: 1.1.6.45.2.2 $ $Date: 2012/01/10 21:12:50 $

    [L,U] = lu(A);
```

#### **qrdecomp.m**

```
function [Q,R] = QRdecomp(A)
%QRDECOMP QR factorization of A.
% [Q,R]= QRDECOMP(A) returns the QR factorization of A.
% This file is used as an example for the .NET Builder
% Language product.

% Copyright 2001-2012 The MathWorks, Inc.
```

```
% $Revision: 1.1.6.45.2.2 $ $Date: 2012/01/10 21:12:50 $
```

```
[Q,R] = qr(A);
```

### Understanding the MatrixMath Program

The MatrixMath program takes one or two arguments from the command line. The first argument is converted to the integer order of the test matrix. If the string `sparse` is passed as the second argument, a sparse matrix is created to contain the test array. The Cholesky, LU, and QR factorizations are then computed and the results are displayed.

The main method has three parts:

- The first part sets up the input matrix, creates a new factor object, and calls the `cholesky`, `ludcomp`, and `qrdecomp` methods. This part is executed inside of a `try` block. This is done so that if an exception occurs during execution, the corresponding `catch` block will be executed.
- The second part is the `catch` block. The code prints a message to standard output to let the user know about the error that has occurred.
- The third part is a `finally` block to manually clean up native resources before exiting.

---

**Note** This optional as the garbage collector will automatically clean-up resources for you.

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### Phonebook Example

- “Purpose” on page 4-56
- “Procedure” on page 4-57

#### Purpose

The `makephone` function takes a structure array as an input, modifies it, and supplies the modified array as an output.



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**Note** For complete reference information about the `MWArray` class hierarchy, see the `MWArray` class library link on the product roadmap, under “Documentation Set”.

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## Procedure

- 1 If you have not already done so, copy the files for this example as follows:
  - a Copy the following folder that ships with MATLAB to your work folder:

```
matlabroot\toolbox\dotnetbuilder\Examples
\VS8\NET\PhoneBookExample
```

- b At the MATLAB command prompt, `cd` to the new `PhoneBookExample` subfolder in your work folder.

- 2 Write the `makephone` function as you would any MATLAB function.

The following code defines the `makephone` function:

```
function book = makephone(friends)
%MAKEPHONE Add a structure to a phonebook structure
% BOOK = MAKEPHONE(FRIENDS) adds a field to its input structure.
% The new field EXTERNAL is based on the PHONE field of the original.
% Copyright 2006-2012 The MathWorks, Inc.

book = friends;
for i = 1:numel(friends)
    numberStr = num2str(book(i).phone);
    book(i).external = ['(508) 555-' numberStr];
end
```

This code is already in your work folder in `PhoneBookExample\PhoneBookComp\makephone.m`.

- 3 While in MATLAB, issue the following command to open the Deployment Tool:

```
deploytool
```

- 4 Build the .NET component. See the instructions in “Deployable Component Creation” on page 1-13 for more details. Use the following information:

Project Name	PhoneBookComp
Class Name	Phonebook
File to compile	makephone

- 5 Write source code for an application that accesses the component.

The sample application for this example is in  
*matlabroot\toolbox\dotnetbuilder\Examples\VS8\NET\*  
*PhoneBookExample\PhoneBookCSApp\PhoneBookApp.cs.*

The program defines a structure array containing names and phone numbers, modifies it using a MATLAB function, and displays the resulting structure array.

The program listing is shown here.

### **PhoneBookApp.cs**

```
// *****  
//  
// PhoneBookApp.cs  
//  
// This example demonstrates how to use MATLAB Builder NE to build a simple  
// component that makes use of MATLAB structures as function arguments.  
//  
// Copyright 2001-2012 The MathWorks, Inc.  
//  
// *****  
  
/* Necessary package imports */  
using System;  
using System.Collections.Generic;  
using System.Text;  
using MathWorks.MATLAB.NET.Arrays;  
using PhoneBookComp;
```

```
namespace MathWorks.Examples.PhoneBookApp
{
    //
    // This class demonstrates the use of the MWStructArray class
    //
    class PhoneBookApp
    {
        static void Main(string[] args)
        {
            PhoneBook thePhonebook = null; /* Stores deployment class instance */
            MWStructArray friends= null; /* Sample input data */
            MWArray[] result= null; /* Stores the result */
            MWStructArray book= null; /* Ouput data extracted from result */

            /* Create the new deployment object */
            thePhonebook= new PhoneBook();

            /* Create an MWStructArray with two fields */
            String[] myFieldNames= { "name", "phone" };
            friends= new MWStructArray(2, 2, myFieldNames);

            /* Populate struct with some sample data --- friends and phone */
            /* number extensions */
            friends["name", 1]= new MWCharArray("Jordan Robert");
            friends["phone", 1]= 3386;
            friends["name", 2]= new MWCharArray("Mary Smith");
            friends["phone", 2]= 3912;
            friends["name", 3]= new MWCharArray("Stacy Flora");
            friends["phone", 3]= 3238;
            friends["name", 4]= new MWCharArray("Harry Alpert");
            friends["phone", 4]= 3077;

            /* Show some of the sample data */
            Console.WriteLine("Friends: ");
            Console.WriteLine(friends.ToString());

            /* Pass it to an MATLAB function that determines external phone number */
            result= thePhonebook.makephone(1, friends);
            book= (MWStructArray)result[0];
        }
    }
}
```

```
Console.WriteLine("Result: ");
Console.WriteLine(book.ToString());

/* Extract some data from the returned structure */
Console.WriteLine("Result record 2:");

Console.WriteLine(book["name", 2]);
Console.WriteLine(book["phone", 2]);
Console.WriteLine(book["external", 2]);

/* Print the entire result structure using the helper function below */
Console.WriteLine("");
Console.WriteLine("Entire structure:");

DispStruct(book);

Console.ReadLine();
}

public static void DispStruct(MWStructArray arr)
{
    Console.WriteLine("Number of Elements: " + arr.NumberOfElements);

    int[] dims= arr.Dimensions;

    Console.WriteLine("Dimensions: " + dims[0]);

    for (int idx= 1; idx < dims.Length; idx++)
    {
        Console.WriteLine("-by-" + dims[idx]);
    }

    Console.WriteLine("\nNumber of Fields: " + arr.NumberOfFields);
    Console.WriteLine("Standard MATLAB view:");
    Console.WriteLine(arr.ToString());

    Console.WriteLine("Walking structure:");

    string[] fieldNames= arr.FieldNames;
```

```
for (int element= 1; element <= arr.NumberOfElements; element++)
{
    Console.WriteLine("Element " + element);

    for (int field= 0; field < arr.NumberOfFields; field++)
    {
        MWArray fieldVal= arr[arr.FieldNames[field], element];

        /* Recursively print substructures, */
        /* give string display of other classes */
        if (fieldVal.GetType() == typeof(MWStructArray))
        {
            Console.WriteLine("    " + fieldNames[field] + ":
                nested structure:");
            Console.WriteLine("+++ Begin of \"" + fieldNames[field] + "\"
                nested structure");
            DispStruct((MWStructArray)fieldVal);
            Console.WriteLine("+++ End of \"" + fieldNames[field] +
                "\" nested structure");
        }

        else
        {
            Console.Write("    " + fieldNames[field] + ": ");
            Console.WriteLine(fieldVal.ToString());
        }
    }
}
}
```

The program does the following:

- Creates a structure array, using `MWStructArray` to represent the example phonebook data.
- Instantiates the `Phonebook` class as the `thePhonebook` object, as shown:  
`thePhonebook = new phonebook();`

- Calls the `makephone` method to create a modified copy of the structure by adding an additional field, as shown:  
`result = thePhonebook.makephone(1, friends);`
- 6 Build the `thePhoneBookCSApp` application using Visual Studio .NET.
  - a The `PhoneBookCSApp` folder contains a Visual Studio .NET project file for this example. Open the project in Visual Studio .NET by double-clicking `PhoneBookCSApp.csproj` in Windows Explorer. You can also open it from the MATLAB desktop by right-clicking **PhoneBookCSApp.csproj > Open Outside MATLAB.**
  - b Add a reference to the `MWArray` component, which is `matlabroot\toolbox\dotnetbuilder\bin\architecture\framework_version\mwarray.dll`.
  - c If necessary, add (or fix the location of) a reference to the `PhoneBookComp` component which you built in a previous step. (The component, `PhoneBookComp.dll`, is in the `\PhoneBookExample\PhoneBookComp\x86\V2.0\Debug\distrib` subfolder of your work area.)
- 7 Build and run the application in Visual Studio .NET.

The `PhoneBookApp` program should display the output:

```
Friends:
2x2 struct array with fields:
    name
    phone
Result:
2x2 struct array with fields:
    name
    phone
    external
Result record 2:
Mary Smith
3912
(508) 555-3912
```

```
Entire structure:
Number of Elements: 4
```

```
Dimensions: 2-by-2
Number of Fields: 3
Standard MATLAB view:
2x2 struct array with fields:
    name
    phone
    external
Walking structure:
Element 1
    name: Jordan Robert
    phone: 3386
    external: (508) 555-3386
Element 2
    name: Mary Smith
    phone: 3912
    external: (508) 555-3912
Element 3
    name: Stacy Flora
    phone: 3238
    external: (508) 555-3238
Element 4
    name: Harry Alpert
    phone: 3077
    external: (508) 555-3077
```

## Optimization Example

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### Purpose

This example shows how to:

- Use the MATLAB Builder NE product to create a component (OptimizeComp). This component applies MATLAB optimization routines to objective functions implemented as .NET objects.

- Access the component in a .NET application (`OptimizeApp.cs`). Then use the `MWObjectArray` class to create a reference to a .NET object (`BananaFunction.cs`), and pass that object to the component.

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**Note** For detailed usage information on this class, constructor, and associated methods, see the `MWObjectArray` page in the NDoc (the `MWArray Class Library`). You can also search for `MWObjectArray` in the MATLAB Help browser **Search** field.

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- Build and run the application.

### OptimizeComp Component

The component (`OptimizeComp`) finds a local minimum of an objective function and returns the minimal location and value. The component uses the MATLAB optimization function `fminsearch`. This example optimizes the Rosenbrock banana function used in the `fminsearch` documentation.

The class `OptimizeComp.OptimizeClass` performs an unconstrained nonlinear optimization on an objective function implemented as a .NET object. A method of this class, `doOptim`, accepts an initial value (NET object) that implements the objective function, and returns the location and value of a local minimum.

The second method, `displayObj`, is a debugging tool that lists the characteristics of a .NET object. These two methods, `doOptim` and `displayObj`, encapsulate MATLAB functions. The MATLAB code for these two methods resides in `doOptim.m` and `displayObj.m`. You can find this code in `matlabroot\toolbox\dotnetbuilder\Examples\OptimizeExample\OptimizeComp`.

### Procedure

- 1 If you have not already done so, copy the files for this example as follows:
  - Copy the following folder that ships with MATLAB to your work folder:  
`matlabroot\toolbox\dotnetbuilder\Examples\OptimizeExample`



- b** At the MATLAB command prompt, `cd` to the new `OptimizeExample` subfolder in your work folder.
- 2** If you have not already done so, set the environment variables that are required on a development machine. See “Set MCR Paths for Development and Testing” in the *MATLAB Compiler User’s Guide*.
- 3** Write the MATLAB code that you want to access. This example uses `doOptim.m` and `displayObj.m`, which already reside in your work folder. The path is `matlabroot\toolbox\dotnetbuilder\Examples\OptimizeExample\OptimizeComp.`

For reference, the code of `doOptim.m` is displayed here:

```
function [x,fval] = doOptim(h, x0)
mWrapper = @(x) h.evaluateFunction(x);

directEval = h.evaluateFunction(x0)
wrapperEval = mWrapper(x0)

[x,fval] = fminsearch(mWrapper,x0)
```

For reference, the code of `displayObj.m` is displayed here:

```
function className = displayObj(h)

h
className = class(h)
whos('h')
methods(h)
```

- 4** While in MATLAB, enter the following command to open the Deployment Tool window:  
  
`deploytool`
- 5** You create a .NET application by using the Deployment Tool GUI to build a .NET class that wraps around your MATLAB code.

As you compile the .NET application using the Deployment Tool, use the following information as you work through this example in “Deployable Component Creation” on page 1-13 in Chapter 1, “Getting Started”:

Project Name	OptimizeComp
Class Name	OptimizeComp.OptimizeClass
File to compile	doOptim.m displayObj.m

- 6 Write source code for a class (BananaFunction) that implements an object function to optimize. The sample application for this example is in *matlabroot\toolbox\dotnetbuilder\Examples\OptimizeExample\OptimizeCSApp*. The program listing for *BananaFunction.cs* displays the following code:

```
// *****//  
//BananaFunction.cs  
//  
// This file is used as an example for the MATLAB Builder NE product.  
//  
// It implements the Rosenbrock banana function described in the FMINSEARCH  
// documentation  
//  
// Copyright 2001-2010 The MathWorks, Inc.  
//  
// *****//  
using System;  
  
namespace MathWorks.Examples.Optimize  
{  
    public class BananaFunction  
    {  
        public BananaFunction() {}  
  
        public double evaluateFunction(double[] x)  
        {  
            double term1= 100*Math.Pow((x[1]-Math.Pow(x[0],2.0)),2.0);  
            double term2= Math.Pow((1-x[0]),2.0);  
            return term1+term2;  
        }  
    }  
}
```

```

    }
}

```

The class implements the Rosenbrock banana function described in the `fminsearch` documentation.

- 7 If you are running Microsoft Visual Studio 2005, perform the following actions. Otherwise, go to the next step.
  - a Click **Project > *project\_name* Properties**.
  - b Select the **Debug** tab.
  - c In **Start Options**, enter `-1.2 1.0` in the **Command line arguments** field.
- 8 Customize the application using Visual Studio .NET using the `OptimizeCSApp` folder, which contains a Visual Studio .NET project file for this example.
  - a . Open the project in Visual Studio .NET by double-clicking `OptimizeCSApp.csproj` in Windows Explorer. You can also open it from the MATLAB desktop by right-clicking **OptimizeCSApp.csproj > Open Outside MATLAB**.
  - b Add a reference to the `MWArray` component, which is `matlabroot\toolbox\dotnetbuilder\bin\architecture\framework_version\mwarray.dll`.
  - c If necessary, add (or fix the location of) a reference to the `OptimizeComp` component which you built in a previous step. (The component, `OptimizeComp.dll`, is in the `\OptimizeExample\OptimizeComp\x86\V2.0\Debug\distrib` subfolder of your work area.)

When run successfully, the program displays the following output:

```
Using initial points= -1.2000 1
```

```

*****
**                Properties of .NET Object                **
*****

```

```
h =  
  
    MathWorks.Examples.Optimize.BananaFunction handle  
        with no properties.  
Package: MathWorks.Examples.Optimize  
  
className =  
  
MathWorks.Examples.Optimize.BananaFunction  
  
Name Size Bytes Class Attributes  
  
h      1x1    60  MathWorks.Examples.Optimize.BananaFunction  
  
Methods for class MathWorks.Examples.Optimize.BananaFunction:  
  
BananaFunction    addlistener      findprop         lt  
Equals            delete           ge               ne  
GetHashCode       eq              gt               notify  
GetType           evaluateFunction isvalid  
ToString          findobj         le  
  
***** Finished displayObj *****  
  
*****  
** Performing unconstrained nonlinear optimization **  
*****  
  
directEval =  
  
    24.2000
```

```
wrapperEval =
```

```
    24.2000
```

```
x =
```

```
    1.0000    1.0000
```

```
fval =
```

```
    8.1777e-010
```

```
***** Finished doOptim *****
```

```
Location of minimum: 1.0000    1.0000  
Function value at minimum: 8.1777e-010
```

## Microsoft Visual Basic Integration Examples

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**Note** The examples for the MATLAB Builder NE product are in `matlabroot\toolbox\dotnetbuilder\Examples\VSversionnumber`, where `matlabroot` is the folder where the MATLAB product is installed and `VSversionnumber` specifies the version of Microsoft Visual Studio .NET you are using (currently VS8). If you have Microsoft Visual Studio .NET installed, you can load projects for all the examples by opening the following solution:

```
matlabroot\toolbox\dotnetbuilder\Examples\VSversionnumber\DotNetExamples.sln
```

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**Note** The sample applications that follow use the same components as those developed in “The Magic Square Example” on page 1-9 and “C# Integration Examples” on page 4-31. Instead of C#, the following applications are written in Microsoft Visual Basic .NET. For details about creating the components, see the procedures noted in the beginning of the description for each application. Then follow the steps shown here to use the component in a Visual Basic application.

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### Magic Square Example (Visual Basic)

To create the component for this example, see the first several steps in “The Magic Square Example” on page 1-9. After you build the `MagicSquareComp`

component, you can build an application that accesses the component as follows.

- 1 For this example, the application is `MagicSquareApp.vb`.

You can find `MagicSquareApp.vb` in:

```
matlabroot\toolbox\dotnetbuilder\Examples\VS8\NET
\MagicSquareExample\MagicSquareVBApp
```

The program listing is as follows.

### **MagicSquareApp.vb**

```
' *****
'
' MagicSquareApp.vb
'
' This example demonstrates how to use MATLAB Builder NE to build a simple
' component returning a magic square and how to convert MWNumericArray types
' to native .NET types.
'
' Copyright 2001-2012 The MathWorks, Inc.
'
' *****

Imports System
Imports System.Reflection
Imports MathWorks.MATLAB.NET.Utility
Imports MathWorks.MATLAB.NET.Arrays

Imports MagicSquareComp

Namespace MathWorks.Examples.MagicSquare

    ' <summary>
    ' The MagicSquareApp class computes a magic square of the user specified size.
    ' </summary>
    ' <remarks>
    ' args[0] - a positive integer representing the array size.
```

```
' </remarks>
Class MagicSquareApp

#Region " MAIN "

' <summary>
' The main entry point for the application.
' </summary>
Shared Sub Main(ByVal args() As String)

    Dim arraySize As MWNumericArray = Nothing
    Dim magicSquare As MWNumericArray = Nothing

    Try
        ' Get user specified command line arguments or set default
        If (0 <> args.Length) Then
            arraySize = New MWNumericArray(Int32.Parse(args(0)), False)
        Else
            arraySize = New MWNumericArray(4, False)
        End If

        ' Create the magic square object
        Dim magic As MagicSquareClass = New MagicSquareClass

        ' Compute the magic square and print the result
        magicSquare = magic.makesquare(arraySize)

        Console.WriteLine("Magic square of order {0}{1}{2}{3}", arraySize,
            Chr(10), Chr(10), magicSquare)

        ' Convert the magic square array to a two dimensional native double array
        Dim nativeArray(,) As Double =
            CType(magicSquare.ToArray(MWArrayComponent.Real), Double(,))

        Console.WriteLine("{0}Magic square as native array:{1}", Chr(10), Chr(10))

        ' Display the array elements:
        Dim index As Integer = arraySize.ToScalarInteger()

        For i As Integer = 0 To index - 1
```



```
        For j As Integer = 0 To index - 1
            Console.WriteLine("Element({0},{1})= {2}", i, j, nativeArray(i, j))
        Next j
    Next i

    Console.ReadLine() 'Wait for user to exit application

Catch exception As Exception

    Console.WriteLine("Error: {0}", exception)

End Try
End Sub
#End Region

End Class

End Namespace
```

The application you build from this source file does the following:

- Lets you pass a dimension for the magic square from the command line.
- Converts the dimension argument to a MATLAB integer scalar value.
- Declares variables of type `MWNumericArray` to handle data required by the encapsulated `makesquare` function.

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**Note** For complete reference information about the `MWArray` class hierarchy, see the `MWArray` Class Library Reference (available online only).

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- Creates an instance of the `MagicSquare` class named `magic`.
- Calls the `makesquare` method, which belongs to the `magic` object. The `makesquare` method generates the magic square using the MATLAB `magic` function.
- Displays the array elements on the command line.

### 2 Build the application using Visual Studio .NET.

- a The MagicSquareVBAApp folder contains a Visual Studio .NET project file for each example. Open the project in Visual Studio .NET for this example by double-clicking MagicSquareVBAApp.vbproj in Windows Explorer.
- b Add a reference to the MWArray component, which is `matlabroot\toolbox\dotnetbuilder\bin\architecture\framework_version\mwarray.dll`.
- c If necessary, add a reference to the MagicSquareComp component, which is in the `distrib` subfolder.
- d Build and run the application in Visual Studio.NET.

### Create Plot Example (Visual Basic)

To create the component for this example, see “Simple Plot Example” on page 4-31. Then create a Visual Basic application as follows:

- 1 Review the sample application for this example in `matlabroot\toolbox\dotnetbuilder\Examples\VSversionnumber\NET\PlotExample\PlotVBAApp\PlotApp.vb`.

The program listing is shown here.

#### PlotApp.vb

```
' *****  
'  
' PlotApp.vb  
'  
' This example demonstrates how to use MATLAB Builder NE to build a component  
' that displays a MATLAB figure window.  
'  
' Copyright 2001-2012 The MathWorks, Inc.  
'  
' *****  
  
Imports System  
  
Imports MathWorks.MATLAB.NET.Utility
```

```
Imports MathWorks.MATLAB.NET.Arrays
```

```
Imports PlotComp
```

```
Namespace MathWorks.Examples.PlotApp
```

```
    ' <summary>  
    ' This application demonstrates plotting x-y data by graphing a simple  
    ' parabola into a MATLAB figure window.  
    ' </summary>  
    Class PlotDemoApp
```

```
#Region " MAIN "
```

```
    ' <summary>  
    ' The main entry point for the application.  
    ' </summary>  
    Shared Sub Main(ByVal args() As String)  
        Try  
            Const numPoints As Integer = 10 ' Number of points to plot  
            Dim idx As Integer  
            Dim plotValues(,) As Double = New Double(1, numPoints - 1) {}  
            Dim coords As MWNumericArray  
  
            'Plot 5x vs x^2  
            For idx = 0 To numPoints - 1  
                Dim x As Double = idx + 1  
                plotValues(0, idx) = x * 5  
                plotValues(1, idx) = x * x  
            Next idx  
  
            coords = New MWNumericArray(plotValues)  
  
            ' Create a new plotter object  
            Dim plotter As Plotter = New Plotter  
  
            ' Plot the values  
            plotter.drawgraph(coords)
```

```
        Console.ReadLine() ' Wait for user to exit application

    Catch exception As Exception
        Console.WriteLine("Error: {0}", exception)
    End Try
End Sub
#End Region
End Class
End Namespace
```

The program does the following:

- Creates two arrays of double values
- Creates a `Plotter` object
- Calls the `drawgraph` method to plot the equation using the MATLAB `plot` function
- Uses `MWNumericArray` to handle the data needed by the `drawgraph` method to plot the equation

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**Note** For complete reference information about the `MWArray` class hierarchy, see the `MWArray` Class Library Reference (available online only).

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- Uses a try-catch block to catch and handle any exceptions

The statement

```
Dim plotter As Plotter = New Plotter
```

creates an instance of the `Plotter` class, and the statement

```
plotter.drawgraph(coords)
```

calls the method `drawgraph`.

## 2 Build the `PlotApp` application using Visual Studio .NET.

- The `PlotVBAApp` folder contains a Visual Studio .NET project file for this example. Open the project in Visual Studio .NET by double-clicking `PlotVBAApp.vbproj` in Windows Explorer. You can also open it from the MATLAB desktop by right-clicking **PlotVBAApp.vbproj > Open Outside MATLAB**.
- Add a reference to the `MWArray` component, which is `matlabroot\toolbox\dotnetbuilder\bin\architecture\framework_version\mwarray.dll`.
- If necessary, add (or fix the location of) a reference to the `PlotComp` component which you built in a

previous step. (The component, `PlotComp.dll`, is in the `\PlotExample\PlotComp\x86\V2.0\Debug\distrib` subfolder of your work area.)

- 3 Build and run the application in Visual Studio .NET.

### Variable Arguments Example (Visual Basic)

To create the component for this example, see “Passing Variable Arguments” on page 4-36. Then create a Microsoft Visual Basic application as follows:

- 1 Review the sample application for this example in `matlabroot\toolbox\dotnetbuilder\Examples\VS8\NET\VarArgExample\VarArgVApp\VarArgApp.vb`.

The program listing is shown here.

#### VarArgApp.vb

```
' *****  
'  
' VarArgApp.vb  
'  
' This example demonstrates how to use MATLAB Builder NE to build a component  
' with a variable number of input and output arguments.  
'  
' Copyright 2001-2012 The MathWorks, Inc.  
'  
' *****  
  
Imports System  
  
Imports MathWorks.MATLAB.NET.Utility  
Imports MathWorks.MATLAB.NET.Arrays  
  
Imports VarArgComp  
  
Namespace MathWorks.Demo.VarArgDemoApp
```

```

' <summary>
' This application demonstrates how to call components having methods with
' varargin/vargout arguments.
' </summary>
Class VarArgDemoApp

#Region " MAIN "

    ' <summary>
    ' The main entry point for the application.
    ' </summary>
    Shared Sub Main(ByVal args() As String)

        ' Initialize the input data
        Dim colorSpec As MWNumericArray =
            New MWNumericArray(New Double() {0.9, 0.0, 0.0})
        Dim data As MWNumericArray =
            New MWNumericArray(New Integer(,) {{1, 2}, {2, 4}, {3, 6}, {4, 8}, {5, 10}})
        Dim coords() As MWArray = Nothing

    Try

        ' Create a new plotter object
        Dim plotter As Plotter = New Plotter

        'Extract a variable number of two element x and y coordinate
        ' vectors from the data array
        coords = plotter.extractcoords(5, data)

        ' Draw a graph using the specified color to connect the variable number of
        ' input coordinates.
        ' Return a two column data array containing the input coordinates.
        data = CType(plotter.drawgraph(colorSpec, coords(0), coords(1), coords(2),
            coords(3), coords(4)), _
            MWNumericArray)

        Console.WriteLine("result={0}{1}", Chr(10), data)

        Console.ReadLine() ' Wait for user to exit application
    
```

```
' Note: You can also pass in the coordinate array directly.
data = CType(plotter.drawgraph(colorSpec, coords), MWNumericArray)

Console.WriteLine("result=\{0}\{1}", Chr(10), data)

Console.ReadLine() ' Wait for user to exit application

Catch exception As Exception
    Console.WriteLine("Error: {0}", exception)
End Try
End Sub
#End Region

End Class
End Namespace
```

The program does the following:

- Initializes three arrays (colorSpec, data, and coords) using the MWArray class library
- Creates a Plotter object
- Calls the extracoords and drawgraph methods
- Uses MWNumericArray to handle the data needed by the methods

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**Note** For complete reference information about the MWArray class hierarchy, see the MWArray Class Library Reference (available online only).

---

- Uses a try-catch-finally block to catch and handle any exceptions

The following statements are alternative ways to call the drawgraph method:

```
data = CType(plotter.drawgraph(colorSpec, coords(0), coords(1), coords(2),
    coords(3), coords(4)), MWNumericArray)
```



```
...
data = CType(plotter.drawgraph(colorSpec, coords), MWNumericArray)
```

- 2 Build the VarArgApp application using Visual Studio .NET.
  - a The VarArgVBAApp folder contains a Visual Studio .NET project file for this example. Open the project in Visual Studio .NET by double-clicking VarArgVBAApp.vbproj in Windows Explorer. You can also open it from the MATLAB desktop by right-clicking **VarArgVBAApp.vbproj > Open Outside MATLAB**.
  - b Add a reference to the MWArray component, which is `matlabroot\toolbox\dotnetbuilder\bin\architecture\framework_version\mwarray.dll`.
  - c If necessary, add (or update the location of) a reference to the VarArgComp component which you built in a previous step. (The component, VarArgComp.dll, is in the `\VarArgExample\VarArgComp\x86\V2.0\Debug\distrib` subfolder of your work area.)
- 3 Build and run the application in Visual Studio .NET.

## Spectral Analysis Example (Visual Basic)

To create the component for this example, see the first few steps of the “Spectral Analysis Example” on page 4-41. Then create a Microsoft Visual Basic application as follows:

- 1 Review the sample application for this example in `matlabroot\toolbox\dotnetbuilder\Examples\VS8\NET\SpectraVBAApp\SpectraApp.vb`.

The program listing is shown here.

### SpectraApp.vb

```
' *****
'
'SpectraApp.vb
'
' This example demonstrates how to use MATLAB Builder NE to build a component
```

```
' with multiple classes.
'
' Copyright 2001-2012 The MathWorks, Inc.
'
' *****

Imports System

Imports MathWorks.MATLAB.NET.Utility
Imports MathWorks.MATLAB.NET.Arrays

Imports SpectraComp

Namespace MathWorks.Examples.SpectraApp

    ' <summary>
    ' This application computes and plots the power spectral density of an input signal.
    ' </summary>
    Class SpectraDemoApp

#Region " MAIN "

        ' <summary>
        ' The main entry point for the application.
        ' </summary>
        Shared Sub Main(ByVal args() As String)
            Try
                Const interval As Double = 0.01 ' The sampling interval
                Const numSamples As Integer = 1001 ' The number of samples

                ' Construct input data as sin(2*PI*15*t) + (sin(2*PI*40*t) plus a
                ' random signal. Duration= 10; Sampling interval= 0.01
                Dim data As MWNumericArray = New MWNumericArray(MWArrayComplexity.Real,
                                                                MWNumericType.Double, numSamples)

                Dim random As Random = New Random

                ' Initialize data
                Dim t As Double
```

```
Dim idx As Integer
For idx = 1 To numSamples
    t = (idx - 1) * interval
    data(idx) = New MWNumericArray(Math.Sin(2.0 * Math.PI * 15.0 * t) +
        Math.Sin(2.0 * Math.PI * 40.0 * t) +
        random.NextDouble())
Next idx

' Create a new signal analyzer object
Dim signalAnalyzer As SignalAnalyzer = New SignalAnalyzer

' Compute the fft and power spectral density for the data array
Dim argsOut() As MWArray = signalAnalyzer.computefft(3, data,
    MWArray.op_Implicit(interval))

' Print the first twenty elements of each result array
Dim numElements As Integer = 20
Dim resultArray As MWNumericArray =
    New MWNumericArray(MWArrayComplexity.Complex,
        MWNumericType.Double, numElements)

For idx = 1 To numElements
    resultArray(idx) = (CType(argsOut(0), MWNumericArray))(idx)
Next idx

Console.WriteLine("FFT:{0}{1}{2}", Chr(10), resultArray, Chr(10))

For idx = 1 To numElements
    resultArray(idx) = (CType(argsOut(1), MWNumericArray))(idx)
Next idx

Console.WriteLine("Frequency:{0}{1}{2}", Chr(10), resultArray, Chr(10))

For idx = 1 To numElements
    resultArray(idx) = (CType(argsOut(2), MWNumericArray))(idx)
Next idx

Console.WriteLine("Power Spectral Density:{0}{1}{2}",
    Chr(10), resultArray, Chr(10))
```

```
' Create a new plotter object
Dim plotter As Plotter = New Plotter

' Plot the fft and power spectral density for the data array
plotter.plotfft(argsOut(0), argsOut(1), argsOut(2))

Console.ReadLine() ' Wait for user to exit application

Catch exception As Exception
    Console.WriteLine("Error: {0}", exception)

End Try
End Sub
#End Region

End Class
End Namespace
```

The program does the following:

- Constructs an input array with values representing a random signal with two sinusoids at 15 and 40 Hz embedded inside of it
- Uses `MWNumericArray` to handle data conversion

---

**Note** For complete reference information about the `MWArray` class hierarchy, see the `MWArray Class Library Reference` (available online only).

---

- Instantiates a `SignalAnalyzer` object
- Calls the `computefft` method, which computes the FFT, frequency, and the spectral density
- Instantiates a `Plotter` object
- Calls the `plotfft` method, which plots the data
- Uses a try/catch block to handle exceptions

The following statements

```
Dim data As MWNumericArray = New MWNumericArray_
    (MWArrayComplexity.Real, MWNumericType.Double, numSamples)
...
Dim resultArray As MWNumericArray = New MWNumericArray_
    (MWArrayComplexity.Complex,
     MWNumericType.Double, numElements)
```

show how to use the MWArray class library to construct the necessary data types.

The following statement

```
Dim signalAnalyzer As SignalAnalyzer = New SignalAnalyzer
```

creates an instance of the class `SignalAnalyzer`, and the following statement

```
Dim argsOut() As MWArray =
    signalAnalyzer.computefft(3, data,
        MWArray.op_implicit(interval))
```

calls the method `computefft` and request three outputs.

## 2 Build the SpectraApp application using Visual Studio .NET.

- a The SpectraVApp folder contains a Visual Studio .NET project file for this example. Open the project in Visual Studio .NET by double-clicking `SpectraVApp.vbproj` in Windows Explorer. You can also open it from the MATLAB desktop by right-clicking **SpectraVApp.vbproj > Open Outside MATLAB**.
- b Add a reference to the MWArray component, which is `matlabroot\toolbox\dotnetbuilder\bin\architecture\framework_version\mwarray.dll`.
- c If necessary, add (or update the location of) a reference to the SpectraComp component which you built in a previous step. (The component, `SpectraComp.dll`, is in the `\SpectraExample\SpectraComp\x86\V2.0\Debug\distrib` subfolder of your work area.)

## 3 Build and run the application in Visual Studio .NET.

### Matrix Math Example (Visual Basic)

To create the component for this example, see the first few steps in “Matrix Math Example” on page 4-48. Then create a Microsoft Visual Basic application as follows.

- 1 Review the sample application for this example in:

```
matlabroot\toolbox\dotnetbuilder\Examples\VS8\NET\  
MatrixMathExample\MatrixMathVBApp\MatrixMathApp.vb.
```

The program listing is shown here.

#### MatrixMathApp.vb

```
' *****  
'  
' MatrixMathApp.vb  
'  
' This example demonstrates how to use MATLAB Builder NE to build a component  
' that returns multiple results and optionally uses sparse matrices for  
' arguments.  
' Copyright 2001-2012 The MathWorks, Inc.  
'  
' *****  
  
Imports System  
  
Imports MathWorks.MATLAB.NET.Utility  
Imports MathWorks.MATLAB.NET.Arrays  
  
Imports MatrixMathComp  
  
Namespace MathWorks.Demo.MatrixMathApp  
  
    <summary>  
    ' This application computes cholesky, LU, and QR factorizations of a  
    ' finite difference matrix of order N.  
    ' The order is passed into the application on the command line.  
    </summary>
```

```
' <remarks>
' Command Line Arguments:
' <newpara></newpara>
' args[0] - Matrix order(N)
' <newpara></newpara>
' args[1] - (optional) sparse; Use a sparse matrix
' </remarks>
Class MatrixMathDemoApp
```

```
#Region " MAIN "
```

```
' <summary>
' The main entry point for the application.
' </summary>
Shared Sub Main(ByVal args() As String)

    Dim makeSparse As Boolean = True
    Dim matrixOrder As Integer = 4

    Dim matrix As MWNumericArray = Nothing ' The matrix to factor

    Dim argOut As MWArray = Nothing ' Stores single factorization result
    Dim argsOut() As MWArray = Nothing ' Stores multiple factorization results

    Try
        ' If no argument specified, use defaults
        If (0 <> args.Length) Then
            ' Convert matrix order
            matrixOrder = Int32.Parse(args(0))

            If (0 > matrixOrder) Then
                Throw New ArgumentOutOfRangeException("matrixOrder", matrixOrder, _
                    "Must enter a positive integer for the matrix order(N)")
            End If

            makeSparse = ((1 < args.Length) AndAlso (args(1).Equals("sparse")))
        End If

        ' Create the test matrix. If the second argument
        ' is "sparse", create a sparse matrix.
```

```
matrix = IIf(makeSparse, _
MWNumericArray.MakeSparse(matrixOrder, matrixOrder,
    MWArrayComplexity.Real,
    (matrixOrder + (2 * (matrixOrder - 1)))), _
New MWNumericArray(MWArrayComplexity.Real, MWNumericType.Double,
    matrixOrder, matrixOrder))

' Initialize the test matrix
For rowIdx As Integer = 1 To matrixOrder
    For colIdx As Integer = 1 To matrixOrder
        If rowIdx = colIdx Then
            matrix(rowIdx, colIdx) = New MWNumericArray(2.0)
        ElseIf colIdx = rowIdx + 1 Or colIdx = rowIdx - 1 Then
            matrix(rowIdx, colIdx) = New MWNumericArray(-1.0)
        End If
    Next colIdx
Next rowIdx

' Create a new factor object
Dim factor As Factor = New Factor

' Print the test matrix
Console.WriteLine("Test Matrix:{0}{1}{2}", Chr(10), matrix, Chr(10))

' Compute and print the cholesky factorization using
' the single output syntax
argOut = factor.cholesky(matrix)

Console.WriteLine("Cholesky Factorization:{0}{1}{2}",
    Chr(10), argOut, Chr(10))

' Compute and print the LU factorization using the multiple output syntax
argsOut = factor.ludecomp(2, matrix)

Console.WriteLine("LU Factorization:
    {0}L Matrix:{1}{2}{3}U Matrix:{4}{5}{6}", Chr(10), Chr(10),
    argsOut(0), Chr(10), Chr(10), argsOut(1), Chr(10))

MWNumericArray.DisposeArray(argsOut)
```



```

' Compute and print the QR factorization
argsOut = factor.qrdecomp(2, matrix)

Console.WriteLine("QR Factorization:
    {0}Q Matrix:{1}{2}{3}R Matrix:{4}{5}{6}", Chr(10), Chr(10),
        argsOut(0), Chr(10), Chr(10), argsOut(1), Chr(10))

Console.ReadLine()

Catch exception As Exception

    Console.WriteLine("Error: {0}", exception)

Finally

    ' Free native resources
    If Not (matrix Is Nothing) Then
        matrix.Dispose()
    End If
    If Not (argOut Is Nothing) Then
        argOut.Dispose()
    End If

    MWNumericArray.DisposeArray(argsOut)
End Try
End Sub
#End Region
End Class
End Namespace

```

The statement

```
Dim factor As Factor = New Factor
```

creates an instance of the class Factor.

The following statements call the methods that encapsulate the MATLAB functions:

```
argOut = factor.cholesky(matrix)
```

```
argsOut = factor.ludecomp(2, matrix)

...

argsOut = factor.qrdecomp(2, matrix)
```

---

**Note** See “Understanding the MatrixMath Program” on page 4-56 for more details about the structure of this program.

---

- 2 Build the MatrixMathApp application using Visual Studio .NET.
  - a The MatrixMathVApp folder contains a Visual Studio .NET project file for this example. Open the project in Visual Studio .NET by double-clicking MatrixMathVApp.vbproj in Windows Explorer. You can also open it from the MATLAB desktop by right-clicking **MatrixMathVApp.vbproj > Open Outside MATLAB.**
  - b Add a reference to the MWArray component, which is *matlabroot\toolbox\dotnetbuilder\bin\architecture\framework\_version\mwarray.dll*.
  - c If necessary, add (or update the location of) a reference to the MatrixMathComp component which you built in a previous step. (The component, MatrixMathComp.dll, is in the *\MatrixMathExample\MatrixMathComp\x86\V2.0\Debug\distrib* subfolder of your work area.)
- 3 Build and run the application in Visual Studio .NET.

### Phonebook Example (Visual Basic)

- “makephone Function” on page 4-90
- “Procedure” on page 4-91

#### makephone Function

The makephone function takes a structure array as an input, modifies it, and supplies the modified array as an output.

---

**Note** For complete reference information about the `MWArray` class hierarchy, see the `MWArray` class library link on the product roadmap, under “Documentation Set”.

---

## Procedure

- 1 If you have not already done so, copy the files for this example as follows:
  - a Copy the following folder that ships with MATLAB to your work folder:  

```
matlabroot\toolbox\dotnetbuilder\Examples  
\VS8\NET\PhoneBookExample
```
  - b At the MATLAB command prompt, `cd` to the new `PhoneBookExample` subfolder in your work folder.
- 2 Write the `makephone` function as you would any MATLAB function.

The following code defines the `makephone` function:

```
function book = makephone(friends)
%MAKEPHONE Add a structure to a phonebook structure
% BOOK = MAKEPHONE(FRIENDS) adds a field to its input structure.
% The new field EXTERNAL is based on the PHONE field of the original.
% This file is used as an example for MATLAB
% Builder for Java.

% Copyright 2006-2012 The MathWorks, Inc.

book = friends;
for i = 1:numel(friends)
    numberStr = num2str(book(i).phone);
    book(i).external = ['(508) 555-' numberStr];
end
```

This code is already in your work folder in `PhoneBookExample\PhoneBookComp\makephone.m`.

- 3 While in MATLAB, issue the following command to open the Deployment Tool window:

```
deploytool
```

- 4 Build the .NET component. See the instructions in “Deployable Component Creation” on page 1-13 for more details. Use the following information:

Project Name	PhoneBookComp
Class Name	phonebook
File to compile	makephone.m

- 5 Write source code for an application that accesses the component.

The sample application for this example is in *matlabroot\toolbox\dotnetbuilder\Examples\VS8\NET PhoneBookExample\PhoneBookVBApp\PhoneBookApp.vb*.

The program defines a structure array containing names and phone numbers, modifies it using a MATLAB function, and displays the resulting structure array.

The program listing is shown here.

### PhoneBookApp.vb

```
' *****  
'  
' PhoneBookApp.vb  
'  
' This example demonstrates how to use MATLAB Builder NE to build a simple  
' component that makes use of MATLAB structures as function arguments.  
'  
' Copyright 2001-2012 The MathWorks, Inc.  
'  
' *****  
  
' Necessary package imports
```

```
Imports MathWorks.MATLAB.NET.Arrays
Imports PhoneBookComp

'
' getphone class demonstrates the use of the MWStructArray class
'
Public Module PhoneBookVBAApp
    Public Sub Main()
        Dim thePhonebook As phonebook 'Stores deployment class instance
        Dim friends As MWStructArray 'Sample input data
        Dim result As Object() 'Stores the result
        Dim book As MWStructArray 'Output data extracted from result

        ' Create the new deployment object
        thePhonebook = New phonebook()

        ' Create an MWStructArray with two fields
        Dim myFieldNames As String() = {"name", "phone"}
        friends = New MWStructArray(2, 2, myFieldNames)

        ' Populate struct with some sample data --- friends and phone numbers
        friends("name", 1) = New MWCharArray("Jordan Robert")
        friends("phone", 1) = 3386
        friends("name", 2) = New MWCharArray("Mary Smith")
        friends("phone", 2) = 3912
        friends("name", 3) = New MWCharArray("Stacy Flora")
        friends("phone", 3) = 3238
        friends("name", 4) = New MWCharArray("Harry Alpert")
        friends("phone", 4) = 3077

        ' Show some of the sample data
        Console.WriteLine("Friends: ")
        Console.WriteLine(friends.ToString())

        ' Pass it to an MATLAB function that determines external phone number
        result = thePhonebook.makephone(1, friends)
        book = CType(result(0), MWStructArray)
        Console.WriteLine("Result: ")
        Console.WriteLine(book.ToString())
    End Sub
End Module
```

```
' Extract some data from the returned structure '  
Console.WriteLine("Result record 2:")  
  
Console.WriteLine(book("name", 2))  
Console.WriteLine(book("phone", 2))  
Console.WriteLine(book("external", 2))  
  
' Print the entire result structure using the helper function below  
Console.WriteLine("")  
Console.WriteLine("Entire structure:")  
dispStruct(book)  
End Sub  
  
Sub dispStruct(ByVal arr As MWStructArray)  
    Console.WriteLine("Number of Elements: " + arr.NumberOfElements.ToString())  
    'int numDims = arr.NumberofDimensions  
    Dim dims As Integer() = arr.Dimensions  
    Console.WriteLine("Dimensions: " + dims(0).ToString())  
  
    Dim i As Integer  
    For i = 1 To dims.Length  
        Console.WriteLine("-by-" + dims(i - 1).ToString())  
    Next i  
    Console.WriteLine("")  
    Console.WriteLine("Number of Fields: " + arr.NumberOfFields.ToString())  
    Console.WriteLine("Standard MATLAB view:")  
    Console.WriteLine(arr.ToString())  
    Console.WriteLine("Walking structure:")  
  
    Dim fieldNames As String() = arr.FieldNames  
  
    Dim element As Integer  
    For element = 1 To arr.NumberOfElements  
        Console.WriteLine("Element " + element.ToString())  
        Dim field As Integer  
        For field = 0 To arr.NumberOfFields - 1  
            Dim fieldVal As MWArray = arr(arr.FieldNames(field), element)  
            ' Recursively print substructures, give string display of other classes  
            If (TypeOf fieldVal Is MWStructArray) Then
```

```

        Console.WriteLine("    " + fieldNames(field) + ": nested structure:")
        Console.WriteLine("+++ Begin of \"" + fieldNames[field] +
            " \ " nested structure")

        dispStruct(CType(fieldVal, MWStructArray))
        Console.WriteLine("+++ End of \"" + fieldNames[field] +
            " \ " nested structure")
    Else
        Console.Write("    " + fieldNames(field) + ": ")
        Console.WriteLine(fieldVal.ToString())
    End If
Next field
Next element
End Sub
End Module

```

The program does the following:

- Creates a structure array, using `MWStructArray` to represent the example phonebook data.
- Instantiates the plotter class as the `Phonebook` object, as shown:  
`thePhonebook = new phonebook();`
- Calls the `makephone` method to create a modified copy of the structure by adding an additional field, as shown:  
`result = thePhonebook.makephone(1, friends);`

## 6 Build the `PhoneBookVBApp` application using Visual Studio .NET.

- a** The `PhoneBookVBApp` folder contains a Visual Studio .NET project file for this example. Open the project in Visual Studio .NET by double-clicking `PhoneBookVBApp.vbproj` in Windows Explorer. You can also open it from the MATLAB desktop by right-clicking **PhoneBookVBApp.vbproj > Open Outside MATLAB**.
- b** Add a reference to the `MWArray` component, which is `matlabroot\toolbox\dotnetbuilder\bin\architecture\framework_version\mwarray.dll`.
- c** If necessary, add (or fix the location of) a reference to the `PhoneBookVBComp` component which you built in a previous step. (The component, `PhoneBookComp.dll`, is in the

\PhoneBookExample\PhoneBookVApp\x86\V2.0\Debug\distrib  
subfolder of your work area.)

- 7 Build and run the application in Visual Studio .NET.

The getphone program should display the output:

```
Friends:
2x2 struct array with fields:
    name
    phone
Result:
2x2 struct array with fields:
    name
    phone
    external
Result record 2:
Mary Smith
3912
(508) 555-3912
```

```
Entire structure:
Number of Elements: 4
Dimensions: 2-by-2
Number of Fields: 3
Standard MATLAB view:
2x2 struct array with fields:
    name
    phone
    external
Walking structure:
Element 1
    name: Jordan Robert
    phone: 3386
    external: (508) 555-3386
Element 2
    name: Mary Smith
    phone: 3912
    external: (508) 555-3912
Element 3
```



```
name: Stacy Flora
phone: 3238
external: (508) 555-3238
Element 4
name: Harry Alpert
phone: 3077
external: (508) 555-3077
```

## Optimization Example (Visual Basic)

### Optimization Example

- “Purpose” on page 4-97
- “OptimizeComp Component” on page 4-98
- “Procedure” on page 4-98

**Purpose.** This example shows how to:

- Use the MATLAB Builder NE product to create a component (OptimizeComp). This component applies MATLAB optimization routines to objective functions implemented as .NET objects.
- Access the component in a .NET application (OptimizeApp.vb). Then, use the MWOBJECTARRAY class to create a reference to a .NET object (BananaFunction.vb), and pass that object to the component.

---

**Note** For detailed usage information on this class, constructor, and associated methods, see the MWOBJECTARRAY page in the NDoc (the MWArray Class Library). You can also search for MWOBJECTARRAY in the MATLAB Help browser **Search** field.

---

- Build and run the application.

**OptimizeComp Component.** The component (OptimizeComp) finds a local minimum of an objective function and returns the minimal location and value. The component uses the MATLAB optimization function `fminsearch`. This example optimizes the Rosenbrock banana function used in the `fminsearch` documentation.

The class `OptimizeComp.OptimizeClass` performs an unconstrained nonlinear optimization on an objective function implemented as a .NET object. A method of this class, `doOptim`, accepts an initial value (NET object) that implements the objective function, and returns the location and value of a local minimum.

The second method, `displayObj`, is a debugging tool that lists the characteristics of a .NET object. These two methods, `doOptim` and `displayObj`, encapsulate MATLAB functions. The MATLAB code for these two methods resides in `doOptim.m` and `displayObj.m`. You can find this code in `matlabroot\toolbox\dotnetbuilder\Examples\VS8\NET\OptimizeExample\OptimizeV`

### Procedure.

- 1 If you have not already done so, copy the files for this example as follows:
  - a Copy the following folder that ships with MATLAB to your work folder:  
`matlabroot\toolbox\dotnetbuilder\Examples\OptimizeExample`
  - b At the MATLAB command prompt, `cd` to the new `OptimizeExample` subfolder in your work folder.
- 2 If you have not already done so, set the environment variables that are required on a development machine. See “Set MCR Paths for Development and Testing”.
- 3 Write the MATLAB code that you want to access. This example uses `doOptim.m` and `displayObj.m`, which already resides in your work folder. The path is `matlabroot\toolbox\dotnetbuilder\Examples\OptimizeExample\OptimizeComp.`

For reference, the code of `doOptim.m` is displayed here:

```
function [x,fval] = doOptim(h, x0)
```

```

mWrapper = @(x) h.evaluateFunction(x);

directEval = h.evaluateFunction(x0)
wrapperEval = mWrapper(x0)

[x,fval] = fminsearch(mWrapper,x0)

```

For reference, the code of `displayObj.m` is displayed here:

```

function className = displayObj(h)

h
className = class(h)
whos('h')
methods(h)

```

- 4 While in MATLAB, enter the following command to open the Deployment Tool window:

```
deploytool
```

- 5 You create a .NET application by using the Deployment Tool GUI to build a .NET class that wraps around your MATLAB code.

As you compile the .NET application using the Deployment Tool, use the following information as you work through this example in “Deployable Component Creation” on page 1-13 in Chapter 1, “Getting Started”:

Project Name	OptimizeComp
Class Name	OptimizeComp.OptimizeClass
File to compile	doOptim.m displayObj.m

- 6 Write source code for a class (`BananaFunction`) that implements an object function to optimize. The sample application for this example is in `matlabroot\toolbox\dotnetbuilder\Examples\OptimizeExample\OptimizeVbApp`. The program listing for `BananaFunction.vb` displays the following code:

```

' *****
'

```

```
' BananaFunction.vb
'
' This file is used as an example for the MATLAB Builder NE product.
'
' It implements the Rosenbrock banana function described in the FMINSEARCH
' documentation
'
' Copyright 2001-2009 The MathWorks, Inc.
'
' *****

Imports System

Namespace MathWorks.Examples.Optimize

    Class BananaFunction

#Region "Methods"
        Public Sub BananaFunction()
            End Sub

        Public Function evaluateFunction(ByVal x As Double()) As Double

            Dim term1 As Double = 100 * Math.Pow((x(1) - Math.Pow(x(0),
                2.0)), 2.0)

            Dim term2 As Double = Math.Pow((1 - x(0)), 2.0)
            Return term1 + term2
        End Function
#End Region

    End Class
End Namespace
```

The class implements the Rosenbrock banana function described in the `fminsearch` documentation.

- 7 If you are running Microsoft Visual Studio 2005, perform the following actions. Otherwise, go to the next step.

- a Click **Project > *project\_name* Properties**.
  - b Select the **Debug** tab.
  - c In **Start Options**, enter `-1.2 1.0` in the **Command line arguments** field.
- 8** Customize the application using Visual Studio .NET using the **OptimizeVBAApp** folder, which contains a Visual Studio .NET project file for this example.
- a The **OptimizeVBAApp** folder contains a Visual Studio .NET project file for this example. Open the project in Visual Studio .NET by double-clicking **OptimizeVBAApp.vbproj** in Windows Explorer. You can also open it from the MATLAB desktop by right-clicking **OptimizeVBAApp.vbproj > Open Outside MATLAB**.
  - b Add a reference to the **MWArray** component, which is `matlabroot\toolbox\dotnetbuilder\bin\architecture\framework_version\mwarray.dll`.
  - c If necessary, add (or fix the location of) a reference to the **OptimizeComp** component which you built in a previous step. (The component, `OptimizeComp.dll`, is in the `\OptimizeExample\OptimizeComp\x86\V2.0\Debug\distrib` subfolder of your work area.)

When run successfully, the program displays the following output:

```
Using initial points= -1.2000 1
```

```
*****
**                               Properties of .NET Object                               **
*****
```

```
h =
```

```
MathWorks.Examples.Optimize.BananaFunction handle w
ith no properties.
Package: MathWorks.Examples.Optimize
```

```
className =  
  
MathWorks.Examples.Optimize.BananaFunction  
  
Name Size Bytes Class Attributes  
  
h 1x1 60 MathWorks.Examples.Optimize.BananaFunction  
  
Methods for class MathWorks.Examples.Optimize.BananaFunction:  
  
BananaFunction addlistener findprop lt  
Equals delete ge ne  
GetHashCode eq gt notify  
GetType evaluateFunction isvalid  
ToString findobj le  
  
***** Finished displayObj *****  
  
*****  
** Performing unconstrained nonlinear optimization **  
*****  
  
directEval =  
  
24.2000  
  
wrapperEval =  
  
24.2000
```

x =

1.0000 1.0000

fval =

8.1777e-010

\*\*\*\*\* Finished doOptim \*\*\*\*\*

Location of minimum: 1.0000 1.0000  
Function value at minimum: 8.1777e-010

# Component Access On Another Computer

To implement your .NET component on a computer other than the one on which it was built:

- 1 If the component is not already installed on the machine where you want to develop your application, run the self-extracting executable that you created in “The Magic Square Example” on page 1-9.

This step is not necessary if you are developing your application on the same machine where you created the .NET component.

- 2 Reference the .NET component in your Microsoft Visual Studio project or from the command line of a CLS-compliant compiler.

You must also add a reference to the MWArray component in `matlabroot\toolbox\dotnetbuilder\bin\architecture\framework_version`. See “Supported Microsoft .NET Framework Versions” for a list of supported framework versions.

- 3 Instantiate the generated .NET Builder classes and call the class methods as you would with any .NET class. To marshal data between the native .NET types and the MATLAB array type, you need to use either the MWArray data conversion classes or the MWArray native API. See MWArray Class Library Reference (available online only) for details about the MWArray API for this class library.

---

**Tip** Learn about creating type-safe interfaces for .NET components, in order to avoid data conversion tasks with MWArray. See Chapter 6, “Type-Safe Interfaces, WCF, and MEF” for details.

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## For More Information

If you want to...	See...
Learn how to build a component and perform basic integration tasks using C# code	Chapter 1, “Getting Started”
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basic MATLAB Programmer tasks</li> <li>• How the deployment products process your MATLAB functions</li> <li>• How the deployment products work together</li> </ul>	Chapter 2, “MATLAB Code Deployment”
Learn about supported MATLAB Builder NE targets	Chapter 3, “Component Building”
Learn about creating type-safe interfaces, in order to avoid data conversion tasks with <code>MWArray</code> .	Chapter 6, “Type-Safe Interfaces, WCF, and MEF”
Work with cell arrays and data structures using native .NET types	“Using Native .NET Structure and Cell Arrays” on page 8-7
Building your component and using the Deployment Tool with the command line option	Chapter 3, “Component Building”



# Distribute to End Users

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## Deploying Components to End Users

### Distribute MATLAB Code Using the MATLAB Compiler Runtime (MCR)

On target computers without MATLAB, install the MCR, if it is not already present on the deployment machine.

#### **MATLAB Compiler Runtime (MCR) and the MCR Installer**

The *MATLAB Compiler Runtime (MCR)* is an execution engine made up of the same shared libraries MATLAB uses to enable the execution of MATLAB files on systems without an installed version of MATLAB.

The MATLAB Compiler Runtime (MCR) is now available for downloading from the Web to simplify the distribution of your applications or components created with the MATLAB® Compiler. Direct your end users to the MATLAB Compiler product page to download the MCR, as opposed to redistributing or packaging it with your applications or components.

In order to deploy a component, you can either *package* the MCR along with it or simply direct your end users to download it from the Web.

Before you utilize the MCR on a system without MATLAB, run the *MCR Installer*. Locate the installer by entering the `mcrinstaller` command from MATLAB.

The installer does the following:

- 1** Installs the MCR (if not already installed on the target machine)
- 2** Installs the component assembly in the folder from which the installer is run
- 3** Copies the `MWArray` assembly to the Global Assembly Cache (GAC), as part of installing the MCR

## MCR Prerequisites

- 1 Since installing the MCR requires write access to the system registry, ensure you have administrator privileges to run the MCR Installer.
- 2 The version of the MCR that runs your application on the target computer must be compatible with the version of MATLAB Compiler that built the component.
- 3 Avoid installing the MCR in MATLAB installation directories.

## Add the MCR Installer To Your Deployment Package

Include the MCR in your deployment by using the Deployment Tool.

On the **Package** tab of the `deploytool` interface, click **Add MCR**.

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**Note** For more information about additional options for including the MCR Installer (embedding it in your package or locating the installer on a network share), see “Packaging (Optional)” in the *MATLAB Compiler User’s Guide* or in your respective Builder User’s Guide.

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## Testing with the MCR

When you test with the MCR, keep in mind that the MCR is an instance of MATLAB. Given this, it is not possible to load the MCR into MATLAB.

For example, if you build a generic COM component with the Deployment Tool from MATLAB Builder NE, you generate a DLL.

If you then try to test the component with an application such as `actxserver`, which loads its process into MATLAB, you are effectively loading the MCR into MATLAB, producing an error such as this:

```
mwsamp.mymagic(3,[],[])  
??? Invoke Error, Dispatch Exception:  
Source: tmw1.Class1.1_0  
Description: MCR instance is not available
```

Therefore, understand the behaviors of third-party processes before attempting to test them with the MCR.

If you are uncertain about the behavior of these processes, contact your developer or systems administrator.

### **MCR Installation and Setting System Paths**

To install the MCR, perform the following tasks on the target machines:

- 1** If you added the MCR during packaging, open the package to locate the installer. Otherwise, run the command `mcrinstaller` to display the locations where you can download the installer.
- 2** If you are running on a platform other than Windows, set the system paths on the target machine. Setting the paths enables your application to find the MCR.

Windows paths are set automatically. On Linux and Mac, you can use the run script to set paths. See “Using MATLAB Compiler on Mac or Linux” for detailed information on performing all deployment tasks specifically with UNIX variants such as Linux and Mac.

**Where to find the MWArray API.** The MCR also includes `MWArray.dll`, which contains an API for exchanging data between your applications and the MCR. You can find documentation for this API in the `Help` folder of the installation.

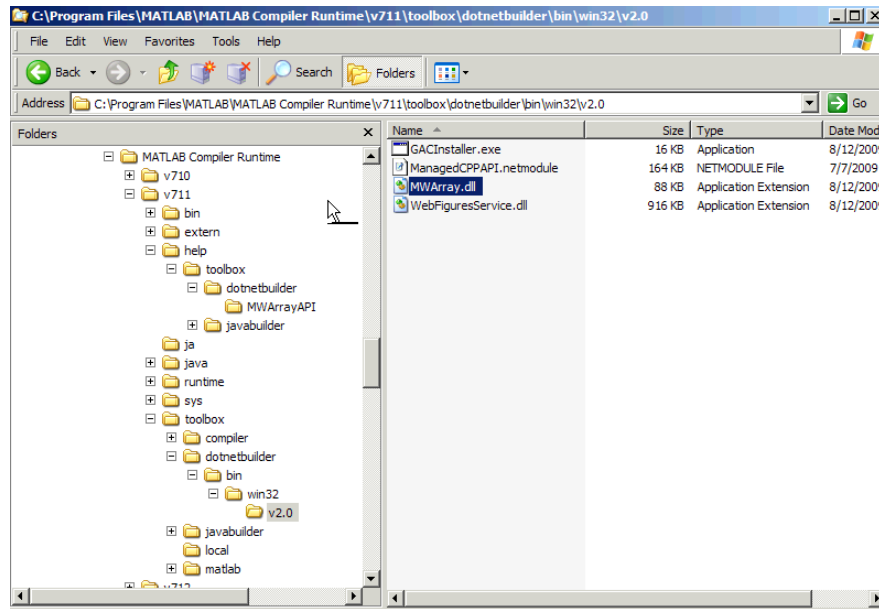
On target machines where the MCR Installer is run, the MCR Installer puts the `MWArray` assembly in `installation_folder\toolbox\dotnetbuilder\bin\architecture\framework_version`.

See *MATLAB Builder NE Release Notes* for a list of supported framework versions.

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**Tip** Learn about creating type-safe interfaces for .NET components, in order to avoid data conversion tasks with `MWArray`. See Chapter 6, “Type-Safe Interfaces, WCF, and MEF” for details.

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**Sample Directory Structure of the MCR Including MArray.dll**

## MCR Run-Time Options

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“Getting MCR Option Values Using MWMCR” on page 5-6

### What Run-Time Options Can You Specify?

As of R2009a, you can pass MCR run-time options `-nojvm` and `-logfile` to MATLAB Builder NE from a client application using the assembly-level attributes `NOJVM` and `LOGFILE`. You retrieve values of these attributes by calling methods of the `MWMCR` class to access MCR attributes and MCR state.

### Getting MCR Option Values Using MWMCR

The `MWMCR` class provides several methods to get MCR option values. The following table lists methods supported by this class.

<b>MWMCR Method</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
<code>MWMCR.IsMCRInitialized()</code>	Returns true if MCR is initialized, otherwise returns false.
<code>MWMCR.IsMCRJVMEEnabled()</code>	Returns true if MCR is launched with .NET Virtual Machine (JVM), otherwise returns false.
<code>MWMCR.GetMCRLogFileName()</code>	Returns the name of the log file passed with the <code>LOGFILE</code> attribute.

### Default MCR Options

If you pass no MCR options (you provide no attributes), the MCR is launched with default option values:

<b>MCR Run-Time Option</b>	<b>Default Option Values</b>
.NET Virtual Machine (JVM)	<code>NOJVM(false)</code>
Log file usage	<code>LOGFILE(null)</code>



These options are all write-once, read-only properties.

Use the following attributes to represent the MCR options you want to modify.

MWMCR Attribute	Purpose
NOJVM	Lets users launch MCR with or without a JVM. It takes a Boolean as input. For example, NOJVM(true) launches MCR without a JVM.
LOGFILE	Lets users pass the name of a log file, taking the file name as input. For example, LOGFILE("logfile3.txt") .

**Passing MCR Option Values from a C# Application.** Following is an example of how MCR option values are passed from a client-side C# application:

```
[assembly: NOJVM(false), LOGFILE("logfile3.txt")]
namespace App1
{
    class Program
    {
        static void Main(string[] args)
        {
            Console.WriteLine("In side main...");
            try
            {
                myclass cls = new myclass();
                cls.hello();
                Console.WriteLine("Done!!");
                Console.ReadLine();
            }
            catch (Exception ex)
            {
                Console.WriteLine(ex.Message);
            }
        }
    }
}
```

}

## MCR Component Cache and CTF Archive Embedding

### In this section...

“Overriding Default Behavior” on page 5-10

“For More Information” on page 5-11

CTF data is automatically embedded directly in .NET and COM components and extracted to a temporary folder.

Automatic embedding enables usage of MCR Component Cache features through environment variables.

These variables allow you to specify the following:

- Define the default location where you want the CTF archive to be automatically extracted
- Add diagnostic error printing options that can be used when automatically extracting the CTF, for troubleshooting purposes
- Tuning the MCR component cache size for performance reasons.

Use the following environment variables to change these settings.

Environment Variable	Purpose	Notes
MCR_CACHE_ROOT	When set to the location of where you want the CTF archive to be extracted, this variable overrides the default per-user component cache location.	Does not apply
MCR_CACHE_VERBOSE	When set to any value, this variable prints logging details about the component cache for diagnostic reasons. This can be very helpful if problems	Logging details are turned off by default (for example, when this variable has no value).

Environment Variable	Purpose	Notes
	are encountered during CTF archive extraction.	
MCR_CACHE_SIZE	When set, this variable overrides the default component cache size.	The initial limit for this variable is 32M (megabytes). This may, however, be changed after you have set the variable the first time. Edit the file <code>.max_size</code> , which resides in the file designated by running the <code>mrcachedir</code> command, with the desired cache size limit.

You can override this automatic embedding and extraction behavior by compiling with the “Overriding Default Behavior” on page 5-10 option.

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**Caution** If you run `mcc` specifying conflicting wrapper and target types, the CTF will not be embedded into the generated component. For example, if you run:

```
mcc -W lib:myLib -T link:exe test.m test.c
```

the generated `test.exe` will not have the CTF embedded in it, as if you had specified a `-C` option to the command line.

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## Overriding Default Behavior

To extract the CTF archive in a manner prior to R2008b, alongside the compiled .NET or COM component, compile using the option `mcc -C`.

You can also implement this override by checking the appropriate **Option** in the Deployment Tool.

You might want to use this option to troubleshoot problems with the CTF archive, for example, as the log and diagnostic messages are much more visible.

## **For More Information**

For more information about the CTF archive, see “Component Technology File (CTF Archive)”.

## The MCR User Data Interface

This feature allows data to be shared between an MCR instance, the MATLAB code running on that MCR, and the wrapper code that created the MCR. Through calls to the MCR User Data interface API, you access MCR data by creating a per-MCR-instance associative array of `mxAArrays`, consisting of a mapping from string keys to `mxAArray` values. Reasons for doing this include, but are not limited to:

- You need to supply run-time profile information to a client running an application created with the Parallel Computing Toolbox™ software. Profiles may be supplied (and changed) on a per-execution basis. For example, two instances of the same application may run simultaneously with different profiles.
- You want to initialize the MCR with constant values that can be accessed by all your MATLAB applications.
- You want to set up a global workspace — a global variable or variables that MATLAB and your client can access.
- You want to store the state of any variable or group of variables.

MATLAB Builder NE software supports a per-MCR instance state access through an object-oriented API. Unlike MATLAB Compiler, access to a per-MCR instance state is optional, rather than on by default. You can access this state by adding `setmcruserdata.m` and `getmcruserdata.m` to your deployment project or by specifying them on the command line. Alternatively, you can use a helper function to call these methods as shown in “Supplying Cluster Profiles for Parallel Computing Toolbox Applications” on page 5-12.

For more information, see “Improving Data Access Using the MCR User Data Interface” in the MATLAB Compiler User’s Guide.

### Supplying Cluster Profiles for Parallel Computing Toolbox Applications

Following is a complete example of how you can use the MCR User Data Interface as a mechanism to specify a cluster profile for Parallel Computing Toolbox applications.

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**Note** Standalone executables and shared libraries generated from MATLAB Compiler for parallel applications can now launch up to twelve local workers without MATLAB Distributed Computing Server™.

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## Step 1: Write Your Parallel Computing Toolbox Code

- 1 Compile `sample_pct.m` in MATLAB.

This example code uses the cluster defined in the default profile.

The output assumes that the default profile is `local`.

```
function speedup = sample_pct (n)
warning off all;
tic
if(ischar(n))
    n=str2double(n);
end
for ii = 1:n
    (cov(sin(magic(n)+rand(n,n))));
end
time1 =toc;
matlabpool('open');
tic
parfor ii = 1:n
    (cov(sin(magic(n)+rand(n,n))));
end
time2 =toc;
disp(['Normal loop times: ' num2str(time1) ...
    ',parallel loop time: ' num2str(time2) ]);
disp(['parallel speedup: ' num2str(1/(time2/time1)) ...
    ' times faster than normal']);
matlabpool('close');
disp('done');
speedup = (time1/time2);
```

- 2 Run the code as follows after changing the default profile to `local`, if needed.

```
a = sample_pct(200)
```

**3** Verify that you get the following results;

```
Starting matlabpool using the 'local'
      profile ... connected to 4 labs.
Normal loop times: 1.4625, parallel loop time: 0.82891
parallel speedup: 1.7643 times faster than normal
Sending a stop signal to all the labs ... stopped.
done
a =
    1.7643
```

## **Step 2: Set the Parallel Computing Toolbox Profile**

In order to compile MATLAB code to a .NET component and utilize the Parallel Computing Toolbox, the `mcruserdata` must be set directly from MATLAB. There is no .NET API available to access the `MCRUserdata` as there is for C and C++ applications built with MATLAB Compiler.

To set the `mcruserdata` from MATLAB, create an `init` function in your .NET class. This is a separate MATLAB function that uses `setmcruserdata` to set the Parallel Computing Toolbox profile once. You then call your other functions to utilize the Parallel Computing Toolbox functions.

Create the following `init` function:

```
function init_sample_pct
% Set the Parallel Profile:
if(isdeployed)
    [profile, profpath] = uigetfile('*.settings');
    % let the USER select file
    setmcruserdata('ParallelProfile', fullfile(profpath, profile));
end
```



### Step 3: Compile Your Function with the Deployment Tool or the Command Line

You can compile your function from the command line by entering the following:

```
mcc -W 'dotnet:netPctComp,NetPctClass'
      init_sample_pct.m sample_pct.m -T link:lib
```

Alternately, you can use the Deployment Tool as follows:

- 1 Follow the steps in “Deployable Component Creation” on page 1-13 to compile your application. When the compilation finishes, a new folder (with the same name as the project) is created. This folder contains two subfolders: `distrib` and `src`.

Project Name	netPctComp
Class Name	NetPctClass
File to Compile	sample_pct.m and init_sample_pct.m

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**Note** If you are using the GPU feature of Parallel Computing Toolbox, you need to manually add the PTX and CU files.

If you are using a Deployment Tool project, click **Add files/directories** on the **Build** tab.

If you are using the `mcc` command, use the `-a` option.

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- 2 To deploy the compiled application, copy the `distrib` folder, which contains the following, to your end users. The packaging function of `deploytool` offers a convenient way to do this.
  - `netPctComp.dll`
  - `MWArray.dll`
  - MCR Installer
  - Cluster profile

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**Note** The end user's target machine must have access to the cluster.

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**Tip** Learn about creating type-safe interfaces for .NET components, in order to avoid data conversion tasks with `MWArray`. See Chapter 6, “Type-Safe Interfaces, WCF, and MEF” for details.

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### Step 4: Write the .NET Driver Application

After adding references to your component and to `MWArray` in your Microsoft Visual Studio project: write the following .NET driver application to use the component, as follows. See “Creating a Reference to Your Component” on page 1-28 and “Creating a Reference to the `MWArray` API” on page 1-28 in the Chapter 1, “Getting Started” chapter of this User's Guide for more information.

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**Note** This example code was written using Microsoft Visual Studio 2008.

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```
using System;
using MathWorks.MATLAB.NET.Utility;
using MathWorks.MATLAB.NET.Arrays;
using netPctComp;
namespace PctNet
{
    class Program
    {
        static void Main(string[] args)
        {
            try
            {
                NetPctClass A = new NetPctClass();
                // Initialize the PCT set up
                A.init_sample_pct();
                double var = 300;
                MWNumericArray out1;
```

```
        MWNumericArray in1 = new MWNumericArray(300);
        out1 = (MWNumericArray)A.sample_pct(in1);
        Console.WriteLine("The speedup is {0}", out1);
        Console.ReadLine();
        // Wait for user to exit application
    }
    catch (Exception exception)
    {
        Console.WriteLine("Error: {0}", exception);
    }
}
}
```

The output is as follows:



```
CA file:///C:/pct_compile/builderNE/deploy/PctNet/bin/Debug/PctNet.EXE
The speedup is 2.1565
_
```

## Impersonation Implementation Using ASP.NET

When running third-party software (for example, SQL Server™) there are times when it is necessary to use *impersonation* to perform Windows authentication in an ASP.NET application.

In deployed applications, impersonated credentials are passed in from IIS. However, since impersonation operates on a per-thread basis, this can sometimes present problems when processing the MCR thread in a multi-threaded deployed application.

Use the following examples to turn impersonation on and off in your MATLAB file, to avoid problems stemming from MCR thread processing issues.

### Turning On Impersonation in a MATLAB MEX-file

```
#include mex.h
#include windows.h

/*
 *This mex function is called with a single int which
 *represents the user
 *identity token. We use this token to impersonate a
 *user on the interpreter
 *thread. This acts as a workaround for ASP.NET
 *applications that use
 *impersonation to pass the proper credentials
 *to SQL Server for windows
 *authentication. The function returns non zero status
 *for success, zero otherwise.
 */
void mexFunction( int          nlhs,
                  mxArray *    plhs[],
                  int          nrhs,
                  const mxArray * prhs[] )
{
    plhs[0] = mxCreateDoubleScalar(0); //return status

    HANDLE hToken =
        reinterpret_cast(*(mwSize *)mxGetData(prhs[0]));
```

```

    if(nrhs != 1)
    {
        mexErrMsgTxt("Incorrect number of input argument(s).
                      Expecting 1.");
    }

    int hr;

    if(!(hr = ImpersonateLoggedOnUser(hToken)))
    {
        mexErrMsgTxt("Error impersonating.\n");
    }

    *(mxGetPr(plhs[0])) = hr;
}

```

### Turning Off Impersonation in a MATLAB MEX-file

```

#include mex.h
#include windows.h

/*
 *This mex function reverts to the old identity on the
 interpreter thread */
void mexFunction( int          nlhs,
                  mxArray *    plhs[],
                  int          nrhs,
                  const mxArray * prhs[] )
{
    if(!RevertToSelf())
    {
        mexErrMsgTxt("Failed to revert to the old
                      identity.");
    }
}

```

### Code Added to Support Impersonation in ASP.NET Application

```

Monitor.Enter(someObj);

```

```
DeployedComponent.DeployedComponentClass myComp;

try
{
    System.Security.Principal.WindowsIdentity myIdentity =
        System.Security.Principal.WindowsIdentity.GetCurrent();

    //short circuit if user app is not impersonated
    if(myIdentity.isImpersonated())
    {
        myComp = new DeployedComponent.
            DeployedComponentClass ();

        //Run Users code

        MWArray[] output = myComp.impersonateUser(1,
            getToken());
    }
    else
    {
        //Run Users code
    }
}
Catch(Exception e)
{
}
finally
{
    if(myComp!=null)
        myComp.stopImpersonation();
    Monitor.Exit(someObj);
}

//
//
//Utility method to read the token for the current user
//and wraps it in a MWArray private MWNumericArray getToken()

{
```

```
System.Security.Principal.WindowsIdentity myIdentity =
    System.Security.Principal.WindowsIdentity.GetCurrent();

MWNumericArray a = null;

if (IntPtr.Size == 4)
{
    int intToken = myIdentity.Token.ToInt32();
    a = new MWNumericArray(intToken, false);
}
else
{
    Int64 intToken = myIdentity.Token.ToInt64();
    a = new MWNumericArray(intToken, false);
}
return a;
```

## Enhanced XML Documentation Files

Every MATLAB® Builder NE component includes a `readme.txt` file in the `src` and `distrib` directories. This file outlines the contents of auto-generated documentation templates included with your built component. The documentation templates are HTML and XML files that can be read and processed by any number of third-party tools.

- `MWArray.xml` — This file describes the `MWArray` data conversion classes and their associated methods. Documentation for `MWArray` classes and their methods are available [here](#).
- `component_name.xml` — This file contains the code comments for your component. Using a third party documentation tool, you can combine this file with `MWArray.xml` to produce a complete documentation file that can be packaged with the component assembly for distribution to end users.
- `component_name_overview.html` — Optionally include this file in the generated documentation file. It contains an overview of the steps needed to access the component and how to use the data conversion classes, contained in the `MWArray` class hierarchy, to pass arguments to the generated component and return the results.



# Type-Safe Interfaces, WCF, and MEF

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- “Type-Safe Interface Generation and Implementation” on page 6-2
- “Windows Communications Foundation (WCF)<sup>™</sup>-Based Components” on page 6-17
- “Managed Extensibility Framework (MEF) Plug-Ins” on page 6-33

## Type-Safe Interface Generation and Implementation

### In this section...

“Type-Safe Interfaces: An Alternative to Manual Data Marshaling” on page 6-2


“Advantages of Implementing a Type-Safe Interface” on page 6-4

“How Type-Safe Interfaces Work” on page 6-5

“Implementing a Type-Safe Interface” on page 6-7

## Type-Safe Interfaces: An Alternative to Manual Data Marshaling

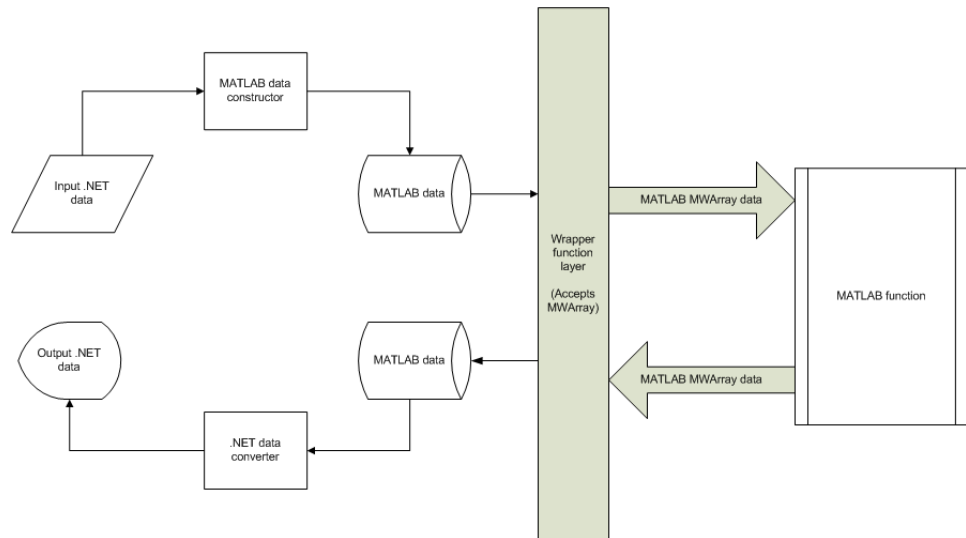
### .NET Developer

Role	Knowledge Base	Responsibilities
 .NET Developer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Little to no MATLAB experience</li> <li>• Moderate IT experience</li> <li>• .NET expert</li> <li>• Minimal access to IT systems</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Integrates deployed component with the rest of the .NET application</li> </ul>

MATLAB’s data types are incompatible with native .NET types.

To send data between your application and .NET, you perform these tasks:

- 1 Marshal data from .NET input data to a deployed function by creating an `MWArray` object from native .NET data. The public functions in a deployed component return `MWArray` objects.
- 2 Marshal the output MATLAB data in an `MWArray` into native .NET data by calling one of the `MWArray` marshaling methods (`ToArray()`, for example).

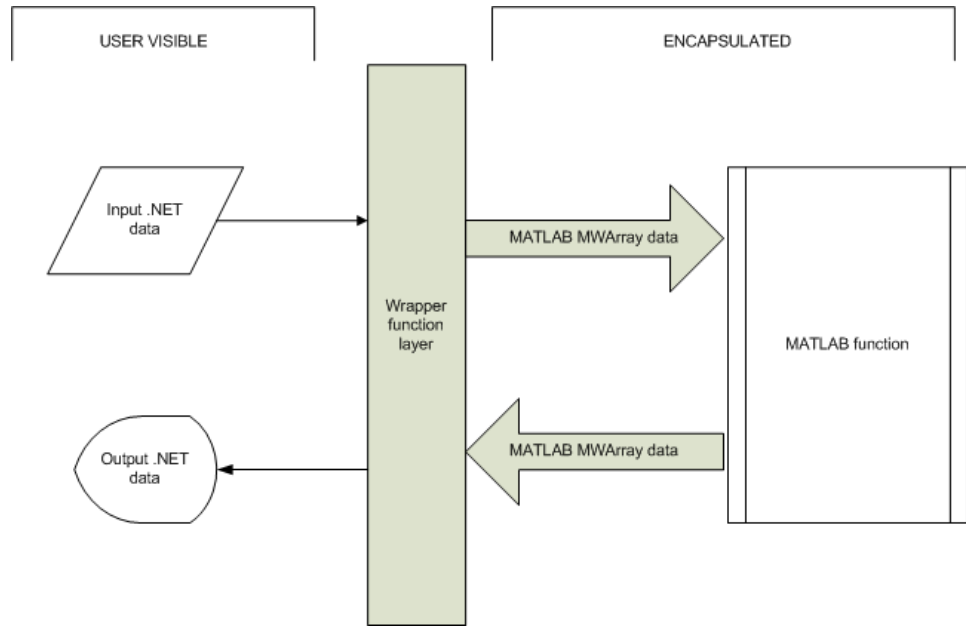


### Manual Data Marshaling Without a Type-Safe Interface

As you can see, manually marshaling data adds complexity and potential failure points to the task of integrating deployed components into a .NET application. This is particularly true for these reasons:

- **Your application cannot detect type mismatch errors until run-time.** For example, you might accidentally create an mxArray from a string and pass the array to a deployed function that expects a number. Because the wrapper code generated by MATLAB Builder NE expects an mxArray, the .NET compiler is unable to detect this error and the deployed function either throws an exception or returns the wrong answer.
- **Your end users must learn how to use the mxArray data type** or alternately mask the mxArray data type behind a manually written (and manually maintained) API. This introduces unwanted training time and places resource demands on a potentially overcommitted staff.

You can avoid performing tedious mxArray data marshaling by using *type-safe interfaces*. Such interfaces minimize explicit type conversions by hiding the mxArray type from the calling application. Using type-safe interfaces allows .NET Developers to work directly with familiar native data types.



### Simplified Data Marshaling With a Type-Safe Interface

## Advantages of Implementing a Type-Safe Interface

Some of the reasons to implement type-safe interfaces include:

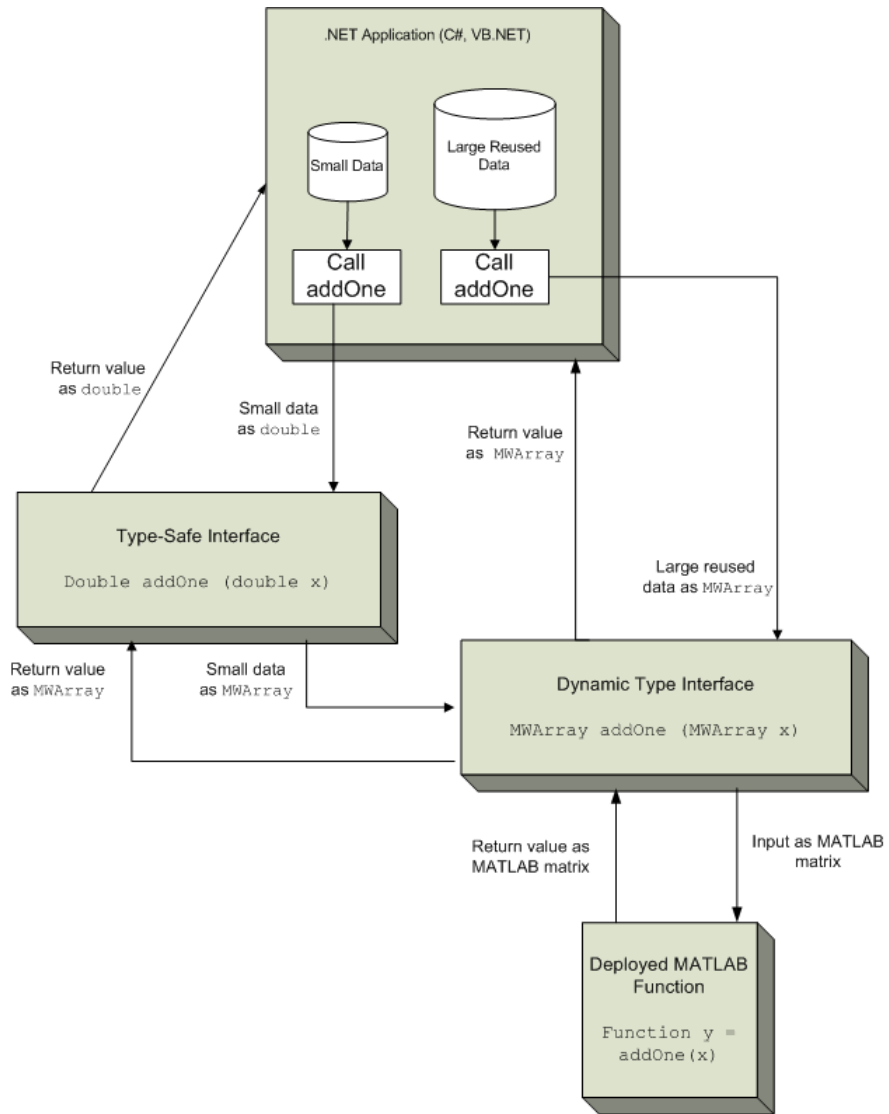
- **You avoid training and coding costs** associated with teaching end users to work with MWArrays.
- **You minimize cost of data you must marshal** by either placing MWArray objects in type-safe interfaces or by calling MWArray-based functions in the deployed component.
- **Flexibility — you mix type-safe interfaces with manual data marshaling** to accommodate data of varying sizes and access patterns. For example, you may have a few large data objects (images, for example) that would incur excess cost to your organization if managed with a type-safe interface. By mixing type-safe interfaces and manual marshaling, smaller data types can be managed automatically with the type-safe interface and your large data can be managed on an as-needed basis.

## How Type-Safe Interfaces Work

Every MATLAB Builder NE component exports one or more public methods that accept and return data using `MWArrays`.

Adding a type-safe interface to a MATLAB Builder NE component creates another set of methods (with the same names) that accept and return native `.NET` types.

The figure Architecture of a Deployed Component with a Type-Safe Interface on page 6-6 illustrates the data paths between the `.NET` host application and the deployed MATLAB function.



**Architecture of a Deployed Component with a Type-Safe Interface**

The MATLAB function `addOne` returns its input plus one.

Deploying `addOne` with a type-safe interface creates two .NET `addOne` methods: one that accepts and returns .NET `doubles`, and one that accepts and returns `MWArray`. See MATLAB documentation for matching rules.

You may create multiple type-safe interface methods for a single MATLAB function. Type-safe interface methods follow the standard .NET methods for overloading.

Notice that the type-safe methods co-exist with (and do not replace) the `MWArray`-based methods. Your .NET application may mix and match calls to either type of method, as appropriate.

You may find `MWArray` methods more efficient when passing large data values in loops to one or more deployed functions. In such cases, creating an `MWArray` object allows you to marshal the data only once whereas the type-safe interface marshals inputs on every call.

## Implementing a Type-Safe Interface

Implementing a type-safe interface usually requires the expertise of a .NET Developer (see description of .NET Developer on page 8-21) because it requires performing a number of medium-to-advanced programming tasks.

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**Tip** Data objects that merely pass through either the target or MATLAB environments may not need to be marshaled, particularly if they do not cross a process boundary. Because marshaling is costly, only marshal on demand.

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To implement a type-safe interface, follow this general workflow. Depending on whether you are primarily a MATLAB programmer or .NET developer, you may prefer to perform Steps 1 and 2 in reverse order.

- 1 “Write and Test Your MATLAB Code” on page 6-20
- 2 “Develop Your Interface Using Native .NET Types” on page 6-8
- 3 “Build Your Component and Generate Your Type-Safe API” on page 6-22
- 4 “Develop a Main Program Using Your Interface” on page 6-13

5 “Compile the Main Program” on page 6-15

6 “Run the Main Program” on page 6-16

### Write and Test Your MATLAB Code

Create your MATLAB program and then test the code before implementing a type-safe interface. The functions in your MATLAB program must match the declarations in your native .NET interface.

In the following example, the deployable MATLAB code contains one exported function, `addOne`. The `addOne` function adds the value one (1) to the input received. The input must be numeric, either a scalar or a matrix of single or multiple dimensions.

```
function y = addOne(x)
% ADDONE Add one to numeric input. Input must be numeric.

    if ~isnumeric(x)
        error('Input must be numeric. Input was %s.', class(x));
    end
    y = x + 1;

end
```

---

**Note** `addOne` must perform run-time type checking to ensure valid input.

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### Develop Your Interface Using Native .NET Types

After you write and test your MATLAB code, develop a .NET interface that supports the native types through the API in either C# or Visual Basic . In this example, the interface, `IAddOne`, is written in C#.

**Define `IAddOne` Methods.** Each method in the interface must exactly match a deployed MATLAB function.

The `IAddOne` interface specifies six overload of `addOne`:

```
using System.ServiceModel;
```



```
[ServiceContract]
public interface IAddOne
{
    [OperationContract(Name = "addOne_1")]
    int addOne(int x);

    [OperationContract(Name = "addOne_2")]
    void addOne(ref int y, int x);

    [OperationContract(Name = "addOne_3")]
    void addOne(int x, ref int y);

    [OperationContract(Name = "addOne_4")]
    System.Double addOne(System.Double x);

    [OperationContract(Name = "addOne_5")]
    System.Double[] addOne(System.Double[] x);

    [OperationContract(Name = "addOne_6")]
    System.Double[][] addOne(System.Double[][] x);
}
```

As you can see, all methods have one input and one output (to match the MATLAB `addOne` function), though the type and position of these parameters varies.

The following code snippets provide samples of how to work with your function and the overloads in the context of the interface.

### Data Conversion Rules for Using the Type-Safe Interface

- In a MATLAB function, declaration outputs appear before inputs. For example, in the `addOne` function, the output `y` appears before the input `x`. This ordering is not required for .NET interface functions. Inputs may appear before or after outputs or the two may be mixed together.
- MATLAB Builder NE matches .NET interface functions to public MATLAB functions by function name and argument count. In the `addOne` example in this chapter, both the .NET interface function and the MATLAB function

must be named `addOne` and both functions must have an equal number of arguments defined.

- The number and relative order of input and output arguments is critical.
  - In evaluating parameter order, only the order of like parameters (inputs or outputs) is considered, regardless of where they appear in the parameter list.
  - An interface may have fewer inputs than MATLAB functions, but not more.
- Argument mapping occurs according to argument order rather than argument name.
- The function return value, if specified, counts as the first output.
- You must use `out` parameters for multiple outputs.
  - Alternately, the `ref` parameter can be used for `out`. `ref` and `out` parameters are synonymous.
- MATLAB does not support overloading of functions. Thus, all user-supplied overloads of a function with a given name will map to a function (with an identical name) generated by MATLAB Builder NE.

See “.NET Types to MATLAB Types” on page 10-7 for complete guidelines in managing data conversion with type-safe interfaces.

### **Specifying Outputs**

```
function result = compute(x, y)
```

```
void compute(int x, double[] y, ref string result);  
string result(int x, double[] y);
```

### **Independent Ordering of Input and Output Parameters**

```
function [a, b, c] = compute(x, y)  
// All outputs before any input:  
void compute(out int[] a, ref int[] b, ref int[] c,  
             int[] x, int[] y);  
  
// Inputs before outputs  
int[] compute(int[] x, int[] y, ref int[] b, ref int[] c);
```

```
// Inputs and outputs are interwoven
int[] compute(int[] x, ref int[] b, int[] y, ref int[] c);
```

**Compile IAddOne into an Assembly.** Compile IAddOne.cs into an assembly using Microsoft Visual Studio.

---

**Note** This example assumes your assembly contains only IAddOne. Realistically, it is more likely that IAddOne will already be part of a compiled assembly. The assembly may be complete even before the MATLAB function is written.

---

## Build Your Component and Generate Your Type-Safe API

Use either the Deployment Tool (deploytool) or the deployment command line tools to generate the type-safe API.

**Using the Deployment Tool.** The Deployment Tool generates the type-safe API, when you build your component, if the correct options are selected in the **Settings** dialog box.

- 1 Create your Deployment Tool project. Follow the steps in “Deployable Component Creation” on page 1-13 in the Chapter 1, “Getting Started” chapter of this user’s guide.


When defining your project, use these values:

Project Name	AddOneComp
Class Name	Mechanism
File to compile	addOne

---

**Note** Do not click the **Build**  button at this time.

---

- 2 Click the **Actions** () button.
- 3 Select **Settings**.

**4** On the **Type-Safe API** tab, do the following:

- a** Select **Enable Type-Safe API**.
- b** In the **Interface assembly** field, specify the location of the type-safe/WCF interface assembly that you built.
- c** Select **IAddOne** from the **.NET interface** drop-down box. The interface name is usually prefixed by an **I**.

---

**Tip** If the drop-down is blank, the Deployment Tool may have been unable to find any .NET interfaces in the assembly you selected. Select another assembly.


---

- d** Specify **Mechanism**, as the class name you want the generated API to wrap, in the **Wrapped Class** field.
- e** Click **Close** to dismiss the **Settings** dialog box.

---

**Note** Leave the **Namespace** field blank.

---

**5** Build the project as usual by clicking the **Build**  button.

**Using the Deployment Command-Line Tools.** To generate the type-safe API with your component build (compilation) using `mcc`, do the following:

**1** Build the component by entering this command from MATLAB:

```
mcc -v -B 'dotnet:AddOneComp,Mechanism,3.5,private,local'  
addOne
```

See the `mcc` reference page in this user's guide for details on the options specified.

**2** Generate the type-safe API by entering this command from MATLAB:

```
ntswrap -c AddOneComp.Mechanism -i IAddOne -a IAddOne.dll
```

where:

- `-c` specifies the namespace-qualified name of the MATLAB Builder NE component to wrap with a type-safe API. If the component is scoped to a namespace, specify the full namespace-qualified name (`AddOneComp.Mechanism` in the example). Because no namespace is specified by `ntswrap`, the type-safe interface class appears in the global namespace.
- `-i` specifies the name of the .NET interface that defines the type-safe API. The interface name is usually prefixed by an `I`.
- `-a` specifies the absolute or relative path to the assembly containing the .NET statically-typed interface, referenced by the `-i` switch.

---

**Tip** If the assembly containing the .NET interface `IAddOne` is not in the current folder, specify the full path.

---

---

**Caution** Not all arguments are compatible with each other. See the `ntswrap` reference page in this user's guide for details on all command options.

---

## Develop a Main Program Using Your Interface

You have now built your component and generated a type-safe API to work with it. Next, you need to develop a main program (`AddMaster.cs`) that calls all the overloads of `addOne` defined by the `IAddOne` interface you developed earlier:

### Where To Find Example Code

Selected example code can be found, along with some Microsoft Visual Studio projects, in `matlabroot\toolbox\dotnetbuilder\Examples`. This code has been tested to be compliant with Microsoft Visual Studio 2008 and with Microsoft Visual Studio 2005 running on Microsoft .NET Framework version 3.5 or higher.

### **AddMaster.cs Program**

```
using System;
using System.Text;
using AddOneComp;
public class Program
{
    static public int Main(string[] argList)
    {
        IAddOne m = new MechanismIAddOne();
        try
        {
            // Output as return value
            int one = 1;
            int two = m.addOne(one);
            Console.WriteLine("addOne({0}) = {1}", one, two);

            // Output: first parameter
            int i16 = 16;
            int o17;
            m.addOne(ref o17, i16);
            Console.WriteLine("addOne({0}) = {1}", i16, o17);

            // Output: second parameter
            int three;
            m.addOne(two, ref three);
            Console.WriteLine("addOne({0}) = {1}",
                              two, three);

            // Scalar doubles
            double i495 = 495.0;
            double third = m.addOne(i495);
            Console.WriteLine("addOne({0}) = {1}", i495, third);

            // Vector addition
            System.Double[] i = { 30, 60, 88 };
            System.Double[] o = m.addOne(i);
            Console.WriteLine(
                "addOne([ {0} {1} {2} ]) = [ {3} {4} {5} ]",
                i[0], i[1], i[2], o[0], o[1], o[2]);
        }
    }
}
```

```

// Matrix addition
System.Double[,] i2 = { {0, 2}, {3, 1} };
System.Double[,] o2 = m.addOne(i2);
Console.WriteLine(
    "addOne([{0} {1}; {2} {3}]) = [{4} {5}; {6} {7}]",
    i2[0,0], i2[0,1], i2[1,0], i2[1,1],
    o2[0,0], o2[0,1], o2[1,0], o2[1,1]);
}
catch (Exception Ex)
{
    Console.WriteLine("Exception " + Ex.Message);
    return(-1);
}
Console.WriteLine("No Exceptions");
return(0);
}
}

```

## Compile the Main Program

Compile the main program using Microsoft Visual Studio by doing the following:

- 1 Create a Microsoft Visual Studio project named `AddMaster`.
- 2 Add references in the project to the following files:

This Reference...	Defines...
<code>IAddOne.dll</code>	The .NET native type interface <code>IAddOne</code>
<code>MechanismIAddOne.dll</code>	The generated type-safe API
<code>AddOneCompNative.dll</code>	The MATLAB Builder NE component

---

**Note** Unlike other .NET deployment scenarios, you do not need to reference `MWArray.dll` in the server program source code. The `MWArray` data types are hidden behind the type-safe API in `MechanismIAddOne`.

---

**3** Compile the program with Microsoft Visual Studio.

### Run the Main Program

Run the main program from a command line.

The output should look similar to the following.

```
addOne(1) = 2
addOne(16) = 17
addOne(2) = 3
addOne(495) = 496
addOne([30 60 88]) = [31 61 89]
addOne([0 2; 3 1]) = [1 3; 4 2]
No Exceptions
```



# Windows Communications Foundation (WCF)™-Based Components

## In this section...


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“Deploying a WCF-Based Component” on page 6-19

## What Is WCF?

### .NET Developer

Role	Knowledge Base	Responsibilities
 .NET Developer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Little to no MATLAB experience</li> <li>• Moderate IT experience</li> <li>• .NET expert</li> <li>• Minimal access to IT systems</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Integrates deployed component with the rest of the .NET application</li> </ul>

The Windows Communication Foundation™ (or WCF) is an application programming interface in the .NET Framework for building connected, service-oriented, Web-centric applications.

WCF supports distributed computing using a service-oriented architecture. Clients consume multiple services that can be consumed by multiple clients. Services are loosely coupled to each other.

Services typically have a WSDL interface (Web Services Description Language), which any WCF client can use to consume the service, regardless of which platform the service is hosted on.

A WCF client connects to a WCF service via an *endpoint*. Each service exposes its contract via one or more endpoints. An endpoint has an address, which is a URL specifying where the endpoint can be accessed, and binding properties that specify how the data will be transferred.

### **What's the Difference Between WCF and .NET Remoting?**

You generate native .NET objects using .NET Remoting and native .NET types using WCF.

What's the difference between these two technologies and which should you use?

WCF is an end-to-end *Web Service*. Many of the advantages afforded by .NET Remoting—a wide selection of protocol interoperability, for instance—can be achieved with a WCF interface, in addition to having access to a richer, more flexible set of native data types. .NET Remoting can only support native objects.

WCF offers more robust choices in most every aspect of Web-based development, even implementation of a Java client, for example.

### **For More information About WCF**

For up-to-date information regarding WCF, refer to the MSDN article “Windows Communication Foundation.”

### **Before Running the WCF Example**

Before running this example, keep the following in mind:

- You must be running at least Microsoft .NET Framework 3.5 to use the WCF feature.
- If you want to use WCF, the easiest way to do so is through the type-safe API. Therefore, you should be familiar with the “Type-Safe Interface Generation and Implementation” on page 6-2 section before attempting to run the WCF example.
- WCF and .NET Remoting are not compatible in the same deployment project or component.

- The example in this chapter requires both client and server to use message sizes larger than the WCF defaults. For information about changing the default message size, see the MSDN article regarding setting of the `maxreceivedmessagesize` property.

## Deploying a WCF-Based Component

Deploying a WCF-based component requires the expertise of a .NET Developer (see description of .NET Developer on page 8-21) because it requires performing a number of advanced programming tasks.

### Where To Find Example Code

Selected example code can be found, along with some Microsoft Visual Studio projects, in `matlabroot\toolbox\dotnetbuilder\Examples`. This code has been tested to be compliant with Microsoft Visual Studio 2008 and with Microsoft Visual Studio 2005 running on Microsoft .NET Framework version 3.5 or higher.

To deploy a WCF-based component, follow this general workflow:

- 1 “Write and Test Your MATLAB Code” on page 6-20
- 2 “Develop Your WCF Interface” on page 6-20
- 3 “Build Your Component and Generate Your Type-Safe API” on page 6-22
- 4 “Develop Server Program Using the WCF Interface” on page 6-24
- 5 “Compile the Server Program” on page 6-27
- 6 “Run the Server Program” on page 6-28
- 7 “Generate Proxy Code for Clients” on page 6-28
- 8 “Compile the Client Program” on page 6-29
- 9 “Run the Client Program” on page 6-32

## Write and Test Your MATLAB Code

Create your MATLAB program and then test the code before implementing a type-safe interface. The functions in your MATLAB program must match the declarations in your native .NET interface.

In the following example, the deployable MATLAB code contains one exported function, `addOne`. The `addOne` function adds the value one (1) to the input received. The input must be numeric, either a scalar or a matrix of single or multiple dimensions.

```
function y = addOne(x)
% ADDONE Add one to numeric input. Input must be numeric.

    if ~isnumeric(x)
        error('Input must be numeric. Input was %s.', class(x));
    end
    y = x + 1;

end
```

---

**Note** `addOne` must perform run-time type checking to ensure valid input.

---

## Develop Your WCF Interface

After you write and test your MATLAB code, develop an interface in either C# or Visual Basic that supports the native types through the API.

**Define IAddOne Overloads.** See “Develop Your Interface Using Native .NET Types” on page 6-8 for complete rules on defining interface overloads.

In addition, when using WCF, your overloaded functions *must* have unique names.

Note that in the WCF implementation of `addOne`, you decorate the methods with the `OperationContract` property. You give each method a unique operation name, which you specify with the `Name` property of `OperationContract`, as in this example:

```
using System.ServiceModel;

[ServiceContract]
public interface IAddOne
{
    [OperationContract(Name = "addOne_1")]
    int addOne(int x);

    [OperationContract(Name = "addOne_2")]
    void addOne(ref int y, int x);

    [OperationContract(Name = "addOne_3")]
    void addOne(int x, ref int y);

    [OperationContract(Name = "addOne_4")]
    System.Double addOne(System.Double x);

    [OperationContract(Name = "addOne_5")]
    System.Double[] addOne(System.Double[] x);

    [OperationContract(Name = "addOne_6")]
    System.Double[][] addOne(System.Double[][] x);
}
```

As you can see, the `IAddOne` interface specifies six overloads of the `addOne` function. Also, notice that all have one input and one output (to match the MATLAB `addOne` function), though the type and position of these parameters varies.

For additional code snippets and data conversion rules regarding type-safe interfaces, see “Develop Your Interface Using Native .NET Types” on page 6-8.

For more information on WCF contracts and properties, see the Microsoft WCF Web Site.

**Compile IAddOne into an Assembly.** Compile `IAddOne.cs` into an assembly using Microsoft Visual Studio.

---

**Note** This example assumes your assembly contains only `IAddOne`. Realistically, it is more likely that `IAddOne` will already be part of a compiled assembly. The assembly may be complete even before the MATLAB function is written.

---

### Build Your Component and Generate Your Type-Safe API

Use either the Deployment Tool (`deploytool`) or the deployment command line tools to generate the type-safe API.

**Using the Deployment Tool.** The Deployment Tool generates the type-safe API, when you build your component, if the correct options are selected in the **Settings** dialog box.

- 1 Create your Deployment Tool project. Follow the steps in “Deployable Component Creation” on page 1-13 in the Chapter 1, “Getting Started” chapter of this user’s guide.


When defining your project, use these values:

Project Name	AddOneComp
Class Name	Mechanism
File to compile	addOne

---

**Note** *Do not* click the **Build**  button at this time.

---

- 2 Click the **Actions** () button.
- 3 Select **Settings**.
- 4 On the **Type-Safe API** tab, do the following:
  - a Select **Enable Type-Safe API**.
  - b In the **Interface assembly** field, specify the location of the type-safe/WCF interface assembly that you built.

- c Select `IAddOne` from the **.NET interface** drop-down box. The interface name is usually prefixed by an `I`.

---

**Tip** If the drop-down is blank, the Deployment Tool may have been unable to find any .NET interfaces in the assembly you selected. Select another assembly.


---

- d Specify `Mechanism`, as the class name you want the generated API to wrap, in the **Wrapped Class** field.
- e Click **Close** to dismiss the **Settings** dialog box.

---

**Note** Leave the **Namespace** field blank.

---

- 5 Build the project as usual by clicking the **Build**  button.

**Using the Deployment Command-Line Tools.** To generate the type-safe API with your component build (compilation) using `mcc`, do the following:

- 1 Build the component by entering this command from MATLAB:

```
mcc -v -B 'dotnet:AddOneComp,Mechanism,3.5,private,local'  
addOne
```

See the `mcc` reference page in this user's guide for details on the options specified.

- 2 Generate the type-safe API by entering this command from MATLAB:

```
ntswrap -c AddOneComp.Mechanism -i IAddOne -a IAddOne.dll
```

where:

- `-c` specifies the namespace-qualified name of the MATLAB Builder NE component to wrap with a type-safe API. If the component is scoped to a namespace, specify the full namespace-qualified name (`AddOneComp.Mechanism` in the example). Because no namespace is

specified by `ntswrap`, the type-safe interface class appears in the global namespace.

- `-i` specifies the name of the .NET interface that defines the type-safe API. The interface name is usually prefixed by an `I`.
- `-a` specifies the absolute or relative path to the assembly containing the .NET statically-typed interface, referenced by the `-i` switch.

---

**Tip** If the assembly containing the .NET interface `IAddOne` is not in the current folder, specify the full path.

---

---

**Caution** Not all arguments are compatible with each other. See the `ntswrap` reference page in this user's guide for details on all command options.

---

### Develop Server Program Using the WCF Interface

You have now built your component and generated a WCF-compliant type-safe API.

Next, develop a server program that provides access (via the `WCFServiceContract`) to the overloads of `addOne` defined by the WCF `IAddOne` interface. The program references an `App.config` XML configuration file.

The WCF server program loads the WCF-based `addOne.Mechanism` component and makes it available to SOAP clients via the type-safe `mechanismIAddOne` interface.

---

**About Jagged Array Processing** When writing your interface, you will be coding to handle jagged arrays, as opposed to rectangular arrays. For more information about jagged arrays, see “Jagged Array Processing” on page 4-24 in Chapter 4, “Component Integration” in this user's guide.

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## WCF Server Program

```
using System;
using System.Text;
using System.ServiceModel;

namespace AddMasterServer
{
    class AddMasterServer
    {
        static void Main(string[] args)
        {
            try
            {
                using (ServiceHost host =
                    new ServiceHost(typeof(MechanismIAddOne)))
                {
                    host.Open();
                    Console.WriteLine("
                        AddMaster Server is up running.....");
                    Console.WriteLine("
                        Press any key to close the service.");
                    Console.ReadLine();
                    Console.WriteLine("Closing service...");
                }
            }
            catch (Exception ex)
            {
                Console.WriteLine(ex.Message);
            }
        }
    }
}
```

## App.config XML file

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8" ?>
<configuration>
  <system.web>
```

```
<compilation debug="true" />
</system.web>
<system.serviceModel>
  <services>
    <service behaviorConfiguration=
      "AddMaster.ServiceBehavior" name="MechanismIAddOne">
      <endpoint
        address=""
        binding="wsHttpBinding"
        contract="IAddOne"
        name="HttpBinding" />
      <endpoint
        address=""
        binding="netTcpBinding"
        contract="IAddOne"
        name="netTcpBinding" />
      <endpoint
        address="mex"
        binding="mexHttpBinding"
        contract="IMetadataExchange"
        name="MexHttpBinding"/>
      <endpoint
        address="mex"
        binding="mexTcpBinding"
        contract="IMetadataExchange"
        name="MexTCPBinding" />
      <host>
        <baseAddresses>
          <add baseAddress=
            "http://localhost:8001/AddMaster/" />
          <add baseAddress=
            "net.tcp://localhost:8002/AddMaster/" />
        </baseAddresses>
      </host>
    </service>
  </services>
  <behaviors>
    <serviceBehaviors>
      <behavior name="AddMaster.ServiceBehavior">
        <serviceMetadata httpGetEnabled="True" httpGetUrl=
```

```

        "http://localhost:8001/AddMaster/mex" />
<!-- To receive exception details in faults for
<!-- debugging purposes,
set the value below to true. Set to false before
deployment to avoid disclosing exception
information -->
<serviceDebug includeExceptionDetailInFaults="True" />
    </behavior>
</serviceBehaviors>
</behaviors>
</system.serviceModel>
</configuration>

```

## Compile the Server Program

Compile the server program using Microsoft Visual Studio by doing the following:

- 1 Create a Microsoft Visual Studio project named `AddMaster`.
- 2 Add `AddMasterServer.cs` and `App.config` (the configuration file created in the previous step) to your project.
- 3 Add references in the project to the following files.

This reference:	Defines:
<code>IAddOne.dll</code>	The .NET native type interface <code>IAddOne</code>
<code>MechanismIAddOne.dll</code>	The generated type-safe API
<code>AddOneCompNative.dll</code>	The MATLAB Builder NE component

---

**Note** Unlike other .NET deployment scenarios, you do not need to reference `MWArray.dll` in the server program source code. The `MWArray` data types are hidden behind the type-safe API in `MechanismIAddOne`.

---

- 4 If you are not already referencing `System.ServiceModel`, add it to your Visual Studio project.

**5** Compile the program with Microsoft Visual Studio.

### **Run the Server Program**

Run the server program from a command line.

The output should look similar to the following.

```
AddMaster Server is up running.....  
Press any key to close the service.
```

Pressing a key results in the following.

```
Closing service....
```

### **Generate Proxy Code for Clients**

Configure your clients to communicate with the server by running the automatic proxy generation tool, `svcutil.exe`. Most versions of Microsoft Visual Studio can automatically generate client proxy code from server metadata.

---

**Caution** Before you generate your client proxy code using this step, the server *must* be available and running. Otherwise, the client will not find the server.

---

- 1** Create a client project in Microsoft Visual Studio.
- 2** Add references by using either of these two methods. See “Port Reservations and Using localhost 8001” on page 6-29 for information about modifying port configurations.

Method 1	Method 2
<p><b>1</b> In the Solutions Explorer pane, right-click <b>References</b>.</p> <p><b>2</b> Select <b>Add Service Reference</b>. The Add Service Reference dialog box appears.</p> <p><b>3</b> In the <b>Address</b> field, enter:  <code>http://localhost:8001/AddMaster/</code></p> <hr/> <p><b>Note</b> Be sure to include the / following AddMaster.</p> <hr/> <p><b>4</b> In the <b>Namespace</b> field, enter AddMasterClient.</p> <p><b>5</b> Click <b>OK</b>.</p>	<p><b>1</b> Enter the following command from your client application directory to generate AddMasterProxy.cs, which contains client proxy code. This command also generates configuration file App.config.</p> <pre>svcutil.exe /t:code http://localhost:8001 /AddMaster/ /out:AddMasterProxy.cs /config:App.config</pre> <hr/> <p><b>Note</b> Enter the above command on one line, without breaks.</p> <hr/> <p><b>2</b> Add AddMasterProxy.cs and App.config to your client project</p>

**Port Reservations and Using localhost 8001.** When running a self-hosted application, you may encounter issues with port reservations. Use one of the tools below to modify your port configurations, as necessary.

if You Run....	Use This Tool to Modify Port Configurations....
Windows XP	httpcfg
Windows Vista™	netsh
Windows 7	netsh

### Compile the Client Program

The client program differs from the AddMaster.cs server program as follows:

- At start-up, this program connects to the `AddMasterService` provided by the `AddMaster` WCF service.
- Instead of directly invoking the methods of the type-safe mechanism `IAddOne` interface, the WCF client uses the method names defined in the `OperationContract` attributes of `IAddOne`.

Compile the client program by doing the following:

- 1** Add the client code (`AddMasterClient.cs`) to your Microsoft Visual Studio project.
- 2** If you are not already referencing `System.ServiceModel`, add it to your Visual Studio project.
- 3** Compile the WCF client program in Visual Studio.

### **WCF Client Program**

```
using System;
using System.Text;
using System.ServiceModel;

namespace AddMasterClient
{
    class AddMasterClient
    {
        static void Main(string[] args)
        {
            try
            {
                // Connect to AddMaster Service
                Console.WriteLine("Conntecting to
                    AddMaster Service through
                    Http connection...");
                AddOneClient AddMaster =
                    new AddOneClient("HttpBinding");
                Console.WriteLine("Conntected to
                    AddMaster Service...");

                // Output as return value
```

```
int one = 1;
int two = AddMaster.addOne_1(one);
Console.WriteLine("addOne({0}) = {1}",
                 one, two);

// Output: first parameter
int i16 = 16;
int o17 = 0;
AddMaster.addOne_2(ref o17, i16);
Console.WriteLine("addOne({0}) = {1}",
                 i16, o17);

// Output: second parameter
int three = 0;
AddMaster.addOne_3(two, ref three);
Console.WriteLine("addOne({0}) = {1}",
                 two, three);

// Scalar doubles
System.Double i495 = 495.0;
System.Double third =
    AddMaster.addOne_4(i495);
Console.WriteLine("addOne({0}) = {1}",
                 i495, third);

// Vector addition
System.Double[] i = { 30, 60, 88 };
System.Double[] o = AddMaster.addOne_5(i);
Console.WriteLine(
    "addOne([{0} {1} {2}]) = [{3} {4} {5}]",
    i[0], i[1], i[2], o[0], o[1], o[2]);
}
catch (Exception ex)
{
    Console.WriteLine(ex.Message);
}

Console.WriteLine("Press any key to close
                 the client application.");
Console.ReadLine();
```

```
        Console.WriteLine("Closing client...");  
    }  
}
```

### **Run the Client Program**

Run the client program from a command line.

The output should be similar to the following:

```
Conncting to AddMaster Service through Http connection...  
Conncted to AddMaster Service...  
addOne(1) = 2  
addOne(16) = 17  
addOne(2) = 3  
addOne(495) = 496  
addOne([30 60 88]) = [31 61 89]  
addOne([0 2; 3 1]) = [1 3; 4 2]  
Press any key to close the client application.
```

Pressing a key results in the following.

```
Closing client....
```




## Managed Extensibility Framework (MEF) Plug-Ins

In this section...
“What Is MEF?” on page 6-33
“MEF Prerequisites” on page 6-34
“Addition and Multiplication Applications with MEF” on page 6-35

### What Is MEF?

#### .NET Developer

Role	Knowledge Base	Responsibilities
 .NET Developer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Little to no MATLAB experience</li> <li>• Moderate IT experience</li> <li>• .NET expert</li> <li>• Minimal access to IT systems</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Integrates deployed component with the rest of the .NET application</li> </ul>

The Managed Extensibility Framework (MEF) is a library for creating lightweight, extensible applications.

#### Why Use MEF?

When working with .NET applications, it is typically necessary to specify which .NET components should be loaded.

Keeping the application updated with hard-coded names and locations of .NET components rapidly becomes a maintenance issue, especially if the updating is to be done by an end user who may not be familiar with the technical aspects of the application.

MEF allows you to create a *plug-in* framework for your application or use an existing framework with no required preconfiguration. It lets you avoid

hard-coded dependencies and reuse extensions within and across applications. Using MEF lets you avoid recompiling applications, such as Microsoft Silverlight™, for which source code is generally unavailable.

### **How Does MEF Work?**

MEF provides a way for .NET components to be automatically discovered. It does this by using MEF components called *parts*. Parts declaratively specify *dependencies* (imports) and *capabilities* (exports) through metadata.

An MEF application consists of a *host* program that invokes functions defined in MEF parts. MEF Parts that implement the same interface export functions with identical names. These parts all participate in a common framework.

Each part implements an interface; often times, many parts implement the same interface. Parts that implement the same interface export functions with identical names that can be used over a variety of applications. MEF parts that implement the same interface must have descriptive, unique metadata.

The MEF host examines each part's metadata to determine which to load and invoke.

MEF parts are similar to MATLAB MEX files—each MEX file dynamically extends MATLAB just as parts dynamically extend .NET components.

### **For More information About MEF**

For up-to-date information regarding MEF, refer to the MSDN article “Managed Extensibility Framework.”

### **MEF Prerequisites**

Before running this example, keep the following in mind:

- You must be running Microsoft Visual Studio 2010 to create MEF applications. If you can't use Visual Studio 2010, you can't run this example code, or any other program that uses MEF. End Users do not need Microsoft Visual Studio 2010 to run applications using MEF.
- You must be running at least Microsoft .NET Framework 4.0 to use the MEF feature.

- If you want to use MEF, the easiest way to do so is through the type-safe API. Therefore, you should be familiar with the “Type-Safe Interface Generation and Implementation” on page 6-2 section before attempting to run the MEF example.

## **Addition and Multiplication Applications with MEF**

This MEF example application consists of an MEF host and two parts. The parts implement a very simple interface (ICompute) which defines three overloads of a single function (compute).

Each part performs simple arithmetic. In one part, the compute function adds one (1) to its input. In the other part, compute multiplies its input by two (2). The MEF host loads both parts and calls their compute functions twice.

To run this example, you’ll create a new solution containing three projects:

- MEF host
- Contract interface assembly
- Strongly-typed metadata attribute assembly

Implementing MEF requires the expertise of a .NET Developer (see description of .NET Developer on page 8-21) because it requires performing a number of advanced programming tasks.

### **Where To Find Example Code for MEF**

Selected example code can be found, along with some Microsoft Visual Studio projects, in *matlabroot\toolbox\dotnetbuilder\Examples\VS10\NET*. This code has been tested to be compliant with Microsoft Visual Studio 2010 running on Microsoft .NET Framework version 4.0 or higher.

To deploy an MEF-based component, follow this general workflow:

- 1** “Create an MEFHost Assembly” on page 6-37
- 2** “Create a Contract Interface Assembly” on page 6-39
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- 4** “Add Contract and Attributes References to MEFHost” on page 6-41
- 5** “Compile Your Code in Microsoft® Visual Studio®” on page 6-41
- 6** “Write MATLAB Functions for MEF Parts” on page 6-41
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- 10** “Run the MEF Host Program” on page 6-46

## Create an MEFHost Assembly

- 1** Start Microsoft Visual Studio 2010.
- 2** Click **File > New > Project**.
- 3** In the **Installed Templates** pane, click **Visual C#** to filter the list of available templates.
- 4** Select the **Console Application** template from the list.
- 5** In the **Name** field, enter `MEFHost`.
- 6** Click **OK**. Your project is created.
- 7** Replace the contents of the default `Program.cs` with the `MEFHost.cs` code. For information about locating example code, see “Where to Find Example Code,” above.
- 8** In the **Solution Explorer** pane, select the project `MEFHost` and right-click. Select **Add Reference**.
- 9** Navigate to the **.NET** tab and add a reference to `System.ComponentModel.Composition`.
- 10** To prevent security errors, particularly if you have a non-local installation of MATLAB, add an application configuration file to the project. This XML file instructs the MEF host to trust assemblies loaded from the network. If your project does not include this configuration file, your application fails at runtime.
  - a** Select the `MEFHost` project in the **Solution Explorer** pane and right-click.
  - b** Click **Add > New Item**.
  - c** From the list of available items, select **Application Configuration File**.
  - d** Click **Add**. The configuration file is added to your project. Visual Studio automatically names the file `App.config`.
  - e** Replace the automatically-generated contents of `App.config` with this configuration:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8" ?>
<configuration>
  <runtime>
    <loadFromRemoteSources enabled="true" />
  </runtime>
</configuration>
```

You have finished building the first project, which builds the MEF host.

Next, you add a C# class library project for the MEF contract interface assembly.

## Create a Contract Interface Assembly

- 1 In Visual Studio, click **File > New > Project**.
- 2 In the **Installed Templates** pane, click **Visual C#** to filter the list of available templates.
- 3 Select the **Class Library** template from the list.
- 4 In the **Name** field, enter **Contract**.

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**Note** Ensure **Add to solution** is selected in the **Solution** drop-down box.

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- 5 Click **OK**. Your project is created.
- 6 Replace the contents of the default **Class1.cs** with the following **ICompute** interface code:

```
namespace Contract
{
    public interface ICompute
    {
        double compute(double y);
        double[] compute(double[] y);
        double[,] compute(double[,] y);
    }
}
```

You have finished building the second project, which builds the **Contract Interface Assembly**.

Since strongly-typed metadata requires that you decorate MEF parts with a custom metadata attribute, in the next step you add a **C# class library** project. This project builds an attribute assembly to your **MEFHost** solution.

## Create a Metadata Attribute Assembly

- 1 in Visual Studio, click **File > New > Project**.
- 2 In the **Installed Templates** pane, click **Visual C#** to filter the list of available templates.
- 3 Select the **Class Library** template from the list.
- 4 In the **Name** field, enter **Attribute**.

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**Note** Ensure **Add to solution** is selected in the **Solution** drop-down box.

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- 5 Click **OK**. Your project is created.
- 6 In the generated assembly code, change the namespace from **Attribute** to **MEFHost**. Your namespace code should now look like the following:

```
namespace MEFHost
{
    public class Class1
    {
    }
}
```

- 7 In the **MEFHost** namespace, replace the contents of the default class **Class1.cs** with the following code for the **ComputationTypeAttribute** class:

```
using System.ComponentModel.Composition;
[MetadataAttribute]
[AttributeUsage(AttributeTargets.Class, AllowMultiple=false)]
public class ComputationTypeAttribute: ExportAttribute
{
    public ComputationTypeAttribute() :
        base(typeof(Contract.ICompute)) { }
    public Operation FunctionType{ get; set; }
```



```
        public double Operand { get; set; }
    }

    public enum Operation
    {
        Plus,
        Times
    }
}
```

- 8** Navigate to the **.NET** tab and add a reference to `System.ComponentModel.Composition.dll`.

## Add Contract and Attributes References to MEFHost

Before compiling your code in Microsoft Visual Studio:

- 1** In your **MEFHost** project, add references to the **Contract** and **Attribute** projects.
- 2** In your **Attribute** project, add a reference to the **Contract** project.

## Compile Your Code in Microsoft Visual Studio

Build all your code by selecting the solution name **MEFHost** in the **Solution Explorer** pane, right-clicking, and selecting **Build Solution**.

In doing so, you create the following binaries in `MEFHost/bin/Debug`:

- `Attribute.dll`
- `Contract.dll`
- `MEFHost.exe`

## Write MATLAB Functions for MEF Parts

Create two MATLAB functions. Each must be named `compute` and stored in separate folders, within your Microsoft Visual Studio project:

**MEFHost/Multiply/compute.m**

```
function y = compute(x)
```

```
y = x * 2;
```

```
MEFHost/Add/compute.m
```

```
function y = compute(x)  
    y = x + 1;
```

## Create Metadata Files

Create a metadata file for each MATLAB function.

**1** For MEFHost/Add/compute.m:

- a** Name the metadata file MEFHost/Add/Add.metadata.
- b** In this file, enter the following metadata on one line:

```
[MEFHost.ComputationType(FunctionType=MEFHost.Operation.Plus, Operand=1)]
```

**2** For MEFHost/Multiply/compute.m:

- a** Name the metadata file MEFHost/Multiply/Multiply.metadata.
- b** In this file, enter the following metadata on one line:

```
[MEFHost.ComputationType(FunctionType=MEFHost.Operation.Times, Operand=2)]
```

## Build .NET Components from MATLAB Functions and Metadata

In this step, use Deployment Tool to create .NET components from the MATLAB functions and associated metadata.

Use the information in these tables to create both Addition and Multiplication projects.

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**Note** Since you are deploying two functions, you need to run the Deployment Tool *twice*, once using the Addition.prj information and once using the following Multiplication.prj information.

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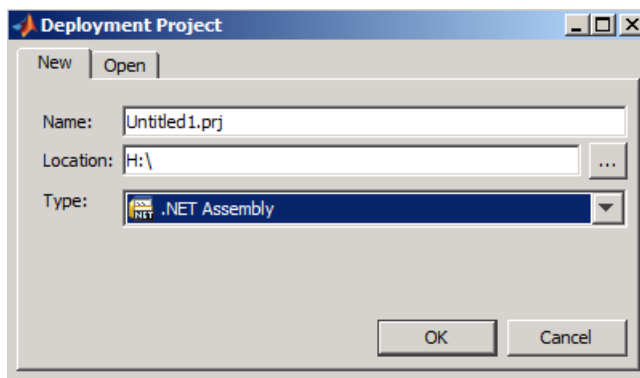
### Addition.prj

Project Name	Addition
Class Name	Add
File to compile	MEFHost/Add/compute.m

## Multiplication.prj

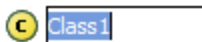
Project Name	Multiplication
Class Name	Multiply
File to compile	MEFHost/Multiply/compute.m

- 1 Type `deploytool` at the MATLAB command prompt, and press **Enter**. The Deployment Project dialog box opens.



### The Deployment Project Dialog Box

- 2 Create a deployment project using the Deployment Project dialog box:
  - a Type the name of your project in the **Name** field.
  - b Enter the location of the project in the **Location** field. Alternately, navigate to the location.
  - c Select the target for the deployment project from the **Type** drop-down menu.
  - d Click **OK**.
- 3 On the **Build** tab:
  - If you are building a .NET application, click **Add class**. Type the name of the class in the Class Name field, designated by the letter c:




For this class, add methods you want to compile by clicking **Add files**. To add another class, click **Add class**.

- You may optionally add supporting files. For examples of these files, see the `deploytool` Help. To add these files, in the Shared Resources and Helper Files area:

**e** Click **Add files/directories**

**f** Click **Open** to select the file or files.

- 4** Modify project settings ( > **Settings**) on the **Type Safe API** tab, for whatever project you are building (Addition or Multiplication).

Project Setting	Addition.prj	Multiplication.prj
Enable Type Safe API	Checked	Checked
Interface Assembly	MEFHost/bin/Debug/Contract.dll	MEFHost/bin/Debug/Contract.dll
MEF metadata	MEFHost/Add/Add.metadata	MEFHost/Multiply/Multiply.metadata
Attribute Assembly	MEFHost/bin/Debug/Attribute.dll	MEFHost/bin/Debug/Attribute.dll
Wrapped Class	Add	Multiply

- 5** Click the Build button (.

## Install MEF Parts

The two components you have built are MEF parts. You now need to move the generated parts into the catalog directory so your application can find them:

- 1** Create a parts folder named `MEFHost/Parts`.
- 2** If necessary, modify the path argument that is passed to the `DirectoryCatalog` constructor in your MEF host program. It must match the full path to the `Parts` folder that you just created.

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**Note** If you change the path after building the MEF host a first time, you must rebuild the MEF host again to pick up the new Parts path.

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- 3 Copy the two *componentNative.dlls* (Addition and Multiplication) and *AddICompute.dll* and *MultiplyICompute.dll* assemblies from your MATLAB Builder NE distrib folder into *MEFHost/Parts*.

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**Note** You do not need to reference any of your MEF part assemblies in the MEF host program. The host program uses a *DirectoryCatalog*, which means it automatically searches for (and loads) parts that it finds in the specified folder. You can add parts at any time, without having to recompile or relink the MEF host application. You do not need to copy *Addition.dll* or *Multiplication.dll* to the *Parts* directory.

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### Run the MEF Host Program

MATLAB-based MEF parts require the MCR, like all components generated by the MATLAB deployment tools.

Before you run your MEF host, ensure that the correct version of the MCR is available and that *matlabroot/runtime/arch* is on your path.

- 1 From a DOS command window, run the following. This example assumes you are running from *c:\Work*.

```
c:\Work> MEFHost\bin\Debug\MEFHost.exe
```

- 2 Verify you receive the following output:

```
8 Plus 1 = 9
9 Times 2 = 18
16 Plus 1 = 17
1.5707963267949 Times 2 = 3.14159265358979
```

## Troubleshooting the MEF Host Program.

### Do you receive an exception indicating that a type initializer failed?

Ensure that you:

- Have `matlabroot/runtime/arch` defined to your MATLAB path.
- Have .NET security permissions set to allow applications to load assemblies from a network.
- Rebuilt MEFHost after adding the application configuration file.

### Do you receive an exception indicating that `MWArray.d11` cannot be loaded commonly?

Ensure that you:

- Installed `MWArray.d11` in the Global Assembly Cache (GAC).
- Match the bit-depth of `MWArray.d11` to the bit depth of your MEF host application.

Often the default architecture for a C# console application is 32 bits. If you've installed the 64-bit version of `MWArray.d11` into the GAC, you'll get this error. The easiest correction for this error is to change your console application to 64-bit. To do this in Microsoft Visual Studio, set **Properties > Build > Platform Target** to **x64**.

### Do you receive an exception that a particular version of `mclmcrnt` cannot load?

Ensure that you:

- Do not have more than one instance of MATLAB on your path or installed on your system.
- Have the correct version of `MWArray.d11` installed in the Global Assembly Cache (GAC).





# Web Deployment of Figures and Images

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## WebFigures

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“Upgrading Your WebFigures” on page 7-29
“Troubleshooting” on page 7-29
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Using the WebFigures feature in MATLAB Builder NE you can display MATLAB figures on a Web site for graphical manipulation by end users. This enables them to use their graphical applications from anywhere on the Web without the need to download MATLAB or other tools that can consume costly resources.

This chapter includes “Quick Start Implementation of WebFigures” on page 7-6, which guides you through implementing the basic features of WebFigures, and an advanced section to let you customize your configuration depending on differing server architectures.

### Supported Renderers for WebFigures

The MATLAB Builder NE WebFigures feature uses the same renderer used when the figure was originally created by default.

In MATLAB, the renderer is either explicitly specified for a figure or determined by the data being plotted. For more information about supported renderers in MATLAB, see <http://www.mathworks.com/support/tech-notes/1200/1201.html>.

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**Note** The WebFigures feature does not support the `Painter` renderer due to technical limitations. If this renderer is requested, the `renderer Zbuffer` will be invoked before the data is displayed on the Web page.

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## WebFigures Prerequisites

- “Your Role in the .NET WebFigure Deployment Process” on page 7-3
- “What You Need to Know to Implement WebFigures” on page 7-5
- “Required Products” on page 7-5
- “Assumptions About the Examples” on page 7-6

## Your Role in the .NET WebFigure Deployment Process

Depending on your role in your organization, as well as a number of other criteria, you may need to implement either the beginning or the advanced configuration of WebFigures.

The table WebFigures for .NET Deployment Roles, Responsibilities, and Tasks on page 7-3 describes some of the different roles, or jobs, that MATLAB Builder NE users typically perform and which method of configuration they would most likely use when running “Quick Start Implementation of WebFigures” on page 7-6 and “Advanced Configuration of a WebFigure” on page 7-13.

### WebFigures for .NET Deployment Roles, Responsibilities, and Tasks

Role	Typical Responsibilities	Tasks
MATLAB programmer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand end-user business requirements and the mathematical models needed to support them.</li> <li>• Write MATLAB code.</li> <li>• Build an executable component with MATLAB</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Write and deploy MATLAB code, such as that in “Assumptions About the Examples” on page 7-6.</li> </ul>

**WebFigures for .NET Deployment Roles, Responsibilities, and Tasks (Continued)**

Role	Typical Responsibilities	Tasks
	<p>tools (usually with support from a .NET programmer).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Package the component for distribution to end users.</li> </ul>	
<p>.NET programmer (business-service developer or front-end developer)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Design and configure the IT environment, architecture, or infrastructure.</li> <li>• Install deployable applications along with the proper version of the MCR.</li> <li>• Create mechanisms for exposing application functionality to the end user.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Uses “Quick Start Implementation of WebFigures” on page 7-6 to easily create a graphic, such as a MATLAB figure, that the end user can manipulate over the Web.</li> <li>• Use the “Advanced Configuration of a WebFigure” on page 7-13 to create a flexible, scalable implementation that can meet a number of varied architectural requirements.</li> </ul>

## What You Need to Know to Implement WebFigures

The following knowledge is assumed when you implement WebFigures for .NET:

- If you are a MATLAB programmer:
  - A basic knowledge of MATLAB
- If you are a .NET programmer:
  - Knowledge of how to build a Web site using Microsoft Visual Studio.
  - Experience deploying MATLAB applications

## Required Products

Install the following products to implement WebFigures for .NET, depending on your role.

<b>MATLAB Programmer</b>	<b>.NET Programmer</b>
MATLAB R2008b or later	Microsoft Visual Studio 2005 or later
MATLAB Compiler	Microsoft .NET Framework 2.0 or later
MATLAB Builder NE	MATLAB Compiler Runtime version 7.9 or later

## Assumptions About the Examples

To work with the examples in this chapter:

- Assume the following MATLAB function has been created:

```
function df = getKnot()
    f = figure('Visible','off'); %Create a figure.
                                %Make sure it isn't visible.
    knot;                        %Put something into the figure.
    df = webfigure(f); %Give the figure to your function
                                % and return the result.
    close(f);                    %Close the figure.
end
```

- Assume that the function `getKnot` has been deployed in a .NET component (using Chapter 1, “Getting Started” for example) with a namespace of `MyComponent.MyComponentclass`.
- Assume the MATLAB Compiler Runtime (MCR) has been installed. If not, refer to “Distribute MATLAB Code Using the MATLAB Compiler Runtime (MCR)” in the MATLAB Compiler documentation.
- If you are running on a system with 64-bit architecture, use the information in “Advanced Configuration of a WebFigure” on page 7-13 to work with WebFigures unless you are deploying a Web site which is 32-bit only and you have a 32-bit MCR installed.

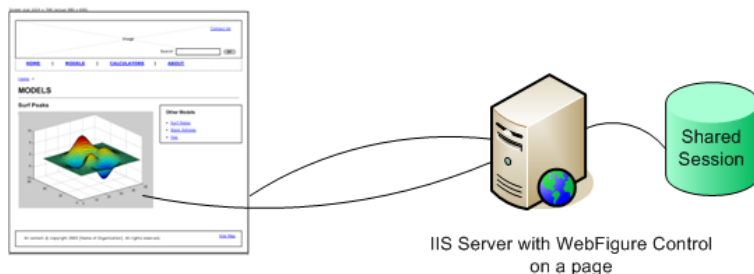
## Quick Start Implementation of WebFigures

- “Overview” on page 7-6
- “Procedure” on page 7-7

### Overview

Using Quick Start, both the WebFigure service and the page that has the WebFigure embedded on it reside on a single server. This configuration enables you to quickly drag and drop the `WebFigureControl` on a Web page.

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### Procedure

To implement WebFigures for MATLAB Builder NE using the Quick Start approach, do the following. For more information about the Quick Start option, see “WebFigures” on page 7-2.

- 1 Start Microsoft Visual Studio.
- 2 Select **File > New > Web Site** to open.
- 3 Select one of the template options and click **OK**.

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**Caution** Do not select **Empty Web Site** as it is not possible to create a WebFigure using this option.

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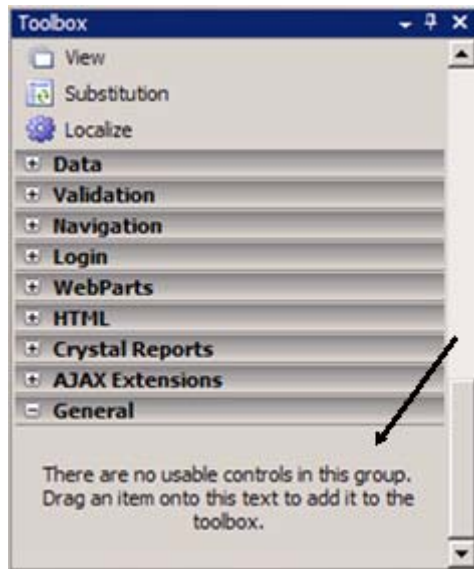
- 4 Add `WebFigureControl` to the Microsoft Visual Studio toolbar by dragging the file `InstallRoot\toolbox\dotnetbuilder\bin\arch\v2.0\WebFiguresService.dll`, (where `InstallRoot` is the location of the installed MCR for machines with an installed MCR and `matlabroot` on a MATLAB Builder NE development machine without the MCR installed), on to the Microsoft Visual Studio **Toolbox** toolbar as follows:

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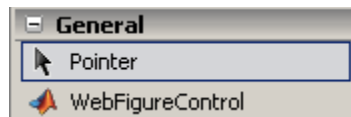
**Note** If you are running on a system with 64-bit architecture, use the information in “Advanced Configuration of a WebFigure” on page 7-13 to work with WebFigures unless you are deploying a Web site which is 32-bit only and you have a 32-bit MCR installed.

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- a Expand the **General** section of the **Toolbox** toolbar.
- b Using your mouse, drag the DLL file to the expanded section, as shown by the arrow:

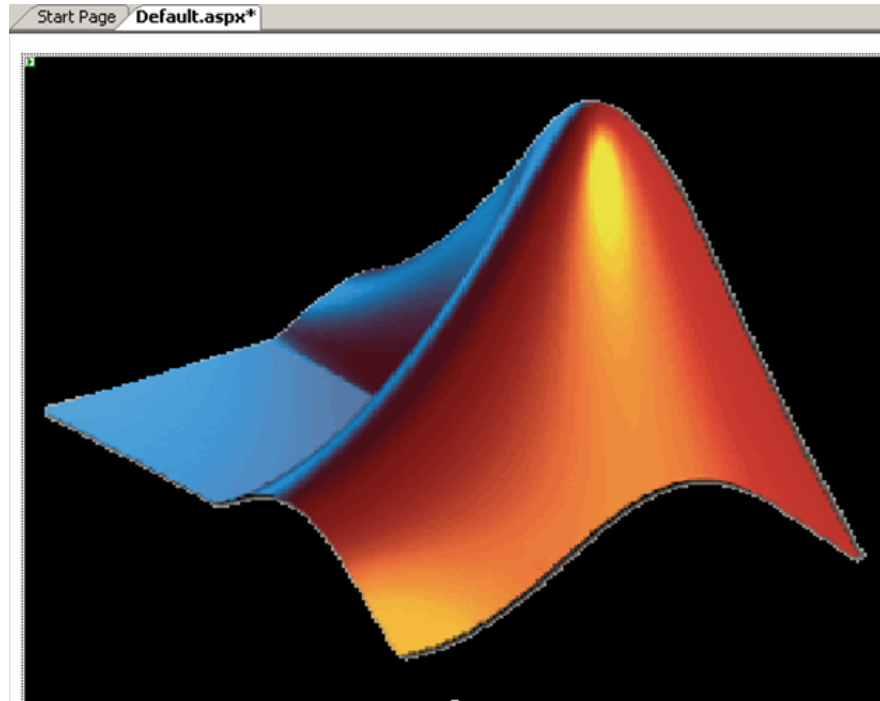


If you added the control correctly, you will see the following WebFigureControl in the **General** section of the Microsoft Visual Studio toolbar:



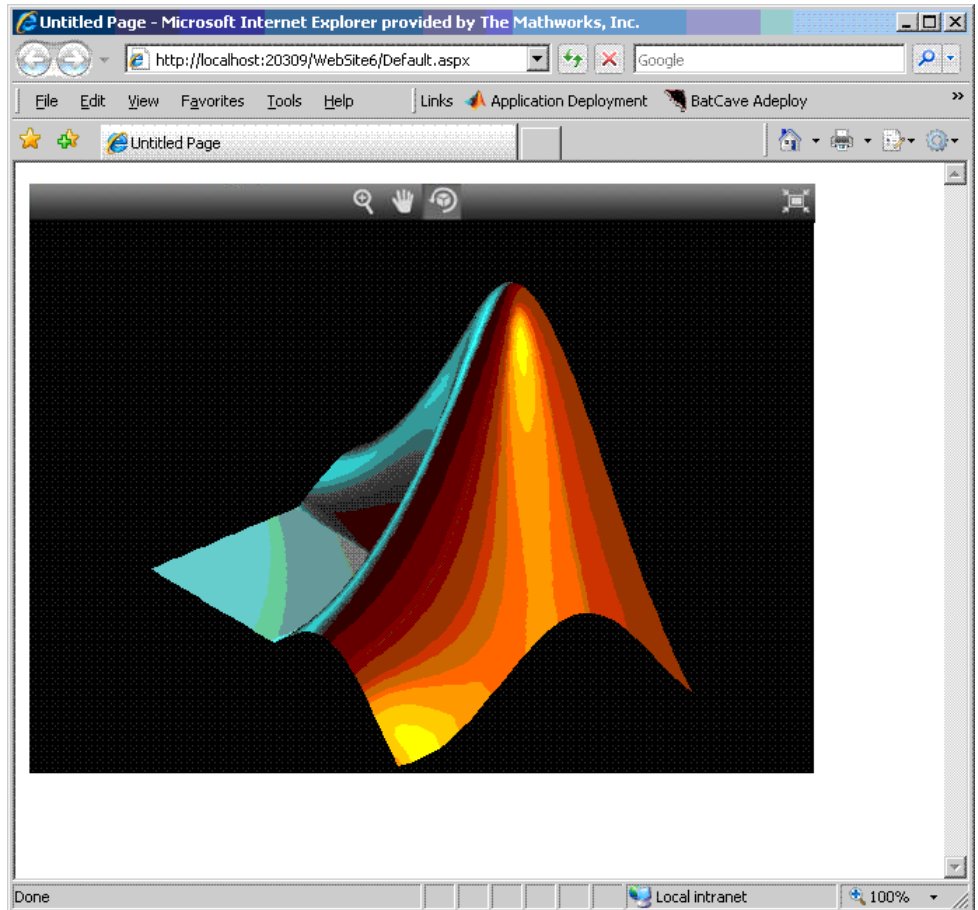
- 5 Drag the WebFigureControl from the toolbar to your Web page. After dragging, the Web page displays the following default figure.





You can resize the control as you would any other .NET Web control.

- 6** Switch to the Design view in Microsoft Visual Studio by selecting **View > Designer**.
- 7** Test the Web page by “playing” it in Microsoft Visual Studio. Select **Debug > Start Debugging**. The page should appear as follows.



- 8** Interact with the default figure on the page using your mouse. Click one of the three control icons at the top of the figure to activate the desired control, select the desired region of the figure you want to manipulate, then click and drag as appropriate. For example, to zoom in on the figure, click the magnifying glass icon, then hover over the figure.
- 9** Close the page as you would any other window, automatically exiting debug or “play” mode.
- 10** The `WebFigureService` you created has been verified as functioning properly and you can attach a custom `WebFigure` to the Web page:

- a To enable return of the `webfigure` and to bind it to the `webfigure` control, add a reference to `MWArray` to your project and a reference to the deployed component you created earlier (in “Assumptions About the Examples” on page 7-6). See Chapter 4, “Component Integration” for more information.
- b In Microsoft Visual Studio, access the code for the Web page by selecting **View > Code**.
- c In Microsoft Visual Studio, go to the `Page_Load` method, and add this code, depending on if you are using the C# or Visual Basic language. Adding code to the `Page_Load` method ensures it executes every time the Web page loads.

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**Note** The following code snippets belong to the partial classes generated by your .NET Web page.

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- **C#:**

```
using MyComponent;
using MathWorks.MATLAB.NET.WebFigures;

protected void Page_Load(object sender, EventArgs e)
{
    MyComponentclass myDeployedComponent =
        new MyComponentclass();
    WebFigureControl11.WebFigure =
        new WebFigure(myDeployedComponent.getKnot());
}
```

- **Visual Basic:**

```
Imports MyComponent
Imports MathWorks.MATLAB.NET.WebFigures

Protected Sub Page_Load(ByVal sender As Object,
                        ByVal e As System.EventArgs)
    Handles Me.Load
    Dim myDeployedComponent As _
```

```
        New MyComponentClass()  
        WebFigureControl1.WebFigure = _  
            New WebFigure(myDeployedComponent.getKnot())  
    End Sub
```

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**Tip** This code causes the deployed component to be reinitialized upon each refresh of the page. A better implementation would involve initializing the `myDeployedComponent` variable when the server starts up using a `Global.asax` file, and then using that variable to get the `WebFigure` object. For more information on `Global.asax`, see “Using Global Assembly Cache (`Global.asax`) to Create WebFigures at Server Start-Up” on page 7-27.

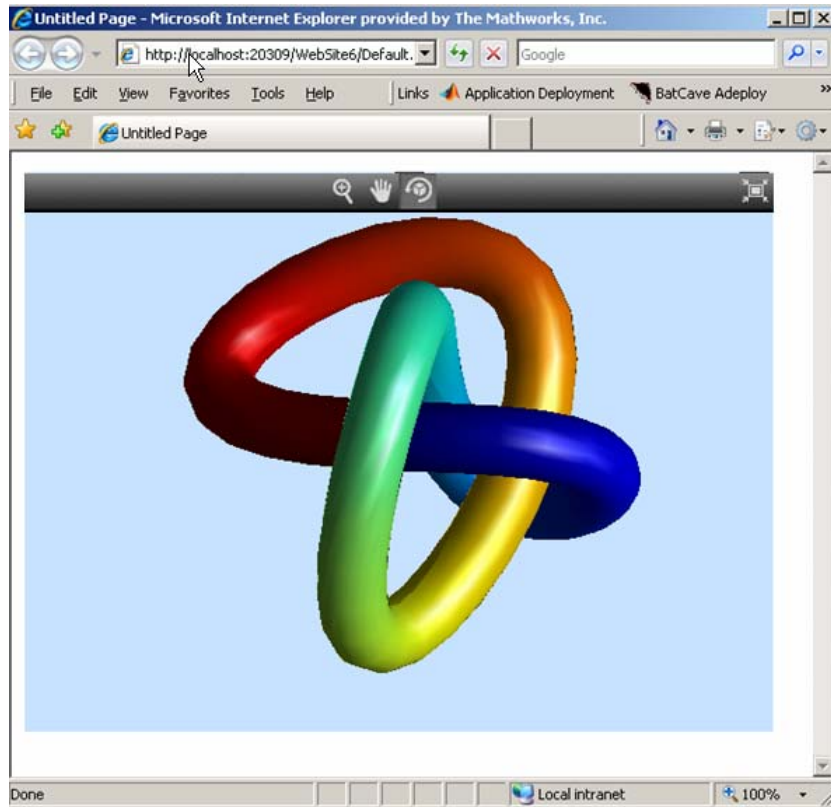
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**Note** `WebFigureControl` stores the `WebFigure` object in the IIS session cache for each individual user. If this is not the desired configuration, see “Advanced Configuration of a `WebFigure`” on page 7-13 for information on creating a custom configuration.

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- 11 Replay the Web page in Microsoft Visual Studio to confirm your `WebFigure` appears as desired. It should look like this.



## Advanced Configuration of a WebFigure

- “Overview” on page 7-14
- “Manually Installing WebFigureService” on page 7-16
- “Retrieving Multiple WebFigures From a Component” on page 7-18
- “Attaching a WebFigure” on page 7-21
- “Setting Up WebFigureControl for Remote Invocation” on page 7-23
- “Getting an Embeddable String That References a WebFigure Attached to a WebFigureService” on page 7-24

- “Improving Processing Times for JavaScript Using Minification” on page 7-27
- “Using Global Assembly Cache (Global.asax) to Create WebFigures at Server Start-Up” on page 7-27

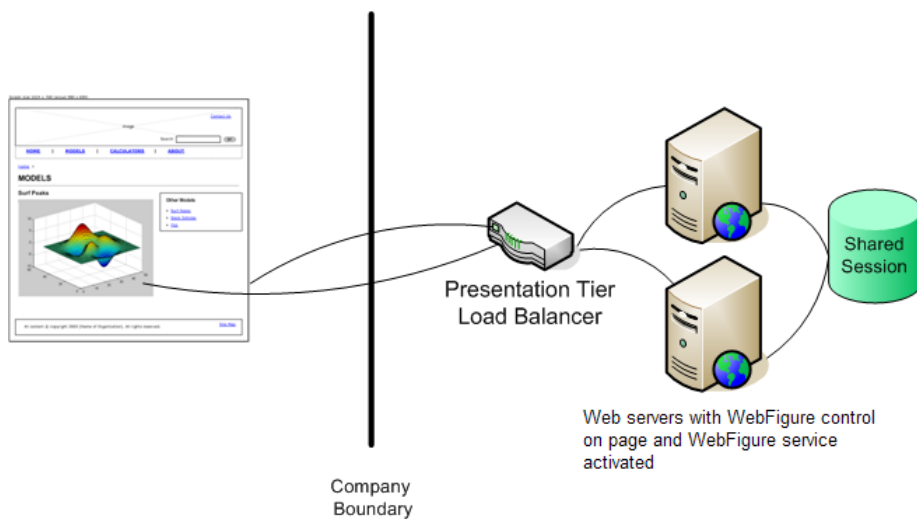
### **Overview**

The advanced configuration gives the experienced .NET programmer (possibly a business service developer or front-end developer) flexibility and control in configuring system architecture based on differing needs. For example, with the `WebFigureService` and the Web page on different servers, the administrator can optimally position the MCR (for performance reasons) or place customer-sensitive customer data behind a security firewall, if needed.

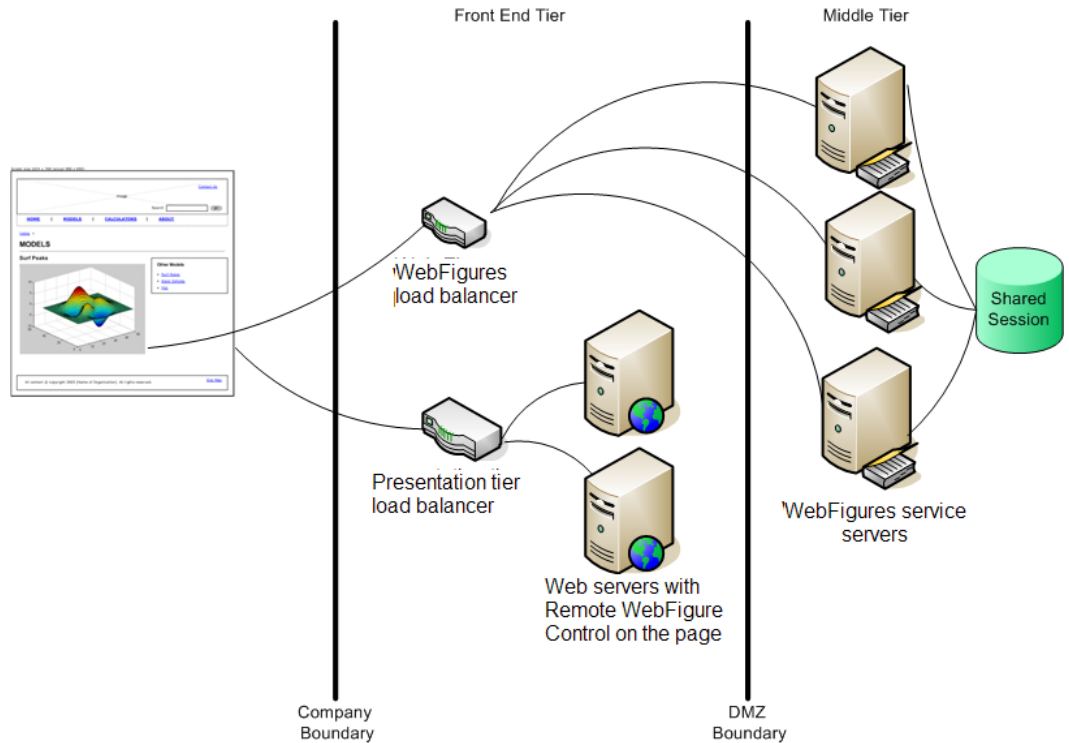
In summary, the advanced configuration offers more choices and adaptability for the user more familiar with Web environments and related technology, as illustrated by the following graphics.

This section describes various ways to customize the basic WebFigures implementation described in “Quick Start Implementation of WebFigures” on page 7-6.

## Using the WebFigure Control on the Frontend Servers Outside the Firewall



### Using the Remote WebFigure Control to Keep the WebFigure Service Cluster Behind the Firewall



### Manually Installing WebFigureService

WebFigureService is essentially a set of HTTP handlers that can service requests sent to an instance of Internet Information Service (IIS). There are occasions when you may want to manually install WebFigureService. For example:

- You want to implement the WebFigure controls programmatically and provide more detailed customization.
- Your Web environment was reconfigured from when you initially ran the “Quick Start Implementation of WebFigures” on page 7-6.



- You want to implement WebFigures in a multiple server environment, as depicted in the previous graphic.
- You want to understand more about how WebFigures for .NET works.

When you dragged the GUI control for WebFigures onto the Web page in “Quick Start Implementation of WebFigures” on page 7-6, you automatically installed WebFigureService in the Web application file `web.config`.

To install this manually:

- 1 Add a reference to `WebFiguresService.dll` from the folder `InstallRoot\toolbox\dotnetbuilder\bin\arch\v2.0` to the project, (where `InstallRoot` is the location of the installed MCR for machines with an installed MCR and `matlabroot` on a MATLAB Builder NE development machine without the MCR installed).
- 2 Add the following code to `web.config`. This code tells IIS to send any requests that come to the `__WebFigures.ashx` file to the `WebFigureHttpHandlerFactory` in the `WebFiguresService.dll`:

### For Versions of IIS Before 7.0

```
<httpHandlers>
  <add path="__WebFigures.ashx"
        verb="GET"
        type="MathWorks.MATLAB.NET.WebFigures.
              Service.Handlers.Factories.
              Http.WebFigureHttpHandlerFactory"
        validate="false" />
</httpHandlers>
```

### For IIS 7.0

```
<system.webServer>
  <handlers>
    <add name="WebFigures" path="__WebFigures.ashx"
          verb="GET"
          type="MathWorks.MATLAB.NET.WebFigures.
                Service.Handlers.Factories.
                Http.WebFigureHttpHandlerFactory"/>
  </handlers>
</system.webServer>
```

```
</handlers>  
</system.webServer>
```

---

**Note** The value for the `type=` statement in the above code *must be entered on one continuous line* even though it is not represented as such in the documentation.

---

### Retrieving Multiple WebFigures From a Component

If your deployed component returns several WebFigures, then you have to make additional modifications to your code.

MATLAB sees a WebFigure the same way it see a MWStructArray. WebFigure constructors accept a WebFigure, an MWArray, or an MWStructArray as inputs.

Use the following examples as guides, depending on what type of functions you are working with.

### Working with Functions that Return a Single WebFigure as the Function's Only Output.

#### C#

```
using MyComponent;  
using MathWorks.MATLAB.NET.WebFigures;  
  
public class  
{  
    protected void Page_Load(object sender, EventArgs e)  
    {  
        MyComponentclass myDeployedComponent =  
            new MyComponentclass();  
  
        WebFigureControl1.WebFigure =  
            new WebFigure(myDeployedComponent.getKnot());  
    }  
}
```

## Visual Basic

```
Imports MyComponent
Imports MathWorks.MATLAB.NET.WebFigures

Class
    Protected Sub Page_Load(ByVal sender As Object,
                            ByVal e As System.EventArgs)
        Handles Me.Load
        Dim myDeployedComponent As _
            New MyComponentclass()

        WebFigureControl1.WebFigure = _
            New WebFigure(myDeployedComponent.getKnot())
    End Sub
End Class
```

## Working With Functions That Return Multiple WebFigures In an Array as the Output.

### C#

```
using MyComponent;
using MathWorks.MATLAB.NET.WebFigures;

public class
{
    protected void Page_Load(object sender, EventArgs e)
    {
        MyComponentclass myDeployedComponent =
            new MyComponentclass();

        //If the function returns an array with 4 WebFigures
        // in it and takes in no inputs.
        MWArray[] outputs = myDeployedComponent.getKnot(4);

        WebFigureControl1.WebFigure =
            new WebFigure(outputs[0]);

        WebFigureControl2.WebFigure =
```

```
        new WebFigure(outputs[1]);

    WebFigureControl3.WebFigure =
        new WebFigure(outputs[2]);

    WebFigureControl4.WebFigure =
        new WebFigure(outputs[3]);
    }
}
```

### Visual Basic

```
Imports MyComponent
Imports MathWorks.MATLAB.NET.WebFigures

Class
    Protected Sub Page_Load(ByVal sender As Object,
                            ByVal e As System.EventArgs)
        Handles Me.Load
        Dim myDeployedComponent As _
            New MyComponentclass()

        Dim outputs as MArray() = _
            myDeployedComponent.getKnot(4)

        WebFigureControl1.WebFigure = _
            New WebFigure(outputs(0))

        WebFigureControl2.WebFigure = _
            New WebFigure(outputs(1))

        WebFigureControl3.WebFigure = _
            New WebFigure(outputs(2))

        WebFigureControl4.WebFigure = _
            New WebFigure(outputs(3))
    End Sub
End Class
```

## Attaching a WebFigure

After you have manually installed `WebFigureService`, the server where it is installed is ready to receive requests for any `WebFigure` information. In the Quick Start, `WebFigureService` uses the session cache built into IIS to retrieve a `WebFigure`, per user, and display it. Since a `WebFigureControl` isn't being used in this case, you need to manually set up the `WebFigureService` and attach the `WebFigure`. Add the code supplied in this section to attach a `WebFigure` of your choosing.

This method of setting up `WebFigureService` and attaching the figure manually is very useful in the following situations:

- You do not want front-end servers to have `WebFigureService` running on them for performance reasons.
- You are displaying a `WebFigure` that does not change based on the current user or session. When multiple users are sharing the same `WebFigure`, which is very common, it is much more efficient to store a single `WebFigure` in the `Application` or `Cache` state, rather than issuing all users their own figure.

There are a number of ways to attach a `WebFigure` to a scope, depending on state (note that these terms follow standard industry definitions and usage):

State	Definition
Session	The method used by <code>WebFigureControl</code> by default, which is tied to a specific user session and cannot be shared across sessions. If you use IIS session sharing capabilities, you can use this across servers in a cluster.
Application	Available for any user of your application, per application lifetime. IIS will not propagate this across servers in a cluster, but if each server attaches the data to this cache once, all users can access it very efficiently.
Cache	Similar to <code>Application</code> , but with more potential settings. You can assign “time to live” and other settings found in Microsoft documentation.

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**Note** In this type of configuration, it is typical to have the following code executed once in the `Global.asax` server startup block. For more information on `Global.asax`, see “Using Global Assembly Cache (Global.asax) to Create WebFigures at Server Start-Up” on page 7-27.

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Add the following code to manually attach the `WebFigure`, based on whether you are using `C#` or `Visual Basic`:

- **C#:**

```
MyComponentclass myDeployedComponent =  
    new MyComponentclass();  
  
Session["SessionStateWebFigure"] =  
    new WebFigure(myDeployedComponent.getKnot());
```

**Or**

```
Application["ApplicationStateWebFigure"] =  
    new WebFigure(myDeployedComponent.getKnot());
```

**Or**

```
Cache["CacheStateWebFigure"] =  
    new WebFigure(myDeployedComponent.getKnot());
```

- **Visual Basic:**

```
Dim myDeployedComponent As _  
    New MyComponentclass()  
  
Session("SessionStateWebFigure") = _  
    New WebFigure(myDeployedComponent.getKnot())
```

**Or**

```
Application("ApplicationStateWebFigure") = _  
    New WebFigure(myDeployedComponent.getKnot())
```

**Or**

```
Cache("CacheStateWebFigure") = _  
    New WebFigure(myDeployedComponent.getKnot())
```

## Setting Up WebFigureControl for Remote Invocation

After you drag a `WebFigureControl` onto a page, as in “Quick Start Implementation of WebFigures” on page 7-6, you either assign the `WebFigure` property or set the Remote Invocation properties, depending on how the figure will be used.

The procedure in this section allows you to tell `WebFigureControl` to reference a `WebFigure` that has been manually attached to a `WebFigureService` on a remote server or cluster of remote servers. This allows you to use the custom control, yet the resources of `WebFigureService` are running on a remote server to maximize performance.

- 1 Drag a `WebFigureControl` from the toolbox onto the page, if you haven’t done so already in “Quick Start Implementation of WebFigures” on page 7-6.

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**Note** If you are running on a system with 64-bit architecture, use the information in “Advanced Configuration of a WebFigure” on page 7-13 to work with WebFigures unless you are deploying a Web site which is 32-bit only and you have a 32-bit MCR installed.

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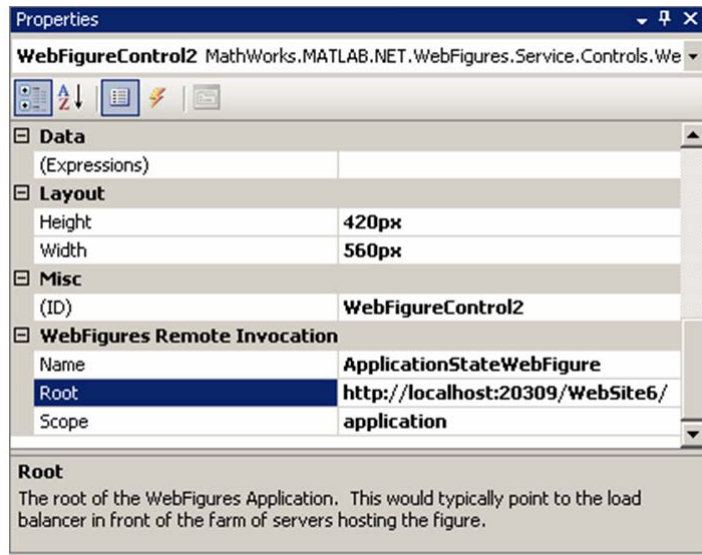
- 2 In the Properties pane for this control, set the **Name** and **Scope** attributes as follows:
  - **Name** `ApplicationStateWebFigure`
  - **Scope** `application`

---

**Caution** Always attempt to define the scope. If you leave **Scope** blank, the **Session** state, the **Application** state, and then the **Cache** state (in this order) will be checked. If there are **WebFigures** in any of these states with the same name, there can be potential for conflict and confusion. The first figure with the same name will be used by default.

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The pane should now look like this:



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**Note** If you don't provide a **root** (usually the location of the load balancer), it is assumed to be the server where the page is executing.

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### Getting an Embeddable String That References a WebFigure Attached to a WebFigureService

From any server, you can use the `GetHTMLEmbedString` API to get a string that can be embedded onto a page, if you followed the procedures "Manually



Installing WebFigureService” on page 7-16 in “Attaching a WebFigure” on page 7-21.

To do so, use the following optional parameters and code snippets (or something similar, depending on your implementation). For information on the differences between session, application, and cache scopes, see “Attaching a WebFigure” on page 7-21.

### GetHTMLEmbedString API Parameters

Parameter	If not specified...
ID	Default MATLAB WebFigure (the MATLAB membrane logo).
Root	The relative path to the current Web page will be used.
WebFigureAttachType	Will search through Session state, then Application state, then Cache state.
Height	Default height will be 420.
Width	Default width will be 560.

### Referencing a WebFigure Attached to the Local Server.

- **C#:**

```
using MathWorks.MATLAB.NET.WebFigures.Service;

String localEmbedString =
    WebFigureServiceUtility.GetHTMLEmbedString(
        "SessionStateWebFigure",
        WebFigureAttachType.session,
        300,
        300);

Response.Write(localEmbedString);
```

- **Visual Basic:**

```
Imports MathWorks.MATLAB.NET.WebFigures.Service
```

```
Dim localEmbedString As String = _
    WebFigureServiceUtility.GetHTMLEmbedString( _
        "SessionStateWebFigure", _
        WebFigureAttachType.session, _
        300, _
        300)

Response.Write(localEmbedString)
```

### Referencing a WebFigure Attached to a Remote Server.

- **C#:**

```
using MathWorks.MATLAB.NET.WebFigures.Service;

String remoteEmbedString =
    WebFigureServiceUtility.GetHTMLEmbedString(
        "SessionStateWebFigure",
        "http://localhost:20309/WebSite7/",
        WebFigureAttachType.session,
        300,
        300);

Response.Write(remoteEmbedString);
```

- **Visual Basic:**

```
Imports MathWorks.MATLAB.NET.WebFigures.Service

Dim localEmbedString As String = _
    WebFigureServiceUtility.GetHTMLEmbedString( _
        "SessionStateWebFigure", _
        "http://localhost:20309/WebSite7/", _
        WebFigureAttachType.session, _
        300, _
        300)

Response.Write(localEmbedString)
```

## Improving Processing Times for JavaScript Using Minification

This application uses JavaScript to perform most of its AJAX functionality. Because JavaScript runs in the client browser, it must all be streamed to the client computer before it can execute. To improve this process, you use a standard JavaScript minification algorithm to remove comments and white space in the code. This feature is enabled by default. To disable it, create an environment variable called `mathworks.webfigures.disableJSMIn` and set its value to `true`.

## Using Global Assembly Cache (Global.asax) to Create WebFigures at Server Start-Up

In ASP.NET there is a special type of object you can add called a *Global Assembly Cache*, also known by the name *Global.asax*.

`Global.asax` classes have methods that are called at various times in the IIS life cycle, such as `Application_Start` and `Application_End`. These methods get called respectively when the server is first started and when the server is being shut down.

As seen in “Quick Start Implementation of WebFigures” on page 7-6, the default behavior for a `WebFigureControl` is to store data in the `Session` cache on the server. In other words, each user that accesses a page using a `WebFigureControl` has an individual instance of that `WebFigure` in the cache. This is useful if each user gets specific data, but resources can be wasted in situations where all users are accessing the same `WebFigures`.

Therefore, in order to maximize available resources, it makes sense to move `WebFigure` code for commonly used figures into the `Application_Start` method of the `Global.asax`. In the following example, code written in the Web page initialization section of “Attaching a WebFigure” on page 7-21 is moved into a `Global.asax` method as follows:

### C#

```
void Application_Start(object sender, EventArgs e)
{
    // Code that runs on application startup
    MyComponentclass myDeployedComponent =
        new MyComponentclass();
}
```

```
Application["ApplicationStateWebFigure"] =  
    new WebFigure(myDeployedComponent.getKnot());  
  
//Or  
  
Cache["CacheStateWebFigure"] =  
    new WebFigure(myDeployedComponent.getKnot());  
}
```

### Visual Basic

```
Sub Application_Start  
    (ByVal sender As Object, ByVal e As EventArgs)  
    ' Code that runs on application startup  
    Dim myDeployedComponent As _  
        New MyComponentclass()  
  
    Application("ApplicationStateWebFigure") = _  
        New WebFigure(myDeployedComponent.getKnot())  
  
    'Or  
  
    Cache("CacheStateWebFigure") = _  
        New WebFigure(myDeployedComponent.getKnot())  
End Sub
```

---

**Note** In this scenario, notice a `WebFigure` is not bound to the `Session`, since you usually need to share the `WebFigures` across different sessions. However, it may be useful to use the `Cache` option, since it provides a way to specify `Time To Live` so the `WebFigure` can be regenerated and reattached at a specific time interval.

Once the figure is attached to a cache, reference it either from the `WebFigureControl` as seen in “Setting Up `WebFigureControl` for Remote Invocation” on page 7-23 or directly from the `Web` page as in “Getting an Embeddable String That References a `WebFigure` Attached to a `WebFigureService`” on page 7-24.

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## Upgrading Your WebFigures

If you want to upgrade your version of MATLAB Builder NE and retain `WebFigures` created with a prior product release, do the following:

- 1 Delete the `WebFigureControl` icon from the toolbox.
- 2 Delete any `WebFigures` from your page.
- 3 Upgrade your version of MATLAB Builder NE .
- 4 Add the new `WebFigureControl` icon to the toolbox.
- 5 Drag new `WebFigures` on to your page.

## Troubleshooting

Use the following section to diagnose error conditions encountered when implementing `WebFigures` for the `.NET` feature.

In `WebFigures`, there are two ways to display errors: by turning `debug` on for the site, and by turning it off. When `debug` is turned on, some error messages contain links to `HTML` pages that describe how the problem might be solved. When it is turned off, only the error message is shown.

Common causes of errors include:

- MCR is not installed or is the wrong version (meaning `MWArray.dll` is the wrong version or `WebFigureService.dll` is the wrong version).
- Deployed component is a different version than that compatible with the MCR.
- Incorrect framework is being used (only .NET 2.0 Framework is supported as of R2008b for WebFigures).
- `WebFigureService` is not installed. See “Manually Installing `WebFigureService`” on page 7-16.
- `WebFigure` is not attached to `WebFigureService`. See “Attaching a `WebFigure`” on page 7-21.
- Remote root URL is pointing to an invalid server.

Common errors and their diagnosis follow.

<b>Error</b>	<b>Diagnosis</b>
Issue Displaying Image. Please Refresh.	Most often, this message is generated when the session state has expired and the <code>WebFigure</code> has been deleted. Refreshing the session will reestablish the <code>WebFigure</code> in cache and the figure will reappear.
No <code>WebFigure</code> Can Be Found with the Name Specified	The <code>WebFigure</code> isn't attached correctly. See “Attaching a <code>WebFigure</code> ” on page 7-21.
<code>WebFigureService</code> Has Encountered an Unrecoverable Error	A critical error has occurred but the exact cause is unknown. Typically this is due to some type of system configuration issue that could not be anticipated.

Error	Diagnosis
WebFigureService Not Functioning	The WebFigureService httpHandlerFactory could not be found on the server specified. See “Manually Installing WebFigureService” on page 7-16.
Could not find a part of the path <i>pathname</i>	The logging environment variable is set to a folder that does not exist.

## Logging Levels

There are several logging levels that can be used to diagnose problems with WebFigures.

Logging Level	Uses
Severe	Unrecoverable errors and exceptions
Warning	Recoverable errors that might occur
Information	Informative messages
Finer	For monitoring application flow (when different parts of an application are executed)

You can manually set the log level by setting an environment variable called `mathworks.webfigures.logLevel` to one of the above strings.

If you set this environment variable to something other than the above strings or it is not set, it defaults to a level of `Warning` or `Severe` only.

By default, all exceptions are shown within the WebFigure control on the Web page when `debug` mode is on for the site.

If you want more detailed logging information, or log information when `debug` is not on, set an environment variable called `mathworks.webfigures.logLocation` to the location where the log file is written. The log file is named `yourwebappnameWFSLog.txt`.

## Creating and Modifying a MATLAB Figure

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“Modifying and Exporting Figure Data” on page 7-34

### MATLAB Programmer

Role	Knowledge Base	Responsibilities
 <p><b>MATLAB programmer</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MATLAB expert</li> <li>• No IT experience</li> <li>• No access to IT systems</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develops models; implements in MATLAB</li> <li>• Uses tools to create a component that is used by the .NET developer</li> </ul>

### Preparing a MATLAB Figure for Export

1 Create a figure window. For example:

```
h = figure;
```

2 Add graphics to the figure. For example:

```
surf(peaks);
```

### Changing the Figure (Optional)

Optionally, you can change the figure numerous ways. For example:

#### Alter Visibility

```
set(h, 'Visible', 'off');
```



## Change Background Color

```
set(h, 'Color', [.8,.9,1]);
```

## Alter Orientation and Size

```
width=500;  
height=500;  
rotation=30;  
elevation=30;  
set(h, 'Position', [0, 0, width, height]);  
view([rotation, elevation]);
```

## Exporting the Figure

Export the contents of the figure in one of two ways:

### WebFigure

To export as a WebFigure:

```
returnFigure = webfigure(h);
```

### Image Data

To export image data, for example:

```
imgform = 'png';  
returnByteArray = figToImStream(`figHandle', h, ...  
                                `imageFormat', imgForm, ...  
                                `outputType', `uint8');
```

## Cleaning Up the Figure Window

To close the figure window:

```
close(h);
```

## Modifying and Exporting Figure Data

### WebFigure

```
function returnFigure = getWebFigure()
h = figure;
set(h, 'Visible', 'off');
surf(peaks);
set(h, 'Color', [.8,.9,1]);
returnFigure = webfigure(h);
close(h);
```

### Image Data

```
function returnByteArray = getImageDataOrientation(height,
width, elevation, rotation, imageFormat )
h = figure;
set(h, 'Visible', 'off');
surf(peaks);
set(h, 'Color', [.8,.9,1]);
set(h, 'Position', [0, 0, width, height]);
view([rotation, elevation]);
returnByteArray = figToImStream(`figHandle', h, ...
                                `imageFormat', imageFormat, ...
                                `outputType', `uint8');
close(h);
```

## Working with MATLAB Figure and Image Data


### In this section...

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“Working with Figures” on page 7-35

“Working with Images” on page 7-36

### Front-End Web Developer

Role	Knowledge Base	Responsibilities
 <p>Front-end Web developer</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No MATLAB experience</li> <li>• Minimal IT experience</li> <li>• Expert at usability and Web page design</li> <li>• Minimal access to IT systems</li> <li>• Expert at ASPX</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As service consumer, manages presentation and usability</li> <li>• Creates front-end applications</li> <li>• Integrates MATLAB code with language-specific frameworks and environments</li> <li>• Integrates WebFigures with the rest of the Web page</li> </ul>

### For More Comprehensive Examples

This section contains code snippets intended to demonstrate specific functionality related to working with figure and image data.

To see these snippets in the context of more fully-realized multi-step examples, see the *MATLAB Application Deployment Web Example Guide*.

### Working with Figures

#### Getting a Figure From a Deployed Component

For information about how to retrieve a figure from a deployed component, see “Working with Functions that Return a Single WebFigure as the Function’s Only Output” on page 7-18.

## Working with Images

### Getting Encoded Image Bytes from an Image in a Component

#### .NET

```
public byte[] getByteArrayFromDeployedComponent()
{
    MWArray width = 500;
    MWArray height = 500;
    MWArray rotation = 30;
    MWArray elevation = 30;
    MWArray imageFormat = "png";

    MWNumericArray result =
        (MWNumericArray)deployment.getImageDataOrientation(
            height,
            width,
            elevation,
            rotation,
            imageFormat);
    return (byte[])result.ToVector(MWArrayComponent.Real);
}
```

### Getting a Buffered Image in a Component

#### .NET

```
public byte[] getByteArrayFromDeployedComponent()
{
    MWArray width = 500;
    MWArray height = 500;
    MWArray rotation = 30;
    MWArray elevation = 30;
    MWArray imageFormat = "png";

    MWNumericArray result =
        (MWNumericArray)deployment.getImageDataOrientation(
```

```

        height,
        width,
        elevation,
        rotation,
        imageFormat);
    return (byte[])result.ToVector(MWArrayComponent.Real);
}

public Image getImageFromDeployedComponent()
{
    byte[] byteArray = getByteArrayFromDeployedComponent();
    MemoryStream ms = new MemoryStream(myByteArray, 0,
    myByteArray.Length);
    ms.Write(myByteArray, 0, myByteArray.Length);
    return Image.FromStream(ms, true);
}

```

## Getting Image Data from a WebFigure

The following example shows how to get image data from a WebFigure object. It also shows how to specify the image type and the orientation of the image.

### .NET

```

WebFigure figure =
    new WebFigure(deployment.getWebFigure());
WebFigureRenderer renderer =
    new WebFigureRenderer();

//Creates a parameter object that can be changed
// to represent a specific WebFigure and its orientation.
//If you dont set any values it uses the defaults for that
// figure (what they were when the figure was created in M).
WebFigureRenderParameters param =
    new WebFigureRenderParameters(figure);

param.Rotation = 30;
param.Elevation = 30;

```

```
param.Width = 500;
param.Height = 500;

//If you need a byte array that can be streamed out
// of a web page you can use this:
byte[] outputImageAsBytes =
    renderer.RenderToEncodedBytes(param);

//If you need a .NET Image (can't be used on the web)
// you can use this code:
Image outputImageAsImage =
    renderer.RenderToImage(param);
```

# .NET Remoting

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## What Is .NET Remoting?

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### What Are Remotable Components?

*Remotable .NET components* allow you to access MATLAB functionality remotely, as part of a distributed system consisting of multiple applications, domains, browsers, or machines.

To create a remotable component, you must first create the component and then enable others to access it.

### Benefits of Using .NET Remoting

There are many reasons to create remotable components:

- **Cost savings** — Changes to business logic do not require you to roll out new software to every client. Instead, you can confine new updates to a small set of business servers.
- **Increased security for Web applications** — Implementing .NET Remoting allows your database, for example, to reside safely behind one or more firewalls.
- **Software Compatibility** — Using remotable components, which employ standard formatting protocols like SOAP (Simple Object Access Protocol), can significantly enhance the compatibility of the component with libraries and applications.
- **Ability to run applications as Windows services** — To run as a Windows service, you must have access to a remotable component hosted by the service. Applications implemented as a Windows service provide many benefits to application developers who require an automated server running as a background process independent of a particular user account.



- **Flexibility to isolate native code binaries that were previously incompatible** — Mix native and managed code (such as the MATLAB Compiler Runtime) without restrictions.

### **What's the Difference Between WCF and .NET Remoting?**

You generate native .NET objects using .NET Remoting and native .NET types using WCF.

What's the difference between these two technologies and which should you use?

WCF is an end-to-end *Web Service*. Many of the advantages afforded by .NET Remoting—a wide selection of protocol interoperability, for instance—can be achieved with a WCF interface, in addition to having access to a richer, more flexible set of native data types. .NET Remoting can only support native objects.

WCF offers more robust choices in most every aspect of Web-based development, even implementation of a Java client, for example.

## Your Role in Building Distributed Applications

Depending on your role in your organization, you may need assistance to completely implement .NET Remoting. The next table, .NET Remoting Deployment Roles, Responsibilities, and Tasks, describes some of the different roles, or jobs, that MATLAB Builder NE users typically perform when designing, building, running, and deploying a remotable .NET component.

### .NET Remoting Deployment Roles, Responsibilities, and Tasks

Role	Goal	Tasks
MATLAB programmer	Creates distributed .NET applications run by remotable components, from MATLAB code.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Writes and deploys MATLAB code.</li> <li>Creates a deployable, remotable .NET component as in “Creating a Remotable .NET Component” on page 8-8.</li> </ul>
.NET programmer	Exposes .NET applications to end users.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Writes client/server code to access the remotable component as in “Using the MArray API” on page 8-14 or “Using the Native .NET API: Magic Square Example” on page 8-21.</li> </ul>

## **.NET Remoting Prerequisites**

Before you enable .NET Remoting for your deployable component, be aware of the following:

- You cannot enable both .NET Remoting and Windows Communication Foundation (WCF) (as described in “Windows Communications Foundation (WCF)<sup>TM</sup>-Based Components” on page 6-17).
- It is important to determine if you derive more benefit and cost savings by using the MWArray API or the native .NET API. Evaluate if .NET Remoting is appropriate for your deployable component by reading “Selecting the Best Method of Accessing Your Component: MWArray API or Native .NET API” on page 8-6.

## Selecting the Best Method of Accessing Your Component: MArray API or Native .NET API

As of R2008b, there are two data conversion API's that are available to marshal and format data across the managed (.NET) / unmanaged (MATLAB) code boundary. In addition to the previously available MArray API, the new Native API is available. Each API has advantages and limitations and each has particular applications for which it is best suited.

The MArray API, which consists of the MArray class and several derived types that map to MATLAB data types, is the standard API that has been used since the introduction of MATLAB Builder NE. It provides full marshaling and formatting services for all basic MATLAB data types including sparse arrays, structures, and cell arrays. This API requires the MATLAB MCR to be installed on the target machine as it makes use of several primitive MATLAB functions. For information about using this API, see "Using the MArray API" on page 8-14.

The Native API was designed especially, though not exclusively, to support .NET remoting. It allows you to pass arguments and return values using standard .NET types. This feature is especially useful for clients that access a remoteable component using the native interface API, as it does not require the client machine to have the MATLAB MCR installed. In addition, as only native .NET types are used in this API, there is no need to learn semantics of a new set of data conversion classes. This API does not directly support .NET analogs for the MATLAB structure and cell array types. For information about using this API, see "Using the Native .NET API: Magic Square Example" on page 8-21.

### Features of the MArray API Compared With the Native .NET API

	MArray API	Native .NET API
Marshaling/formatting for all basic MATLAB types	X	
Pass arguments and return values using standard .NET types		X

**Features of the MWArray API Compared With the Native .NET API (Continued)**

	<b>MWArray API</b>	<b>Native .NET API</b>
Access to remotable component from client without installed MATLAB		X
Access to remotable component from client without installed MCR (see “Using the Native .NET API: Cell and Struct Example” on page 8-29).		X

**Using Native .NET Structure and Cell Arrays**

MATLAB Builder NE’s native .NET API accepts standard .NET data types for inputs and outputs to MATLAB function calls.

These standard .NET data types are wrapped by the `Object` class—the base class for all .NET data types. This object representation is sufficient as long as the MATLAB functions have numeric, logical, or string inputs or outputs. It does not work well for MATLAB-specific data types like structure (`struct`) and cell arrays, since the native representation of these arrays types result in a multi-dimensional `Object` array that is difficult to comprehend or process.

Instead, MATLAB Builder NE’ provides a special class hierarchy for `struct` and cell array representation designed to easily interface with the native .NET API.


See “Using the Native .NET API: Cell and Struct Example” on page 8-29 for details.

## Creating a Remotable .NET Component

### In this section...

“Building a Remotable Component Using the Deployment Tool” on page 8-8  
 “Building a Remotable Component Using the mcc Command” on page 8-12  
 “Files Generated by the Compilation Process” on page 8-12

### MATLAB Programmer

Role	Knowledge Base	Responsibilities
 MATLAB programmer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MATLAB expert</li> <li>• No IT experience</li> <li>• No access to IT systems</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develops models; implements in MATLAB</li> <li>• Uses tools to create a component that is used by the .NET developer</li> </ul>

## Building a Remotable Component Using the Deployment Tool

### Preparing to Build Your Remote Component with deploytool

1 Copy the example files as follows depending on whether you plan to use the MWArray API or the native .NET API:

- **If using the MWArray API**, copy the following folder that ships with the MATLAB product to your working folder:

```
matlabroot\toolbox\dotnetbuilder\Examples\  
VS8\NET\MagicRemoteExample\MWArrayAPI\MagicSquareRemoteComp
```

After you copy the files, at the MATLAB command prompt, change the working directory (cd) to the new MagicSquareRemoteComp subfolder in your working folder.


- **If using the native .NET API**, copy the following folder that ships with the MATLAB product to your working folder:

```
matlabroot\toolbox\dotnetbuilder\Examples\  
VS8\NET\MagicRemoteExample\  
NativeAPI\MagicSquareRemoteComp
```

After you copy the file, at the MATLAB command prompt, change the working directory (cd) to the new MagicSquareRemoteComp subfolder in your working folder.

- 2 Write the MATLAB function. Your MATLAB code does not require any additions to support .NET Remoting. The following code for the makesquare function is in the file makesquare.m in the MagicSquareRemoteComp subfolder:

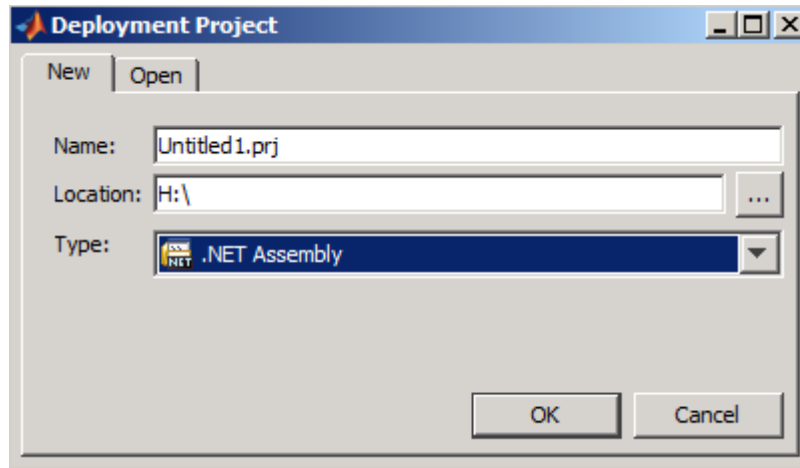
```
function y = makesquare(x)  
  
%MAKESQUARE Magic square of size x.  
% Y = MAKESQUARE(X) returns a magic square of size x.  
% This file is used as an example for the MATLAB  
% Builder NE product.  
  
% Copyright 2001-2012 The MathWorks, Inc.  
% $Revision: 1.1.8.22.2.1 $ $Date: 2011/12/12 17:04:33 $  
  
y = magic(x);
```

- 3 In MATLAB, open the Deployment Tool by issuing the deploytool command.
- 4 Click the **Actions** icon () in the upper-right corner. Then, select **Settings**.
  - a Select **.NET** under **Project Settings**.
  - b Select **Enable .NET Remoting**.
  - c Click **OK**.

## Build Your Remote Component with deploytool

Project Name	MagicSquareComp
Class Name	MagicSquareClass
File to compile	makesquare

- 1 Start MATLAB, if you have not done so already.
- 2 Type `deploytool` at the command prompt, and press **Enter**. The Deployment Project dialog box opens.




### The Deployment Project Dialog Box

- 3 Create a deployment project using the Deployment Project dialog box:
  - a Type the name of your project, in the **Name** field.
  - b Enter the location of the project in the **Location** field. Alternately, navigate to the location.
  - c Select the target for the deployment project from the **Type** drop-down menu.
  - d Click **OK**.



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**Tip** You can inspect the values in the Settings dialog before building your project. To do so, click the Action icon () on the toolbar, and then click **Settings**. Verify where your `src` and `distrib` folders will be created because you will need to reference these folders later.

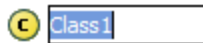
---

**4** On the **Build** tab:

- If you are building a COM application, click **Add files** to open the Add Files dialog box.

Click **Open** to select the file or files.

- If you are building a .NET application, click **Add class**. Type the name of the class in the Class Name field, designated by the letter `c`:



For this class, add MATLAB files you want to compile by clicking **Add files** then click **Open** to select the file or files. To add another class, click **Add class**.

- You may optionally add supporting files. For examples of these files, see the `deploytool` Help. To add these files, in the Shared Resources and Helper Files area:


**e** Click **Add files/directories**

**f** Click **Open** to select the file or files.

---

**Note** If you are building a COM component (*not a .NET component*) and you don't have administrator privileges, you can select the **Register the resulting component for you only on the development machine** option in the **Settings** dialog of the Deployment Tool (in the **Advanced** tab) or use the `mcc -u` option.

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- 5** When you complete your changes, click the Build button () . When the build finishes, click **Close** to dismiss the dialog box.

## Building a Remotable Component Using the `mcc` Command

From the MATLAB prompt, issue the following command:

```
mcc -B "dotnet:CompName,ClassName,  
FrameworkVersion,ShareFlag,  
RemoteFlag"
```

where:

- *CompName* is the name of the component you want to create.
- *ClassName* is the name of the C# class to which the component belongs.
- *FrameworkVersion* is the version of .NET Framework for the component you are building. For example, 2.0 would denote .NET Framework 2.0.
- *ShareFlag* designates access to the component. Values are either `private` or `shared`. Default is `private`.
- *RemoteFlag* designates either a remote or local component. Values are either `remote` or `local`. Default is `local`.

For example, if you want to build a private remotable component using the Magic Square example in Chapter 1, “Getting Started”, the `mcc` command to build the component for the .NET 2.0 Framework might look like this:

```
mcc -B "dotnet:MagicSquareComp,MagicSquareClass,2.0,  
private,remote"
```

## Files Generated by the Compilation Process

After compiling the components, ensure you have the following files in your `distrib` folder:


- `MagicSquareComp.dll` — The MWArray API component implementation assembly used by the server.
- `IMagicSquareComp.dll` — The MWArray API component interface assembly used by the client .
- `MagicSquareCompNative.dll` — The native .NET API component implementation assembly used by the server.

- `IMagicSquareCompNative.dll` — The native .NET API component interface assembly used by the client. You do not need to install an MCR on the client when using this interface.

## Enabling Access to a Remotable .NET Component

In this section...
“Using the MWArray API” on page 8-14
“Using the Native .NET API: Magic Square Example” on page 8-21
“Using the Native .NET API: Cell and Struct Example” on page 8-29

### .NET Developer

Role	Knowledge Base	Responsibilities
 .NET Developer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Little to no MATLAB experience</li> <li>• Moderate IT experience</li> <li>• .NET expert</li> <li>• Minimal access to IT systems</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Integrates deployed component with the rest of the .NET application</li> </ul>

## Using the MWArray API

### Why Use the MWArray API?

After you create the remotable component, you can set up a console server and client using the MWArray API. For more information on choosing the right API for your access needs, see “Selecting the Best Method of Accessing Your Component: MWArray API or Native .NET API” on page 8-6.

Some reasons you might use the MWArray API instead of the native .NET API are:

- You are working with data structure arrays, which the native .NET API does not support.
- You or your users work extensively with many MATLAB data types.
- You or your users are familiar and comfortable using the MWArray API.

For information on accessing your component using the native .NET API, see “Using the Native .NET API: Magic Square Example” on page 8-21.

## Coding and Building the Hosting Server Application and Configuration File

The server application hosts the remote component built in “Creating a Remotable .NET Component” on page 8-8. You can also perform these steps using the MWArray API (see “Using the Native .NET API: Magic Square Example” on page 8-21).

The client application, running in a separate process, accesses the remote component hosted by the server application. Build the server using the Microsoft Visual Studio project file `MagicSquareServer\MagicSquareMWServer.csproj`:

- 1 Change the references for the generated component assembly to `MagicSquareComp\distrib\MagicSquareComp.dll`.
- 2 Select the appropriate build platform.
- 3 Select **Debug** or **Release** mode.
- 4 Build the `MagicSquareMWServer` project.
- 5 Supply the configuration file for the `MagicSquareMWServer`.

**MagicSquareServer Code.** Use the C# code for the server located in the file `MagicSquareServer\MagicSquareServer.cs`:

```
using System;
using System.Runtime.Remoting;

namespace MagicSquareServer
{
    class MagicSquareServer
    {
        static void Main(string[] args)
        {
            RemotingConfiguration.Configure
                ("..\..\..\..\MagicSquareServer.exe.config");
        }
    }
}
```

```
        Console.WriteLine("Magic Square Server started...");

        Console.ReadLine();
    }
}
```

This code does the following processing:

- Reads the associated configuration file to determine
  - The name of the component that it will host
  - The remoting protocol and message formatting to use
  - The lease time for the remote component
- Signals that the server is active and waits for a carriage return to be entered before terminating.

**MagicSquareServer Configuration File.** The configuration file for the `MagicSquareServer` is in the file `MagicSquareServer\MagicSquareServer.exe.config`. The entire configuration file, written in XML, follows:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8" ?>
<configuration>
  <system.runtime.remoting>
    <application>
      <service>
        <wellknown mode="SingleCall"
          type="MagicSquareComp.MagicSquareClass, MagicSquareComp"
          objectUri="MagicSquareClass.remote" />
      </service>
      <lifetime leaseTime= "5M" renewOnCallTime="2M"
        leaseManagerPollTime="10S" />
    <channels>
      <channel ref="tcp" port="1234">
        <serverProviders>
          <formatter ref="binary" typeFilterLevel="Full" />
        </serverProviders>
      </channel>
    </channels>
  </system.runtime.remoting>
</configuration>
```

```
        </channel>
    </channels>
</application>
<debug loadTypes="true" />
</system.runtime.remoting>
</configuration>
```

This code specifies:

- The mode in which the remote component will be accessed—in this case, single call mode
- The name of the remote component, the component assembly, and the object URI (uniform resource identifier) used to access the remote component
- The lease time for the remote component
- The remoting protocol (TCP/IP) and port number
- The message formatter (binary) and the permissions for the communication channel (full trust)
- The server debugging option

## **Coding and Building the Client Application and Configuration File**

The client application, running in a separate process, accesses the remote component running in the server application you built previously. (See “Coding and Building the Hosting Server Application and Configuration File” on page 8-15.)

Next build the remote client using the Microsoft Visual Studio project file `MagicSquareClient\MagicSquareMWCClient.csproj`. This file references both the shared data conversion assembly `matlabroot\toolbox\dotnetbuilder\bin\win32\v2.0\MWArray.dll` and the generated component interface assembly `MagicSquareComp\distrib\IMagicSquareComp`.

To create the remote client using Microsoft Visual Studio:

- 1 Select the appropriate build platform.

**2** Select **Debug** or **Release** mode.

**3** Build the MagicSquareMWClient project.

**4** Supply the configuration file for the MagicSquareMWServer.

**MagicSquareClient Code.** Use the C# code for the client located in the file MagicSquareClient\MagicSquareClient.cs. The client code is shown here:

```
using System;
using System.Configuration;
using System.Runtime.Remoting;
using System.Runtime.Remoting.Channels;
using System.Runtime.Remoting.Channels.Http;

using System.Collections;
using System.Runtime.Serialization.Formatters;
using System.Runtime.Remoting.Channels.Tcp;

using MathWorks.MATLAB.NET.Utility;
using MathWorks.MATLAB.NET.Arrays;

using IMagicSquareComp;

namespace MagicSquareClient
{
    class MagicSquareClient
    {
        static void Main(string[] args)
        {
            try
            {
                RemotingConfiguration.Configure
                    ("MagicSquareClient.exe.config");

                String urlServer=
                    ConfigurationSettings.AppSettings["MagicSquareServer"];

                IMagicSquareClass magicSquareComp=
                    (IMagicSquareClass)Activator.GetObject
```



```

        (typeof(IMagicSquareClass),
         urlServer);

    // Get user specified command line arguments or set default
    double arraySize= (0 != args.Length)
        ? Double.Parse(args[0]) : 4;

    // Compute the magic square and print the result
    MWNumericArray magicSquare=
        (MWNumericArray)magicSquareComp.makesquare
            (arraySize);

    Console.WriteLine("Magic square of order {0}\n\n{1}",
        arraySize, magicSquare);
}

catch (Exception exception)
{
    Console.WriteLine(exception.Message);
}

Console.ReadLine();
}
}
}

```

This code does the following:

- The client reads the associated configuration file to get the name and location of the remotable component.
- The client instantiates the remotable object using the static `Activator.GetObject` method
- From this point, the remoting client calls methods on the remotable component exactly as it would call a local component method.

**MagicSquareClient Configuration File.** The configuration file for the magic square client is in the file `MagicSquareClient\MagicSquareClient.exe.config`. The configuration file, written in XML, is shown here:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8" ?>
<configuration>
  <appSettings>
    <add key="MagicSquareServer"
        value="tcp://localhost:1234/MagicSquareClass.remote" />
  </appSettings>
  <system.runtime.remoting>
    <application>
      <channels>
        <channel name="MagicSquareChannel" ref="tcp" port="0">
          <clientProviders>
            <formatter ref="binary" />
          </clientProviders>
          <serverProviders>
            <formatter ref="binary" typeFilterLevel="Full" />
          </serverProviders>
        </channel>
      </channels>
    </application>
  </system.runtime.remoting>
</configuration>
```

This code specifies:

- The name of the remote component server and the remote component URI (uniform resource identifier)
- The remoting protocol (TCP/IP) and port number
- The message formatter (binary) and the permissions for the communication channel (full trust)

### **Starting the Server Application**

Starting the server by doing the following:

- 1** Open a DOS or UNIX® command window and cd to MagicSquareServer\bin\x86\v2.0\Debug.
- 2** Run MagicSquareServer.exe. You will see the message:

Magic Square Server started...

## Starting the Client Application

Start the client by doing the following:


- 1 Open a DOS or UNIX command window and cd to `MagicSquareClient\bin\x86\v2.0\Debug`.
- 2 Run `MagicSquareClient.exe`. After the MCR initializes, you should see the following output:

Magic square of order 4

```
16  2  3 13
 5 11 10  8
 9  7  6 12
 4 14 15  1
```

## Using the Native .NET API: Magic Square Example

### .NET Developer

Role	Knowledge Base	Responsibilities
 .NET Developer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Little to no MATLAB experience</li> <li>• Moderate IT experience</li> <li>• .NET expert</li> <li>• Minimal access to IT systems</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Integrates deployed component with the rest of the .NET application</li> </ul>

### Why Use the Native .NET API?

After the remotable component has been created, you can set up a server application and client using the native .NET API. For more information on choosing the right API for your access needs, see “Selecting the Best Method of Accessing Your Component: MWArray API or Native .NET API” on page 8-6.

Some reasons you might use the native .NET API instead of the MWArray API are:

- You want to pass arguments and return values using standard .NET types, and you or your users don't work extensively with data types specific to MATLAB.
- You want to access your component from a client machine without an installed version of MATLAB.

For information on accessing your component using the MWArray API, see "Using the MWArray API" on page 8-14.

## **Coding and Building the Hosting Server Application and Configuration File**

The server application will host the remote component you built in "Creating a Remotable .NET Component" on page 8-8.

The client application, running in a separate process, will access the remote component hosted by the server application. Build the server with the Microsoft Visual Studio project file `MagicSquareServer\MagicSquareMWServer.csproj`:

- 1** Change the references for the generated component assembly to `MagicSquareComp\distrib\MagicSquareCompNative.dll`.
- 2** Select the appropriate build platform (32-bit or 64-bit).
- 3** Select **Debug** or **Release** mode.
- 4** Build the `MagicSquareServer` project.
- 5** Supply the configuration file for the `MagicSquareServer`.

**MagicSquareServer Code.** The C# code for the server is in the file `MagicSquareServer\MagicSquareServer.cs`. The `MagicSquareServer.cs` server code is shown here:

```
using System;
    using System.Runtime.Remoting;
```

```

namespace MagicSquareServer
{
    class MagicSquareServer
    {
        static void Main(string[] args)
        {
            RemotingConfiguration.Configure
                (@"..\\..\\..\\..\\MagicSquareServer.exe.config");

            Console.WriteLine("Magic Square Server started...");

            Console.ReadLine();
        }
    }
}

```

This code does the following:

- Reads the associated configuration file to determine the name of the component that it will host, the remoting protocol and message formatting to use, as well as the lease time for the remote component.
- Signals that the server is active and waits for a carriage return to be entered before terminating.

**MagicSquareServer Configuration File.** The configuration file for the `MagicSquareServer` is in the file `MagicSquareServer\MagicSquareServer.exe.config`. The entire configuration file, written in XML, is shown here:

```

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8" ?>
<configuration>
  <system.runtime.remoting>
    <application>
      <service>
        <wellknown mode="SingleCall"
          type="MagicSquareCompNative.MagicSquareClass,
            MagicSquareCompNative"
          objectUri="MagicSquareClass.remote" />
      </service>
    </application>
  </system.runtime.remoting>
</configuration>

```

```
<lifetime leaseTime= "5M" renewOnCallTime="2M"
    leaseManagerPollTime="10S" />
<channels>
  <channel ref="tcp" port="1234">
    <serverProviders>
      <formatter ref="binary" typeFilterLevel="Full" />
    </serverProviders>
  </channel>
</channels>
</application>
<debug loadTypes="true" />
</system.runtime.remoting>
</configuration>
```

This code specifies:

- The mode in which the remote component will be accessed—in this case, single call mode
- The name of the remote component, the component assembly, and the object URI (uniform resource identifier) used to access the remote component
- The lease time for the remote component
- The remoting protocol (TCP/IP) and port number
- The message formatter (binary) and the permissions for the communication channel (full trust)
- The server debugging option

## **Coding and Building the Client Application and Configuration File**

The client application, running in a separate process, accesses the remote component running in the server application built in “Coding and Building the Hosting Server Application and Configuration File” on page 8-22. Build the remote client using the Microsoft Visual Studio project file `MagicSquareClient\MagicSquareClient.csproj` which references both the shared data conversion assembly `matlabroot\toolbox\dotnetbuilder\bin\win32\v2.0\MWArray.dll` and the generated component interface assembly

MagicSquareComp\distrib\IMagicSquareCompNative. To create the remote client using Microsoft Visual Studio:

- 1 Select the appropriate build platform.
- 2 Select **Debug** or **Release** mode.
- 3 Build the MagicSquareClient project.
- 4 Supply the configuration file for the MagicSquareServer.

**MagicSquareClient Code.** The C# code for the client is in the file MagicSquareClient\MagicSquareClient.cs. The client code is shown here:

```
using System;
using System.Configuration;
using System.Runtime.Remoting;
using System.Runtime.Remoting.Channels;
using System.Runtime.Remoting.Channels.Http;

using System.Collections;
using System.Runtime.Serialization.Formatters;
using System.Runtime.Remoting.Channels.Tcp;

using IMagicSquareCompNative;

namespace MagicSquareClient
{
    class MagicSquareClient
    {
        static void Main(string[] args)
        {
            try
            {
                RemotingConfiguration.Configure
                    ("@MagicSquareClient.exe.config");

                String urlServer=
                    ConfigurationSettings.AppSettings["MagicSquareServer"];

                IMagicSquareClassNative magicSquareComp=
```

```
(IMagicSquareClassNative)Activator.GetObject
    (typeof(IMagicSquareClassNative), urlServer);

// Get user specified command line arguments or set default
double arraySize= (0 != args.Length)
    ? Double.Parse(args[0]) : 4;

// Compute the magic square and print the result
double[,] magicSquare=
    (double[,])magicSquareComp.makesquare(arraySize);

Console.WriteLine("Magic square of order {0}\n", arraySize);

// Display the array elements:
for (int i = 0; i < (int)arraySize; i++)
    for (int j = 0; j < (int)arraySize; j++)
        Console.WriteLine
            ("Element({0},{1})= {2}", i, j, magicSquare[i, j]);
    }

catch (Exception exception)
{
    Console.WriteLine(exception.Message);
}

Console.ReadLine();
}
}
```

This code does the following:

- The client reads the associated configuration file to get the name and location of the remoteable component.
- The client instantiates the remoteable object using the static `Activator.GetObject` method
- From this point, the remoting client calls methods on the remoteable component exactly as it would call a local component method.



**MagicSquareClient Configuration File.** The configuration file for the magic square client is in the file `MagicSquareClient\MagicSquareClient.exe.config`. The configuration file, written in XML, is shown here:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8" ?>
<configuration>
  <appSettings>
    <add key="MagicSquareServer"
         value="tcp://localhost:1234/MagicSquareClass.remote" />
  </appSettings>
  <system.runtime.remoting>
    <application>
      <channels>
        <channel name="MagicSquareChannel" ref="tcp" port="0">
          <clientProviders>
            <formatter ref="binary" />
          </clientProviders>
          <serverProviders>
            <formatter ref="binary" typeFilterLevel="Full" />
          </serverProviders>
        </channel>
      </channels>
    </application>
  </system.runtime.remoting>
</configuration>
```

This code specifies:

- The name of the remote component server and the remote component URI (uniform resource identifier)
- The remoting protocol (TCP/IP) and port number
- The message formatter (binary) and the permissions for the communication channel (full trust)

## Starting the Server Application

Start the server by doing the following:

- 1 Open a DOS or UNIX command and cd to  
MagicSquareServer\bin\x86\v2.0\Debug.
- 2 Run MagicSquareServer.exe. You will see the message:  
  
Magic Square Server started...

### **Starting the Client Application**

Start the client by doing the following:

- 1 Open a DOS or UNIX command window and cd to  
MagicSquareClient\bin\x86\v2.0\Debug.
- 2 Run MagicSquareClient.exe. After the MCR initializes you should see  
the following output:

Magic square of order 4

```
Element(0,0)= 16  
Element(0,1)= 2  
Element(0,2)= 3  
Element(0,3)= 13  
Element(1,0)= 5  
Element(1,1)= 11  
Element(1,2)= 10  
Element(1,3)= 8  
Element(2,0)= 9  
Element(2,1)= 7  
Element(2,2)= 6  
Element(2,3)= 12  
Element(3,0)= 4  
Element(3,1)= 14  
Element(3,2)= 15  
Element(3,3)= 1
```

## Using the Native .NET API: Cell and Struct Example

### Why Use the .NET API With Cell Arrays and Structs?

Using .NET representations of MATLAB struct and cell arrays is recommended if both of these are true:

- You have MATLAB functions on a server with MATLAB struct or cell data types as inputs or outputs
- You do not want or need to install an MCR on your client machines

The native `MWArray`, `MWStructArray`, and `MWCellArray` classes are members of the `MathWorks.MATLAB.NET.Arrays.native` namespace.

The class names in this namespace are identical to the class names in the `MathWorks.MATLAB.NET.Arrays`. The difference is that the native representation of struct and cell arrays have no methods or properties that require an MCR.

The `matlabroot\toolbox\dotnetbuilder\Examples\VS8\NET` folder has example solutions you can practice building. The `NativeStructCellExample` folder contains native struct and cell examples.

### Building Your Component

This example demonstrates how to deploy a remotable component using native struct and cell arrays. Before you set up the remotable client and server code, build a remotable component.

If you have not yet built the component you want to deploy, see the instructions in “Building a Remotable Component Using the Deployment Tool” on page 8-8 or “Building a Remotable Component Using the `mcc` Command” on page 8-12.

### The Native .NET Cell and Struct Example

The server application hosts the remote component.

The client application, running in a separate process, accesses the remote component hosted by the server application. Build the server with the Microsoft Visual Studio project file `NativeStructCellServer.csproj`:

- 1 Change the references for the generated component assembly to `component_name\distrib\component_nameNative.dll`.
- 2 Select the appropriate build platform.
- 3 Select **Debug** or **Release** mode.
- 4 Build the `NativeStructCellServer` project.
- 5 Supply the configuration file for the `NativeStructCellServer`. The C# code for the server is in the file `NativeStructCellServer.cs`:

```
using System;
using System.Collections.Generic;
using System.Text;
using System.Runtime.Remoting;

namespace NativeStructCellServer
{
    class NativeStructCellServer
    {
        static void Main(string[] args)
        {
            RemotingConfiguration.Configure(
                @"NativeStructCellServer.exe.config");

            Console.WriteLine("NativeStructCell Server started...");

            Console.ReadLine();
        }
    }
}
```

This code reads the associated configuration file to determine:

- Name of the component to host
- Remoting protocol and message formatting to use

- Lease time for the remote component
- In addition, the code also signals that the server is active and waits for a carriage return before terminating.

## Coding and Building the Client Application and Configuration File

The client application, running in a separate process, accesses the remote component running in the server application built in “The Native .NET Cell and Struct Example” on page 8-29. Build the remote client using the Microsoft Visual Studio project file `NativeStructCellClient\NativeStructCellClient.csproj` which references both the shared data conversion assembly `matlabroot\toolbox\dotnetbuilder\bin\win32\v2.0\MWArray.dll` and the generated component interface assembly `component_name\distrib\Icomponent_nameNative`. To create the remote client using Microsoft Visual Studio:

- 1 Select the appropriate build platform.
- 2 Select **Debug** or **Release** mode.
- 3 Build the `NativeStructCellClient` project.
- 4 Supply the configuration file for the `NativeStructCellClient`.

**NativeStructCellClient Code.** The C# code for the client is in the file `NativeStructCellClient\NativeStructCellClient.cs`:

```
using System;
using System.Collections.Generic;
using System.Text;
using System.Runtime.Remoting;
using System.Configuration;
using MathWorks.MATLAB.NET.Arrays.native;

using INativeStructCellCompNative;

// This is a simple example that demonstrates the use
// of MathWorks.MATLAB.NET.Arrays.native package.
namespace NativeStructCellClient
```

```

{
    class NativeStructCellClient
    {
        static void Main(string[] args)
        {
            try
            {
                RemotingConfiguration.Configure(
                    @"NativeStructCellClient.exe.config");

                String urlServer =
                    ConfigurationSettings.AppSettings["NativeStructCellServer"];
                INativeStructCellClassNative nativeStructCell =
                    (INativeStructCellClassNative)Activator.GetObject(typeof
                        (INativeStructCellClassNative), urlServer);

                MWCellArray field_names = new MWCellArray(1, 2);
                field_names[1, 1] = "Name";
                field_names[1, 2] = "Address";

                Object[] o = nativeStructCell.createEmptyStruct(1,field_names);
                MWStructArray S1 = (MWStructArray)o[0];
                Console.WriteLine("\nEVENT 2: Initialized structure as
                    received in client applications:\n\n{0}" , S1);

                //Convert "Name" value from char[,] to a string since there's
                    no MWCharArray constructor on server that accepts
                //char[,] as input.
                char c = ((char[,])S1["Name"])[0, 0];
                S1["Name"] = c.ToString();

                MWStructArray address = new MWStructArray(new int[] { 1, 1 },
                    new String[] { "Street", "City", "State", "Zip" });
                address["Street", 1] = "3, Apple Hill Drive";
                address["City", 1] = "Natick";
                address["State", 1] = "MA";
                address["Zip", 1] = "01760";

                Console.WriteLine("\nUpdating the 'Address' field to
                    :\n\n{0}", address);
                Console.WriteLine("\n#####\n");
            }
        }
    }
}

```



```
<application>
  <channels>
    <channel name="NativeStructCellChannel" ref="tcp" port="0">
      <clientProviders>
        <formatter ref="binary" />
      </clientProviders>
      <serverProviders>
        <formatter ref="binary" typeFilterLevel="Full" />
      </serverProviders>
    </channel>
  </channels>
</application>
</system.runtime.remoting>
</configuration>
```

This code specifies:

- Name of the remote component server and the remote component URI (uniform resource identifier)
- Remoting protocol (TCP/IP) and port number
- Message formatter (binary) and the permissions for the communication channel (full trust)

## Starting the Server Application

Start the server by doing the following:

- 1 Open a DOS or UNIX command window and cd to NativeStructCellServer\bin\x86\v2.0\Debug.
- 2 Run NativeStructCellServer.exe. The following output appears:

```
EVENT 1: Initializing the structure on server and sending
         it to client:
         Initialized empty structure:
```

```
         Name: ' '
         Address: []
```



```
#####  
  
EVENT 3: Partially initialized structure as  
        received by server:  
  
        Name: ' '  
        Address: [1x1 struct]  
  
Address field as initialized from the client:  
  
        Street: '3, Apple Hill Drive'  
        City: 'Natick'  
        State: 'MA'  
        Zip: '01760'  
  
#####  
  
EVENT 4: Updating 'Name' field before sending the  
        structure back to the client:  
  
        Name: 'The MathWorks'  
        Address: [1x1 struct]  
  
#####
```

## Starting the Client Application

Start the client by doing the following:

- 1 Open a DOS or UNIX command window and cd to NativeStructCellClient\bin\x86\v2.0\Debug.
- 2 Run NativeStructCellClient.exe. After the MCR initializes, the following output appears:

```
EVENT 2: Initialized structure as  
        received in client applications:
```

```
1x1 struct array with fields:  
    Name  
    Address
```

Updating the 'Address' field to :

```
1x1 struct array with fields:  
    Street  
    City  
    State  
    Zip
```

```
#####
```

EVENT 5: Final structure as received by client:

```
1x1 struct array with fields:  
    Name  
    Address
```

Address field:

```
1x1 struct array with fields:  
    Street  
    City  
    State  
    Zip
```

```
#####
```

### **Coding and Building the Client Application and Configuration File with the Native MWArray, MWStructArray, and MWCellArray Classes**

**createEmptyStruct.m.** Initialize the structure on the server and send it to the client with the following MATLAB code:

```
function PartialStruct = createEmptyStruct(field_names)

fprintf('EVENT 1: Initializing the structure on server
        and sending it to client:\n');

PartialStruct = struct(field_names{1}, ' ', field_names{2}, []);

fprintf('          Initialized empty structure:\n\n');
disp(PartialStruct);
fprintf('\n#####\n');
```

**updateField.m.** Receive the partially updated structure from the client and add more data to it, before passing it back to the client, with the following MATLAB code:

```
function FinalStruct = updateField(st, field_name)

fprintf('\nEVENT 3: Partially initialized structure as
        received by server:\n\n');

disp(st);
fprintf('Address field as initialized from the client:\n\n');
disp(st.Address);
fprintf('#####\n');

fprintf(['\nEVENT 4: Updating ', field_name, ' '
        field before sending the structure back to the client:\n\n']);
st.(field_name) = 'The MathWorks';
FinalStruct = st;
disp(FinalStruct);
fprintf('\n#####\n');
```

**NativeStructCellClient.cs.** Create the client C# code:

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**Note** In this case, you do not need the MCR on the system path.

---

```
using System;
using System.Collections.Generic;
using System.Text;
```

```
using System.Runtime.Remoting;
using System.Configuration;
using MathWorks.MATLAB.NET.Arrays.native;

using INativeStructCellCompNative;

// This is a simple example that demonstrates the use of
// MathWorks.MATLAB.NET.Arrays.native package.
namespace NativeStructCellClient
{
    class NativeStructCellClient
    {
        static void Main(string[] args)
        {
            try
            {
                RemotingConfiguration.Configure
                    (@"NativeStructCellClient.exe.config");
                String urlServer =
                    ConfigurationSettings.AppSettings[
                        "NativeStructCellServer"];
                INativeStructCellClassNative nativeStructCell =
                    (INativeStructCellClassNative)Activator.GetObject(typeof
                        (INativeStructCellClassNative),
                            urlServer);

                MWCellArray field_names = new MWCellArray(1, 2);
                field_names[1, 1] = "Name";
                field_names[1, 2] = "Address";

                Object[] o = nativeStructCell.createEmptyStruct(1,field_names);
                MWStructArray S1 = (MWStructArray)o[0];
                Console.WriteLine("\nEVENT 2: Initialized structure as received
                    in client applications:\n\n{0}" , S1);

                //Convert "Name" value from char[,] to a string since
                // there's no MWCharArray constructor
                // on server that accepts char[,] as input.
                char c = ((char[,])S1["Name"])[0, 0];
                S1["Name"] = c.ToString();
            }
        }
    }
}
```

```

MWStructArray address =
    want new MWStructArray(new int[] { 1, 1 },
        new String[] { "Street", "City", "State", "Zip" });
address["Street", 1] = "3, Apple Hill Drive";
address["City", 1] = "Natick";
address["State", 1] = "MA";
address["Zip", 1] = "01760";

Console.WriteLine("\nUpdating the
                    'Address' field to :\n\n{0}", address);
Console.WriteLine("\n#####\n");
S1["Address",1] = address;

Object[] o1 = nativeStructCell.updateField(1, S1, "Name");
MWStructArray S2 = (MWStructArray)o1[0];

Console.WriteLine("\nEVENT 5: Final structure as received by
                    client:\n\n{0}" , S2);
Console.WriteLine("\nAddress field: \n\n{0}" , S2["Address",1]);
Console.WriteLine("\n#####\n");
    }
    catch (Exception exception)
    {
        Console.WriteLine(exception.Message);
    }
    Console.ReadLine();
}
}
}
}
}

```

**NativeStructCellServer.cs.** Create the server C# code:

```

using System;
using System.Collections.Generic;
using System.Text;
using System.Runtime.Remoting;

namespace NativeStructCellServer
{

```

```
class NativeStructCellServer
{
    static void Main(string[] args)
    {
        RemotingConfiguration.Configure(
            @"NativeStructCellServer.exe.config");

        Console.WriteLine("NativeStructCell Server started...");

        Console.ReadLine();
    }
}
```

# Troubleshooting

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This chapter provides some solutions to common problems encountered using the MATLAB Builder NE product.

- “Troubleshooting the Build Process ” on page 9-2
- “Failure to Find a Required File” on page 9-3
- “Diagnostic Messages” on page 9-4

## Troubleshooting the Build Process

In this section...
“Viewing the Latest Build Log” on page 9-2
“Generating Verbose Output” on page 9-2

### Viewing the Latest Build Log

To view the log of your most recent build process, open the build log, which is generated in the intermediate folder for your project. By default, the intermediate folder for a project is *project\_folder/projectname\_without\_ext/src*.

### Generating Verbose Output

Telling the Deployment Tool to generate verbose output provides a more detailed log of each build. These details can assist you in determining the cause of problems you encounter.

To enable verbose output during builds, select **Generate Verbose Output** in the Deployment Tool window.



## Failure to Find a Required File

If your application generates a diagnostic message indicating that a module cannot be found, it could be that the MCR is not located properly on your path. How to fix this problem depends on whether it occurs on a development machine (where you are using the builder to create a component) or target machine (where you are trying to use the component in your application). The required locations are as follows for the MCR according to development versus target machines.

- Make sure that `matlabroot\runtime\architecture` appears on your system path ahead of any other MATLAB installations. (*matlabroot* is your root MATLAB folder.)
- Verify that `mcr_root\ver\runtime\architecture` appears on your system path. (*mcr\_root* is your root MCR folder) and *ver* represents the MCR version number.

## Diagnostic Messages

The following table shows diagnostic messages you might encounter, probable causes for the message, and suggested solutions.

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**Note** The MATLAB Builder NE product uses the MATLAB Compiler product to generate components. This means that you might see diagnostic messages from MATLAB Compiler. See “Compile-Time Errors” in the MATLAB Compiler documentation for more information about those messages.

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See the following table for information about some diagnostic messages.

### Diagnostic Messages and Suggested Solutions

Message	Probable Cause	Suggested Solution
LoadLibrary ("component_name_1_0.dll") failed - The specified module could not be found.	You may get this error message while registering the project DLL from the DOS prompt. This usually occurs if the MATLAB product is not on the system path.	See “Failure to Find a Required File” on page 9-3.
	You may get this error if you try to deploy your component without adding the path for the DLL to the system path on the target machine.	On the target machine where the COM component is to be used: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1</b> Use the <code>extractCTF.exe</code> utility to decompress the <code>.ctf</code> file generated by the builder when you built the COM component.</li> <li><b>2</b> Look at the files in the CTF, and note the path for the DLL.</li> <li><b>3</b> Add this path to the system path.</li> </ol>

## Diagnostic Messages and Suggested Solutions (Continued)

Message	Probable Cause	Suggested Solution
		See the MATLAB Compiler documentation for more information about <code>extractctf.exe</code> .
	You may get this error if you do not have appropriate permissions to deploy a COM component on a particular system.	See “Add-in and COM Component Registration” on page 12-3.
MBUILD.BAT: Error: The chosen compiler does not support building COM objects.	The chosen compiler does not support building COM objects.	Rerun <code>mbuild -setup</code> and choose a supported compiler.
Error in <code>component_name.class_name.x</code> : Error getting data conversion flags.	This is often caused by <code>mwcomutil.dll</code> not being registered.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1</b> Open a DOS window.</li> <li><b>2</b> Change folders to <code>matlabroot\runtime\architecture</code>.</li> <li><b>3</b> Run the following command: <code>mwregsvr mwcomutil.dll</code></li> </ol> <p>(<code>matlabroot</code> is your root MATLAB folder.)</p>

**Diagnostic Messages and Suggested Solutions (Continued)**

Message	Probable Cause	Suggested Solution
Error in VBAProject: ActiveX component can't create object.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project DLL is not registered.</li> <li>• An incompatible MATLAB DLL exists somewhere on the system path.</li> </ul>	If the DLL is not registered, <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1</b> Open a DOS window.</li> <li><b>2</b> Change folders to <i>projectdir\distrib</i>.</li> <li><b>3</b> Run the following command:  <code>mwregsvr projectdll.dll</code> </li> </ol> ( <i>projectdir</i> represents the location of your project files).
object ref not set to instance of an object	This occurs when an object that has not been instantiated is called	Instantiate the object (declare it as new). See “Classes and Methods” on page 4-3in this User’s Guide for more information.
Error in VBAProject: Automation error The specified module could not be found.	This usually occurs if MATLAB is not on the system path.	See “Failure to Find a Required File” on page 9-3.
QueryInterface for interface <COM OBJECT NAME> failed.	You might be using the incorrect number and/or type of function parameters to call into your COM object.	Function calls to COM objects that encapsulate MATLAB functions must have the same number and data type of arguments as the COM object. In general: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use a Variant data type for the return type of the COM object.</li> <li>• Use doubles as default numeric input parameters (rather than integers).</li> </ul>

## Diagnostic Messages and Suggested Solutions (Continued)

Message	Probable Cause	Suggested Solution
		<p>You might also use development tools such as OLEVIEW and Object Browser, which ship with Microsoft Visual Studio and Microsoft Visual Basic, respectively, to verify the expected function signature of TypeLib for the COM object.</p>
<p>Showing a modal dialog box or form when the application is not running in UserInteractive mode is not a valid operation. Specify the ServiceNotification or DefaultDesktopOnly style to display a notification from a service application.</p>	<p>This warning occurs when ASP.NET code tries to bring up a dialog box.</p> <p>If occurs because getframe() makes the figure window visible before performing the capture and thus fails when running in IIS. msgbox() calls in MATLAB code cause the warning to appear also.</p>	<p>Work around this problem by doing the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1</b> Open the Windows Control Panel.</li> <li><b>2</b> Open Services.</li> <li><b>3</b> From the list of services, select and open the <b>IIS Admin</b> service.</li> <li><b>4</b> In the Properties dialog, on the <b>Log On</b> tab, select <b>Local System Account</b>.</li> <li><b>5</b> Select the option <b>Allow Service to Interact with Desktop</b>.</li> </ol>

### Enhanced Error Diagnostics Using mstack Trace

Use this enhanced diagnostic feature to troubleshoot problems that occur specifically during MATLAB code execution.

To implement this feature, use .NET exception handling to invoke the MATLAB function inside of the .NET application, as demonstrated in this try-catch code block:

```
try
{
    Magic magic = new Magic();
    magic.callmakeerror();
}
catch(Exception ex)
{
    Console.WriteLine("Error: {0}", exception);
}
```

When an error occurs, the MATLAB code stack trace is printed before the Microsoft .NET application stack trace, as follows:

```
... MATLAB code Stack Trace ...
    at
file H:\compiler\g388611\cathy\MagicDemoCSharpApp\bin\Debug\
CallldmakeerrComp_mcr\compiler\g388611\ca
thy\MagicDemoComp\dmakeerror.m,name
dmakeerror_error2,line at 14.
    at
file H:\compiler\g388611\cathy\MagicDemoCSharpApp\bin\Debug\
CallldmakeerrComp_mcr\compiler\g388611\ca
thy\MagicDemoComp\dmakeerror.m,name
dmakeerror_error1,line at 11.
    at
file H:\compiler\g388611\cathy\MagicDemoCSharpApp\bin\Debug\
CallldmakeerrComp_mcr\compiler\g388611\ca
thy\MagicDemoComp\dmakeerror.m,name dmakeerror,line at 4.
    at
file H:\compiler\g388611\cathy\MagicDemoCSharpApp\bin\Debug\
CallldmakeerrComp_mcr\compiler\g388611\ca
thy\MagicDemoComp\callldmakeerror.m,name
callldmakeerror,line at 2.

... .Application Stack Trace ...
    at MathWorks.MATLAB.NET.Utility.MWMCR.EvaluateFunction
```

```
(String functionName, Int32 numArgsOut, Int
32 numArgsIn, MWArray[] argsIn)
    at MathWorks.MATLAB.NET.Utility.MMMCR.EvaluateFunction
(Int32 numArgsOut, String functionName, MWA
rray[] argsIn)
    at CallldmakeerrComp.Callldmakeerr.callldmakeerror() in
h:\compiler\g388611\cathy\MagicDemoComp\src\
Callldmakeerr.cs:line 140
    at MathWorks.Demo.MagicSquareApp.MagicDemoApp.Main(String[]
args) in H:\compiler\g388611\cathy\Ma
gicDemoCSharpApp\MagicDemoApp.cs:line 52
```





# Reference Information

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- “Requirements for the MATLAB® Builder™ NE Product” on page 10-2
- “Data Conversion Rules” on page 10-4
- “Overview of Data Conversion Classes” on page 10-17
- “MWArray Class Specification” on page 10-24
- “Application Deployment Terms” on page 10-25

## Requirements for the MATLAB Builder NE Product

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“System and Compiler Requirements” on page 10-2
“Path Modifications Required for Accessibility” on page 10-2
“Limitations and Restrictions” on page 10-2

### System and Compiler Requirements

You must have the MATLAB and MATLAB Compiler products installed to install the MATLAB Builder NE product.

MATLAB Builder NE is available only on Windows (32-bit and 64-bit versions).

For an up-to-date list of all the system and compiler software supported by MATLAB, the builders, and MATLAB Compiler, see [http://www.mathworks.com/support/compilers/current\\_release/](http://www.mathworks.com/support/compilers/current_release/).

### Path Modifications Required for Accessibility

In order to use some screen-readers or assistive technologies, such as JAWS®, you must add the following DLLs to your Windows path:

JavaAccessBridge.dll  
WindowsAccessBridge.dll

You may not be able to use such technologies without doing so.

### Limitations and Restrictions

In general, limitations and restrictions on the use of the builder are the same as those for MATLAB Compiler. See the MATLAB Compiler documentation for details.

## **Using CGI Scripts**

As of Release 2006b, CGI scripts can call MATLAB using the Engine API interface if you have a concurrent or designated license.

## Data Conversion Rules

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“Managed Types to MATLAB Arrays” on page 10-4
“MATLAB Arrays to Managed Types” on page 10-5
“.NET Types to MATLAB Types” on page 10-7
“Character and String Conversion” on page 10-16
“Unsupported MATLAB Array Types” on page 10-16

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**Tip** Learn about creating type-safe interfaces for .NET components, in order to avoid data conversion tasks with `MWArray`. See Chapter 6, “Type-Safe Interfaces, WCF, and MEF” for details.

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### Managed Types to MATLAB Arrays

The following table lists the data conversion rules used when converting native .NET types to MATLAB arrays.

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**Note** The conversion rules listed in these tables apply to scalars, vectors, matrices, and multidimensional arrays of the native types listed.

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#### Conversion Rules: Managed Types to MATLAB Arrays

Native .NET Type	MATLAB Array	Comments
<code>System.Double</code>	<code>double</code>	—
<code>System.Single</code>	<code>single</code>	Available only when the <code>makeDouble</code> constructor argument is set to <code>false</code> . The default is <code>true</code> , which creates a MATLAB double type.
<code>System.Int64</code>	<code>int64</code>	
<code>System.Int32</code>	<code>int32</code>	
<code>System.Int16</code>	<code>int16</code>	
<code>System.Byte</code>	<code>int8</code>	

### Conversion Rules: Managed Types to MATLAB Arrays (Continued)

Native .NET Type	MATLAB Array	Comments
System.String	char	None
System.Boolean	logical	None

### MATLAB Arrays to Managed Types

The following table lists the data conversion rules used when converting MATLAB arrays to native .NET types.

---

**Note** The conversion rules apply to scalars, vectors, matrices, and multidimensional arrays of the listed MATLAB types.

---

### Conversion Rules: MATLAB Arrays to Managed Types

MATLAB Type	.NET Type (Primitive)	.NET Type (Class)	Comments
cell	N/A	MWCellArray	Cell and struct arrays have no corresponding .NET type.
structure	N/A	MWStructArray	
char	System.String	MWCharArray	
double	System.Double	MWNumericArray	Default is type double.
single	System.Single	MWNumericArray	
uint64	System.Int64	MWNumericArray	Not supported
uint32	System.Int32	MWNumericArray	Not supported
uint16	System.Int16	MWNumericArray	Not supported
uint8	System.Byte	MWNumericArray	None
logical	System.Boolean	MWLogicalArray	None

**Conversion Rules: MATLAB Arrays to Managed Types (Continued)**

<b>MATLAB Type</b>	<b>.NET Type (Primitive)</b>	<b>.NET Type (Class)</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Function handle	N/A	N/A	None
Object	N/A	N/A	None

## .NET Types to MATLAB Types

In order to create .NET interfaces that describe the type-safe API of a MATLAB Builder NE generated component, you must decide on the .NET types used for input and output parameters.

When choosing input types, consider how .NET inputs become MATLAB types. When choosing output types, consider the inverse conversion

The following tables list the data conversion results and rules used to convert .NET types to MATLAB arrays and MATLAB arrays to .NET types.

See Chapter 6, “Type-Safe Interfaces, WCF, and MEF” in this User’s Guide for a complete overview of using type-safe interfaces to generate MATLAB-compatible type-safe arrays.

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**Note** Invalid conversions result in a thrown `ArgumentException`

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### Conversion Results: .NET Types to MATLAB Types

.NET Type	Converts to MATLAB Type
NumericType <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• System.Double</li> <li>• System.Single</li> <li>• System.Byte</li> <li>• System.Int16</li> <li>• System.Int32</li> <li>• System.Int64</li> <li>• System.Int64</li> </ul>	numeric
System.Boolean	logical
System.Char	char
System.String	

**Conversion Results: .NET Types to MATLAB Types (Continued)**

<b>.NET Type</b>	<b>Converts to MATLAB Type</b>
NumericType[N]	NumericType[1,N]
NumericType[P <sub>n</sub> ,...,P <sub>1</sub> ,M,N]	NumericType[M,N,P <sub>1</sub> ,...,P <sub>n</sub> ]
System.Boolean[N]	logical [1,N]
System.Boolean[P <sub>n</sub> ,...,P <sub>1</sub> ,M,N]	logical [M,N,P <sub>1</sub> ,...,P <sub>n</sub> ]
System.Char[N]	char [1,N]
System.Char[P <sub>n</sub> ,...,P <sub>1</sub> ,M,N]	char [M,N,P <sub>1</sub> ,...,P <sub>n</sub> ]
System.String[N]	char [N,max_string_length]
System.String[P <sub>n</sub> ,...,P <sub>1</sub> ,N]	char [N,max_string_length, P <sub>1</sub> ,...,P <sub>n</sub> ]
Scalar .NET struct	MATLAB struct constructed from public instance fields of the .NET struct
.NET struct [ N ]	MATLAB struct [1,N] where each element is constructed from public instance fields of the .NET struct
.NET struct [ M,N ]	MATLAB struct [ M,N ] where each element is constructed from public instance fields of the .NET struct
native.MWStructArray	struct
native.MWCellArray	cell
Hashtable	struct
Dictionary <K,V>Where K = string and V = scalar or array of [Numeric, boolean, Char, String]	struct
ArrayList	cell



**Conversion Results: .NET Types to MATLAB Types (Continued)**

<b>.NET Type</b>	<b>Converts to MATLAB Type</b>
Any other .NET type in the default application domain	.NET object
Any other serializable .NET type in a non-default application domain	.NET object

**Conversion Rules: MATLAB Numeric Types to .NET Types**

To Convert This MATLAB Type:	To this:	Follow these rules:
numeric	Scalar	The type must be scalar in MATLAB. For example, a 1 X 1 int in MATLAB.
	Vector	The type must be a vector in MATLAB. For example, a 1 X <i>N</i> or <i>N</i> X 1 int array in MATLAB.
	<i>N</i> -dimensional array	The <i>N</i> -dimensional array type specified by the user must match the rank of the MATLAB numeric array.

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**Tip** When converting MATLAB numeric arrays, widening conversions are allowed. For example, an `int` can be converted to a `double`. The type specified must be a numeric type that is equal or wider. Narrowing conversions throw an `ArgumentException`.

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**Caution** .NET types are not as flexible as MATLAB types. Take care and test appropriately with .NET outputs before integrating data into your applications.

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**Conversion Rules: MATLAB Char Arrays to .NET Types**

<b>To Convert This MATLAB Type:</b>	<b>To this:</b>	<b>Follow these rules:</b>
char	Char	The char must be scalar.
	Char array	The $N$ -dimensional Char type must match the rank of the MATLAB char array.
	String	MATLAB char array must be $[1, N]$
	String array	The $N$ -dimensional MATLAB char array can be converted to $(N-1)$ -dimensional array of type String.

**Conversion Rules: MATLAB Logical Arrays to .NET Types**

<b>To Convert This MATLAB Type:</b>	<b>To this:</b>	<b>Follow these rules:</b>
logical	Boolean	The logical must be scalar.
	Boolean[]	The MATLAB logical array must be [1,N] or [N,1].
	Boolean array	The <i>N</i> -dimensional Boolean array must match the rank of the MATLAB logical array.

### Conversion Rules: Cell Array to .NET Types

To Convert This MATLAB Type:	To this:	Follow these rules:
cell	System.Array	The $N$ -dimensional MATLAB cell array is converted to an $N$ -dimensional System.Array of type object.
	ArrayList	The MATLAB cell array must be a vector.

**Caution** If the MATLAB cell array contains a struct, it is left unchanged. All other types are converted to native types. Any nested cell array is converted to a System.Array matching the dimension of the cell array, as illustrated in this code snippet:

```
Let C = {[1,2,3], {[1,2,3]}, 'Hello world'}
% be a cell
```

C can be converted to an object[1,3] where  
 object[1,1] contains int[,]  
 object[1,2] contains an object[1,1]  
 whose first element in an  
 int[,] object[1,3] contains char[,].

**Note** Any nested cell array is converted to a System.Array that matches the dimension of the cell array

**Conversion Rules: Struct to .NET Types**

<b>To Convert This MATLAB Type:</b>	<b>To this:</b>	<b>Follow these rules:</b>
struct	.NET struct	The name and number of public fields in the specified .NET struct must match the name and number of fields in the MATLAB struct.
	Hashtable	A scalar struct can be converted to a Hashtable. Any nested struct will also be converted to a Hashtable. If the nested struct is not a scalar, then an ArgumentException is thrown. The dictionary key must be of type String.

**Conversion Rules: .NET Objects in MATLAB to .NET Native Objects**

<b>To Convert this MATLAB Type:</b>	<b>To this:</b>	<b>Follow these rules:</b>
.NET object	Type or super-type of the containing object	A .NET object in MATLAB can only be converted to a type or a super-type.

## Character and String Conversion

A native .NET string is converted to a 1-by- $N$  MATLAB character array, with  $N$  equal to the length of the .NET string.

An array of .NET strings (`string[]`) is converted to an  $M$ -by- $N$  character array, with  $M$  equal to the number of elements in the string (`[]`) array and  $N$  equal to the maximum string length in the array.

Higher dimensional arrays of `String` are similarly converted.

In general, an  $N$ -dimensional array of `String` is converted to an  $N+1$  dimensional MATLAB character array with appropriate zero padding where supplied strings have different lengths.

## Unsupported MATLAB Array Types

The MATLAB Builder NE product does not support the following MATLAB array types because they are not CLS-compliant:

- `int8`
- `uint16`
- `uint32`
- `uint64`

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**Note** While it is permissible to pass these types as arguments to a MATLAB Builder NE component, it is not permissible to return these types, as they are not CLS compliant.

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## Overview of Data Conversion Classes

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### Overview

The data conversion classes are

- MWArray
- MWIndexArray
- MWCellArray
- MWCharacterArray
- MWLogicalArray
- MWNumericArray
- MWStructArray

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**Note** For complete reference information about the MWArray class hierarchy, see the MWArray Class Library Reference (available online only).

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**Tip** Learn about creating type-safe interfaces for .NET components, in order to avoid data conversion tasks with MWArray. See Chapter 6, “Type-Safe Interfaces, WCF, and MEF” for details.

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MWArray and MWIndexArray are abstract classes. The other classes represent the standard MATLAB array types: cell, character, logical, numeric, and

struct. Each class provides constructors and a set of properties and methods for creating and accessing the state of the underlying MATLAB array.

There are some data types (cell arrays, structure arrays, and arrays of complex numbers) commonly used in the MATLAB product that are not available as native .NET types. To represent these data types, you must create an instance of either `MWCellArray`, `MWStructArray`, or `MWNumericArray`.

## Returning Data from MATLAB to Managed Code

All data returned from a MATLAB function to a .NET method is represented as an instance of the appropriate `MWArray` subclass. For example, a MATLAB cell array is returned as an `MWCellArray` object.

Return data is *not* automatically converted to a native array. If you need to get the corresponding native array type, call the `ToArray` method, which converts a MATLAB array to the appropriate native data type, except for cell and struct arrays. See “The Magic Square Example” on page 1-9.

## Example of MWNumericArray in a .NET Application

Here is a code fragment that shows how to convert a double value (5.0) to a `MWNumericArray` type:

```
MWNumericArray arraySize = 5.0;  
magicSquare = magic.MakeSqr(arraySize);
```

After the double value is converted and assigned to the variable `arraySize`, you can use the `arraySize` argument with the MATLAB based method without further conversion. In this example, the MATLAB based method is `magic.MakeSqr(arraySize)`.

## Interfaces Generated by the MATLAB Builder NE Product

For each MATLAB function that you specify as part of a .NET component, the builder generates an API based on the MATLAB function signature, as follows:

- A *single output* signature that assumes that only a single output is required and returns the result in a single `MWArray` rather than an array of `MWArrays`.
- A *standard* signature that specifies inputs of type `MWArray` and returns values as an array of `MWArray`.
- A *feval* signature that includes both input and output arguments in the argument list rather than returning outputs as a return value. Output arguments are specified first, followed by the input arguments.

## Single Output API

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**Note** Typically you use the single output interface for MATLAB functions that return a single argument. You can also use the single output interface when you want to use the output of a function as the input to another function.

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For each MATLAB function, the builder generates a wrapper class that has overloaded methods to implement the various forms of the generic MATLAB function call. The single output API for a MATLAB function returns a single `MWArray` value.

For example, the following table shows a generic function `foo` along with the single output API that the builder generates for its several forms.

Generic MATLAB function	<code>function [Out1, Out2, ..., varargout] = foo(In1, In2, ..., InN, varargin)</code>
API if there are no input arguments	<code>public MWArray foo()</code>

API if there are one or more input arguments	<pre>public MArray foo( MArray In1, MArray In2 ... MArray inN)</pre>
API if there are optional input arguments	<pre>public MArray foo( MArray In1, MArray In2,     ..., MArray inN params MArray[] varargin )</pre>

In the example, the input arguments *In1*, *In2*, and *inN* are of type `MArray` objects.

Similarly, in the case of optional arguments, the `params` arguments are of type `MArray`. (The `varargin` argument is similar to the `varargin` function in MATLAB — it allows the user to pass a variable number of arguments.)

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**Note** When you call a class method in your .NET application, specify all required inputs first, followed by any optional arguments.

Functions having a single integer input require an explicit cast to type `MWNumericArray` to distinguish the method signature from a standard interface signature that has no input arguments.

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### Standard API

Typically you use the standard interface for MATLAB functions that return multiple output values.

The standard calling interface returns an array of `MArray` objects rather than a single array object.

The standard API for a generic function with none, one, more than one, or a variable number of arguments, is shown in the following table.

Generic MATLAB function	<pre>function [Out1, Out2, ..., varargout] =     foo(In1, In2, ..., InN,         varargin)</pre>
API if there are no input arguments	<pre>public MArray[] foo(     int numArgsOut )</pre>
API if there is one input argument	<pre>public MArray [] foo(     int numArgsOut,     MArray In1 )</pre>
API if there are two to $N$ input arguments	<pre>public MArray[] foo(     int numArgsOut,     MArray In1,     MArray In2,     \... MArray InN)</pre>
API if there are optional arguments, represented by the <code>varargin</code> argument	<pre>public MArray[] foo(     int numArgsOut,     MArray in1,     MArray in2,     MArray InN,     params MArray[]     varargin)</pre>

Details about the arguments for these samples of standard signatures are shown in the following table.

Argument	Description	Details
<i>numArgsOut</i>	Number of outputs	An integer indicating the number of outputs you want the method to return.  The value of <i>numArgsOut</i> must be less than or equal to the MATLAB function <i>nargout</i> .  The <i>numArgsOut</i> argument must always be the first argument in the list.
<i>In1, In2, ...InN</i>	Required input arguments	All arguments that follow <i>numArgsOut</i> in the argument list are inputs to the method being called.  Specify all required inputs first. Each required input must be of type <i>MWArray</i> or one of its derived types.
<i>varargin</i>	Optional inputs	You can also specify optional inputs if your MATLAB code uses the <i>varargin</i> input: list the optional inputs, or put them in an <i>MWArray[]</i> argument, placing the array last in the argument list.
<i>Out1, Out2, ...OutN</i>	Output arguments	With the standard calling interface, all output arguments are returned as an array of <i>MWArrays</i> .

### feval API

In addition to the methods in the single API and the standard API, in most cases, the builder produces an additional overloaded method. If the original MATLAB code contains no output arguments, then the builder will not generate the *feval* method interface.

For a function with the following structure,

```
function [Out1, Out2, ..., varargout] =
    foo(In1, In2, ..., InN,
    varargin)
```

The builder generates the following API, known as the *feval interface*,

```
public void foo
    (int numArgsOut,
     ref MArray [] ArgsOut,
     MArray[] ArgsIn)
```

where the arguments are as follows:

numArgsOut	Number of outputs	<p>Same as standard interface.</p> <p>An integer indicating the number of outputs you want to return.</p> <p>This number generally matches the number of output arguments that follow. The <code>varargout</code> array counts as just one argument, if present.</p>
ref MArray [] ArgsOut	Output arguments	<p>Following <code>numArgsOut</code> are all the outputs of the original MATLAB code, each listed in the same order as they appear on the left side of the original MATLAB code.</p> <p>A <code>ref</code> attribute prefaces all output arguments indicating that these arrays are passed by reference.</p>
MArray[] ArgsIn	Input arguments	<p>MArray types or a supported .NET primitive type.</p> <p>When you pass an instance of an MArray type, the underlying MATLAB array is passed directly to the called function. Native types are first converted to MArray types.</p>

## MWArray Class Specification

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**Tip** Learn about creating type-safe interfaces for .NET components, in order to avoid data conversion tasks with MWArray. See Chapter 6, “Type-Safe Interfaces, WCF, and MEF” for details.

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For complete reference information about the MWArray class hierarchy, see the MWArray Class Library Reference (available online only).

See “Making .NET Namespaces Available for Your Generated Component and MWArray Libraries” on page 1-29 for information about referencing the classes in your .NET programming environment.



# Application Deployment Terms

## Glossary of Deployment Product Terms

### A

*Add-in* — A Microsoft Excel add-in is an executable piece of code that can be actively integrated into a Microsoft Excel application. Add-ins are front-ends for COM components, usually written in some form of Microsoft Visual Basic.

*API* — Application program interface. An implementation of the proxy software design pattern. See *MWArray*.

*Application* — An end user-system into which a deployed functions or solution is ultimately integrated. Typically, the end goal for the Deployment customer is integration of a deployed MATLAB function into a larger enterprise environment application. The deployment products prepare the MATLAB function for integration by wrapping MATLAB code with enterprise-compatible source code, such as C, C++, C# (.NET), F#, and Java code.

*Assembly* — An executable bundle of code, especially in .NET. For example, after building a deployable .NET component with MATLAB Builder NE, the .NET developer integrates the resulting .NET assembly into a larger enterprise C# application. See *Executable*.

### B

*Binary* — See *Executable*.

*Build* — See *Compile*.

### C

*Class* — A user-defined type used in C++, C#, and Java, among other object-oriented languages that is a prototype for an object in an object-oriented language. It is analogous to a derived type in a procedural language. A class is a set of objects which share a common structure and behavior. Classes relate in a class hierarchy. One class is a specialization (a *subclass*) of another (one of its *superclasses*) or comprises other classes. Some classes use other

classes in a client-server relationship. Abstract classes have no members, and concrete classes have one or more members. Differs from a *MATLAB class*

*Compile* — In MATLAB Compiler terminology, to compile a component involves generating a binary that wraps around MATLAB code, enabling it to execute in various computing environments. For example, when MATLAB code builds with MATLAB Builder JA, a Java wrapper provides Java code that enables the MATLAB code to execute in a Java environment.

*COM component* — In MATLAB Builder EX, the executable back-end code behind a Microsoft Excel add-in. In MATLAB Builder NE, an executable component, to be integrated with Microsoft COM applications.

*Component* — In MATLAB, a generic term used to describe the wrapped MATLAB code produced by MATLAB Compiler. You can plug these self-contained bundles of code you plug into various computing environments. The wrapper enables the compatibility between the computing environment and your code.

*Console application* — Any application that is executed from a system command prompt window. If you are using a non-Windows operating system, console applications are often referred to as standalone applications.

*CTF archive (Component Technology File)* — The Component Technology File (CTF) archive is embedded by default in each generated binary by MATLAB Compiler. It houses the deployable package. All MATLAB-based content in the CTF archive uses the Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) cryptosystem. See “Additional Details” in the *MATLAB Compiler User’s Guide*.

## D

*Data Marshaling* — Data conversion, usually from one type to another. Unless a MATLAB deployment customer is using type-safe interfaces, data marshaling—as from mathematical data types to MathWorks data types such as represented by the `MWArray` API—must be performed manually, often at great cost.

*Deploy* — The act of integrating a component into a larger-scale computing environment, usually to an enterprise application, and often to end users.

*DLL* — Dynamic link library. Microsoft's implementation of the shared library concept for Windows. Using DLLs is much preferred over the previous technology of static (or non-dynamic) libraries, which had to be manually linked and updated.

## E

*Executable* — An executable bundle of code, made up of binary bits (zeros and ones) and sometimes called a *binary*.

## H

*Helper files* — Files that support the main file or the file that calls all supporting functions. Add resources that depend upon the function that calls the supporting function to the **Shared Resources and Helper Files** section of the Deployment Tool GUI. Other examples of supporting files or resources include:

- Functions called using `eval` (or variants of `eval`)
- Functions not on the MATLAB path
- Code you want to remain private
- Code from other programs that you want to compile and link into the main file

## I

*Integration* — Combining a deployed component's functionality with functionality that currently exists in an enterprise application. For example, a customer creates a mathematical model to forecast trends in certain commodities markets. In order to use this model in a larger-scale financial application (one written with the Microsoft .NET Framework, for instance) the deployed financial model must be integrated with existing C# applications, run in the .NET enterprise environment. Integration is usually performed by an IT developer, rather than a MATLAB Programmer, in larger environments.

## J

*JAR* — Java archive. In computing software, a JAR file (or Java ARchive) aggregates many files into one. Software developers generally use JARs to distribute Java applications or libraries, in the form of classes and associated metadata and resources (text, images, etc.). Computer users can create or extract JAR files using the `jar` command that comes with a Java Development Kit (JDK).

*JDK* — The *Java Development Kit* is a free Sun Microsystems product which provides the environment required for programming in Java. The JDK is available for various platforms, but most notably Sun™ Solaris and Microsoft Windows. To build components with MATLAB Builder JA, download the JDK that corresponds to the latest version of Java supported by MATLAB.

*JRE* — *Java Run-Time Environment* is the part of the Java Development Kit (JDK) required to run Java programs. It comprises the Java Virtual Machine, the Java platform core classes, and supporting files. It does not include the compiler, debugger, or other tools present in the JDK. The JRE is the smallest set of executables and files that constitute the standard Java platform.

## M

*Magic Square* — A square array of integers arranged so that their sum is the same when added vertically, horizontally, or diagonally.

*Marshaling* — See *Data Marshaling*.

*mbuild* — MATLAB Compiler command that invokes a script which compiles and links C and C++ source files into standalone applications or shared libraries. For more information, see the `mbuild` function reference page.

*mcc* — The MATLAB command that invokes MATLAB Compiler. It is the command-line equivalent of using the Deployment Tool GUI. See the `mcc` reference page in the *MATLAB Compiler User's Guide* for the complete list of options available. Each builder product has customized `mcc` options. See the respective builder documentation for details.

*MCR* — The *MATLAB Compiler Runtime* is an execution engine made up of the same shared libraries. MATLAB uses these libraries to enable the execution of MATLAB files on systems without an installed version of

MATLAB. To deploy a component, you package the MCR along with it. Before you use the MCR on a system without MATLAB, run the *MCR Installer*.

*MCR Installer* — An installation program run to install the MATLAB Compiler Runtime on a development machine that does not have an installed version of MATLAB. Find out more about the MCR Installer by reading “Distribute MATLAB Code Using the MATLAB Compiler Runtime (MCR)”.

*MCR Singleton* — See *Shared MCR Instance*.

*mxArray interface* — The MATLAB data type containing all MATLAB representations of standard mathematical data types.

*MWArray interface* — A proxy to mxArray. An application program interface (API) for exchanging data between your application and MATLAB. Using MWArray, you marshal data from traditional mathematical types to a form that can be processed and understood by MATLAB data type mxArray. There are different implementations of the MWArray proxy for each application programming language.

## P

*Package* — The act of bundling the deployed component, along with the MCR and other files, for rollout to users of the MATLAB deployment products. After running the packaging function of the Deployment Tool, the package file resides in the `distrib` subfolder. On Windows®, the package is a self-extracting executable. On platforms other than Windows, it is a .zip file. Use of this term is unrelated to *Java Package*.

*Program* — A bundle of code that is executed to achieve a purpose. Programs usually are written to automate repetitive operations through computer processing. Enterprise system applications usually consist of hundreds or even thousands of smaller programs.

*Proxy* — A software design pattern typically using a class, which functions as an interface to something else. For example, MWArray is a proxy for programmers who need to access the underlying type mxArray.

## S

*Shared Library* — Groups of files that reside in one space on disk or memory for fast loading into Windows applications. Dynamic-link libraries (DLLs) are Microsoft’s implementation of the shared library concept in for Microsoft Windows.

*Shared MCR Instance* — When using MATLAB Builder NE or MATLAB Builder JA, you can create a shared MCR instance, also known as a *singleton*. For builder NE, this only applies to COM components. When you invoke MATLAB Compiler with the -S option through the builders (using either mcc or the Deployment Tool), a single MCR instance is created for each COM or Java component in an application. You reuse this instance by sharing it among all subsequent class instances within the component. Such sharing results in more efficient memory usage and eliminates the MCR startup cost in each subsequent class instantiation. All class instances share a single MATLAB workspace and share global variables in the MATLAB files used to build the component. MATLAB Builder NE and MATLAB Builder EX are designed to create singletons by default for .NET assemblies and COM components, respectively. For more information, see “Sharing an MCR Instance in COM or Java Applications” on page 13-38.

*Standalone application* — Programs that are not part of a bundle of linked libraries (as in shared libraries). Standalones are not dependent on operating system services and can be accessed outside of a shared network environment. Standalones are typically .exes (EXE files) in the Windows run-time environment.

*System Compiler* — A key part of Interactive Development Environments (IDEs) such as Microsoft Visual Studio. Before using MATLAB Compiler, select a system compiler using the MATLAB command `mbuild -setup`.

## T

*Type-safe interface* — An API that minimizes explicit type conversions by hiding the `MWArray` type from the calling application. Using type-safe interfaces, for example, .NET Developers work directly with familiar native data types. You can avoid performing tedious `MWArray` data marshaling by using type-safe interfaces.

## W

*WAR* — Web Application ARchive. In computing, a WAR file is a JAR file used to distribute a collection of JavaServer pages, servlets, Java classes, XML files, tag libraries, and static Web pages (HTML and related files) that together constitute a Web application.

*WCF* — Windows Communication Foundation. The Windows Communication Foundation™ (or WCF) is an application programming interface in the .NET Framework for building connected, service-oriented, Web-centric applications. WCF is designed in accordance with service oriented architecture principles to support distributed computing where services are consumed. Clients consume multiple services that can be consumed by multiple clients. Services are loosely coupled to each other.

*Webfigure* — A MathWorks representation of a MATLAB figure, rendered on the Web. Using the WebFigures feature, you display MATLAB figures on a Web site for graphical manipulation by end users. This enables them to use their graphical applications from anywhere on the Web, without the need to download MATLAB or other tools that can consume costly resources.

*Windows standalone application* — Windows standalones differ from regular standalones in that Windows standalones suppress their MS-DOS window output. The equivalent method to specify a Windows standalone target on the mcc command line is “-e Suppress MS-DOS Command Window” If you are using a non-Windows operating system, console applications are referred to as standalone applications.





# Function Reference

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componentinfo  
deploytool  
figToImStream  
mcc  
ntswrap

# componentinfo

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**Purpose** Query system registry about COM component created with MATLAB Builder NE

**Syntax**

```
info = componentinfo
info = componentinfo(component_name)
info = componentinfo(component_name, major_revision_number)
info = componentinfo(component_name, major_revision_number,
    minor_revision_number)
```

**Arguments**

<i>component_name</i>	MATLAB string naming the COM component created by MATLAB Builder NE. Names are case sensitive. If the argument is not supplied, information is returned on all installed components.
<i>major_revision_number</i>	Component major revision number. If the argument is not supplied, information is returned on all major revisions.
<i>minor_revision_number</i>	Component minor revision number. Default value is 0.

**Description**

`info = componentinfo` returns information for all components installed on the system.

`info = componentinfo(component_name)` returns information for all revisions of *component\_name*.

`info = componentinfo(component_name, major_revision_number)` returns information for the most recent minor revision corresponding to *major\_revision\_number* of *component\_name*.

`info = componentinfo(component_name, major_revision_number, minor_revision_number)` returns information for the specific major and minor version of *component\_name*.

The return value is an array of structures representing all the registry and type information needed to load and use the component.

When you supply a component name, *major\_revision\_number* and *minor\_revision\_number* are interpreted as shown next.

Value	Information Returned
> 0	Information on a specific major and minor revision.
0	Information on the most recent revision. When omitted, <i>minor_revision_number</i> is assumed to be 0.
< 0	Information on all versions.

This table describes the fields in componentinfo.

## Registry Information Returned by componentinfo

Field	Description
Name	Component name.
TypeLib	Component type library.
LIBID	Component type library GUID.
MajorRev	Major version number .
MinorRev	Minor version number.
FileName	Type library file name and path. Since all the builder components have the type library bound into the DLL, this file name is the same as the DLL name and path.

## Registry Information Returned by componentinfo (Continued)

Field	Description
Interfaces	<p>An array of structures defining all interface definitions in the type library. Each structure contains two fields:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Name - Interface name.</li><li>• IID - Interface GUID.</li></ul>
CoClasses	<p>An array of structures defining all COM classes in the component. Each structure contains these fields:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Name - Class name.</li><li>• CLSID - GUID of the class.</li><li>• ProgID - Version-dependent program ID.</li><li>• VerIndProgID - Version-independent program ID.</li><li>• InprocServer32 - Full name and path to component DLL.</li><li>• Methods - A structure containing function prototypes of all class methods defined for this interface. This structure contains four fields:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ IDL - An array of Interface Description Language function prototypes.</li><li>▪ M - An array of MATLAB function prototypes.</li><li>▪ C - An array of C-language function prototypes.</li><li>▪ VB - An array of VBA function prototypes.</li></ul></li><li>• Properties - A cell array containing the names of all class properties.</li><li>• Events - A structure containing function prototypes of all events defined for this class. This structure contains four fields:</li></ul>

## Registry Information Returned by componentinfo (Continued)

Field	Description
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ IDL - An array of Interface Description Language function prototypes.</li> <li>▪ M - An array of MATLAB function prototypes.</li> <li>▪ C - An array of C-language function prototypes.</li> <li>▪ VB - An array of VBA function prototypes.</li> </ul>

### Tips

Use the `componentinfo` function to get information (such as class name, program ID) to pass on to users of a component that you create.

The `componentinfo` function also provides a record of changes made to the registry on your development machine. This information might be useful for debugging if you run into problems.

### Examples

Function Call	Returned Information
<code>Info = componentinfo</code>	Information for all installed components.
<code>Info = componentinfo('mycomponent')</code>	Information for all revisions of <code>mycomponent</code> .
<code>Info = componentinfo('mycomponent',1,0)</code>	Information for revision 1.0 of <code>mycomponent</code> .

# deploytool

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**Purpose** Open GUI for MATLAB Builder NE and MATLAB Compiler

**Syntax** `deploytool`

**Description** The `deploytool` command opens the Deployment Tool window, which is the graphical user interface (GUI) for the MATLAB Builder NE and MATLAB Compiler products.

See “The Magic Square Example” on page 1-9 to get started using the Deployment Tool to create .NET and COM components, and see the MATLAB Compiler documentation for information about using the Deployment Tool to create standalone applications and libraries.

See Chapter 1, “Getting Started”, for more information about deploying with the GUI.

<b>Desired Results</b>	<b>Command</b>
Start Deployment Tool GUI with the <b>New/Open</b> dialog box active	<code>deploytool</code> (default) or <code>deploytool -n</code>
Start Deployment Tool GUI and load <i>project_name</i>	<code>deploytool project_name.prj</code>
Start Deployment Tool command line interface and build <i>project_name</i> after initializing	<code>deploytool -build project_name.prj</code>
Start Deployment Tool command line interface and package <i>project_name</i> after initializing	<code>deploytool -package project_name.prj</code>

Desired Results	Command
Start Deployment Tool and package an existing project from the Command Line Interface. Specifying the <i>package_name</i> is optional. By default, a project is packaged into a .zip file. On Windows, if the <i>package_name</i> ends with .exe, the project is packaged into a self-extracting .exe.	<pre>deploytool -package <i>project_name</i>.prj <i>package_name</i></pre>
Display MATLAB Help for the deploytool command	<pre>deploytool -?</pre>

### **-win32 Run in 32-Bit Mode**

Use this option to build a 32-bit application on a 64-bit system *only* when the following are both true:

- You use the same MATLAB installation root (*install\_root*) for both 32-bit and 64-bit versions of MATLAB.
- You are running from a Windows command line (not a MATLAB command line).

# figToImStream

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**Purpose** Stream out figure “snapshot” as byte array encoded in format specified, creating signed byte array in .png format

**Syntax** `output type = figToImStream ('fighandle', figure_handle, 'imageFormat', image_format, 'outputType', output_type)`

**Description** The `output type = figToImStream ('fighandle', figure_handle, 'imageFormat', image_format, 'outputType', output_type)` command also accepts user-defined variables for any of the input arguments, passed as a comma-separated list

The size and position of the printed output depends on the figure's `PaperPosition[mode]` properties.

**Options** `figToImStream('figHandle', Figure_Handle, ...)` allows you to specify the figure output to be used. The Default is the current image  
`figToImStream('imageFormat', [png|jpg|bmp|gif])` allows you to specify the converted image format. Default value is `png`.  
`figToImStream('outputType', [int8!uint8])` allows you to specify an output byte data type. `uint8` (unsigned byte) is used primarily for .NET primitive byte. Default value is `uint8`.

**Examples** Convert the current figure to a signed png byte array:

```
surf(peaks)
bytes = figToImStream
```

Convert a specific figure to an unsigned bmp byte array:

```
f = figure;
surf(peaks);
bytes = figToImStream( 'figHandle', f, ...
    'imageFormat', 'bmp', ...
    'outputType', 'uint8' );
```



**Purpose**

Invoke MATLAB Compiler

**Syntax**

```
mcc -win32 -W 'dotnet:component_name,class_name,
framework_version,Private|Encryption_Key_Path'
file1[file2...fileN]
[class{class_name:file1 [,file2,...,fileN]},...]
[-d output_dir_path]
-T link:lib
```

**Description**

mcc is the MATLAB command that invokes the MATLAB Compiler product. You can issue the mcc command either from the MATLAB command prompt (MATLAB mode) or the DOS or UNIX command line (standalone mode).

mcc prepares MATLAB file(s) for deployment outside of the MATLAB environment. When used with the MATLAB Builder NE product, wrapper files can be used with all CLS-compliant languages, such as C#, Microsoft Visual Basic .NET, and C++ with Managed Extensions.

For each MATLAB file, the main function is a method of the wrapper class generated by MATLAB Builder NE.

**Options**

The -W option is used when running mcc with MATLAB Builder NE.

For a complete list of all mcc command options, see mcc in the MATLAB Compiler User's Guide documentation.

-W

Tells the compiler to create a wrapper function. This option takes a string argument that specifies the following characteristics of the component.

<b>-W String Elements</b>	<b>Description</b>
dotnet:	Keyword that tells the compiler the type of component to create, followed by a colon. Specify <code>dotnet</code> to create a .NET component.
<i>component_name</i>	Specifies the name of the component and its namespace, which is a period-separated list, such as <code>companyname.groupname.component</code> .
<i>class_name</i>	Specifies the name of the .NET class to be created.
<i>framework_version</i>	Specifies the version of the Microsoft .NET Framework you want to use to compile the component. You can specify either: <i>0.0</i> — Use the latest supported version on the target machine. <i>version_major.version_minor</i> — Use a specific version of the framework (for example, <code>2.0</code> ). Feature are often version-specific. Consult the documentation for the feature you are implementing to get the Microsoft .NET Framework version requirements.
Private Encryption_Key_Path	Specifies whether the component to be created is a private assembly or a shared assembly. To create a shared assembly, you must specify the full path to the encryption key file used to sign the assembly.
local remote	Specifies the remoting type of the component. See Chapter 8, “.NET Remoting”.

*file1* [*file2...fileN*]

Specifies the MATLAB files that are to be encapsulated as methods in the class being created (*class\_name*).

`class{class_name:file1 [,file2,...,fileN]},...`

(Optional) Specifies additional classes that you want to include in the component. To use this option, you specify the class name, followed by a colon, and then the names of the files you want to

include in the class. You can include this multiple times to specify multiple classes.

`[-d output_dir_path]`

(Optional) Tells the builder to create a folder and copy the output files to it. If you use `mcc` instead of the Deployment Tool, the `project_folder\src` and `project_folder\distrib` folders are not automatically created.

`-C`

Overrides automatically embedding the CTF archive in builder-generated .NET or COM components. See for details.

`-T`

Specifies the output type. To create a .NET component, specify the keyword `link:lib`, which links objects into a shared library (DLL).

### **-win32 Run in 32-Bit Mode**

Use this option to build a 32-bit application on a 64-bit system *only* when the following are both true:

- You use the same MATLAB installation root (*install\_root*) for both 32-bit and 64-bit versions of MATLAB.
- You are running from a Windows command line (not a MATLAB command line).

# ntswrap

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<b>Purpose</b>	Generates type-safe API
<b>Syntax</b>	<code>ntswrap.exe [-c <i>namespace.class</i>] [-i <i>interface_name</i>] [-a <i>assembly_name</i>]</code>
<b>Description</b>	<p>Available as a MATLAB function or Windows console executable.</p> <p><code>ntswrap.exe [-c <i>namespace.class</i>] [-i <i>interface_name</i>] [-a <i>assembly_name</i>]</code> accepts command line switches in any order.</p> <p>Run <code>ntswrap</code> to generate a type-safe interface for a MATLAB Builder NE generated component.</p>
<b>Arguments</b>	<b>Inputs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-a <i>.NET_native_interface.dll</i> Absolute or relative path to assembly containing .NET statically-typed interface, referenced by -i switch.</li><li>-b <i>MATLAB_Builder_NE_Component.dll</i> Path to folder containing MATLAB Builder NE component that defines component referenced by -c switch</li><li>-c <i>component_class_name</i> Namespace-qualified name of MATLAB Builder NE component in assembly identified by path in -b switch</li><li>-d Enables debugging of the type-safe API assembly  Incompatible with -s.</li><li>-i <i>interface_name</i> Namespace-qualified name of user-supplied interface in assembly identified by path in -a switch</li><li>-k Keep generated type safe API source code; do not delete after processing</li></ul>

- n *namespace\_containing\_generated\_type-safe\_API\_class*  
Optional. If specified, places generated type-safe API in specified namespace
- o *output\_folder*  
Optional. If specified, all output files will be written to specified, preallocated folder
- s  
Generate source code only; do not compile type-safe API source into an assembly
- v *vx.x*  
Version of Microsoft .NET Framework (csc compiler) used to generate type-safe API assembly (for example v2.0)  
  
Incompatible with -s.
- w  
*name\_of\_generated\_type-safe\_API\_wrapper\_class\_and\_assembly*  
Optional. If specified, overrides default name of generated type-safe API class and assembly  
  
Incompatible with -c.

## Outputs

- ComponentInterface.dll  
.NET binary containing type-safe API class. Requires ComponentNative.dll, Interface.dll and MWArray.dll
- ComponentInterface.cs  
Optional output, produced by -s and -k

## Examples

```
ntswrap.exe -c AddOneComp.Mechanism
            -i IAddOne
            -a IAddOne.dll
```

Issuing this command generates a type-safe API for the MATLAB Builder NE class Mechanism in the namespace AddOneCompNative.

# ntswrap

---

By default, ntswrap compiles the source code into an assembly  
MechanismIAddOne.dll.

# Creating and Installing COM Components

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### **Building a Deployable COM Component**

See “Deployable Component Creation” on page 1-13 in the MATLAB Builder NE part of this user’s guide.



## Packaging a Deployable COM Component

See “Packaging Your Component (Optional)” on page 1-16 in the MATLAB Builder NE part of this user’s guide.

### Add-in and COM Component Registration

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**Note** COM components are used in both MATLAB Builder EX and COM Builder, therefore some of the instructions relating to building and packaging COM components and add-ins can be shared between products.

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When you create your COM component, it is registered in either HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE or HKEY\_CURRENT\_USER, based on your log-in privileges.

If you find you need to change your run-time permissions due to security standards imposed by Microsoft or your installation, you can do one of the following before deploying your COM component or add-in:

- Log on as administrator before running your COM component or add-in
- Run the following `mwregsvr` command prior to running your COM component or add-in, as follows:

```
mwregsvr [/u] [/s] [/useronly] project_name.dll
```

where:

- `/u` allows any user to unregister a COM component or add-in for this server
- `/s` runs this command silently, generating no messages. This is helpful for use in silent installations.
- `/useronly` allows only the currently logged-in user to run the COM component or add-in on this server

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**Caution** If your COM component is registered in the **USER** hive, it will not be visible to Windows Vista or Windows 7 users running as administrator on systems with UAC (**User Access Control**) enabled.

If you register a component to the **USER** hive under Windows 7 or Windows Vista, your COM component may fail to load when running with elevated (administrator) privileges.

If this occurs, do the following to re-register the component to the **LOCAL MACHINE** hive:

- 1 Unregister the component with this command:

```
mwregsvr /u /useronly my_dll.dll
```

- 2 Reregister the component to the **LOCAL MACHINE** hive with this command:

```
mwregsvr my_dll.dll
```

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## Embedded CTF Archives

As of R2008b, the MATLAB Builder NE product now embeds the CTF archive within generated components, by default. This offers convenient deployment of a single output file since all encrypted MATLAB file data is now contained within the component.

For information on how to produce a separate CTF archive (the default behavior before R2008b), see “MCR Component Cache and CTF Archive Embedding” on page 5-9.

## Using the Command-Line Interface

A MATLAB class cannot be directly compiled into a COM object. You can, however, use a user-generated class inside a MATLAB file and build a COM object from that file. You can use the MATLAB command-line interface instead of the GUI to create COM objects. Do this by issuing the `mcc` command with options. If you use `mcc`, you do not create a project.

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**Note** See the MATLAB Compiler documentation for a complete description of the `mcc` command and its options.

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The following table provides an overview of some `mcc` options related to components, along with syntax and examples of their usage.

### Using the Command Line to Create COM Components

Action to Perform	mcc Option to Use	Description
Create component that has one class.	-W com	The W option with com as the type controls the generation of wrapper files, which you can use to support components.
	<p><b>Syntax</b></p> <pre>mcc -W 'com:&lt;component_name&gt;[,&lt;class_name&gt;[,&lt;major&gt;.&lt;minor&gt;]]'</pre> <p>An unspecified <code>&lt;class_name&gt;</code> defaults to <code>&lt;component_name&gt;</code>, and an unspecified version number defaults to the latest version built or 1.0, if there is no previous version.</p>	
	<p><b>Example</b></p> <pre>mcc -W 'com:mycomponent,myclass,1.0' -T link:lib foo.m bar.m</pre> <p>The example creates a COM component called <code>mycomponent</code>, which contains a single COM class named <code>myclass</code> with methods <code>foo</code> and <code>bar</code>, and a version of 1.0.</p>	

## Using the Command Line to Create COM Components (Continued)

Action to Perform	mcc Option to Use	Description
Add additional classes to a COM component.	Not needed	A separate COM named <class_name> is created for each class argument that is passed.  Following the <class_name> parameter is a comma-separated list of source files that are encapsulated as methods for the class.
	<b>Syntax</b>	<code>class{&lt;class_name&gt;:[file, [file,...]]}</code>
	<b>Example</b>	<code>mcc -B 'ccom:mycomponent,myclass,1.0' foo.m bar.m class{myclass2:foo2.m, bar2.m}</code>  The example creates a COM component named mycomponent with two classes: myclass has methods foo and bar, and myclass2 has methods foo2 and bar2. The version is version 1.0.
Simplify the command-line input for components.	<code>-B ccom:</code>	Uses the bundle file.
	<b>Syntax</b>	<code>mcc -B '&lt;filename&gt;'[:&lt;a1&gt;,&lt;a2&gt;,...,&lt;an&gt;]</code>
	<b>Example</b>	<code>mcc -B 'ccom:mycomponent,myclass,1.0' foo.m bar.m</code>
Control how each COM class uses the MCR.	<code>-S</code>	By default, a new MCR instance is created for each instance of each COM class in the component. Use <code>-S</code> to change the default.  This option tells the builder to create a single MCR at the time when the first COM class is instantiated. This MCR is reused and shared among all subsequent class instances, resulting in more efficient memory usage and eliminating the MCR startup cost in each subsequent class instantiation.  When using <code>-S</code> , note that all class instances share a single MATLAB workspace and share global variables in the MATLAB files used to build the component. Therefore, properties of a

**Using the Command Line to Create COM Components (Continued)**

Action to Perform	mcc Option to Use	Description
		<p>COM class behave as static properties instead of instance-wise properties.</p> <hr/> <p><b>Note</b> The default behavior dictates that a new MCR be created for each instance of a class, so when the class is destroyed, the MCR is destroyed as well. If you want to retain the state of global variables (such as those allocated for drawing figures, for instance), use the <code>-S</code> option.</p> <hr/> <p><b>Example</b>  <code>mcc -S -B 'ccom:mycomponent,myclass,1.0' foo.m bar.m</code></p> <p>The example creates a COM component called <code>mycomponent</code> containing a single COM class named <code>myclass</code> with methods <code>foo</code> and <code>bar</code>, and a version of 1.0.</p> <p>When multiple instances of this class are instantiated in an application, only one MCR is initialized, and it is shared by each instance.</p>
<p>Create subfolders needed for deployment and copy associated files to them.</p>	<p><code>-d</code></p> <hr/> <p><b>Syntax</b>  <code>-d foldername</code></p>	<p>The <code>\src</code> and <code>\distrib</code> subfolders are needed to package components.</p>

## Installing COM Components on a Target Computer

To install and deploy a COM object created with MATLAB Builder NE, perform the following steps:

- 1** Install the MATLAB Compiler Runtime as described in the *MATLAB Compiler User's Guide*.
- 2** Build and package as described in “Building a Deployable COM Component” on page 12-2 and “Packaging a Deployable COM Component” on page 12-3.
- 3** Copy the package to the target computer and run the package.
- 4** From a Windows command prompt on the target system, navigate to the folder where you saved the package. If you use the command `dir`, you should see the `.dll` created for your COM object. You will need to register the `.dll` manually using the command `regsvr32`, as follows:

```
regsvr32 myCom_1_0.dll
```





# Programming with COM Components Created by the MATLAB Builder NE Product

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## General Techniques

After you package and install a COM component created by the MATLAB Builder NE product, you can access the component in any program that supports COM, such as Microsoft Visual Basic, Microsoft Visual C++®, or Visual C#.

Your code module must do the following:

- Load the components created by the builder
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  - “Creating an Instance of a Class in Microsoft® Visual Basic®” on page 13-6
- Call methods of the component class
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- Deal with data conversion and parameter passing
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  - “Using MATLAB Global Variables in Microsoft® Visual Basic®” on page 13-31
- Process errors
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**Note** These topics provide general information on how to integrate COM components created with the builder into your COM-compliant programs. The presentation focuses on the special programming techniques needed for components based on the MATLAB product and generated by the builder. It assumes that you have a working knowledge of the programming language used in these programs.

For information about programming with COM objects in Microsoft Visual Studio, see articles in the MSDN Library, such as *Calling COM Components from .NET Clients*.

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## Registering and Referencing the Utility Library

The `MWComUtil` library provided with the MATLAB Builder NE product is freely distributable. The `MWComUtil` library includes seven classes and three enumerated types. These utilities are required for array processing, and they provide type definitions used in data conversion.

The library is contained in the file `mwcomutil.dll`. It must be registered once on each machine that uses components created with the builder.

Register the `MWComUtil` library at the DOS command prompt with the command:

```
mwregsvr mwcomutil.dll
```

To use the types in the library, make sure that you reference the `MWComUtil` library in your current project:

- 1 Select **Tools > References**.
- 2 Select **MWComUtil 7.5 Type Library**.

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**Note** You must specify the full path of the component when calling `mwregsvr`, or make the call from the folder in which the component resides. `mwregsvr.exe` is supplied with the MCR.

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## Creating an Instance of a Class in Microsoft Visual Basic

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### Advantages and Disadvantages

Each technique listed here has advantages and disadvantages.

For an example of creating a class instance in Microsoft Visual C++, see “Calling a COM Object in a Visual C++ Program” on page 13-12.

### CreateObject Function

This method uses the Microsoft Visual Basic application program interface (API) CreateObject function to create an instance of the class.

- 1 Dimension a variable of type Object to hold a reference to the class instance.
- 2 Call CreateObject with the Program ID (ProgID) for the class as an argument.

Here is a programming example:

```
Function foo(x1 As Variant, x2 As Variant) As Variant
    Dim aClass As Object

    On Error Goto Handle_Error
    aClass = CreateObject("mycomponent.myclass.1_0")
    ' (call some methods on aClass)
    Exit Function
Handle_Error:
```

```

    foo = Err.Description
End Function

```

## Microsoft Visual Basic New Operator

This method uses the Microsoft Visual Basic New operator on a variable explicitly dimensioned as the class to be created.

- 1** Make sure that you reference the type library containing the class in the current Visual Basic project.
  - a** Open the Visual Basic editor.
  - b** Select **Project > References > Available References**.
  - c** Select the necessary type library.
- 2** Dimension the class instance.
- 3** Use New to instantiate the class with a particular name.

The following sample function, `foo`, shows how to use the New operator to create a class instance:

```

Function foo(x1 As Variant, x2 As Variant) As Variant
    Dim aClass As mycomponent.myclass

    On Error Goto Handle_Error
    Set aClass = New mycomponent.myclass
    ' (call some methods on aClass)
    Exit Function
Handle_Error:
    foo = Err.Description
End Function

```

In this example, the class instance could be dimensioned as simply `myclass`. The full declaration in the form `<component-name>.<class-name>` guards against name collisions that could occur if other libraries in the current project contain types named `myclass`.

## Advantages of Each Technique

Both techniques (using `CreateObject` and using `New`) are equivalent in the way they function, but each has different advantages. The first technique does not require a reference to the type library in the Visual Basic project, while the second results in faster code execution. The second technique has the added advantage of enabling **Auto-List-Members** and **Auto-Quick-Info** in the Visual Basic editor to help you work with your classes.

## Declaring a Reusable Class Instance

In the previous examples, the class instance used to call the method is a local variable within a procedure. Thus a new class instance is created and destroyed for each call to the method. As an alternative, you can declare a single module-scoped class instance that is reused by all function calls. The next example shows this technique:

```
Dim aClass As mycomponent.myclass

Function foo(x1 As Variant, x2 As Variant) As Variant
    On Error Goto Handle_Error
    If aClass Is Nothing Then
        Set aClass = New mycomponent.myclass
    End If
    ' (call some methods on aClass)
    Exit Function
Handle_Error:
    foo = Err.Description
End Function
```



## Calling the Methods of a Class Instance

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### Standard Mapping Technique

After you create a class instance, you can call the class methods to access the encapsulated MATLAB functions. The MATLAB Builder NE product uses a standard technique to map the original MATLAB function syntax to the method’s argument list. This standard mapping technique is as follows:

- `nargout`

When a method has output arguments, the first argument is always `nargout`, which is of type `Long`. This input parameter passes the normal MATLAB `nargout` parameter to the encapsulated function and specifies how many outputs are requested. Methods that do not have output arguments do not pass a `nargout` argument.

- Output parameters

Following `nargout` are the output parameters listed in the same order as they appear on the left side of the original MATLAB function.

- Input parameters

Next come the input parameters listed in the same order as they appear on the right side of the original MATLAB function.

For example, the most generic MATLAB function is:

```
function [Y1, Y2, ..., varargout] = foo(X1, X2, ..., varargin)
```

This function maps directly to the following Microsoft Visual Basic signature:

```
Sub foo(nargout As Long, _
        Y1 As Variant, _
        Y2 As Variant, _
```

```
.  
.br/>varargout As Variant, _  
X1 As Variant, _  
X2 As Variant, _  
.br/>.br/>varargin As Variant)
```

See “Calling Conventions” on page 15-23 for more details and examples of the standard mapping from MATLAB functions to COM class method calls.

## Variant

All input and output arguments are typed as `Variant`, the default Visual Basic data type. The `Variant` type can hold any of the basic Visual Basic types, arrays of any type, and object references. See “Data Conversion” on page 15-9 for details about the conversion of any basic type to and from MATLAB data types.

In general, you can supply any Visual Basic type as an argument to a class method, with the exception of Visual Basic User Defined Types (UDTs).

When you pass a simple `Variant` type as an output parameter, the called method allocates the received data and frees the original contents of the `Variant`. In this case it is sufficient to dimension each output argument as a single `Variant`. When an object type (like an Excel `Range`) is passed as an output parameter, the object reference is passed in both directions, and the object’s `Value` property receives the data.

## Examples of Passing Input and Output Parameters

The following examples show how to pass input and output parameters to the builder component class methods in Visual Basic.

The first example is a function, `foo`, that takes two arguments and returns one output argument. The `foo` function dispatches a call to a class method that corresponds to a MATLAB function of the form `function y = foo(x1,x2)`.

```
Function foo(x1 As Variant, x2 As Variant) As Variant
```

```
Dim aClass As Object
Dim y As Variant

On Error Goto Handle_Error
Set aClass = CreateObject("mycomponent.myclass.1_0")
Call aClass.foo(1,y,x1,x2)
foo = y
Exit Function
Handle_Error:
foo = Err.Description
End Function
```

The second example rewrites the `foo` function as a subroutine:

```
Sub foo(Xout As Variant, X1 As Variant, X2 As Variant)
Dim aClass As Object

On Error Goto Handle_Error
Set aClass = CreateObject("mycomponent.myclass.1_0")
Call aClass.foo(1,Xout,X1,X2)
Exit Sub
Handle_Error:
MsgBox(Err.Description)
End Sub
```

## Calling a COM Object in a Visual C++ Program

### In this section...

“Using the MATLAB® Builder™ NE Product to Create the Object” on page 13-12

“Using the Component in a Visual C++ Program” on page 13-13

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**Note** You must choose a Microsoft compiler to compile and use any COM object.


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### Using the MATLAB Builder NE Product to Create the Object

Build the COM object as follows:

- 1 Start the MATLAB product.
- 2 Open the MATLAB Editor and create a file named `adddoubles.m` with the following MATLAB code:

```
function z=adddoubles(x,y)
z=x+y;
```
- 3 In the MATLAB Command Window, issue the following command to open the Deployment Tool:

```
deploytool
```
- 4 Create a project named `mycomponent` in any location you want.
- 5 Add `adddoubles.m` to the `mycomponentclass` folder. This means that the MATLAB function, `adddoubles`, will be a method in `mycomponentclass`.
- 6 Click the  icon in the Deployment Tool toolbar.

The builder generates a self-registering COM object that you can use in your Visual C++ code.

## Using the Component in a Visual C++ Program

Use the COM object you have created as follows:

- 1 Create a Visual C++ program in a file named `matlab_com_example.cpp` with the following code:

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

// include the following files generated by MATLAB Builder NE
#include "mycomponent\src\mycomponent_idl.h"
#include "mycomponent\src\mycomponent_idl_i.c"

int main() {
    // Initialize argument variables
        VARIANT x, y, out1;
    //Initialize the COM library
        HRESULT hr = CoInitialize(NULL);
    //Create an instance of the COM object you created
        Imycomponentclass *pImycomponentclass;
        hr=CoCreateInstance
            (CLSID_mycomponentclass, NULL, CLSCTX_INPROC_SERVER,
            IID_Imycomponentclass, (void **)&pImycomponentclass);
    // Set the input arguments to the COM method
        x.vt=VT_R8;
        y.vt=VT_R8;
        x.dblVal=7.3;
        y.dblVal=1946.0;
    // Access the method with arguments and receive the output out1
        hr=(pImycomponentclass -> adddoubles(1,&out1,x,y));
    // Print the output
        cout << "The input values were " << x.dblVal << " and "
            << y.dblVal << ".\n";
        cout << "The output of feeding the inputs into the adddoubles method is "
            << out1.dblVal << ".\n";
    // Uninitialize COM
        CoUninitialize();
        return 0;
}
```

**2** In the MATLAB Command Window, compile the program as follows:

```
mbuild matlab_com_example.cpp
```

When you run the executable, the program displays two numbers and their sum, as returned by the COM object's `addoubles`.

## Using a COM Component in a .NET Application

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### Overview

The following examples demonstrate the optimal fitting of a nonlinear function to a set of data in both C# and Microsoft Visual Basic implementations.

Note in particular how memory is freed and allocated. Use these examples as models when using COM components in your own .NET applications.

### Program Listings

In *matlabroot*\toolbox\dotnetbuilder\Examples\  
VS8\COM\CurveFitExample\:

#### C# Example

CurveFitCSharpApp\CurveFitApp.cs

#### Visual Basic Example

CurveFitVBApp\CurveFitApp.vb

## Adding Events to COM Objects

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### MATLAB Language Pragma

The MATLAB Builder NE product supports events, or callbacks, through a MATLAB language pragma. A *pragma* is a directive to the builder, beyond what is conveyed in the MATLAB language itself. The pragma for adding events is `#event`.

The MATLAB product interprets the `%#event` statement as a comment. But when the builder encapsulates a function, the `#event` pragma tells the builder that the function requires an *outgoing interface* and an *event handler*.

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**Note** The `#event` pragma is supported only for COM components built with MATLAB Builder NE. You can not use this feature with .NET components created by MATLAB Builder NE or COM components built with the MATLAB Builder EX product.

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To use the `#event` pragma:

- 1 Write the code for a MATLAB function stub that serves as the prototype for the event. This function stub is the *event function*.
- 2 Build the COM component as usual. Make sure that you specify the event function you wrote in the MATLAB product as a method in the component class.
- 3 In your application, add the code to implement the event handler (the event handler belongs to the COM object created by the builder). The code for the event handler should implement the event function, or function stub, that you wrote in MATLAB.



When an encapsulated MATLAB function (now a method in a COM object in your application) calls the event function, the call is dispatched to the event handler in the application.

Some examples of how you might use callbacks in your code are

- To give the application periodic feedback during a long-running calculation by an encapsulated MATLAB function. For example, if you have a task that requires  $n$  iterations, you might signal an event to increment a progress bar in the user interface on each iteration.
- To signal a warning during a calculation but continue execution of the task.
- To return intermediate results of a calculation to the user and continue execution of the task.

## Using a Callback with a Microsoft Visual Basic Event

The example in this topic shows how to use a callback in conjunction with a Microsoft Visual Basic `ProgressBar` control.

The MATLAB function `iterate` runs through  $n$  iterations and fires an event every `inc` iterations. When the function finishes, it returns a single output. To simulate actually doing something, the sample code includes a `pause` statement in the main loop so that the function waits for 1 second in each iteration.

The sample includes MATLAB functions `iterate.m` and `progress.m`.

### **iterate.m**

```
function [x] = iterate(n,inc)
    %initialize x
    x = 0;
    % Run n iterations, callback every inc time
    k = 0;
    for i=1:n
        k = k + 1;
        if k == inc
            progress(i);
            k = 0;
        end;
    end;
```

```
        % Do some work on x...
        x = x + 1;
        % Pause for 1 second to simulate doing
        % something
        pause(1);
    end;
```

### **progress.m**

```
function progress(i)
    %#event
    i
```

The `iterate` function runs through `n` iterations and calls the `progress` function every `inc` iterations, passing the current iteration number as an argument. When this function is executed in MATLAB, the value of `i` appears each time the `progress` function gets called.

Suppose you create a the builder component that has these two functions included as class methods. For this example the component has a single class named `myclass`. The resulting COM class has a method `iterate` and an event `progress`.

To receive the event calls, implement a “listener” in the application. The Visual Basic syntax for the event handler for this example is

```
Sub aClass_progress(ByVal i As Variant)
```

where `aClass` is the variable name used for your class instance. The `ByVal` qualifier is used on all input parameters of an event function. To enable the listening process, dimension the `aClass` variable with the `WithEvents` keyword.

This example uses a simple Visual Basic form with three `TextBox` controls, one `CommandButton` control, and one `ProgressBar` control. The first text box, `Text1`, inputs the number of iterations, stored in the form variable `N`. The second text box, `Text2`, inputs the callback increment, stored in the variable `Inc`. The third text box, `Text3`, displays the output of the function when it finishes executing. The command button, `Command1`, executes the `iterate`

method on your class when pressed. The progress bar control, `ProgressBar1`, updates itself in response to the progress event.

```
'Form Variables
Private WithEvents aClass As myclass      'Class instance
Private N As Long                        'Number of iterations
Private Inc As Long                      'Callback increment
Private Sub Form_Load()
    'When form is loaded, create new myclass instance
    Set aClass = New myclass
    'Initialize variables
    N = 2
    Inc = 1
End Sub
Private Sub Text1_Change()
    'Update value of N from Text1 text whenever it changes
    On Error Resume Next
    N = CLng(Text1.Text)
    If Err <> 0 Then N = 2
    If N < 2 Then N = 2
End Sub
Private Sub Text2_Change()
    'Update value of Inc from Text2 text whenever it changes
    On Error Resume Next
    Inc = CLng(Text2.Text)
    If Err <> 0 Then Inc = 1
    If Inc <= 0 Then Inc = 1
End Sub
Private Sub Command1_Click()
    'Execute function whenever Execute button is clicked
    Dim x As Variant
    On Error GoTo Handle_Error
    'Initialize ProgressBar
    ProgressBar1.Min = 1
    ProgressBar1.Max = N
    Text3.Text = ""
    'Iterate N times and call back at Inc intervals
    Call aClass.iterate(1, x, CDb1(N), CDb1(Inc))
    Text3.Text = Format(x)
Exit Sub
Handle_Error:
```

```
Handle_Error:
    MsgBox (Err.Description)
End Sub
Private Sub aClass_progress(ByVal i As Variant)
    'Event handler. Called each time the iterate function
    'calls the progress function. Progress bar is updated
    'with the value passed in, causing the control to advance.
    ProgressBar1.Value = i
End Sub
```

## Passing Arguments

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### Overview

When it encapsulates MATLAB functions, the MATLAB Builder NE product adds the MATLAB function arguments to the argument list of the class methods it creates. Thus, if a MATLAB function uses `varargin` and/or `varargout`, the builder adds these arguments to the argument list of the class method. They are added at the end of the argument list for input and output arguments.

You can pass multiple arguments as a `varargin` array by creating a `Variant` array, assigning each element of the array to the respective input argument.

See “Producing a COM Class” on page 15-23 for more information about mapping of input and output arguments.

### Creating and Using a varargin Array in Microsoft Visual Basic Programs

The following example creates a `varargin` array to call a method encapsulating a MATLAB function of the form `y = foo(varargin)`.

The `MWUtil` class included in the `MWComUtil` utility library provides the `MWPack` helper function to create `varargin` parameters.

```
Function foo(x1 As Variant, x2 As Variant, x3 As Variant, _  
            x4 As Variant, x5 As Variant) As Variant
```

```
Dim aClass As Object
Dim v(1 To 5) As Variant
Dim y As Variant

On Error Goto Handle_Error
v(1) = x1
v(2) = x2
v(3) = x3
v(4) = x4
v(5) = x5
aClass = CreateObject("mycomponent.myclass.1_0")
Call aClass.foo(1,y,v)
foo = y
Exit Function
Handle_Error:
foo = Err.Description
End Function
```

## Creating and Using varargout in Microsoft Visual Basic Programs

The next example processes a varargout argument as three separate arguments. This function uses the MWUnpack function in the utility library.

The MATLAB function used is `varargout = foo(x1,x2)`.

```
Sub foo(Xout1 As Variant, Xout2 As Variant, Xout3 As Variant, _
        Xin1 As Variant, Xin2 As Variant)
Dim aClass As Object
Dim aUtil As Object
Dim v As Variant

On Error Goto Handle_Error
aUtil = CreateObject("MWComUtil.MWUtil")
aClass = CreateObject("mycomponent.myclass.1_0")
Call aClass.foo(3,v,Xin1,Xin2)
Call aUtil.MWUnpack(v,0,True,Xout1,Xout2,Xout3)
Exit Sub
Handle_Error:
MsgBox(Err.Description)
```

```
End Sub
```

## Passing an Empty varargin From Microsoft Visual Basic Code

In MATLAB, `varargin` inputs to functions are optional, and may be present or omitted from the function call. However, from Microsoft Visual Basic, function signatures are more strict—if `varargin` is present among the MATLAB function inputs, the VBA call must include `varargin`, even if you want it to be empty. To pass in an empty `varargin`, pass the `Null` variant, which is converted to an empty MATLAB cell array when passed.

## Passing an Empty varargin From VBA Code

The following example illustrates how to pass the null variant in order to pass an empty `varargin`:

```
Function foo(x1 As Variant, x2 As Variant, x3 As Variant, _  
            x4 As Variant, x5 As Variant) As Variant  
    Dim aClass As Object  
    Dim v(1 To 5) As Variant  
    Dim y As Variant  
  
    On Error Goto Handle_Error  
    v(1) = x1  
    v(2) = x2  
    v(3) = x3  
    v(4) = x4  
    v(5) = x5  
    aClass = CreateObject("mycomponent.myclass.1_0")  
  
    'Call aClass.foo(1,y,v)  
    Call aClass.foo(1,y,Null)  
  
    foo = y  
    Exit Function  
Handle_Error:  
    foo = Err.Description  
End Function
```

## Using Flags to Control Array Formatting and Data Conversion

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### Overview

Generally, you should write your application code so that it matches the arguments (input and output) of the MATLAB functions that are encapsulated in the COM objects that you are using. The mapping of arguments from the MATLAB product to Microsoft Visual Basic is fully described in MATLAB® to COM VARIANT Conversion Rules on page 15-12 and COM VARIANT to MATLAB® Conversion Rules on page 15-17.

In some cases it is not possible to match the two kinds of arguments exactly; for example, when existing MATLAB code is used in conjunction with a third-party product such as Microsoft Excel. For these and other cases, the builder supports formatting and conversion flags that control how array data is formatted in both directions (input and output).

When it creates a component, the builder includes a component property named `MWFlags`. The `MWFlags` property is readable and writable.

The `MWFlags` property consists of two sets of constants: *array formatting flags* and *data conversion flags*. Array formatting flags affect the transformation of arrays, whereas data conversion flags deal with type conversions of individual array elements.



## Array Formatting Flags

The following tables provide a quick overview of how to use array formatting flags to specify conversions for input and output arguments.

Name of Flag	Possible Values of Flag	Results of Conversion
InputArrayFormat	mwArrayFormatMatrix (default)	MATLAB matrix from general Variant data.
	mwArrayFormatCell	MATLAB cell array from general Variant data.
	Array data from an Excel range is coded in Visual Basic as an array of Variant. Since MATLAB functions typically have matrix arguments, using the default setting makes sense when you are dealing with data from Excel.	
OutputArrayFormat	mwArrayFormatAsIs	Array of Variant
	Converts arrays according to the default conversion rules listed in MATLAB® to COM VARIANT Conversion Rules on page 15-12.	
	mwArrayFormatMatrix	A Variant containing an array of a basic type.
	mwArrayFormatCell	MATLAB cell array from general Variant data.
AutoSizeOutput	When this flag is set, the target range automatically resizes to fit the resulting array. If this flag is not set, the target range must be at least as large as the output array or the data is truncated. Use this flag for Excel Range objects passed directly as output parameters.	
TransposeOutput	Transposes all array output. Use this flag when dealing with an encapsulated MATLAB function whose output is a one-dimensional array. By default, the MATLAB product handles one-dimensional arrays as 1-by- <i>n</i> matrices (that is, as row vectors). Change this default with the TransposeOutput flag if you prefer column output.	

## Using Array Formatting Flags

To use the following example, make sure that you reference the MComUtil library in the current project:

**1** Select **Tools > References**.

**2** Click **MWComUtil 7.5 Type Library**.

Consider the following Microsoft Visual Basic function definition for foo:

```
Sub foo( )
    Dim aClass As mycomponent.myclass
    Dim var1(1 To 2, 1 To 2), var2 As Variant
    Dim x(1 To 2, 1 To 2) As Double
    Dim y1,y2 As Variant

    On Error Goto Handle_Error
    var1(1,1) = 11#
    var1(1,2) = 12#
    var1(2,1) = 21#
    var1(2,2) = 22#
    x(1,1) = 11
    x(1,2) = 12
    x(2,1) = 21
    x(2,2) = 22
    var2 = x
    Set aClass = New mycomponent.myclass
    Call aClass.foo(1,y1,var1)
    Call aClass.foo(1,y2,var2)
    Exit Sub
Handle_Error:
    MsgBox(Err.Description)
End Sub
```

The example has two Variant variables, var1 and var2. These two variables contain the same numerical data, but internally they are structured differently; one is a 2-by-2 array of variant and the other is a 1-by-1 array of variant. The variables are described in the following table.

Scenario	var1	var2
Numerical data	11 12 21 22	11 12 21 22
Internal structure in Visual Basic	2-by-2 array of Variant. Each variant is a 1-by-1 array of Double.	1-by-1 Variant, which contains a 2-by-2 array of Double
Result of conversion by the builder according to the default data conversion rules	2-by-2 cell array. Each element is a 1-by-1 array of double.	2-by-2 matrix. Each element is a Double.

The `InputArrayFormat` flag controls how the arrays are handled. In this example, the value for the `InputArrayFormat` flag is the default, which is `mwArrayFormatMatrix`. The default causes an array to be converted to a matrix. See the table for the result of the conversion of `var2`.

To specify a cell array (instead of a matrix) as input to the function call, set the `InputArrayFormat` flag to `mwArrayFormatCell` instead of the default. Do this in this example by adding the following line after creating the class and before the method call:

```
aClass .MWFlags.ArrayFormatFlags.InputArrayFormat =
mwArrayFormatCell
```

Setting the flag to `mwArrayFormatCell` causes all array input to the encapsulated MATLAB function to be converted to cell arrays.

## Modifying Output Format

Similarly, you can manipulate the format of output arguments using the `OutputArrayFormat` flag. You can also modify array output with the `AutoResizeOutput` and `TransposeOutput` flags.

## Output Format in VBScript

When calling a COM object in VBScript you need to make sure that you set `MWFlags` for the COM object to specify cell array for the output. Also, you

must use an enumeration (the enumeration value for a cell array is 2) to make the specification (rather than specifying `mwArrayFormatCell`).

The following sample code shows how to accomplish this:

```
obj.MWFlags.ArrayFormatFlags.OutputArrayFormat = 2
```

## Using Data Conversion Flags

Two data conversion flags, `CoerceNumericToType` and `InputDateFormat`, govern how numeric and date types are converted from Visual Basic to MATLAB.

To use the following example, make sure that you reference the `MWComUtil` library in the current project:

- 1 Select **Tools > References**.
- 2 Click **MWComUtil 7.5 Type Library**.

This example converts `var1` of type `Variant/Integer` to an `int16` and `var2` of type `Variant/Double` to a `double`.

```
Sub foo( )
    Dim aClass As mycomponent.myclass
    Dim var1, var2 As Variant
    Dim y As Variant

    On Error Goto Handle_Error
    var1 = 1
    var2 = 2#
    Set aClass = New mycomponent.myclass
    Call aClass.foo(1,y,var1,var2)
    Exit Sub
Handle_Error:
    MsgBox(Err.Description)
End Sub
```

If the original MATLAB function expects `doubles` for both arguments, this code might cause an error. One solution is to assign a `double` to `var1`, but this may not be possible or desirable. As an alternative, you can set the

`CoerceNumericToType` flag to `mwTypeDouble`, causing the data converter to convert all numeric input to double. To do this, place the following line after creating the class and before calling the methods:

```
aClass .MWFlags.DataConversionFlags.CoerceNumericToType =
mwTypeDouble
```

The next example shows how to use the `InputDateFormat` flag, which controls how the Visual Basic `Date` type is converted. The example sends the current date and time as an input argument and converts it to a string.

```
Sub foo( )
    Dim aClass As mycomponent.myclass
    Dim today As Date
    Dim y As Variant

    On Error Goto Handle_Error
    today = Now
    Set aClass = New mycomponent.myclass
    aClass. MWFlags.DataConversionFlags.InputDateFormat =
mwDateFormatString
    Call aClass.foo(1,y,today)
    Exit Sub
Handle_Error:
    MsgBox(Err.Description)
End Sub
```

The next example uses an `MWArg` object to modify the conversion flags for one argument in a method call. In this case the first output argument (`y1`) is coerced to a `Date`, and the second output argument (`y2`) uses the current default conversion flags supplied by `aClass`.

```
Sub foo(y1 As Variant, y2 As Variant)
    Dim aClass As mycomponent.myclass
    Dim ytemp As MWArg
    Dim today As Date

    On Error Goto Handle_Error
    today = Now
    Set aClass = New mycomponent.myclass
    Set ytemp = New MWArg
```

```
ytemp.MWFlags.DataConversionFlags.OutputAsDate = True
Call aClass.foo(2, ytemp, y2, today)
y1 = ytemp
Exit Sub
Handle_Error:
    MsgBox(Err.Description)
End Sub
```

## Special Flags for Some Microsoft Visual Basic Types

In general, you use the `MWFlags` class property to change specified behaviors of the conversion from Microsoft Visual Basic Variant types to MATLAB types, and vice versa. There are some exceptions — some types generated by the builder have their own `MWFlags` property. When you use these particular types, the method call behaves according to the settings of the type and not of the class containing the method being called. The exceptions are for the following types generated by the builder:

- `MWStruct`
- `MWField`
- `MWComplex`
- `MWSparse`
- `MWArg`

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**Note** The `MWArg` class is supplied specifically for the case when a particular argument needs different settings from the default class properties.

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## Using MATLAB Global Variables in Microsoft Visual Basic

Class properties allow an object to retain an internal state between method calls.

*Global variables* are variables that are declared in the MATLAB product with the `global` keyword. The builder automatically converts all global variables shared by the MATLAB files that make up a class to properties on that class.

Properties are particularly useful when you have a large array containing values that do not change often, but you need to operate on it frequently. In this case, you can set the array once as a class property and operate on it repeatedly without incurring the overhead of passing (and converting) the data for passing to each method every time it is called.

The following example shows how to use a class property in a matrix factorization class. The example develops a class that performs Cholesky, LU, and QR factorizations on the same matrix. It stores the input matrix (coded as `A` in MATLAB) as a class property so that it does not need to be passed to the factorization routines.

Consider these three MATLAB files.

Cholesky.m

```
function [L] = Cholesky()
    global A;
    if (isempty(A))
        L = [];
        return;
    end
    L = chol(A);
```

LUDecomp.m

```
function [L,U] = LUDecomp()
    global A;
    if (isempty(A))
        L = [];
        U = [];
```

```
        return;
    end
    [L,U] = lu(A);

QRDecomp.m

function [Q,R] = QRDecomp()
    global A;
    if (isempty(A))
        Q = [];
        R = [];
        return;
    end
    [Q,R] = qr(A);
```

These three files share a common global variable A. Each function performs a matrix factorization on A and returns the results.

To build the class:

- 1** Create a new MATLAB Builder NE project named `mymatrix` with a version of 1.0.
- 2** Add a single class called `myfactor` to the component.
- 3** Add the above three MATLAB files to the class.
- 4** Build the component.

To test your application, make sure that you reference the library generated by the builder in the current Visual Basic project:

- 1** Select **Project > References** in the Visual Basic main menu.
- 2** Click **mymatrix 1.0 Type Library**.

Use the following Visual Basic subroutine to test the `myfactor` class:

```
Sub TestFactor()
    Dim x(1 To 2, 1 To 2) As Double
    Dim C As Variant, L As Variant, U As Variant, _
```



```
Q As Variant, R As Variant
Dim factor As myfactor

On Error GoTo Handle_Error
Set factor = New myfactor
x(1, 1) = 2#
x(1, 2) = -1#
x(2, 1) = -1#
x(2, 2) = 2#
factor.A = x
Call factor.cholesky(1, C)
Call factor.ludecomp(2, L, U)
Call factor.qrdecomp(2, Q, R)
Exit Sub
Handle_Error:
MsgBox (Err.Description)
End Sub
```

Run the subroutine, which does the following:

- 1** Creates an instance of the myfactor class
- 2** Assigns a double matrix to the property A
- 3** Calls the three factorization methods

## Blocking Execution of a Console Application That Creates Figures

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### MCRWaitForFigures

The MATLAB Builder NE product adds a `MCRWaitForFigures` method to each class in the COM components that it creates. `MCRWaitForFigures` takes no arguments. Your application can call `MCRWaitForFigures` any time during execution.

The purpose of `MCRWaitForFigures` is to block execution of a calling program as long as figures created in encapsulated MATLAB code are displayed. Typically you use `MCRWaitForFigures` when:

- There are one or more figures open that were created by an instance of a COM object created by the builder.
- The method that displays the graphics requires user input before continuing.
- The method that calls the figures was called from `main()` in a console program.

When `MCRWaitForFigures` is called, execution of the calling program is blocked if any figures created by the calling object remain open.

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**Caution** Be careful when calling the `MCRWaitForFigures` method. Calling this method from a Microsoft Visual Basic UI or from an interactive program such as Microsoft Excel can hang the application. This method should be called *only* from console-based programs.

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## Using MCRWaitForFigures to Block Execution

The following example illustrates using `MCRWaitForFigures` from a Microsoft Visual C++ console application. The example uses a COM object created by the builder; the object encapsulates MATLAB code that draws a simple plot.

- 1 Create a work folder for your source code. In this example, the folder is `D:\work\plotdemo`.
- 2 Create the following MATLAB file in this folder:

```
drawplot.m

function drawplot()
    plot(1:10);
```

- 3 Use the builder to create a COM component with the following properties:

Component name	plotdemo
Class name	plotdemoclass
Version	1.0

**Note** Instead of using the Deployment Tool, you can create the component by issuing the following command at the MATLAB prompt:

```
mcc -d 'D:\work\plotdemo\src' -v -B
    'ccom:plotdemo,plotdemoclass,1.0'
    'D:\Work\plotdemo\drawplot.m'
```

- 4 Create a Visual C++ program in a file named `runplot.cpp` with the following code:

```
// Include the following files generated by
// MATLAB Builder NE:
#include "src\plotdemo_idl.h"
#include "src\plotdemo_idl_i.c"
```

```
int main()
{
    // Initialize the COM library
    HRESULT hr = CoInitialize(NULL);
    // Create an instance of the COM object you created
    Iplotdemoclass* pIplotdemoclass = NULL;
    hr = CoCreateInstance(CLSID_plotdemoclass, NULL,
        CLSCTX_INPROC_SERVER, IID_Iplotdemoclass,
        (void **)&pIplotdemoclass);
    // Call the drawplot method
    hr = pIplotdemoclass->drawplot();
    // Block execution until user dismisses the figure window
    hr = pIplotdemoclass->MCRWaitForFigures();
    // Uninitialize COM
    CoUninitialize();
    return 0;
}
```

- 5** In the MATLAB Command Window, build the application as follows:

```
mbuild runplot.cpp
```

When you run the application, the program displays a plot from 1 to 10 in a MATLAB figure window. The application ends when you dismiss the figure.

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**Note** To see what happens without the call to `MCRWaitForFigures`, comment out the call, rebuild the application, and run it. In this case, the figure is drawn and is immediately destroyed as the application exits.

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## MCR Run-Time Options

When you roll-out a COM component to end users, there are times when you need to specify MCR options to create a log file or improve performance.

Pass these options with either `mcc` or `deploytool`.

### What MCR Options are Supported for COM?

- `-nojvm` — Launches the MCR without a Java Virtual Machine (JVM). This can improve performance of deployed applications, in some cases.
- `-logfile` — Allows you to specify a log file name.

### How Do I Specify MCR Options?

You do this by invoking the following `MWUtil` API calls, detailed with examples in “Utility Library for Microsoft COM Components”:

- `Sub MWInitApplicationWithMCROptions(pApp As Object, [mcrOptionList])`
- `Function IsMCRJVMEEnabled() As Boolean`
- `Function IsMCRInitialized() As Boolean`

## Sharing an MCR Instance in COM or Java Applications

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### What Is a Singleton MCR?

You create an instance of the MCR that can be shared (and reused) among all subsequent class instances within a component. This is commonly called a shared MCR instance or a *Singleton MCR*.

### Advantages and Disadvantages of Using a Singleton

In most cases, a singleton MCR will provide many more advantages than disadvantages. Following are examples of when you might and might not create a shared MCR instance.

#### When You Should Use a Singleton

If you have multiple users running from a specific instance of MATLAB, using a singleton will most likely:

- Utilize system memory more efficiently
- Decrease MCR start-up or initialization time
- Promote reuse of your application code base

#### When You Might Avoid Using a Singleton


Situations where using a singleton may not benefit you include:

- Running applications with a large number of global variables. This can promote crosstalk which can eventually impact performance.
- Your installation runs many different versions of MATLAB, for testing purposes.

- Your installation has a relatively small number of users and is not overly concerned with performance.

## Which Products Support Singleton MCR and How Do I Create a Singleton?

Singleton MCR is only supported by the following products on these specific targets:

Product	Target supported by Singleton MCR	Create a Singleton MCR by...
MATLAB Builder EX	COM component	Default behavior for target is Singleton MCR. You do not need to perform other steps.
MATLAB Builder NE	.NET assembly	Default behavior for target is Singleton MCR. You do not need to perform other steps.
MATLAB Builder NE	COM component	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Using deploytool, Select the Actions (  ) button.</li> <li>2 Click <b>Settings</b>.</li> <li>3 On the <b>Advanced</b> tab, select the option <b>Object instances share MCR</b>.</li> </ol>
MATLAB Builder JA	Java component	

## Obtaining Registry Information

When programming with COM components, you might need details about a component. You can use `componentinfo`, which is a MATLAB function, to query the system registry for details about any installed MATLAB Builder NE component.

This example queries the registry for a component named `mycomponent` and a version of 1.0. This component has four methods: `mysum`, `randvectors`, `getdates`, and `myprimes`; two properties: `m` and `n`; and one event: `myevent`.

```
Info = componentinfo('mycomponent', 1, 0)
```

```
Info =
```

```
    Name: 'mycomponent'  
    TypeLib: 'mycomponent 1.0 Type Library'  
    LIBID: '{3A14AB34-44BE-11D5-B155-00D0B7BA7544}'  
    MajorRev: 1  
    MinorRev: 0  
    FileName: 'D:\Work\ mycomponent\distrib\mycomponent_1_0.dll'  
    Interfaces: [1x1 struct]  
    CoClasses: [1x1 struct]
```

```
Info.Interfaces
```

```
ans =
```

```
    Name: 'Imyclass'  
    IID: '{3A14AB36-44BE-11D5-B155-00D0B7BA7544}'
```

```
Info.CoClasses
```

```
ans =
```

```
    Name: 'myclass'  
    CLSID: '{3A14AB35-44BE-11D5-B155-00D0B7BA7544}'  
    ProgID: 'mycomponent.myclass.1_0'  
    VerIndProgID: 'mycomponent.myclass'  
    InprocServer32: 'D:\Work\mycomponent\distrib\mycomponent_1_0.dll'
```



```
        Methods: [1x4 struct]
        Properties: {'m', 'n'}
        Events: [1x1 struct]

Info.CoClasses.Events.M

ans =

function myevent(x, y)

Info.CoClasses.Methods

ans =

1x4 struct array with fields:
    IDL
    M
    C
    VB

Info.CoClasses.Methods.M

ans =

function [y] = mysum(varargin)

ans =

function [varargout] = randvectors()

ans =

function [x] = getdates(n, inc)

ans =

function [p] = myprimes(n)
```

The returned structure contains fields corresponding to the most important information from the registry and type library for the component.

## Handling Errors During a Method Call

If your application generates an error while creating a class instance or during a class method call, the current procedure creates an exception.

Microsoft Visual Basic provides an exception handling capability through the `On Error Goto <label>` statement, in which the program execution jumps to `<label>` when an error occurs. (`<label>` must be located in the same procedure as the `On Error Goto` statement.) All errors in Visual Basic are handled this way, including errors within the MATLAB code that you have encapsulated into a COM object. An exception creates a Visual Basic `ErrObject` object in the current context in a variable called `Err`.

See the Microsoft Visual Basic documentation for a detailed discussion on Visual Basic error handling.

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## Magic Square Example

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### Example Overview

This example uses a simple MATLAB file that takes a single input and creates a magic square of that size. It then builds a COM component using this MATLAB file as a class method. Finally, the example shows the integration of this component into a standalone Microsoft Visual Basic application. The application accepts the magic square size as input and displays the matrix in a ListView control box.

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**Note** ListView is a Windows Form control that displays a list of items with icons. You can use a list view to create a user interface like the right pane of Windows Explorer. See the MSDN Library for more information about Windows Form controls.

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### Creating the MATLAB File

To get started, create the MATLAB file `mymagic.m` containing the following code:

```
function y = mymagic(x)
y = magic(x);
```

## Using the Deployment Tool to Create and Build the Project

- 1 Specify a COM component as follows:


- a While in MATLAB, issue the following command to open Deployment Tool:

```
deploytool
```

- b Create a project with the following settings:

Setting	Value
Project name	magicdemo
Class name	magicdemoclass
Project folder	The name of your work folder followed by the component name. In this example, that is D:\Work\MagicSquareExample\magicdemo.
Generate Verbose Output	Selected

- c Locate your work folder and navigate to the MagicDemoComp folder, which contains the MATLAB file for the makesquare function. Add the makesquare.m file to the project.

- 2 Build the component by clicking the  button in the Deployment Tool toolbar.

The build process begins, and a log of the build appears in the **Output** pane of the Deployment Tool. The files that are needed for the component are copied to two newly created folders, `src` and `distrib`, in the `magicdemo` folder. A copy of the build log is placed in the `src` folder.

## Creating the Microsoft Visual Basic Project

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**Note** This procedure assumes that you are using Microsoft Visual Basic 6.0.

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- 1** Start Visual Basic.
- 2** In the New Project dialog box, select **Standard EXE** as the project type and click **Open**. This creates a new Visual Basic project with a blank form.
- 3** From the main menu, select **Project > References** to open the Project References dialog box.
- 4** Select **magicdemo 1.0 Type Library** from the list of available components and click **OK**.
- 5** Returning to the Visual Basic main menu, select **Project > Components** to open the Components dialog box.
- 6** Select **Microsoft Windows Common Controls 6.0** and click **OK**. You will use the `Listview` control from this component library.

## Creating the User Interface

After you create the project, add a series of controls to the blank form to create a form with the following settings.

Control Type	Control Name	Properties	Purpose
Frame	Frame1	Caption = Magic Squares Demo	Groups controls
Label	Label1	Caption = Magic Square Size	Labels the magic square edit box.
TextBox	edtSize		Accepts input of magic square size.
CommandButton	btnCreate	Caption = Create	When pressed, creates a new magic square with current size.
Listview	lstMagic	GridLines = True LabelEdit = 1vwManual View = 1vwReport	Displays the magic square.

When the form and controls are complete, add the following code to the form. This code references the control and variable names listed above. If you have given different names for any of the controls or any variable, change this code to reflect those differences.

```
Private Size As Double 'Holds current matrix size
Private theMagic As magicdemo.magicdemoclass 'magic object instance

Private Sub Form_Load()
    'This function is called when the form is loaded.
    'Creates a new magic class instance.
        On Error GoTo Handle_Error
        Set theMagic = New magicdemo.magicdemoclass
        Size = 0
    Exit Sub
Handle_Error:
    MsgBox (Err.Description)
End Sub

Private Sub btnCreate_Click()
    'This function is called when the Create button is pressed.
    'Calls the mymagic method, and displays the magic square.
        Dim y As Variant
        If Size <= 0 Or theMagic Is Nothing Then Exit Sub
        On Error GoTo Handle_Error
        Call theMagic.mymagic(1, y, Size)
        Call ShowMatrix(y)
    Exit Sub
Handle_Error:
    MsgBox (Err.Description)
End Sub

Private Sub edtSize_Change()
    'This function is called when ever the contents of the
    'Text box change. Sets the current value of Size.
        On Error Resume Next
        Size = CDBl(edtSize.Text)
        If Err <> 0 Then
            Size = 0
        End If
End Sub
```

```
End Sub

Private Sub ShowMatrix(y As Variant)
'This function populates the ListView with the contents of
'y. y is assumed to contain a 2D array.
    Dim n As Long
    Dim i As Long
    Dim j As Long
    Dim nLen As Long
    Dim Item As ListItem

    On Error GoTo Handle_Error
    'Get array size
    If IsArray(y) Then
        n = UBound(y, 1)
    Else
        n = 1
    End If
    'Set up Column headers
    nLen = lstMagic.Width / 5
    Call lstMagic.ListItems.Clear
    Call lstMagic.ColumnHeaders.Clear
    Call lstMagic.ColumnHeaders.Add(, , "", nLen, lvwColumnLeft)
    For i = 1 To n
        Call lstMagic.ColumnHeaders.Add(, , _
            "Column " & Format(i), nLen, lvwColumnLeft)
    Next
    'Add array contents
    If IsArray(y) Then
        For i = 1 To n
            Set Item = lstMagic.ListItems.Add(, , "Row " & Format(i))
            For j = 1 To n
                Call Item.ListSubItems.Add(, , Format(y(i, j)))
            Next
        Next
    Else
        Set Item = lstMagic.ListItems.Add(, , "Row 1")
        Call Item.ListSubItems.Add(, , Format(y))
    End If
Exit Sub
```



```
Handle_Error:
    MsgBox (Err.Description)
End Sub
```

## Creating the Executable in Microsoft Visual Basic

After the code is complete, create the standalone executable `magic.exe`:

- 1 Reopen the project by selecting **File > Save Project** from the main menu. Accept the default name for the main form and enter `magic.vbp` for the project name.
- 2 Return to the **File** menu. Select **File > Make magic.exe** to create the finished product.

## Testing the Application


You can run the `magic.exe` executable as you would any other program. When the main dialog box opens, enter a positive number in the input box and click **Create**. A magic square of the input size appears.

The `ListView` control automatically implements scrolling if the magic square is larger than 4-by-4.

## Packaging the Component

As a final step, package the `magicedemo` component and all supporting libraries into a self-extracting executable. Then anyone can install the package on another computer, in particular a computer without MATLAB installed, and use the `magicedemo` application.

To package the component:

- 1 Return to the Deployment Tool window and open the `magicedemo` project. If necessary, type `deploytool` in the Command Window.
- 2 Click the  button in the toolbar.

The Deployment Tool creates the `magicedemo_pkg.exe` self-extracting executable.

To install the component onto another computer, copy the `magicdemo_pkg.exe` package to that machine, run `magicdemo_pkg.exe` from a command prompt, and follow the instructions.

## Creating an Excel Add-in: Spectral Analysis Example

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### Example Overview

This example shows how to create a comprehensive Microsoft Excel add-in to perform spectral analysis. It requires knowledge of Microsoft Visual Basic forms and controls, as well as Excel workbook events. See the Visual Basic documentation included with Excel for a complete discussion of these topics.

The example creates an Excel add-in that performs a fast Fourier transform (FFT) on an input data set located in a designated worksheet range. The function returns the FFT results, an array of frequency points, and the power spectral density of the input data. It places these results into ranges you indicate in the current worksheet. You can also optionally plot the power spectral density.

You develop the function so that you can invoke it from the Excel **Tools** menu and can select input and output ranges through a graphical user interface (GUI).

### Building the Component

Your component will have one class with the following two methods:

- The `computefft` method computes the FFT and power spectral density of the input data and computes a vector of frequency points based on the length of the data entered and the sampling interval.
- The `plotfft` method performs the same operations as `computefft`, but also plots the input data and the power spectral density in a MATLAB figure window.

The MATLAB code for these two methods resides in two MATLAB files, `computefft.m` and `plotfft.m`, as shown:

`computefft.m`:


```
function [fftdata, freq, powerspect] =  
    computefft(data, interval)  
    if (isempty(data))  
        fftdata = [];  
        freq = [];  
        powerspect = [];  
        return;  
    end  
    if (interval <= 0)  
        error('Sampling interval must be greater then zero');  
        return;  
    end  
    fftdata = fft(data);  
    freq = (0:length(fftdata)-1)/(length(fftdata)*interval);  
    powerspect = abs(fftdata)/(sqrt(length(fftdata)));
```

`plotfft.m`:

```
function [fftdata, freq, powerspect] = plotfft(data, interval)  
    [fftdata, freq, powerspect] = computefft(data, interval);  
    len = length(fftdata);  
    if (len <= 0)  
        return;  
    end  
    t = 0:interval:(len-1)*interval;  
    subplot(2,1,1), plot(t, data)  
    xlabel('Time'), grid on  
    title('Time domain signal')
```

```
subplot(2,1,2), plot(freq(1:len/2), powerspect(1:len/2))
xlabel('Frequency (Hz)'), grid on
title('Power spectral density')
```

To build the component:

- 1 Start deploytool.
- 2 Create a new project with these settings:
  - **Project name:** Fourier
  - **Class name:** Fourier
- 3 Add the computefft.m and plotfft.m MATLAB files to the project.
- 4 Save the project.
- 5 Click the  button in the toolbar to create the component.

## Integrating the Component with VBA

The next task is to implement the necessary VBA code to integrate the component into Excel.

To open Excel and select the libraries you need to develop the add-in:

- 1 Start Excel.
- 2 From the Excel main menu, select **Tools > Macro > Visual Basic Editor** to open the Visual Basic Editor.
- 3 Select **Tools > References** to open the Project References dialog box.
- 4 Select **Fourier 1.0 Type Library** and **MWComUtil 7.5 Type Library**.

## Creating the Main VBA Code Module

The add-in requires some initialization code and some global variables to hold the application's state between function invocations. To achieve this, implement a Visual Basic code module to manage these tasks, as follows:

- 1** Right-click **VBAProject** in the Project window and select **Insert > Module**.

A new module appears under **Modules** in the **VBA Project**.

- 2** In the module's property page, set the **Name** property to **FourierMain**.
- 3** Enter the following code in the **FourierMain** module:

```
' FourierMain - Main module stores global state of controls
' and provides initialization code
'
'Global instance of Fourier object
Public theFourier As Fourier.Fourier
'Global instance of MWComplex to accept FFT
Public theFFTData As MWComplex
'Input data range
Public InputData As Range
'Sampling interval
Public Interval As Double
'Output frequency data range
Public Frequency As Range
'Output power spectral density range
Public PowerSpect As Range
'Holds the state of plot flag
Public bPlot As Boolean
'Global instance of MWUtil object
Public theUtil as MWUtil
'Module-is-initialized flag
Public bInitialized As Boolean
Private Sub LoadFourier()
'Initializes globals and Loads the Spectral Analysis form
    Dim MainForm As frmFourier
    On Error GoTo Handle_Error
    Call InitApp
    Set MainForm = New frmFourier
    Call MainForm.Show
    Exit Sub
Handle_Error:
    MsgBox (Err.Description)
End Sub
```

```

Private Sub InitApp()
'Initializes classes and libraries. Executes once
'for a given session of Excel
    If bInitialized Then Exit Sub
    On Error GoTo Handle_Error
    If theFourier Is Nothing Then
        Set theFourier = New Fourier.Fourier
    End If
    If theFFTData Is Nothing Then
        Set theFFTData = New MWComplex
    End If
    bInitialized = True
    Exit Sub
Handle_Error:
    MsgBox (Err.Description)
End Sub

```

## Creating the Microsoft Visual Basic Form

The next task is to develop a user interface for your add-in using the Microsoft Visual Basic editor. Follow these steps to create a new user form and populate it with the necessary controls:

- 1 Right-click **VBAProject** in the Project window and select **Insert > UserForm**.

A new form appears under **Forms** in the **VBA Project**.

- 2 In the form's property page, set the **Name** property to `frmFourier` and the **Caption** property to `Spectral Analysis`.
- 3 Add a series of controls to the blank form to complete the dialog box, as summarized in the following table:

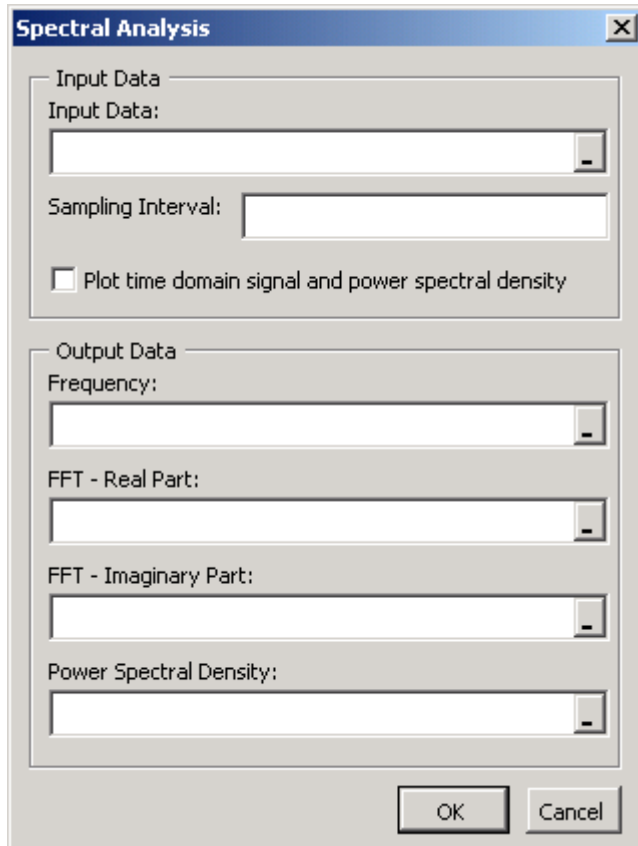
Control Type	Control Name	Properties	Purpose
Frame	Frame1	Caption = Input Data	Groups all input controls.
Label	Label1	Caption = Input Data:	Labels RefEdit for input data.

<b>Control Type</b>	<b>Control Name</b>	<b>Properties</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
RefEdit	refedtInput		Selects range for input data.
Label	Label2	Caption = Sampling Interval	Labels text box for sampling interval.
TextBox	edtSample		Specifies the sampling interval.
CheckBox	chkPlot	Caption = Plot time domain Signal and Power Spectral Density	Plots input data and power spectral density.
Frame	Frame2	Caption = Output Data	Groups all output controls.
Label	Label3	Caption = Frequency:	Labels RefEdit for frequency output.
RefEdit	refedtFreq		Selects output range for frequency points.
Label	Label4	Caption = FFT - Real Part:	Labels RefEdit for real part of FFT.
RefEdit	refedtReal		Selects output range for real part of FFT of input data.
Label	Label5	Caption = FFT - Imaginary Part:	Labels RefEdit for imaginary part of FFT.
RefEdit	refedtImag		Selects output range for imaginary part of FFT of input data.
Label	Label6	Caption = Power Spectral Density	Labels RefEdit for power spectral density.



<b>Control Type</b>	<b>Control Name</b>	<b>Properties</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
RefEdit	refedtPowSpect		Selects the output range for power spectral density of input data.
CommandButton	btnOK	Caption = OK Default = True	Executes the function and closes the dialog box.
CommandButton	btnCancel	Caption = Cancel Cancel = True	Closes the dialog box without executing the function.

The following figure shows the resulting layout.



- 4 When the form and controls are complete, right-click anywhere in the form and **View Code**. The following code listing shows the code to implement. Note that this code references the control and variable names listed in the previous table. If you have renamed any of the controls or any global variable, change this code to reflect those differences.

```

'
'frmFourier Event handlers
'
Private Sub UserForm_Activate()
'UserForm Activate event handler. This function gets called before
'showing the form, and initializes all controls with values stored
'in global variables.

```

```

On Error GoTo Handle_Error
If theFourier Is Nothing Or theFFTDData Is Nothing Then Exit Sub
'Initialize controls with current state
If Not InputData Is Nothing Then
    refedtInput.Text = InputData.Address
End If
edtSample.Text = Format(Interval)
If Not Frequency Is Nothing Then
    refedtFreq.Text = Frequency.Address
End If
If Not IsEmpty (theFFTDData.Real) Then
If IsObject(theFFTDData.Real) And TypeOf theFFTDData.Real Is Range Then
    refedtReal.Text = theFFTDData.Real.Address
    End If
End If
If Not IsEmpty (theFFTDData.Imag) Then
If IsObject(theFFTDData.Imag) And TypeOf theFFTDData.Imag Is Range Then
    refedtImag.Text = theFFTDData.Imag.Address
    End If
End If
If Not PowerSpect Is Nothing Then
    refedtPowSpect.Text = PowerSpect.Address
End If
chkPlot.Value = bPlot
Exit Sub
Handle_Error:
    MsgBox (Err.Description)
End Sub

Private Sub btnCancel_Click()
'Cancel button click event handler. Exits form without computing fft
'or updating variables.
    Unload Me
End Sub
Private Sub btnOK_Click()
'OK button click event handler. Updates state of all variables from controls
'and executes the computefft or plotfft method.
    Dim R As Range

    If theFourier Is Nothing Or theFFTDData Is Nothing Then GoTo Exit_Form

```

```
On Error Resume Next
'Process inputs
Set R = Range(refedtInput.Text)
If Err <> 0 Then
    MsgBox ("Invalid range entered for Input Data")
    Exit Sub
End If
Set InputData = R
Interval = CDb1(edtSample.Text)
If Err <> 0 Or Interval <= 0 Then
    MsgBox ("Sampling interval must be greater than zero")
    Exit Sub
End If
'Process Outputs
Set R = Range(refedtFreq.Text)
If Err = 0 Then
    Set Frequency = R
End If
Set R = Range(refedtReal.Text)
If Err = 0 Then
    theFFTData.Real = R
End If
Set R = Range(refedtImag.Text)
If Err = 0 Then
    theFFTData.Imag = R
End If
Set R = Range(refedtPowSpect.Text)
If Err = 0 Then
    Set PowerSpect = R
End If
bPlot = chkPlot.Value
'Compute the fft and optionally plot power spectral density
If bPlot Then
    Call theFourier.plotfft(3, theFFTData, Frequency, PowerSpect, _
InputData, Interval)
Else
    Call theFourier.computefft(3, theFFTData, Frequency, PowerSpect, _
InputData, Interval)
End If
GoTo Exit_Form
```

```

Handle_Error:
    MsgBox (Err.Description)
Exit_Form:
    Unload Me
End Sub

```

## Adding the Spectral Analysis Menu Item to Microsoft Excel

The last task in the integration process is to add a menu item to Microsoft Excel so that you can invoke the tool from the Excel **Tools** menu. To do this you add event handlers for the workbook's `AddinInstall` and `AddinUninstall` events; these are events that install and uninstall menu items. The menu item calls the `LoadFourier` function in the `FourierMain` module.

To implement the menu item:

- 1 Right-click **ThisWorkbook** in the Visual Basic project window and select **View Code**.
- 2 Add the following code to the **ThisWorkbook** object:

```

Private Sub Workbook_AddinInstall()
'Called when Addin is installed
    Call AddFourierMenuItem
End Sub

Private Sub Workbook_AddinUninstall()
'Called when Addin is uninstalled
    Call RemoveFourierMenuItem
End Sub

Private Sub AddFourierMenuItem()
    Dim ToolsMenu As CommandBarPopup
    Dim NewMenuItem As CommandBarButton

    'Remove if already exists
    Call RemoveFourierMenuItem
    'Find Tools menu
    Set ToolsMenu = Application.CommandBars(1).FindControl(ID:=30007)

```

```
If ToolsMenu Is Nothing Then Exit Sub
'Add Spectral Analysis menu item
Set NewMenuItem = ToolsMenu.Controls.Add(Type:=msoControlButton)
NewMenuItem.Caption = "Spectral Analysis..."
NewMenuItem.OnAction = "LoadFourier"
End Sub

Private Sub RemoveFourierMenuItem()
Dim CmdBar As CommandBar
Dim Ctrl As CommandBarControl
On Error Resume Next
'Find tools menu and remove Spectral Analysis menu item
Set CmdBar = Application.CommandBars(1)
Set Ctrl = CmdBar.FindControl(ID:=30007)
Call Ctrl.Controls("Spectral Analysis...").Delete
End Sub
```

### Saving the Add-in

Name the add-in `Spectral Analysis` and follow these steps to save it:

- 1 From the Excel main menu, select **File > Properties**.

The Workbook Properties dialog box opens.

- 2 Click the **Summary** tab and enter `Spectral Analysis` as the workbook title.
- 3 Click **OK** to save the edits.
- 4 Select **File > Save As** from the Excel main menu.
- 5 Select **Microsoft Excel Add-In (\*.xla)** as the file type.
- 6 Enter `Fourier.xla` as the file name.
- 7 Click **Save** to save the add-in.

### Testing the Add-in

Before distributing the add-in, test it with a sample problem. Spectral analysis is commonly used to find the frequency components of a signal buried in a noisy time domain signal. In this example you will create a data

representation of a signal containing two distinct components and add to it a random component. This data along with the output will be stored in columns of an Excel worksheet, and you will plot the time-domain signal along with the power spectral density.

To create the test problem:

- 1 Start a new Excel session with a blank workbook.
- 2 Select **Tools > Add-Ins** from the main menu.
- 3 When the Add-Ins dialog box opens, click **Browse**.
- 4 Browse to the `Fourier.xla` file and click **OK**. The **Spectral Analysis** add-in appears in the available **Add-Ins** list and is selected.
- 5 Click **OK** to load the add-in.

This add-in installs a menu item under the Excel **Tools** menu. You can display the Spectral Analysis GUI by selecting **Tools > Spectral Analysis**.

Before invoking the add-in, create some data, in this case a signal with components at 15 and 40 Hz. Sample the signal for 10 seconds at a sampling rate of 0.01 second. Put the time points into column A and the signal points into column B.

## Creating the Data

- 1 Enter 0 for cell A1 in the current worksheet.
- 2 Click cell A2 and type the formula `= A1 + 0.01`.
- 3 Drag the formula in cell A2 down the column to cell A1001.

This procedure fills the range A1:A1001 with the interval 0 to 10 incremented by 0.01.

- 4 Click cell B1 and type the formula `SIN(2*PI()*15*A1) + SIN(2*PI()*40*A1) + RAND()`.

- 5 Repeat the drag procedure to copy this formula to all cells in the range B1:B1001.

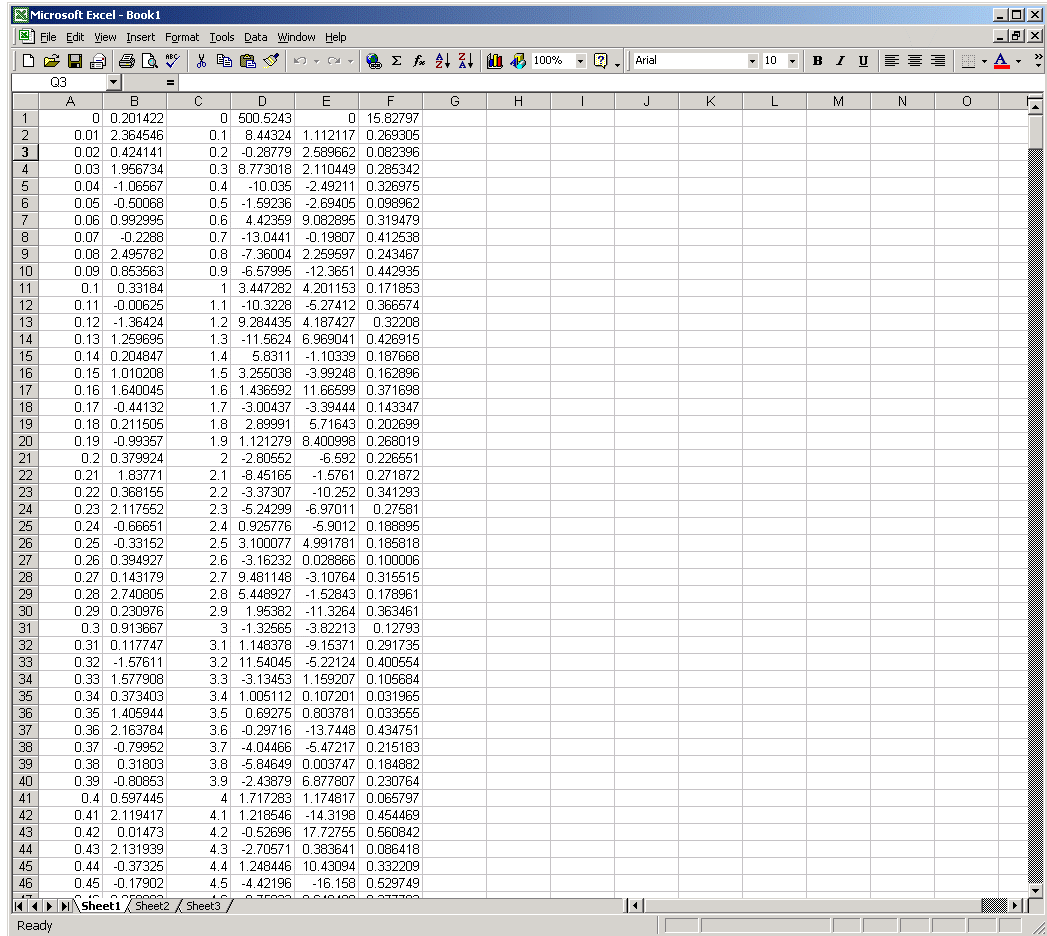
### Running the Test

Using the column of data (column B), test the add-in as follows:

- 1 Select **Tools > Spectral Analysis** from the main menu.
- 2 Click **Input Data**.
- 3 Click the B1:B1001 range from the worksheet, or type this address into **Input Data**.
- 4 Click the **Sampling Interval** box and type 0.01.
- 5 Click **Plot time domain signal and power spectral density**.
- 6 Enter C1:C1001 for frequency output. Similarly, enter D1:D1001, E1:E1001, and F1:F1001 for the FFT real and imaginary parts, and spectral density.
- 7 Click **OK** to run the analysis.

The following figure shows the output.






The power spectral density reveals the two signals at 15 and 40 Hz.

## Packaging and Distributing the Add-in

As a final step, package the add-in, the COM component, and all supporting libraries into a self-extracting executable. This package can be installed onto other computers that need to use the Spectral Analysis add-in.

To package and distribute the add-in:

- 1** Return to the Deployment Tool and open the Fourier project. (If necessary run the `deploytool` command in the MATLAB product to reopen the Deployment Tool.)
- 2** Click the  button in the toolbar.

The builder creates the `Fourier_pkg.exe` self-extracting executable.

- 3** To install this add-in onto another computer, copy the `Fourier_pkg.exe` package to that machine, run it from a command prompt, and follow the instructions.

## Univariate Interpolation Example

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### Example Overview

This example is created using the Akima’s Univariate Interpolation example posted by N. Shyamsundar on the MathWorks Web site. You can download the original MATLAB file from <http://www.mathworks.com/matlabcentral/>. Search for *COM Builder Example: Univariate Interpolation*.

This example shows you how to create the COM component using the MATLAB Builder NE product and how to use this COM component in external Microsoft Visual Basic code independent of the MATLAB product.

### Using the Deployment Tool to Create and Build the Component


- 1 At the MATLAB command prompt, change folders to your work folder.
- 2 Open the Deployment Tool window.

```
deploytool
```

- 3 Create a project with the following settings:

Setting	Value
Project name	UnivariateInterp
Class name	Interp

Setting	Value
Project folder	The name of your work folder followed by the Project name.
Generate Verbose Output	Selected

- 4 Locate your work folder and navigate to the `UnivariateInterp` folder, and add the MATLAB file to the project.
- 5 Build the component by clicking the  button in the Deployment Tool toolbar.

The build process begins, and a log of the build appears in the **Output** pane of the Deployment Tool. The files that are needed for the component are copied to two newly created folders, `src` and `distrib`, in the `UnivariateInterp` folder. A copy of the build log is placed in the `src` folder.

### Using the Component in Microsoft Visual Basic

You can call the component from any application that supports COM.

To create a Microsoft Visual Basic project and add references to the necessary libraries:

- 1 Start Visual Basic.
- 2 Create a new Standard EXE project.
- 3 Select **Project > References**.
- 4 Ensure that the following libraries appear:

`UnivariateInterp 1.0 Type Library`

`MWComUtil 7.5 Type Library`

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**Tip** If you do not see these libraries, you may not have registered the libraries using `mwregsvr`. Refer to “Component Registration” on page 15-4 for information on this process.

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## Creating the Microsoft Visual Basic Form

The next step creates a front end or a Microsoft Visual Basic form for the application. Your application receives data from the user through this form.

To create a new user form and populate it with the necessary controls.

- 1** Select **Projects > Component**. Alternatively, press **Ctrl+T**.
- 2** Ensure that **Microsoft Windows Common Controls 6.0** is selected.

You will use the `ListView` control from this component library.

- 3** Add a series of controls to the blank form to create an interface using the properties shown in the following table.

Control Type	Control Name	Properties	Purpose
Form	frmInterp	Caption = Univariate Interpolation	Container for all components
Label	lblDataCount	Caption = Number of Data Points	Labels the text box txtNumDataPts
TextBox	txtNumDataPts	Text =	Number of original data points
Label	lblInterp	Caption = Number of Interpolation Points	Labels the text box txtInterp
TextBox	txtInterp	Text =	Number of points over which to interpolate
Label	lblPlot	Caption = Would you like to plot the data?	Labels the check box chkPlot

<b>Control Type</b>	<b>Control Name</b>	<b>Properties</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
CheckBox	chkPlot		When selected, a message is sent to the COM component to plot the data.
ListView	lstXData	Name = lstXData GridLines = True LabelEdit = lvwAutomatic View = lvwReport	X-data values. Set the view type to lvwReport to allow the user to add data to the list view.
ListView	lstYData	Name = lstYData GridLines = True LabelEdit = lvwAutomatic View = lvwReport	Y-data values. Set the view type to lvwReport to allow the user to add data to the list view.
ListView	lstInterp	Name = lstInterp GridLines = True LabelEdit = lvwAutomatic View = lvwReport	Interpolation points
CommandButton	cmdEvaluate	Caption = Evaluate Default = True	Executes the function
CommandButton	cmdCancel	Caption = Cancel Cancel = True	Closes the dialog box without executing function

- 4** When the design is complete, save the project by selecting **File > Save**.
- 5** When prompted for the project name, type `Interp.vbp`, and for the form, type `frmInterp.frm`.
- 6** To write the underlying code, right-click **frmInterp** in the Project window and select **View Code**.

The following code listing shows the code to implement. Note that this code references the control and variable names listed above. If you have given a different name to any of the controls or any global variable, change this code to reflect the differences.

```

Private theInterp As UnivariateInterp.Interp 'Variable to hold the COM object

Private Sub cmdCancel_Click()
    ' Unload the form if the user hits the cancel button.
    Unload Me
End Sub

Private Sub Form_Initialize()
    On Error GoTo Handle_Error
    ' Create the COM object
    ' If there is an error, handle it accordingly.
    Set theInterp = New UnivariateInterp.Interp
    ' Set the flags such that the input is always passed as double data.
    theInterp.MWFFlags.DataConversionFlags.CoerceNumericToType = mwTypeDouble
Exit Sub
Handle_Error:
    ' Error handling code
    MsgBox ("Error " & Err.Description)
End Sub

Private Sub Form_Load()
    ' Set the run time properties of the components
    Dim Len1 As Long ' Variable to hold length parameter of the list box
    Dim Len2 As Long ' Variable to hold the length parameter of the list box
    Len2 = lstInterp.Width / 2
    Len1 = (lstInterp.Width - Len2) - 150
    ' Add the column headers to the list boxes
    Call lstXData.ColumnHeaders.Add(, "XData", Len2)
    Call lstYData.ColumnHeaders.Add(, "YData", Len2)
    Call lstInterp.ColumnHeaders.Add(, "Interp Data", Len1)
    Call lstInterp.ColumnHeaders.Add(, "Interp YData", Len2)

    ' Enable the grid lines
    lstXData.GridLines = True
    lstYData.GridLines = True

```

```
lstInterp.GridLines = True
lstInterp.FullRowSelect = True

' Set the Tab indices for each of the components
txtNumDataPts.TabIndex = 1
txtInterp.TabIndex = 2
lstXData.TabIndex = 3
lstYData.TabIndex = 4
lstInterp.TabIndex = 5
cmdEvaluate.TabIndex = 6
cmdCancel.TabIndex = 7
End Sub

Private Sub txtInterp_Change()
' If user changes number of interpolation points, set the interpolation
' point listbox to accomodate the new number of points.
Dim loopCount As Integer ' loop count
Dim numData As Integer
On Error GoTo Handle_Error
' First clear the listbox
Call lstInterp.ListItems.Clear
' Create space for the requested number of interpolation points
If Not (txtInterp.Text = "") Then
    numData = CDb1(txtInterp.Text)
    For loopCount = 1 To numData
        Call lstInterp.ListItems.Add(loopCount, , "")
    Next
End If
Exit Sub
Handle_Error:
' Reset the list to 0 elements and also the text box to an empty string.
MsgBox ("Invalid value for number of Data points")
lstInterp.ListItems.Clear
txtInterp.Text = ""
End Sub

Private Sub txtNumDataPts_Change()
' If the user changes the number of data points, set the XData and YData
' listboxes to accomodate the new number of points.
Dim loopCount As Integer ' loop count
```



```

Dim numData As Integer
On Error GoTo Handle_Error
' First clear both the listbox (XData and YData)
Call lstXData.ListItems.Clear
Call lstYData.ListItems.Clear
' Create space for the requested number of data points (XData and YData).
If Not (txtNumDataPts.Text = "") Then
    numData = CDb1(txtNumDataPts.Text)
    For loopCount = 1 To numData
        Call lstXData.ListItems.Add(loopCount, , "")
        Call lstYData.ListItems.Add(loopCount, , "")
    Next
End If
Exit Sub
Handle_Error:
' Reset the list to 0 elements and also the text box to an empty string.
MsgBox ("Error: " & Err.des)
Call lstXData.ListItems.Clear
Call lstYData.ListItems.Clear
txtNumDataPts.Text = ""
End Sub

Private Sub cmdEvaluate_Click()
    ' Dim R As Range
    Dim XDataInterp As Variant ' Result variable object
    Dim loopCount As Integer ' A variable used for loop count
    Dim item As ListItem ' Temporary variable to store data in list box
    Dim XData() As Double ' X value of data points, passed to COM object
    Dim YData() As Double ' Y value of data points, passed to the COM object
    Dim XInterp() As Double ' X value of interpolation points, passed to COM
    ' object
    Dim Yi As Variant ' Y value of interpolation points, obtained from COM
    ' object as output value

    ' Set dimensions of the input and output data based on user inputs (number
    ' of data points and number of interpolation points).
    ReDim XData(1 To lstXData.ListItems.Count)
    ReDim YData(1 To lstYData.ListItems.Count)
    ReDim XInterp(1 To lstInterp.ListItems.Count)
    ReDim Yi(1 To lstInterp.ListItems.Count)

```

```
' Collect the Data and set the XData, YData, XInterp matrices accordingly
For loopCount = 1 To lstXData.ListItems.Count
    XData(loopCount) = CDb1(lstXData.ListItems.item(loopCount))
    YData(loopCount) = CDb1(lstYData.ListItems.item(loopCount))
Next
For loopCount = 1 To lstInterp.ListItems.Count
    XInterp(loopCount) = CDb1(lstInterp.ListItems.item(loopCount))
    Yi(loopCount) = -1
Next

' Check if the object was created properly.
' If not, go to the error handling routine.

If theInterp Is Nothing Then GoTo Exit_Form

' If there is an error, continue with the code.
On Error GoTo Handle_Error

'Compute Curve Fitting Data
Call theInterp.UnivariateInterpolation(1,Yi,XData,YData,XInterp,_
                                     chkPlot.Value)

'Call lstInterp.ListItems.Clear
For loopCount = LBound(Yi, 2) To UBound(Yi, 2)
    Set item = lstInterp.ListItems(loopCount)
    Call item.ListSubItems.Add(, , Format(Yi(1, loopCount), "##.###"))
Next
Call lstInterp.Refresh
GoTo Exit_Form
Handle_Error:
' Error handling routine
MsgBox ("Error: " & Err.Description)
Exit_Form:
End Sub
```

# Matrix Calculator Example

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## Example Overview

This example shows how to encapsulate MATLAB utilities that perform basic matrix arithmetic. It includes MATLAB code that performs matrix addition, subtraction, multiplication, division and left division and a function to evaluate the eigen values for a matrix. The example shows how to create the COM component using the MATLAB Builder NE product and how to use the COM component in a Microsoft Visual Basic application independent of the MATLAB product.

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**Note** This example assumes that you have downloaded the MATLAB code from <http://www.mathworks.com/matlabcentral/> to your work folder. To get the download, search the File Exchange at matlabcentral for MatrixArith.

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## Building the Component

- 1 At the MATLAB command prompt, change folders to the MatrixMath folder in your work folder.
- 2 Enter the command `deploytool` to open the Deployment Tool window.
- 3 Create a project with the following settings:

<b>Setting</b>	<b>Value</b>
Project name	matrixMath
Class name	matrixMathclass
Project folder	The name of your work folder followed by the project name
Generate Verbose Output	Selected

- 4 Locate your work folder and navigate to the `matrixMath` folder, which contains the MATLAB files needed for the component.
- 5 Add the following files to the project:
  - `addMatrices.m`
  - `divideMatrices.m`
  - `eigenValue.m`
  - `leftDivideMatrices.m`
  - `multiplyMatrices.m`
  - `subtractMatrices.m`
- 6 Build the component by clicking the  button in the Deployment Tool toolbar.

The build process begins, and a log of the build appears in the **Output** pane of the Deployment Tool. The files that are needed for the component are copied to two newly created folders, `src` and `distrib`, in the `matrixMath` folder. A copy of the build log is placed in the `src` folder.

## Using the Component in Microsoft Visual Basic

You can call the component from any application that supports COM. Follow these steps to create a Microsoft Visual Basic project and add references to the necessary libraries.

- 1 Start Visual Basic.
- 2 Create a new Standard EXE project.

**3** Select **Project > References**.

**4** Ensure that the following libraries are in the project:

MatrixMath 1.0 Type Library

MWComUtil 7.5 Type Library

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**Note** If you do not see these libraries, you may not have registered the libraries using `mwregsvr`. Refer to “Component Registration” on page 15-4 for information on this.

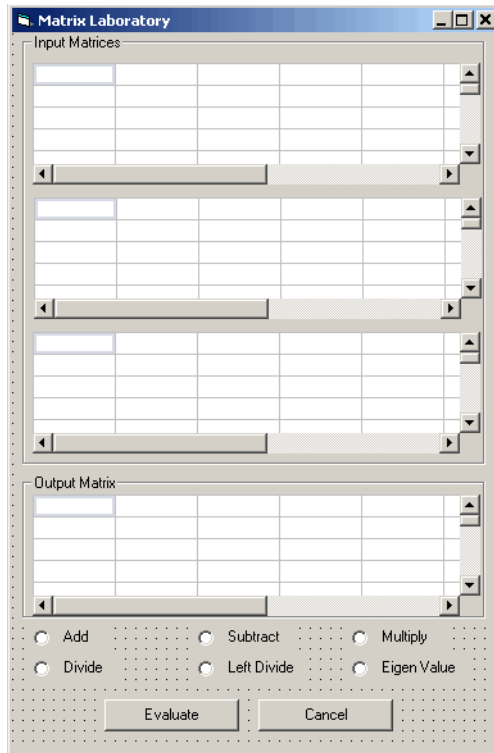
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## Creating the Microsoft Visual Basic Form

The next step creates a front end or a Microsoft Visual Basic form for the application. End users enter data in this form.

To create a new user form and populate it with the necessary controls:

- 1** Select **Projects > Component**. Alternatively, press **Ctrl+T**.
- 2** Make sure that **Microsoft Windows Common Controls 6.0** is selected. You will use the **Spreadsheet** control from this component library.
- 3** Add a series of controls to the blank form to create an interface as shown in the next figure.



4 One of the main components used in the Visual Basic form is a Spreadsheet component. For each Spreadsheet component, set properties as follows.

Property	Original Value	New Value
DisplayColumnHeaders	True	False
DisplayHorizontalScrollBar	True	False
DisplayRowHeaders	True	False
DisplayTitleBar	True	False
DisplayToolBar	True	False
DisplayVerticalScrollBar	True	False
MaximumWidth	80%	100%
ViewableRange	1:65536	A1:E5

A consolidated list of components added to the form and the properties modified is as follows.

Control Type	Control Name	Properties	Purpose
Form	frmMatrixMath	Caption = Matrix Laboratory	Container for all components
Frame	frmInput	Caption = Input Data Points	Groups all input controls
Frame	frmOutput	Caption = Output Coefficients	Groups all output controls
Spreadsheet	sheetMat1	Refer to previous table.	Accepts input matrix 1 from user
Spreadsheet	sheetMat2	Refer to previous table.	Accepts input matrix 2 from user
Spreadsheet	sheetMat3	Refer to previous table.	Accepts input matrix 3 from user
Spreadsheet	sheetResultMat	Refer to previous table.	Displays result matrix
Label	lblAdd	Caption = Add	Labels <b>Add</b> option button
OptionButton	optOperation	Index = 0	Option button to perform addition
Label	lblSub	Caption = Subtract	Labels <b>Subtract</b> option button
OptionButton	optOperation	Index = 1	Option button to perform subtraction
Label	lblMult	Caption = Multiply	Labels <b>Multiply</b> option button
OptionButton	optOperation	Index = 2	Option button to perform multiplication
Label	lblDivide	Caption = Divide	Labels <b>Divide</b> option button
OptionButton	optOperation	Index = 3	Option button to perform division

Control Type	Control Name	Properties	Purpose
Label	lblLeftDivide	Caption = Left Divide	Labels <b>Left Divide</b> option button
OptionButton	optOperation	Index = 4	Option button to perform left division
Label	lblEig	Caption = Eigenvalue	Labels <b>Eigenvalue</b> option button
OptionButton	optOperation	Index = 5	Option button to calculate Eigenvalue of first matrix
CommandButton	cmdEvaluate	Caption = Evaluate Default = True	Executes function
CommandButton	cmdCancel	Caption = Cancel Cancel = True	Closes dialog box without executing function

- 5** When the design is complete, save the project by selecting **File > Save**. When prompted for the project name, type `MatrixMathVB.vbp`, and for the form, type `frmMatrixMath.frm`.
- 6** To write the underlying code, right-click **frmMatrixMath** in the Project window, and select **View Code**.

The following code listing shows the code to implement. Note that this code references the control and variable names listed above. If you have given a different name to any of the controls or any global variable, change this code to reflect the differences.

```
Dim theMatCal As matrixMath.matrixMath

Private Sub Form_Initialize()
' Create an instance of the COM object and set the MWArray flags.
' If this fails, exit from the form.
On Error GoTo exit_form
' Create the object.
Set theMatCal = New matrixMath.matrixMath
```



```
' Force the input to be of type double.
theMatCal.MWFlags.DataConversionFlags.CoerceNumericToType = mwTypeDouble
' Set the AutoResizeOutput flag to True, so that you do not have to specify
' the size of the output variable as returned by the COM object.
theMatCal.MWFlags.ArrayFormatFlags.AutoResizeOutput = True
' Get the results in a Matrix format.
theMatCal.MWFlags.ArrayFormatFlags.OutputArrayFormat = _
mwArrayFormatMatrix
Exit Sub
exit_form:
' Error handling routine. Since no object is created, display error '
'message and unload the form.
MsgBox ("Error: " & Err.Description)
Unload Me
End Sub

Private Sub Form_Load()
' Set the run time properties for all the components.
frmInputs.TabIndex = 1
sheetMat1.AutoFit = True

' Set the tab order for each component and the viewable range.
' If you need a larger viewable range, you might want to turn the
' horizontal and vertical scroll bars to TRUE.
sheetMat1.TabStop = True
sheetMat1.TabIndex = 1
sheetMat1.Width = 4875
sheetMat1.ViewableRange = "A1:E5"

sheetMat2.TabStop = True
sheetMat2.TabIndex = 2
sheetMat2.Width = 4875
sheetMat2.ViewableRange = "A1:E5"

sheetMat3.TabStop = True
sheetMat3.TabIndex = 3
sheetMat3.Width = 4875
sheetMat3.ViewableRange = "A1:E5"

sheetResultMatTabStop = False
```

```
sheetResultMatTabIndex = 1
sheetResultMatWidth = 4875
sheetResultMat.ViewableRange = "A1:E5"

frmOutput.TabIndex = 2
optOperation(0).TabIndex = 3
optOperation(1).TabIndex = 4
optOperation(2).TabIndex = 5
optOperation(3).TabIndex = 6
optOperation(4).TabIndex = 7
optOperation(5).TabIndex = 8
End Sub

Private Sub cmdCancel_Click()
    ' When the user clicks on the Cancel button, unload the form.
    Unload Me
End Sub

Private Sub cmdEval_Click()
    ' Declare the variables to be used in the code
    Dim data1 As Range
    ' This is the temporary variable that holds the value entered in
    ' the spreadsheet.

    'Dim finalRows As Double ' The number of
    'Dim finalCols As Double

    ' Dim tempVal As Double
    Dim matArray1 As Variant ' Variable to hold the value of input Matrix 1,
    ' passed to the COM object directly.
    Dim matArray2 As Variant ' Variable to hold the value of input Matrix 1,
    ' passed via varArg variable.
    Dim matArray3 As Variant ' Variable to hold the value of input Matrix 1,
    ' passed via varArg variable.
    Dim varArg(2) As Variant ' Variable to hold the value of input Matrix 1,,
    ' contains the two optional matrices and is passed to the COM object.

    'Dim mat1() As Double
    'Dim mat1Dimension2() As Variant
```

```

Dim tempRange As Range ' Take the range value as obtained from the
                        ' user input into a temporary range.
Dim resultMat As Variant ' Variable to take the result matrix in
Dim msg As String ' The message thrown by the COM object is taken
                  ' in this variable.

Call sheetResultMat.ActiveSheet.UsedRange.Clear

' Check if the COM object was created properly.
' If not exit
If theMatCal Is Nothing Then GoTo exit_form

' Get the used range of data from the sheetMat1, which will then be
' converted into matArray1.
Set data1 = sheetMat1.ActiveSheet.UsedRange

'finalRows = data1.Rows.Count
'finalCols = data1.Columns.Count

'ReDim mat1(1 To data1.Rows.Count)
'ReDim mat1Dimension2(1 To data1.Columns.Count)
ReDim matArray1(1 To data1.Rows.Count, 1 To data1.Columns.Count) As_
Double
For RowCount = 1 To data1.Rows.Count
    For ColCount = 1 To data1.Columns.Count
        ' Extract the values and populate input matrix 1.
        Set tempRange = data1.Cells(RowCount, ColCount)
        'tempVal = tempRange.Value
        'matArray1(RowCount, ColCount) = tempVal
        matArray1(RowCount, ColCount) = tempRange.Value
        'Set mat1(ColCount) = tempRange.Value
    Next ColCount
    ' mat1Dimension2(RowCount) = mat1()
Next RowCount

Set data1 = sheetMat2.ActiveSheet.UsedRange
If (Not (data1.Value = "")) Then
    ReDim matArray2(1 To data1.Rows.Count, 1 To data1.Columns.Count) As_
    Double
    For RowCount = 1 To data1.Rows.Count

```

```

        For ColCount = 1 To data1.Columns.Count
            Set tempRange = data1.Cells(RowCount, ColCount)
            tempVal = tempRange.Value
            matArray2(RowCount, ColCount) = tempVal
        Next ColCount
    Next RowCount
    finalCols = data1.Columns.Count
    varArg(0) = matArray2
End If

Set data1 = sheetMat3.ActiveSheet.UsedRange
If (Not (data1.Value = "")) Then
    ReDim matArray3(1 To data1.Rows.Count, 1 To data1.Columns.Count) As_
Double
    For RowCount = 1 To data1.Rows.Count
        For ColCount = 1 To data1.Columns.Count
            Set tempRange = data1.Cells(RowCount, ColCount)
            tempVal = tempRange.Value
            matArray3(RowCount, ColCount) = tempVal
        Next ColCount
    Next RowCount
    finalCols = data1.Columns.Count
    varArg(1) = matArray3
End If

' Based on the operation selected by the user, call the appropriate method
' from the COM object.
If optOperation.Item(0).Value = True Then ' Add
    Call theMatCal.addMatrices(2, resultMat, msg, matArray1, varArg)
ElseIf optOperation.Item(1).Value = True Then ' Subtract
    Call theMatCal.subtractMatrices(2, resultMat, msg, matArray1, varArg)
ElseIf optOperation.Item(2).Value = True Then ' Multiply
    Call theMatCal.multiplyMatrices(2, resultMat, msg, matArray1, varArg)
ElseIf optOperation.Item(3).Value = True Then ' Divide
    Call theMatCal.divideMatrices(2, resultMat, msg, matArray1, varArg)
ElseIf optOperation.Item(4).Value = True Then ' Left Divide
    Call theMatCal.leftDivideMatrices(2, resultMat, msg, matArray1, _
varArg)
ElseIf optOperation.Item(5).Value = True Then ' Eigen Value
    Call theMatCal.eigenValue(2, resultMat, msg, matArray1)

```

```
End If

' If the result matrix is a scalar double, display it in the first cell.
If (VarType(resultMat) = vbDouble) Then
    Set tempRange = sheetResultMat.Cells(1, 1)
    tempRange.Value = resultMat

' If the result matrix is not a scalar double, loop through it to display
' all the elements.
Else
    For RowCount = 1 To UBound(resultMat, 1)
        For ColCount = 1 To UBound(resultMat, 2)
            Set tempRange = sheetResultMat.Cells(RowCount, ColCount)
            tempRange.Value = resultMat(RowCount, ColCount)
        Next ColCount
    Next RowCount
End If
Exit Sub
exit_form:
    MsgBox ("Error: " & Err.Description)
    Unload Me
End Sub

' If the user changes the operation, clear the result matrix.
Private Sub optOperation_Click(Index As Integer)
    Call sheetResultMat.ActiveSheet.Cells.Clear
End Sub
```

## Curve Fitting Example

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### Example Overview

This example demonstrates the optimal fitting of a nonlinear function to a set of data, using the curve-fitting demo `fitfun` provided with the MATLAB product. It uses `fminsearch`, an implementation of the Nelder-Mead simplex (direct search) algorithm, to minimize a nonlinear function of several variables.

This example shows you how to create the COM component using the MATLAB Builder NE product and how to use this COM component in a Microsoft Visual Basic application independent of MATLAB.

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**Note** This example assumes that you have downloaded the MATLAB code from <http://www.mathworks.com/matlabcentral/> to the *matlabroot* folder. To get the download, search the File Exchange at matlabcentral for COM Builder Demo: Curve Fitting.


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### Building the Component

- 1 At the MATLAB command prompt, change folders to *matlabroot*.
- 2 Enter the `deploytool` command to open the Deployment Tool window.
- 3 Create a project with the following settings:

Project name	CurveFit
Class name	CurveFitclass

## Building the Project

- 1 In the Deployment Tool window, add `fitfun.m` and `fitdemo.m` from the folder `matlabroot/CurveFitDemo`.
- 2 Click the  button in the toolbar.

The component is created and placed in the `distrib` folder within the `Classfolder`.

## Using the Component in Microsoft Visual Basic

You can call the component from any application that supports COM.

Open `CurveFitComp.vcproj` or create a Microsoft Visual Basic project and add references to the necessary libraries:

- 1 Start Visual Basic.
- 2 Create a new Standard EXE project.
- 3 Select **Project > References**.
- 4 Ensure that the following libraries are included in the project:

CurveFit 1.0 Type Library  
MComUtil 7.5 Type Library

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**Note** If you do not see these libraries, you may not have registered the libraries using `mwregsvr`. Refer to “Component Registration” on page 15-4 for information.

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## Creating the Microsoft Visual Basic Form

The next step is to create a front end or a Microsoft Visual Basic form for the application. End users enter data on the form.

To create a new user form and populate it with the necessary controls:

- 1** Select **Projects > Component**. Alternatively, press **Ctrl+T**.
- 2** Make sure that **Microsoft Windows Common Controls 6.0** is selected. You will use the **ListView** control from this component library.
- 3** Add a series of controls to the blank form to create an interface.

The following table shows the components and properties that are required.

<b>Control Type</b>	<b>Control Name</b>	<b>Properties</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
Form	frmCurveFit	Caption = Curve Fitting	Container for all components.
Frame	frmInput	Name = frmInput* Caption = Input Data Points	Groups all input controls.
Frame	frmOutput	Name = frmOutput* Caption = Output Coefficients	Groups all output controls.
Label	lblNumDataPoints	Caption = Number of Data Points	Labels the text box that takes the number of data points the user wants to enter.
TextBox	txtNumOfDatPoints	Text =	Holds number of data points the user wants to enter. Sets size of list box added later.



<b>Control Type</b>	<b>Control Name</b>	<b>Properties</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
Listview	lstXData	Name = lstXData GridLines = TrueLabel Edit = lvwAutomatic View = lvwReport	X-data values. Set the view type to lvwReport to enable user to add data to the list view.
Listview	lstYData	Name = lstYData GridLines = TrueLabel Edit = lvwAutomatic View = lvwReport	Y-data values.
Label	lblCoeff1*	Caption = Co-efficient 1	Labels text box for coefficient 1.
Label	lblCoeff2	Caption = Co-efficient 2	Labels text box for coefficient 2.
TextBox	txtCoeff1	Text =	Displays value of coefficient 1 as calculated by the COM module.
TextBox	txtCoeff2	Text =	Displays value of coefficient 2 as calculated by the COM module.
Label	lblLambda1*	Caption = Lambda 1	Labels text box for lambda 1.
Label	lblLambda2	Caption = Lambda 2	Labels text box for lambda 2.
TextBox	txtLambda1	Text =	Displays value of lambda 1 as calculated by the COM module.

Control Type	Control Name	Properties	Purpose
TextBox	txtLambda2	Text =	Displays value of lambda 2 as calculated by the COM module.
CommandButton	cmdEvaluate	Caption = Evaluate Default = True	Executes function.
CommandButton	cmdCancel	Caption = Cancel Cancel = True	Closes dialog box without executing the function.

- 4 When the design is complete, save the project by selecting **File > Save**.
- 5 When prompted for the project name, type `CurveFitExample.vbp`, and for the form, type `frmCurveFit.frm`.
- 6 In the Project window, right-click `frmCurveFit` and select **View Code**.

The following code listing shows the code to implement. Note that this code references the control and variable names listed above. If you have given a different name to any of the controls or any global variable, change this code to reflect the differences.

```
Dim theFit As CurveFit.CurveFit ' Variable to hold the COM Object

' This routine is executed when the form is initialized.
Private Sub Form_Initialize()
' If the initialize routine fails, handle it accordingly.
On Error GoTo Exit_Form
    ' Create the COM object
    Set theFit = New CurveFit.CurveFit
    ' Set the flags such that the output is transposed.
    theFit.MWFlags.ArrayFormatFlags.TransposeOutput = True
Exit Sub
Exit_Form:
    ' Display the error message and Unload the form if object
```

```
creation failed
    MsgBox ("Error: " & Err.Description)
    MsgBox ("Error: Could not create the COM object")
    Unload Me
End Sub

Private Sub Form_Load()
On Error GoTo Exit_Form
    ' Set the run-time properties of the components

    ' Set the headers of the column
    Call lstXData.ColumnHeaders.Add(, , "X Data")
    Call lstYData.ColumnHeaders.Add(, , "Y Data")

    ' Make labeledit property automatic so that you edit the label.
    lstXData.LabelEdit = lvwAutomatic
    lstYData.LabelEdit = lvwAutomatic

    ' Make the grid lines for the listbox visible.
    lstXData.GridLines = True
    lstYData.GridLines = True
    Exit Sub
Exit_Form:
    ' Error handling routine. Since cannot load the form,
    ' display the error message and unload the program.
    MsgBox ("Error: Could not load the form")
    MsgBox ("Error: " & Err.Description)
    Unload Me
End Sub

Private Sub cmdCancel_Click()
    ' If the user hits the cancel button, unload the form.
    Unload Me
End Sub

Private Sub txtNumOfDataPoints_Change()
    ' If user changes number of data points, clear XData and YData
    ' listboxes. Provide enough spaces for given number of points.
    Dim loopCount As Integer
    Call lstXData.ListItems.Clear
```

```
Call lstYData.ListItems.Clear
If (txtNumOfDataPoints.Text = "") Then
    Exit Sub
End If
For loopCount = 1 To CInt(txtNumOfDataPoints.Text)
    lstXData.ListItems.Add (loopCount)
    lstYData.ListItems.Add (loopCount)
Next loopCount
End Sub

Private Sub cmdEvaluate_Click()
    Dim loopCount As Integer ' loop counter
    Dim numOfData As Integer ' variable to hold the number of data
                                ' points the user has entered
    Dim XData() As Double ' Column Vector for XData, will be passed
                            ' as input to the COM method.
    Dim YData() As Double ' Column Vector for YData, will be passed
                            ' as input to the COM method.
    Dim Coeff As Variant ' Coefficient values will be returned by
                            ' the COM method in this variable.
    Dim Lambda As Variant ' Lambda values will be returned by the
                            ' COM method in this variable.

    ' If there is an error, handle it accordingly.
On Error GoTo Handle_Error
    If txtNumOfDataPoints.Text = "" Then
        Exit Sub
    End If
    ' Get the number of data points.
    numOfData = CInt(txtNumOfDataPoints.Text)
    ReDim XData(1 To numOfData) As Double
    ReDim YData(1 To numOfData) As Double
    ' Read the input data into respective double arrays.
    For loopCount = 1 To numOfData
        XData(loopCount) = lstXData.ListItems.Item(loopCount)
        YData(loopCount) = lstYData.ListItems.Item(loopCount)
    Next loopCount

    ' Call the COM method
    Call theFit.fitdemo(2, Coeff, Lambda, XData, YData)
```

```
' Display values of coefficients returned by the COM method.
txtCoeff1.Text = CStr(Format(Coeff(1, 1), "##.####"))
txtCoeff2.Text = CStr(Format(Coeff(1, 2), "##.####"))
txtLambda1.Text = CStr(Format(Lambda(1, 1), "##.####"))
txtLambda2.Text = CStr(Format(Lambda(1, 2), "##.####"))
Exit Sub
Handle_Error:
' Error handling routine
MsgBox ("Error: " & Err.Description)
End Sub
```

## Bouncing Ball Simulation Example

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### Example Overview

This example is adapted from the `ballode` demo provided with the MATLAB product. It demonstrates repeated event location, where the conditions are changed after each terminal event.

This demo computes 10 bounces with calls to `ode23`, which is a MATLAB function. A user-specified damping factor after each bounce attenuates the speed of the ball. The trajectory is plotted using the output function `odeplot`. In addition to the damping factor, the user can also provide the initial velocity, the maximum number of bounce to track, and the maximum time until demo is completed.

This example shows you how to create the COM component using the MATLAB Builder NE product and how to use this COM component in a Visual Basic application independent of MATLAB.

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**Note** This example assumes that you have downloaded the MATLAB code to the `matlabroot` folder.

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### Building the Component

- 1 At the MATLAB command prompt, change folders to `matlabroot/BallODE`.
- 2 Enter the command `deploytool` to open the Deployment Tool window.
- 3 Use the Deployment Tool to create a project with the following settings:

Setting	Value
Project name	bouncingBall
Class name	bouncingBallclass
Project folder	The name of your work folder followed by the component name
Generate Verbose Output	Selected

- 4 Locate your work folder, navigate to *matlabroot*/BallODE, and add *ballode.m* to the project.
- 5 Build the component by clicking the  button in the Deployment Tool toolbar.

The build process begins, and a log of the build appears in the **Output** pane of the Deployment Tool window. The files that are needed for the component are copied to two newly created folders, *src* and *distrib*, in the *bouncingBall* folder. A copy of the build log is placed in the *src* folder.

## Using the Component in Microsoft Visual Basic

You can call the component from any application that supports COM.

To create a Microsoft Visual Basic project and add references to the necessary libraries:

- 1 Start Visual Basic.
- 2 Create a new Standard EXE project.
- 3 Select **Project > References**.
- 4 Select the following libraries:
  - *bouncingBall 1.0 Type Library*

(If you named your class something other than *bouncingBall* or gave a different version number, click and use the appropriate component and corresponding type library.)

- MWComUtil 7.5 Type Library

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**Note** If you do not see these libraries, you may not have registered the libraries using `mwregsvr`. Refer to “Component Registration” on page 15-4 for information on this.

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## Creating the Microsoft Visual Basic Form

The next task is to create a front end or a Microsoft Visual Basic form for the application. End users enter data with this form.

To create a new user form and populate it with the necessary controls:

- 1 Select **Projects > Component**. Alternatively, press **Ctrl+T**.
- 2 Check that **Microsoft Windows Common Controls 6.0** is selected. You will use the `ListView` control from this component library.
- 3 Add a series of controls to the blank form to create an interface with the properties listed in the following table.

Control Type	Control Name	Properties	Purpose
Form	frmBall10de	Caption = Bouncing Ball ODE	Container for all components.
Frame	frmInput	Name = frmInput* Caption = Input Data Points	Groups all input controls.
Frame	frmOutput	Name = frmOutput* Caption = Output Coefficients	Groups all output controls.
Label	lblInitVal	Caption = Initial Velocity	Labels the text box <code>txtInitVal</code> .
TextBox	txtInitVal	Text =	Holds initial velocity by which ball is thrown into the air.



Control Type	Control Name	Properties	Purpose
Label	lblDamp	Caption = Damping Factor	Labels the text box txtDamp.
TextBox	txtDamp	Text =	Holds damping factor for the bounce, that is, the factor by which the speed of the ball is reduced after it bounces.
Label	lblIter	Caption = Number of Bounces	Labels the text box txtIter.
TextBox	txtIter	Text =	Holds number of iterations or bounces to track.
Label	lblFinalTime	Caption = Maximum Time	Labels the text box txtFinalTime.
TextBox	txtFinalTime	Text =	Stores time until demo is completed.
ListView	lstBounce	Name = lstBounce GridLines = True LabelEdit = lvwManual View = lvwReport	Displays the time stamp when ball bounces off the ground.
CommandButton	cmdEvaluate	Caption = Evaluate Default = True	Executes the function.
CommandButton	cmdCancel	Caption = Cancel Cancel = True	Closes the dialog box without executing the function.

**4** When the design is complete, save the project by selecting **File > Save**. When prompted for the project name, type `Ball10de.vbp`, and for the form, type `frmBall10de.frm`.

**5** In the Project dialog box, right-click `frmBall10de` and select **View Code**.

The following code listing shows the code to implement. Note that this code references the control and variable names listed above. If you have given a different name to any of the controls or any global variable, change this code to reflect the differences.

```
Private theBall As Variant ' Variable to hold the COM object.

Private Sub cmdCancel_Click()
    ' If the user presses the Cancel button, unload the form.
    Unload Me
End Sub

Private Sub Form_Initialize()
    Dim Len1 As Long ' Used to set length of columns for list box.
    Dim Len2 As Long ' Used to set length of columns for list box.
    On Error GoTo Handle_Error
    ' Set length of the each column based on length of the listbox
    ' such that the two columns span the maximum area without
    ' creating a horizontal scroll bar.
    Len2 = lstBounce.Width / 2
    Len1 = (lstBounce.Width - Len2) - 300

    ' Add column headers to each column in the list box.
    Call lstBounce.ColumnHeaders.Add(, , "Bounce", Len1)
    Call lstBounce.ColumnHeaders.Add(, , "Time", Len2)

    ' Set tab indices for each component.
    txtInitVel.TabIndex = 1
    txtDamp.TabIndex = 2
    txtIter.TabIndex = 3
    txtFinalTime.TabIndex = 4
    cmdEvaluate.TabIndex = 5
    cmdCancel.TabIndex = 6
    lstBounce.TabStop = False

    ' Create the COM object
    ' If there is an error, handle it accordingly.
    Set theBall = CreateObject("bouncingBall.bouncingBall.1_0")
    Exit Sub
Handle_Error:
```

```
' Error handling code
MsgBox ("Error " & Err.Description)
End Sub
Private Sub cmdEvaluate_Click()
    ' Dim R As Range
    Dim zeroTime As Variant ' Result variable object.
    Dim loopCount As Integer
    Dim item As ListItem

    ' Check if the object was created properly.
    ' If not, go to the error handling routine.
    If theBall Is Nothing Then GoTo Exit_Form

    ' If there is an error, continue with the code.
    On Error Resume Next

    ' Process inputs
    ' If the user does not provide the values for input parameters,
    ' use the default values.
    If txtDamp.Text = Empty Then
        txtDamp.Text = 0.9
    End If
    If txtInitVel.Text = Empty Then
        txtInitVel.Text = 20
    End If
    If txtIter.Text = Empty Then
        txtIter.Text = 15
    End If
    If txtFinalTime.Text = Empty Then
        txtFinalTime.Text = 20
    End If

    'Compute Bouncing ball data
    Call theBall.ballode(1, zeroTime, Cdbl(txtIter.Text),_
        Cdbl(txtDamp.Text), Cdbl(txtFinalTime.Text),_
        Cdbl(txtInitVel.Text))

    ' Display the output values (time stamp when ball bounces on
    ' the ground).
    Call lstBounce.ListItems.Clear
```

```
For loopCount = LBound(zeroTime, 1) To UBound(zeroTime, 1)
    Set item = lstBounce.ListItems.Add(, , Format(loopCount))
    Call item.ListSubItems.Add(, , Format(zeroTime(loopCount,
1), "##.###"))
Next
Call lstBounce.Refresh

GoTo Exit_Form
Handle_Error:
    ' Error handling routine
    MsgBox (Err.Description)
Exit_Form:
End Sub
```

# How the MATLAB Builder NE Product Creates COM Components

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## Overview of Internal Processes

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### How Is a MATLAB Builder NE Component Created?

The process of creating a MATLAB Builder NE component is completely automatic from a user point of view. You specify a list of MATLAB files to process and a few additional pieces of information, such as the component name, the class names, and the version number.

### Code Generation

The first step in the build process generates all source code and other supporting files needed to create the component. It also creates the main source file (`mycomponent_dll.cpp`) containing the implementation of each exported function of the DLL. The compiler additionally produces an Interface Description Language (IDL) file (`mycomponent_idl.idl`), containing the specifications for the component’s type library, interface, and class, with associated GUIDs. (GUID is an acronym for Globally Unique Identifier, a 128-bit integer guaranteed always to be unique.)

Created next are the C++ class definition and implementation files (`myclass_com.hpp` and `myclass_com.cpp`). In addition to these source files, the compiler generates a DLL exports file (`mycomponent.def`) and a resource script.

## Create Interface Definitions

The second step of the build process invokes the IDL compiler on the IDL file generated in step 1 (`mycomponent_idl.idl`), creating the interface header file (`mycomponent_idl.h`), the interface GUID file (`mycomponent_idl_i.c`), and the component type library file (`mycomponent_idl.tlb`). The interface header file contains type definitions and function declarations based on the interface definition in the IDL file. The interface GUID file contains the definitions of the GUIDs from all interfaces in the IDL file. The component type library file contains a binary representation of all types and objects exposed by the component.

## C++ Compilation

The third step compiles all C/C++ source files generated in steps 1 and 2 into object code. One additional file containing a set of C++ template classes (`mc1comclass.h`) is included at this point. This file contains template implementations of all necessary COM base classes, as well as error handling and registration code.

## Linking and Resource Binding

The fourth step produces the finished DLL for the component. This step invokes the linker on the object files generated in step 3 and the necessary MATLAB libraries to produce a DLL component (`mycomponent_1_0.dll`). The resource compiler is then invoked on the DLL, along with the resource script generated in step 1, to bind the type library file generated in step 2 into the completed DLL.

## Registration of the DLL

The final build step registers the DLL on the system, as described in “Component Registration” on page 15-4.

## Component Registration

### In this section...

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### Self-Registering Components

When the MATLAB Builder NE product creates a component, it automatically generates a binary file called a *type library*. As a final step of the build, this file is bound with the resulting DLL as a resource.

MATLAB Builder NE COM components are all *self-registering*. A self-registering component contains all the necessary code to add or remove a full description of itself to or from the system registry. The `mwregsvr` utility, distributed with the MCR, registers self-registering DLLs. For example, to register a component called `mycomponent_1_0.dll`, issue this command at the DOS command prompt:

```
mwregsvr mycomponent_1_0.dll
```

When `mwregsvr` completes the registration process, it displays a message indicating success or failure. Similarly, the command

```
mwregsvr /u mycomponent_1_0.dll
```

unregisters the component.

A component installed onto a particular machine must be registered with `mwregsvr`. If you move a component into a different folder on the same machine, you must repeat the registration process. When deleting a component from a specific machine, first unregister it to ensure that the registry does not retain erroneous information.



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**Tip** The `mwregsvr` utility invokes a process that is similar to `regsvr32.exe`, except that `mwregsvr` does not require interaction with a user at the console. The `regsvr32.exe` process belongs to the Windows OS and is used to register dynamic link libraries and Microsoft ActiveX® controls in the registry. This program is important for the stable and secure running of your computer and should not be terminated. You must specify the full path of the component when calling `mwregsvr`, or make the call from the folder in which the component resides. You can use `regsvr32.exe` as an alternative to `mwregsvr` to register your library.

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## Globally Unique Identifier

Information is stored in the registry as keys with one or more associated named values. The keys themselves have values of primarily two types: readable strings and GUIDs. (GUID is an acronym for Globally Unique Identifier, a 128-bit integer guaranteed always to be unique.)

The builder automatically generates GUIDs for COM classes, interfaces, and type libraries that are defined within a component at build time, and codes these keys into the component's self-registration code.

The interface to the system registry is folder based. COM-related information is stored under a top-level key called `HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT`. Under `HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT` are several other keys under which the builder writes component information.

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**Caution** Do not delete the DLL-file in your project's `src` folder between builds. Doing so causes the GUIDs to be regenerated on the subsequent build. To preserve an older version of the DLL, register it on your system before rebuilding your project.

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See the following table for a list of the keys and their definitions.

<b>Key</b>	<b>Definition</b>
HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\CLSID	Information about COM classes on the system. Each component creates a new key under HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\CLSID for each of its COM classes. The key created has a value of the GUID that has been assigned the class and contains several subkeys with information about the class.
HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\Interface	Information about COM interfaces on the system. Each component creates a new key under HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\Interface for each interface it defines. This key has the value of the GUID assigned to the interface and contains subkeys with information about the interface.
HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\TypeLib	Information about type libraries on the system. Each component creates a key for its type library with the value of the GUID assigned to it. Under this key a new key is created for each version of the type library. Therefore, new versions of type libraries with the same name reuse the original GUID but create a new subkey for the new version.
HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\<>ProgID>, HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\<>VerIndProgID>	These two keys are created for the component's Program ID and Version Independent Program ID. These keys are constructed from strings of the following forms:  <i>component-name.class-name</i> <i>component-name.class-name</i>

Key	Definition
	<p><i>version-number</i></p> <p>These keys are useful for creating a class instance from the component and class names instead of the GUIDs.</p>

## Versioning

MATLAB Builder NE components support a simple versioning mechanism designed to make building and deploying multiple versions of the same component easy to implement. The version number of a component appears as part of the DLL name, as well as part of the version-dependent ID in the system registry.

When a component is created, you can specify a version number. (The default is 1.0.) During the development of a specific version of a component, the version number should be kept constant. When this is done, the MATLAB Compiler product, in certain cases, reuses type library, class, and interface GUIDs for each subsequent build of the component. This avoids the creation of an excessive number of registry keys for the same component during multiple builds, as occurs if new GUIDs are generated for each build.

When a new version number is introduced, MATLAB Compiler generates new class and interface GUIDs so that the system recognizes them as distinct from previous versions, even if the class name is the same. Therefore, once you deploy a built component, use a new version number for any changes made to the component. This ensures that after you deploy the new component, it is easy to manage the two versions.

MATLAB Compiler implements the versioning rules for a specific component name, class name, and version number by querying the system registry for an existing component with the same name:

- If an existing component has the same version, it uses the GUID of the existing component's type library. If the name of the new class matches the

previous version, it reuses the class and interface GUIDs. If the class names do not match, it generates new GUIDs for the new class and interface.

- If it finds an existing component with a different version, it uses the existing type library GUID and creates a new subkey for the new version number. It generates new GUIDs for the new class and interface.
- If it does not find an existing component of the specified name, it generates new GUIDs for the component's type library, class, and interface.

## Data Conversion

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### Conversion Rules

This section describes the data conversion rules for COM components created with the MATLAB Builder NE product. These components are dual interface COM objects that support data types compatible with Automation.

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**Note** *Automation* (formerly called OLE Automation) is a technology that allows software packages to expose their unique features to scripting tools and other applications. Automation uses the Component Object Model (COM), but may be implemented independently from other OLE features, such as in-place activation.

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**Caution** Be aware that IIS (Internet Information Service) usually prevents most COM automation on the basis that it may pose a security risk. Therefore, XLSREAD and other Automation services may fail when served by IIS, leading to errors such as object reference not set.

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When a method is invoked on a MATLAB Builder NE component, the input parameters are converted to MATLAB internal array format and passed to the compiled MATLAB function. When the function exits, the output parameters are converted from MATLAB internal array format to COM Automation types.

The COM client passes all input and output arguments in the compiled MATLAB functions as type VARIANT. The COM VARIANT type is a union of several simple data types. A type VARIANT variable can store a variable of any of the simple types, as well as arrays of any of these values.

The Win32 API provides many functions for creating and manipulating VARIANTS in C/C++, and Microsoft Visual Basic provides native language support for this type. See the Microsoft Visual Studio documentation for definitions and API support for COM VARIANTS. VARIANT variables are self describing and store their type code as an internal field of the structure.

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**Note** This discussion of data refers to both VARIANT and Variant data types. VARIANT is the C++ name and Variant is the corresponding data type in Visual Basic.

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See VARIANT Type Codes Supported on page 15-10 for a list of the VARIANT type codes supported by the builder components.

See MATLAB® to COM VARIANT Conversion Rules on page 15-12 and COM VARIANT to MATLAB® Conversion Rules on page 15-17 for conversion rules between COM VARIANTS and MATLAB arrays.

### VARIANT Type Codes Supported

VARIANT Type Code (C/C++)	C/C++ Type	Variant Type Code (Visual Basic)	Visual Basic Type	Definition
VT_EMPTY	-	vbEmpty	-	Uninitialized VARIANT
VT_I1	char	-	-	Signed one-byte character
VT_UI1	unsigned char	vbByte	Byte	Unsigned one-byte character
VT_I2	short	vbInteger	Integer	Signed two-byte integer
VT_UI2	unsigned short	-	-	Unsigned two-byte integer
VT_I4	long	vbLong	Long	Signed four-byte integer

**VARIANT Type Codes Supported (Continued)**

<b>VARIANT Type Code (C/C++)</b>	<b>C/C++ Type</b>	<b>Variant Type Code (Visual Basic)</b>	<b>Visual Basic Type</b>	<b>Definition</b>
VT_UI4	unsigned long	-	-	Unsigned four-byte integer
VT_R4	float	vbSingle	Single	IEEE® four-byte floating-point value
VT_R8	double	vbDouble	Double	IEEE eight-byte floating-point value
VT_CY	CY <sup>+</sup>	vbCurrency	Currency	Currency value (64-bit integer, scaled by 10,000)
VT_BSTR	BSTR <sup>+</sup>	vbString	String	String value
VT_ERROR	SCODE <sup>+</sup>	vbError	-	HRESULT (signed four-byte integer representing a COM error code)
VT_DATE	DATE <sup>+</sup>	vbDate	Date	Eight-byte floating-point value representing date and time
VT_INT	int	-	-	Signed integer; equivalent to type int
VT_UINT	unsigned int	-	-	Unsigned integer; equivalent to type unsigned int
VT_DECIMAL	DECIMAL <sup>+</sup>	vbDecimal	-	96-bit (12-byte) unsigned integer, scaled by a variable power of 10

**VARIANT Type Codes Supported (Continued)**

<b>VARIANT Type Code (C/C++)</b>	<b>C/C++ Type</b>	<b>Variant Type Code (Visual Basic)</b>	<b>Visual Basic Type</b>	<b>Definition</b>
VT_BOOL	VARIANT_BOOL <sup>+</sup>	vbBoolean	Boolean	Two-byte Boolean value (0xFFFF = True; 0x0000 = False)
VT_DISPATCH	IDispatch*	vbObject	Object	IDispatch* pointer to an object
VT_VARIANT	VARIANT <sup>+</sup>	vbVariant	Variant	VARIANT (can only be specified if combined with VT_BYREF or VT_ARRAY)
<anything>   VT_ARRAY				Bitwise combine VT_ARRAY with any basic type to declare as an array
<anything>   VT_BYREF				Bitwise combine VT_BYREF with any basic type to declare as a reference to a value

<sup>+</sup> Denotes Windows specific type. Not part of standard C/C++.

**MATLAB to COM VARIANT Conversion Rules**

<b>MATLAB Data Type</b>	<b>VARIANT Type for Scalar Data</b>	<b>VARIANT Type for Array Data</b>	<b>Comments</b>
cell	A 1-by-1 cell array converts to a single VARIANT with a type conforming to the conversion rule for the MATLAB data type of the cell contents.	A multidimensional cell array converts to a VARIANT of type VT_VARIANT   VT_ARRAY with the type of each array member conforming to the	



**MATLAB to COM VARIANT Conversion Rules (Continued)**

<b>MATLAB Data Type</b>	<b>VARIANT Type for Scalar Data</b>	<b>VARIANT Type for Array Data</b>	<b>Comments</b>
		conversion rule for the MATLAB data type of the corresponding cell.	
structure	VT_DISPATCH	VT_DISPATCH	A MATLAB struct array is converted to an MWStruct object. (See “Class MWStruct” on page 16-18.) This object is passed as a VT_DISPATCH type.
char	A 1-by-1 char matrix converts to a VARIANT of type VT_BSTR with string length = 1.	A 1-by-L char matrix is assumed to represent a string of length Lin MATLAB. This case converts to a VARIANT of type VT_BSTR with a string length = L. char matrices of more than one row, or of a higher dimensionality convert to a VARIANT of type VT_BSTR VT_ARRAY. Each string in the converted array is of length 1 and corresponds to each character in the original matrix.	Arrays of strings are not supported as char matrices. To pass an array of strings, use a cell array of 1-by-L char matrices.

**MATLAB to COM VARIANT Conversion Rules (Continued)**

<b>MATLAB Data Type</b>	<b>VARIANT Type for Scalar Data</b>	<b>VARIANT Type for Array Data</b>	<b>Comments</b>
sparse	VT_DISPATCH	VT_DISPATCH	A MATLAB sparse array is converted to an MWSparse object. (See “Class MWSparse” on page 16-29.) This object is passed as a VT_DISPATCH type.
double	A real 1-by-1 double matrix converts to a VARIANT of type VT_R8. A complex 1-by-1 double matrix converts to a VARIANT of type VT_DISPATCH.	A real multidimensional double matrix converts to a VARIANT of type VT_R8 VT_ARRAY. A complex multidimensional double matrix converts to a VARIANT of type VT_DISPATCH.	Complex arrays are passed to and from compiled MATLAB functions using the MWComplex class. See “Class MWComplex” on page 16-26
single	A real 1-by-1 single matrix converts to a VARIANT of type VT_R4. A complex 1-by-1 single matrix converts to a VARIANT of type VT_DISPATCH.	A real multidimensional single matrix converts to a VARIANT of type VT_R4 VT_ARRAY. A complex multidimensional single matrix converts to a VARIANT of type VT_DISPATCH.	Complex arrays are passed to and from compiled MATLAB functions using the MWComplex class.

**MATLAB to COM VARIANT Conversion Rules (Continued)**

<b>MATLAB Data Type</b>	<b>VARIANT Type for Scalar Data</b>	<b>VARIANT Type for Array Data</b>	<b>Comments</b>
int8	A real 1-by-1 int8 matrix converts to a VARIANT of type VT_I1. A complex 1-by-1 int8 matrix converts to a VARIANT of type VT_DISPATCH.	A real multidimensional int8 matrix converts to a VARIANT of type VT_I1 VT_ARRAY. A complex multidimensional int8 matrix converts to a VARIANT of type VT_DISPATCH.	Complex arrays are passed to and from compiled MATLAB functions using the MWCComplex class.
uint8	A real 1-by-1 uint8 matrix converts to a VARIANT of type VT_UI1. A complex 1-by-1 uint8 matrix converts to a VARIANT of type VT_DISPATCH.	A real multidimensional uint8 matrix converts to a VARIANT of type VT_UI1 VT_ARRAY. A complex multidimensional uint8 matrix converts to a VARIANT of type VT_DISPATCH.	Complex arrays are passed to and from compiled MATLAB functions using the MWCComplex class.
int16	A real 1-by-1 int16 matrix converts to a VARIANT of type VT_I2. A complex 1-by-1 int16 matrix converts to a VARIANT of type VT_DISPATCH.	A real multidimensional int16 matrix converts to a VARIANT of type VT_I2 VT_ARRAY. A complex multidimensional int16 matrix converts to a VARIANT of type VT_DISPATCH.	Complex arrays are passed to and from compiled MATLAB functions using the MWCComplex class.

**MATLAB to COM VARIANT Conversion Rules (Continued)**

<b>MATLAB Data Type</b>	<b>VARIANT Type for Scalar Data</b>	<b>VARIANT Type for Array Data</b>	<b>Comments</b>
uint16	A real 1-by-1 uint16 matrix converts to a VARIANT of type VT_UI2. A complex 1-by-1 uint16 matrix converts to a VARIANT of type VT_DISPATCH.	A real multidimensional uint16 matrix converts to a VARIANT of type VT_UI2 VT_ARRAY. A complex multidimensional uint16 matrix converts to a VARIANT of type VT_DISPATCH.	Complex arrays are passed to and from compiled MATLAB functions using the MWCComplex class.
int32	A 1-by-1 int32 matrix converts to a VARIANT of type VT_I4. A complex 1-by-1 int32 matrix converts to a VARIANT of type VT_DISPATCH.	A multidimensional int32 matrix converts to a VARIANT of type VT_I4 VT_ARRAY. A complex multidimensional int32 matrix converts to a VARIANT of type VT_DISPATCH.	Complex arrays are passed to and from compiled MATLAB functions using the MWCComplex class.
uint32	A 1-by-1 uint32 matrix converts to a VARIANT of type VT_UI4. A complex 1-by-1 uint32 matrix converts to a VARIANT of type VT_DISPATCH.	A multidimensional uint32 matrix converts to a VARIANT of type VT_UI4 VT_ARRAY. A complex multidimensional uint32 matrix converts to a VARIANT of type VT_DISPATCH.	Complex arrays are passed to and from compiled MATLAB functions using the MWCComplex class.
Function handle	VT_EMPTY	VT_EMPTY	Not supported
Java class	VT_EMPTY	VT_EMPTY	Not supported
User class	VT_EMPTY	VT_EMPTY	Not supported
logical	VT_Boolean	VT_Boolean VT_ARRAY	

**COM VARIANT to MATLAB Conversion Rules**

<b>VARIANT Type</b>	<b>MATLAB Data Type (Scalar or Array Data)</b>	<b>Comments</b>
VT_EMPTY	N/A	Empty array created.
VT_I1	int8	
VT_UI1	uint8	
VT_I2	int16	
VT_UI2	uint16	
VT_I4	int32	
VT_UI4	uint32	
VT_R4	single	
VT_R8	double	
VT_CY	double	
VT_BSTR	char	A VARIANT of type VT_BSTR converts to a 1-by-L MATLAB char array, where L = the length of the string to be converted. A VARIANT of type VT_BSTR VT_ARRAY converts to a MATLAB cell array of 1-by-L char arrays.
VT_ERROR	int32	

**COM VARIANT to MATLAB Conversion Rules (Continued)**

<b>VARIANT Type</b>	<b>MATLAB Data Type (Scalar or Array Data)</b>	<b>Comments</b>
VT_DATE	double	<p>VARIANT dates are stored as doubles starting at midnight Dec. 31, 1899. MATLAB dates are stored as doubles starting at 0/0/00 00:00:00. Therefore, a VARIANT date of 0.0 maps to a MATLAB numeric date of 693960.0. VARIANT dates are converted to MATLAB double types and incremented by 693960.0.</p> <p>VARIANT dates can be optionally converted to strings. See “Data Conversion Flags” on page 15-21 for more information on type coercion.</p>
VT_INT	int32	
VT_UINT	uint32	
VT_DECIMAL	double	
VT_BOOL	logical	
VT_DISPATCH	<i>Varies</i>	<p>IDispatch* pointers are treated within the context of what they point to. Objects must be supported types with known data extraction and conversion rules, or expose a generic Value property that points to a single VARIANT type. Data extracted from an object is converted based on the rules for the particular VARIANT obtained.</p>

**COM VARIANT to MATLAB Conversion Rules (Continued)**

<b>VARIANT Type</b>	<b>MATLAB Data Type (Scalar or Array Data)</b>	<b>Comments</b>
		Currently, support exists for Excel Range objects as well as the builder types MWStruct, MWComplex, MWSparse, and MWArg. See “Utility Library Classes” on page 16-3 for information on the builder types to use with COM components.
<i>anything</i>  VT_BYREF	<i>Varies</i>	Pointers to any of the basic types are processed according to the rules for what they point to. The resulting MATLAB array contains a deep copy of the values.
<i>anything</i>  VT_ARRAY	<i>Varies</i>	Multidimensional VARIANT arrays convert to multidimensional MATLAB arrays, each element converted according to the rules for the basic types. Multidimensional VARIANT arrays of type VT_VARIANT VT_ARRAY convert to multidimensional cell arrays, each cell converted according to the rules for that specific type.

**Array Formatting Flags**

The builder components have flags that control how array data is formatted in both directions. Generally, you should develop client code that matches the intended inputs and outputs of the MATLAB functions with the corresponding methods on the compiled COM objects, in accordance with the rules listed in MATLAB® to COM VARIANT Conversion Rules on page 15-12 and COM

VARIANT to MATLAB® Conversion Rules on page 15-17. In some cases this is not possible, for example, when existing MATLAB code is used in conjunction with a third-party product like Excel.

The following table shows the array formatting flags.

**Array Formatting Flags**

Flag	Description
InputArrayFormat	<p>Defines the array formatting rule used on input arrays. An input array is a VARIANT array, created by the client, sent as an input parameter to a method call on a compiled COM object.</p> <p>Valid values for this flag are <code>mwArrayFormatAsIs</code>, <code>mwArrayFormatMatrix</code>, and <code>mwArrayFormatCell</code>.</p> <p><code>mwArrayFormatAsIs</code> passes the array unchanged.</p> <p><code>mwArrayFormatMatrix</code> (default) formats all arrays as matrices. When the input VARIANT is of type <code>VT_ARRAY   type</code>, where <code>type</code> is any numeric type, this flag has no effect. When the input VARIANT is of type <code>VT_VARIANT   VT_ARRAY</code>, VARIANTS in the array are examined. If they are single-valued and homogeneous in type, a MATLAB matrix of the appropriate type is produced instead of a cell array.</p> <p><code>mwArrayFormatCell</code> interprets all arrays as MATLAB cell arrays.</p>
InputArrayIndFlag	<p>Sets the input array indirection level used with the <code>InputArrayFormat</code> flag (applicable only to nested arrays, i.e., VARIANT arrays of VARIANTS, which themselves are arrays). The default value for this flag is zero, which applies the <code>InputArrayFormat</code> flag to the outermost array. When this flag is greater than zero, e.g., equal to <code>N</code>, the formatting rule attempts to apply itself to the <code>N</code>th level of nesting.</p>



## Array Formatting Flags (Continued)

Flag	Description
OutputArrayFormat	Defines the array formatting rule used on output arrays. An output array is a MATLAB array, created by the compiled COM object, sent as an output parameter from a method call to the client. The values for this flag, <code>mwArrayFormatAsIs</code> , <code>mwArrayFormatMatrix</code> , and <code>mwArrayFormatCell</code> , cause the same behavior as the corresponding <code>InputArrayFormat</code> flag values.
OutputArrayIndFlag	(Applies to nested cell arrays only.) Output array indirection level used with the <code>OutputArrayFormat</code> flag. This flag works exactly like <code>InputArrayIndFlag</code> .
AutoResizeOutput	(Applies to Excel ranges only.) When the target output from a method call is a range of cells in an Excel worksheet and the output array size and shape is not known at the time of the call, set this flag to <code>True</code> to resize each Excel range to fit the output array.
TransposeOutput	Set this flag to <code>True</code> to transpose the output arguments. Useful when calling a MATLAB Builder NE component from Excel where the MATLAB function returns outputs as row vectors, and you want the data in columns.

## Data Conversion Flags

MATLAB Builder NE components contain flags to control the conversion of certain VARIANT types to MATLAB types. These flags are as follows:

- “CoerceNumericToType” on page 15-22
- “InputDateFormat” on page 15-22
- “OutputAsDate As Boolean” on page 15-22
- “DateBias As Long” on page 15-22

### **CoerceNumericToType**

This flag tells the data converter to convert all numeric VARIANT data to one specific MATLAB type. VARIANT type codes affected by this flag are VT\_I1, VT\_UI1, VT\_I2, VT\_UI2, VT\_I4, VT\_UI4, VT\_R4, VT\_R8, VT\_CY, VT\_DECIMAL, VT\_INT, VT\_UINT, VT\_ERROR, VT\_BOOL, and VT\_DATE. Valid values for this flag are `mwTypeDefault`, `mwTypeChar`, `mwTypeDouble`, `mwTypeSingle`, `mwTypeLogical`, `mwTypeInt8`, `mwTypeUInt8`, `mwTypeInt16`, `mwTypeUInt16`, `mwTypeInt32`, and `mwTypeUInt32`.

The default for this flag, `mwTypeDefault`, converts numeric data according to the rules listed in “Data Conversion” on page 15-9.

### **InputDateFormat**

This flag tells the data converter how to convert VARIANT dates to MATLAB dates. Valid values for this flag are `mwDateFormatNumeric` (default) and `mwDateFormatString`. The default converts VARIANT dates according to the rule listed in VARIANT Type Codes Supported on page 15-10 . The `mwDateFormatString` flag converts a VARIANT date to its string representation. This flag only affects VARIANT type code VT\_DATE.

### **OutputAsDate As Boolean**

This flag instructs the data converter to process an output argument as a date. By default, numeric dates that are output parameters from compiled MATLAB functions are passed as `Doubles` that need to be decremented by the COM date bias (693960) as well as coerced to COM dates. Set this flag to `True` to convert all output values of type `Double`.

### **DateBias As Long**

This flag sets the date bias for performing COM to MATLAB numeric date conversions. The default value of this property is 693960, which represents the difference between the COM Date type and MATLAB numeric dates. This flag allows existing MATLAB code that already performs the increment of numeric dates by 693960 to be used unchanged with the builder components. To process dates with such code, set this property to 0.

## Calling Conventions

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### Producing a COM Class

Producing a COM class requires the generation of

- A class definition file in Interface Description Language (IDL)
- One or more associated C++ class definition/implementation files

The MATLAB Builder NE product automatically produces the necessary IDL and C/C++ code to build each COM class in the component. This process is generally transparent to you when you use the builder to generate a COM component, and to users of the COM component when they program with it.

For information about IDL and C++ coding rules for building COM objects and for mappings to other languages, see articles in the MSDN Library.

The following table shows the mapping of a generic MATLAB function to IDL code and to Microsoft Visual Basic.

Code	Sample
Generic MATLAB Code	<pre>function [Y1, Y2, ..., varargout] = foo(X1, X2, ..., varargin)</pre>
IDL Code	<pre>HRESULT foo([in] long nargout,              [in,out] VARIANT* Y1,              [in,out] VARIANT* Y2,              .              .              [in,out] VARIANT* varargout,              [in] VARIANT X1,              [in] VARIANT X2,              .              .              [in] VARIANT varargin);</pre>
Visual Basic Code	<pre>Sub foo(nargout As Long, _         Y1 As Variant, _         Y2 As Variant, _         .         .         varargout As Variant, _         X1 As Variant, _         X2 As Variant, _         .         .         varargin As Variant)</pre>

### IDL Mapping

The IDL function definition is generated by producing a function with the same name as the original MATLAB function and an argument list containing all inputs and outputs of the original plus one additional parameter, `nargout`.

When present, the `nargout` parameter is an `[in]` parameter of type `long`. It is always the first argument in the list. This parameter allows correct passage of the MATLAB `nargout` parameter to the compiled MATLAB code. The

`nargout` parameter is not produced if you encapsulate an MATLAB function containing no outputs.

Following the `nargout` parameter, the outputs are listed in the order they appear on the left side of the MATLAB function, and are tagged as `[in,out]`, meaning that they are passed in both directions.

The function inputs are listed next, appearing in the same order as they do on the right side of the original function. All inputs are tagged as `[in]` parameters.

When present, the optional `varargin/varargout` parameters are always listed as the last input parameters and the last output parameters. All parameters other than `nargout` are passed as COM VARIANT types. “Data Conversion” on page 15-9 lists the rules for conversion between MATLAB arrays and COM VARIANTS.

## **Microsoft Visual Basic Mapping**

Microsoft Visual Basic provides native support for COM Variants with the Variant type, as well as implicit conversions for all Visual Basic primitive types to and from Variants. In general, arrays/scalars of any Visual Basic primitive type, as well as arrays/scalars of Variant types, can be passed as arguments.

MATLAB Builder NE components also provide direct support for the Microsoft Excel Range object, used by Visual Basic for Applications to represent a range of cells in an Excel worksheet.

See the Visual Basic for Applications documentation included with Microsoft Excel for more information on Visual Basic data types.

See the MSDN Library for more information about Visual Basic and about Excel Range manipulation.



# Utility Library for Microsoft COM Components

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- “Referencing Utility Classes” on page 16-2
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## Referencing Utility Classes

This section describes the `MWComUtil` library. This library is freely distributable and includes several functions used in array processing, as well as type definitions used in data conversion. This library is contained in the file `mwcomutil.dll`. It must be registered once on each machine that uses Microsoft COM components created by MATLAB Builder EX.

Register the `MWComUtil` library at the DOS command prompt with the command:

```
mwregsvr mwcomutil.dll
```

The `MWComUtil` library includes seven classes (see “Utility Library Classes” on page 16-3) and three enumerated types (see “Enumerations” on page 16-34). Before using these types, you must make explicit references to the `MWComUtil` type libraries in the Microsoft Visual Basic IDE. To do this select **Tools > References** from the main menu of the Visual Basic Editor. The References dialog box appears with a scrollable list of available type libraries. From this list, select **MWComUtil 1.0 Type Library** and click **OK**.

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**Note** You must specify the full path of the component when calling `mwregsvr`, or make the call from the folder in which the component resides.

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## Utility Library Classes

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- “Class MWUtil” on page 16-3
- “Class MWFlags” on page 16-12
- “Class MWStruct” on page 16-18
- “Class MWField” on page 16-25
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### Class MWUtil

The `MWUtil` class contains a set of static utility methods used in array processing and application initialization. This class is implemented internally as a singleton (only one global instance of this class per instance of Microsoft Excel). It is most efficient to declare one variable of this type in global scope within each module that uses it. The methods of `MWUtil` are:

- “Sub `MWInitApplication(pApp As Object)`” on page 16-4
- “Sub `MWInitApplicationWithMCROptions(pApp As Object, [mcrOptionList])`” on page 16-5
- “Function `IsMCRJVMEEnabled() As Boolean`” on page 16-6
- “Function `IsMCRInitialized() As Boolean`” on page 16-7
- “Sub `MWPack(pVarArg, [Var0], [Var1], ... , [Var31])`” on page 16-7
- “Sub `MWUnpack(VarArg, [nStartAt As Long], [bAutoSize As Boolean = False], [pVar0], [pVar1], ..., [pVar31])`” on page 16-9
- “Sub `MWDate2VariantDate(pVar)`” on page 16-11

The function prototypes use Visual Basic syntax.

### Sub MWInitApplication(pApp As Object)

Initializes the library with the current instance of Microsoft Excel.

#### Parameters.

Argument	Type	Description
pApp	Object	A valid reference to the current Excel application

**Return Value.** None.

**Remarks.** This function must be called once for each session of Excel that uses COM components created by MATLAB Builder NE. An error is generated if a method call is made to a member class of any MATLAB Builder NE COM component, and the library has not been initialized.

**Example.** This Visual Basic sample initializes the MWComUtil library with the current instance of Excel. A global variable of type Object named MCLUtil holds an instance of the MWUtil class, and another global variable of type Boolean named bModuleInitialized stores the status of the initialization process. The private subroutine InitModule() creates an instance of the MWComUtil class and calls the MWInitApplication method with an argument of Application. Once this function succeeds, all subsequent calls exit without recreating the object.

```
Dim MCLUtil As Object
Dim bModuleInitialized As Boolean

Private Sub InitModule()
    If Not bModuleInitialized Then
        On Error GoTo Handle_Error
        If MCLUtil Is Nothing Then
            Set MCLUtil = CreateObject("MWComUtil.MWUtil")
        End If
        Call MCLUtil.MWInitApplication(Application)
        bModuleInitialized = True
    Exit Sub
Handle_Error:
```

```

        bModuleInitialized = False
    End If
End Sub

```

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**Note** If you are developing concurrently with multiple versions of MATLAB and MWComUtil.dll, for example, using this syntax:

```
Set MCLUtil = CreateObject("MWComUtil.MWUtil")
```

requires you to recompile your COM modules every time you upgrade. To avoid this, make your call to the MWUtil module version-specific, for example:

```
Set MCLUtil = CreateObject("MWComUtil.MWUtilx.x")
```

where *x.x* is the specific version number.

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### **Sub MWInitApplicationWithMCROptions(pApp As Object, [mcrOptionList])**

Start MCR with MCR options. Similar to mclInitializeApplication used in C/C++ shared libraries.

#### **Parameters.**

<b>Argument</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Description</b>
pApp	Object	A valid reference only when called from an Excel application  Non Excel COM clients pass in Empty.

**Return Value.** None.

**Remarks.** Call this function to pass in MCR options (nojvm, logfile, etc.). Call this function once per process (since the MCR can only be initialized once).

**Example.** This Visual Basic sample initializes the MWComUtil library with the current instance of Excel. A global variable of type Object named MCLUtil holds an instance of the MWUtil class, and another global variable of type Boolean named bModuleInitialized stores the status of the initialization process. The private subroutine InitModule() creates an instance of the MWComUtil class and calls the MWInitApplicationWithMCROptions method with an argument of Application and a string array that contains the options. Once this function succeeds, all subsequent calls exit without recreating the object. When this function successfully executes, the MCR starts up with no JVM and a logfile named logfile.txt.

```
Dim MCLUtil As Object
Dim bModuleInitialized As Boolean

Private Sub InitModule()
    If Not bModuleInitialized Then
        On Error GoTo Handle_Error
        If MCLUtil Is Nothing Then
            Set MCLUtil = CreateObject("MWComUtil.MWUtil")
        End If
        Dim mcrOptions(1 To 3) as String
        mcrOptions(1) = "-nojvm"
        mcrOptions(2) = "-logfile"
        mcrOptions(3) = "logfile.txt"
        Call MCLUtil.MWInitApplicationWithMCROptions(Application, mcrOptions)
        bModuleInitialized = True
        Exit Sub
    Handle_Error:
        bModuleInitialized = False
    End If
End Sub
```

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**Note** If you are not using Excel, pass in Empty instead of Application to MWInitApplicationWithMCROptions.

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### **Function IsMCRJVMEabled() As Boolean**

Returns true if MCR is launched with JVM; otherwise returns false.

**Parameters.** None.

**Return Value.** Boolean

### **Function IsMCRInitialized() As Boolean**

Returns true if MCR is initialized; otherwise returns true

**Parameters.** None.

**Return Value.** Boolean

### **Sub MWPack(pVarArg, [Var0], [Var1], ... ,[Var31])**

Packs a variable length list of Variant arguments into a single Variant array. This function is typically used for creating a varargin cell from a list of separate inputs. Each input in the list is added to the array only if it is not empty or missing. (In Visual Basic, a missing parameter is denoted by a Variant type of vbError with a value of &H80020004.)

**Parameters.**

Argument	Type	Description
pVarArg	Variant	Receives the resulting array
[Var0], [Var1], ...	Variant	Optional list of Variants to pack into the array. From 0 to 32 arguments can be passed.

**Return Value.** None.

**Remarks.** This function always frees the contents of pVarArg before processing the list.

**Example.** This example uses MWPack in a formula function to produce a varargin cell to pass as an input parameter to a method compiled from a MATLAB function with the signature

```
function y = mysum(varargin)
    y = sum([varargin{:}]);
```

The function returns the sum of the elements in `varargin`. Assume that this function is a method of a class named `myclass` that is included in a component named `mycomponent` with a version of 1.0. The Visual Basic function allows up to 10 inputs, and returns the result `y`. If an error occurs, the function returns the error string. This function assumes that `MWInitApplication` has been previously called.

```
Function mysum(Optional V0 As Variant, _
               Optional V1 As Variant, _
               Optional V2 As Variant, _
               Optional V3 As Variant, _
               Optional V4 As Variant, _
               Optional V5 As Variant, _
               Optional V6 As Variant, _
               Optional V7 As Variant, _
               Optional V8 As Variant, _
               Optional V9 As Variant) As Variant
Dim y As Variant
Dim varargin As Variant
Dim aClass As Object
Dim aUtil As Object

    On Error Goto Handle_Error
    Set aClass = CreateObject("mycomponent.myclass.1_0")
    Set aUtil = CreateObject("MWComUtil.MWUtil")
    Call aUtil.MWPack(varargin,V0,V1,V2,V3,V4,V5,V6,V7,V8,V9)
    Call aClass.mysum(1, y, varargin)
    mysum = y
    Exit Function
Handle_Error:
    mysum = Err.Description
End Function
```

### **Sub MWUnpack(VarArg, [nStartAt As Long], [bAutoResize As Boolean = False], [pVar0], [pVar1], ..., [pVar31])**

Unpacks an array of Variants into individual Variant arguments. This function provides the reverse functionality of MWPack and is typically used to process a varargout cell into individual Variants.

#### **Parameters.**

<b>Argument</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Description</b>
VarArg	Variant	Input array of Variants to be processed
nStartAt	Long	Optional starting index (zero-based) in the array to begin processing. Default = 0.
bAutoResize	Boolean	Optional auto-resize flag. If this flag is True, any Excel range output arguments are resized to fit the dimensions of the Variant to be copied. The resizing process is applied relative to the upper left corner of the supplied range. Default = False.
[pVar0], [pVar1], ...	Variant	Optional list of Variants to receive the array items contained in VarArg. From 0 to 32 arguments can be passed.

**Return Value.** None.

**Remarks.** This function can process a Variant array in one single call or through multiple calls using the nStartAt parameter.

**Example.** This example uses MWUnpack to process a varargout cell into several Excel ranges, while auto-resizing each range. The varargout parameter is supplied from a method that has been compiled from the MATLAB function.

```
function varargout = randvectors
    for i=1:nargout
        varargout{i} = rand(i,1);
    end
```

This function produces a sequence of nargout random column vectors, with the length of the ith vector equal to i. Assume that this function is included in a class named myclass that is included in a component named mycomponent with a version of 1.0. The Visual Basic subroutine takes no arguments and places the results into Excel columns starting at A1, B1, C1, and D1. If an error occurs, a message box displays the error text. This function assumes that MWInitApplication has been previously called.

```
Sub GenVectors()
    Dim aClass As Object
    Dim aUtil As Object
    Dim v As Variant
    Dim R1 As Range
    Dim R2 As Range
    Dim R3 As Range
    Dim R4 As Range

    On Error GoTo Handle_Error
    Set aClass = CreateObject("mycomponent.myclass.1_0")
    Set aUtil = CreateObject("MWComUtil.MWUtil")
    Set R1 = Range("A1")
    Set R2 = Range("B1")
    Set R3 = Range("C1")
    Set R4 = Range("D1")
    Call aClass.randvectors(4, v)
    Call aUtil.MWUnpack(v,0,True,R1,R2,R3,R4)
    Exit Sub
```



```

Handle_Error:
    MsgBox (Err.Description)
End Sub

```

### Sub MWDate2VariantDate(pVar)

Converts output dates from MATLAB to Variant dates.

#### Parameters.

Argument	Type	Description
pVar	Variant	Variant to be converted

**Return Value.** None.

**Remarks.** MATLAB handles dates as double-precision floating-point numbers with 0.0 representing 0/0/00 00:00:00. By default, numeric dates that are output parameters from compiled MATLAB functions are passed as Doubles that need to be decremented by the COM date bias as well as coerced to COM dates. The MWDate2VariantDate method performs this transformation and additionally converts dates in string form to COM date types.

**Example.** This example uses MWDate2VariantDate to process numeric dates returned from a method compiled from the following MATLAB function.

```

function x = getdates(n, inc)
    y = now;
    for i=1:n
        x(i,1) = y + (i-1)*inc;
    end

```

This function produces an n-length column vector of numeric values representing dates starting from the current date and time with each element incremented by inc days. Assume that this function is included in a class named myclass that is included in a component named mycomponent with a version of 1.0. The subroutine takes an Excel range and a Double as inputs and places the generated dates into the supplied range. If an error

occurs, a message box displays the error text. This function assumes that MWInitApplication has been previously called.

```
Sub GenDates(R As Range, inc As Double)
    Dim aClass As Object
    Dim aUtil As Object

    On Error GoTo Handle_Error
    Set aClass = CreateObject("mycomponent.myclass.1_0")
    Set aUtil = CreateObject("MWComUtil.MWUtil")
    Call aClass.getdates(1, R, R.Rows.Count, inc)
    Call aUtil.MWDate2VariantDate(R)
    Exit Sub
Handle_Error:
    MsgBox (Err.Description)
End Sub
```

## **Class MWFlags**

The MWFlags class contains a set of array formatting and data conversion flags (See “Data Conversion Rules” on page 10-4 for more information on conversion between MATLAB and COM Automation types.) All MATLAB Builder NE COM components contain a reference to an MWFlags object that can modify data conversion rules at the object level. This class contains these properties and method:

- “Property ArrayFormatFlags As MWArrayFormatFlags” on page 16-12
- “Property DataConversionFlags As MWDataConversionFlags” on page 16-15
- “Sub Clone(ppFlags As MWFlags)” on page 16-18

## **Property ArrayFormatFlags As MWArrayFormatFlags**

The ArrayFormatFlags property controls array formatting (as a matrix or a cell array) and the application of these rules to nested arrays. The MWArrayFormatFlags class is a noncreatable class accessed through an MWFlags class instance. This class contains six properties:

- “Property InputArrayFormat As mwArrayFormat” on page 16-13

- “Property InputArrayIndFlag As Long” on page 16-14
- “Property OutputArrayFormat As mwArrayFormat” on page 16-14
- “Property OutputArrayIndFlag As Long” on page 16-15
- “Property AutoResizeOutput As Boolean” on page 16-15
- “Property TransposeOutput As Boolean” on page 16-15

**Property InputArrayFormat As mwArrayFormat.** This property of type `mwArrayFormat` controls the formatting of arrays passed as input parameters to .NET Builder class methods. The default value is `mwArrayFormatMatrix`. The behaviors indicated by this flag are listed in the next table.

### Array Formatting Rules for Input Arrays

Value	Behavior
<code>mwArrayFormatAsIs</code>	Converts arrays according to the default conversion rules listed in “Data Conversion Rules” on page 10-4.
<code>mwArrayFormatCell</code>	Coerces all arrays into cell arrays. Input scalar or numeric array arguments are converted to cell arrays with each cell containing a scalar value for the respective index.
<code>mwArrayFormatMatrix</code>	Coerces all arrays into matrices. When an input argument is encountered that is an array of <code>Variants</code> (the default behavior is to convert it to a cell array), the data converter converts this array to a matrix if each <code>Variant</code> is single valued, and all elements are homogeneous and of a numeric type. If this conversion is not possible, creates a cell array.

**Property InputArrayIndFlag As Long.** This property governs the level at which to apply the rule set by the InputArrayFormat property for nested arrays (an array of Variants is passed and each element of the array is an array itself). It is not necessary to modify this flag for varargin parameters. The data conversion code automatically increments the value of this flag by 1 for varargin cells, thus applying the InputArrayFormat flag to each cell of a varargin parameter. The default value is 0.

**Property OutputArrayFormat As mxArrayFormat.** This property of type mxArrayFormat controls the formatting of arrays passed as output parameters to MATLAB Builder NE class methods. The default value is mxArrayFormatAsIs. The behaviors indicated by this flag are listed in the next table.

**Array Formatting Rules for Output Arrays**

Value	Behavior
mwArrayFormatAsIs	Converts arrays according to the default conversion rules listed in “Data Conversion Rules” on page 10-4.
mwArrayFormatMatrix	Coerces all arrays into matrices. When an output cell array argument is encountered (the default behavior converts it to an array of Variants), the data converter converts this array to a Variant that contains a simple numeric array if each cell is single valued, and all elements are homogeneous and of a numeric type. If this conversion is not possible, an array of Variants is created.
mwArrayFormatCell	Coerces all output arrays into arrays of Variants. Output scalar or numeric array arguments are converted to arrays of Variants, each Variant containing a scalar value for the respective index.

**Property OutputArrayIndFlag As Long.** This property is similar to the InputArrayIndFlag property, as it governs the level at which to apply the rule set by the OutputArrayFormat property for nested arrays. As with the input case, this flag is automatically incremented by 1 for a varargin parameter. The default value of this flag is 0.

**Property AutoResizeOutput As Boolean.** This flag applies to Excel ranges only. When the target output from a method call is a range of cells in an Excel worksheet, and the output array size and shape is not known at the time of the call, setting this flag to True instructs the data conversion code to resize each Excel range to fit the output array. Resizing is applied relative to the upper left corner of each supplied range. The default value for this flag is False.

**Property TransposeOutput As Boolean.** Setting this flag to True transposes the output arguments. This flag is useful when processing an output parameter from a method call on a COM component, where the MATLAB function returns outputs as row vectors, and you desire to place the data into columns. The default value for this flag is False.

### **Property DataConversionFlags As MWDataConversionFlags**

The DataConversionFlags property controls how input variables are processed when type coercion is needed. The MWDataConversionFlags class is a noncreatable class accessed through an MWFlags class instance. This class contains these properties:

- “Property CoerceNumericToType As mwDataType” on page 16-16
- “Property DateBias As Long” on page 16-16
- “Property InputDateFormat As mwDateFormat” on page 16-17
- “Property OutputAsDate As Boolean” on page 16-17
- “Property ReplaceMissing As mwReplaceMissingData” on page 16-18

**Property CoerceNumericToType As mwDataType.** This property converts all numeric input arguments to one specific MATLAB type. This flag is useful is when variables maintained within the Visual Basic code are different types, e.g., Long, Integer, etc., and all variables passed to the compiled MATLAB code must be doubles. The default value for this property is `mwTypeDefault`, which uses the default rules in “Data Conversion Rules” on page 10-4.

**PropertyDateBias As Long.** This property sets the date bias for performing COM to MATLAB numeric date conversions. The default value of this property is 693960, representing the difference between the COM `Date` type and MATLAB numeric dates. This flag allows existing MATLAB code that already performs the increment of numeric dates by 693960 to be used unchanged with COM components created by MATLAB Builder NE. To process dates with such code, set this property to 0.

This example uses data conversion flags to reshape the output from a method compiled from a MATLAB function that produces an output vector of unknown length.

```
function p = myprimes(n)
if length(n)~=1, error('N must be a scalar'); end
if n < 2, p = zeros(1,0); return, end
p = 1:2:n;
q = length(p);
p(1) = 2;
for k = 3:2:sqrt(n)
    if p((k+1)/2)
        p(((k*k+1)/2):k:q) = 0;
    end
end
p = (p>0);
```

This function produces a row vector of all the prime numbers between 0 and `n`. Assume that this function is included in a class named `myclass` that is included in a component named `mycomponent` with a version of 1.0. The subroutine takes an Excel range and a `Double` as inputs, and places the generated prime numbers into the supplied range. The MATLAB function produces a row vector, although you want the output in column format. It also produces an unknown number of outputs, and you do not want to truncate

any output. To handle these issues, set the `TransposeOutput` flag and the `AutoResizeOutput` flag to `True`. In previous examples, the Visual Basic `CreateObject` function creates the necessary classes. This example uses an explicit type declaration for the `aClass` variable. As with previous examples, this function assumes that `MWInitApplication` has been previously called.

```
Sub GenPrimes(R As Range, n As Double)
    Dim aClass As mycomponent.myclass

    On Error GoTo Handle_Error
    Set aClass = New mycomponent.myclass
    aClass.MWFlags.ArrayFormatFlags.AutoResizeOutput = True
    aClass.MWFlags.ArrayFormatFlags.TransposeOutput = True
    Call aClass.myprimes(1, R, n)
    Exit Sub
Handle_Error:
    MsgBox (Err.Description)
End Sub
```

**Property `InputDateFormat As mwDateFormat`.** This property converts dates passed as input parameters to method calls on .NET Builder classes. The default value is `mwDateFormatNumeric`. The behaviors indicated by this flag are shown in the following table.

### Conversion Rules for Input Dates

Value	Behavior
<code>mwDateFormatNumeric</code>	Convert dates to numeric values as indicated by the rule listed in “Data Conversion Rules” on page 10-4.
<code>mwDateFormatString</code>	Convert input dates to strings.

**Property `OutputAsDate As Boolean`.** This property processes an output argument as a date. By default, numeric dates that are output parameters from compiled MATLAB functions are passed as `Doubles` that need to be decremented by the COM date bias (693960) as well as coerced to COM dates. Set this flag to `True` to convert all output values of type `Double`.

**ReplaceMissing As mwReplaceMissingData.** This property is an enumeration and can have two possible values: `mwReplaceNaN` and `mwReplaceZero`.

To treat empty cells referenced by input parameters as zeros, set the value to `mwReplaceZero`. To treat empty cells referenced by input parameters as NaNs (Not a Number), set the value to `mwReplaceNaN`.

By default, the value is `mwReplaceZero`.

**Sub Clone(ppFlags As MWFlags)**

Creates a copy of an `MWFlags` object.

**Parameters.**

Argument	Type	Description
<code>ppFlags</code>	<code>MWFlags</code>	Reference to an uninitialized <code>MWFlags</code> object that receives the copy

**Return Value.** None

**Remarks.** `Clone` allocates a new `MWFlags` object and creates a deep copy of the object’s contents. Call this function when a separate object is required instead of a shared copy of an existing object reference.

**Class MWStruct**

The `MWStruct` class passes or receives a `Struct` type to or from a compiled class method. This class contains seven properties/methods:

- “Sub Initialize([varDims], [varFieldNames])” on page 16-19
- “Property Item([i0], [i1], ..., [i31]) As MWField” on page 16-20
- “Property NumberOfFields As Long” on page 16-23
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### **Sub Initialize([varDims], [varFieldNames])**

This method allocates a structure array with a specified number and size of dimensions and a specified list of field names.

#### **Parameters.**

<b>Argument</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Description</b>
varDims	Variant	Optional array of dimensions
varFieldNames	Variant	Optional array of field names

**Return Value.** None.

**Remarks.** When created, an MWStruct object has a dimensionality of 1-by-1 and no fields. The Initialize method dimensions the array and adds a set of named fields to each element. Each time you call Initialize on the same object, it is redimensioned. If you do not supply the varDims argument, the existing number and size of the array’s dimensions unchanged. If you do not supply the varFieldNames argument, the existing list of fields is not changed. Calling Initialize with no arguments leaves the array unchanged.

**Example.** The following Visual Basic code illustrates use of the Initialize method to dimension struct arrays.

```
Sub foo ()
    Dim x As MWStruct
    Dim y As MWStruct

    On Error Goto Handle_Error
    'Create 1X1 struct arrays with no fields for x, and y
    Set x = new MWStruct
    Set y = new MWStruct
```

```

        'Initialize x to be 2X2 with fields "red", "green",
        '                                     and "blue"
        Call x.Initialize(Array(2,2), Array("red", "green", "blue"))
        'Initialize y to be 1X5 with fields "name" and "age"
        Call y.Initialize(5, Array("name", "age"))

        'Re-dimension x to be 3X3 with the same field names
        Call x.Initialize(Array(3,3))

        'Add a new field to y
        Call y.Initialize(, Array("name", "age", "salary"))

        Exit Sub
    Handle_Error:
        MsgBox(Err.Description)
    End Sub

```

### **Property Item([i0], [i1], ..., [i31]) As MWField**

The Item property is the default property of the MWStruct class. This property is used to set/get the value of a field at a particular index in the structure array.

#### **Parameters.**

<b>Argument</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Description</b>
i0,i1, ..., i31	Variant	Optional index arguments. Between 0 and 32 index arguments can be entered. To reference an element of the array, specify all indexes as well as the field name.

**Remarks.** When accessing a named field through this property, you must supply all dimensions of the requested field as well as the field name. This property always returns a single field value, and generates a bad index error if you provide an invalid or incomplete index list. Index arguments have four basic formats:

- Field name only

This format may be used only in the case of a 1-by-1 structure array and returns the named field's value. For example:

```
x("red") = 0.2
x("green") = 0.4
x("blue") = 0.6
```

In this example, the name of the `Item` property was neglected. This is possible since the `Item` property is the default property of the `MWStruct` class. In this case the two statements are equivalent:

```
x.Item("red") = 0.2
x("red") = 0.2
```

- Single index and field name

This format accesses array elements through a single subscripting notation. A single numeric index  $n$  followed by the field name returns the named field on the  $n$ th array element, navigating the array linearly in column-major order. For example, consider a 2-by-2 array of structures with fields "red", "green", and "blue" stored in a variable `x`. These two statements are equivalent:

```
y = x(2, "red")
y = x(2, 1, "red")
```

- All indices and field name

This format accesses an array element of an multidimensional array by specifying  $n$  indices. These statements access all four of the elements of the array in the previous example:

```
For I From 1 To 2
    For J From 1 To 2
```

```
        r(I, J) = x(I, J, "red")
        g(I, J) = x(I, J, "green")
        b(I, J) = x(I, J, "blue")
```

```
    Next
```

```
Next
```

- Array of indices and field name

This format accesses an array element by passing an array of indices and a field name. The next example rewrites the previous example using an index array:

```
Dim Index(1 To 2) As Integer
```

```
For I From 1 To 2
    Index(1) = I
    For J From 1 To 2
        Index(2) = J
        r(I, J) = x(Index, "red")
        g(I, J) = x(Index, "green")
        b(I, J) = x(Index, "blue")
```

```
    Next
```

```
Next
```

With these four formats, the `Item` property provides a very flexible indexing mechanism for structure arrays. Also note:

- You can combine the last two indexing formats. Several index arguments supplied in either scalar or array format are concatenated to form one index set. The combining stops when the number of dimensions has been reached. For example:

```
Dim Index1(1 To 2) As Integer
Dim Index2(1 To 2) As Integer

Index1(1) = 1
Index1(2) = 1
Index2(1) = 3
Index2(2) = 2
x(Index1, Index2, 2, "red") = 0.5
```

The last statement resolves to

```
x(1, 1, 3, 2, 2, "red") = 0.5
```

- The field name must be the last index in the list. The following statement produces an error:

```
y = x("blue", 1, 2)
```

- Field names are case sensitive.

### **Property NumberOfFields As Long**

The read-only `NumberOfFields` property returns the number of fields in the structure array.

### **Property NumberOfDims As Long**

The read-only `NumberOfDims` property returns the number of dimensions in the struct array.

### **Property Dims As Variant**

The read-only `Dims` property returns an array of length `NumberOfDims` that contains the size of each dimension of the struct array.

### **Property FieldNames As Variant**

The read-only `FieldNames` property returns an array of length `NumberOfFields` that contains the field names of the elements of the structure array.

**Example.** The next Visual Basic code sample illustrates how to access a two-dimensional structure array's fields when the field names and dimension sizes are not known in advance.

```
Sub foo ()  
    Dim x As MWStruct  
    Dim Dims as Variant  
    Dim FieldNames As Variant
```

```

On Error Goto Handle_Error
'
'... Call a method that returns an MWStruct in x
'

Dims = x.Dims
FieldNames = x.FieldNames
For I From 1 To Dims(1)
    For J From 1 To Dims(2)
        For K From 1 To x.NumberOfFields
            y = x(I,J,FieldNames(K))
            ' ... Do something with y
        Next
    Next
Next
Exit Sub
Handle_Error:
    MsgBox(Err.Description)
End Sub

```

**Sub Clone(ppStruct As MWStruct)**

Creates a copy of an MWStruct object.

**Parameters.**

Argument	Type	Description
ppStruct	MWStruct	Reference to an uninitialized MWStruct object to receive the copy

**Return Value.** None

**Remarks.** Clone allocates a new MWStruct object and creates a deep copy of the object's contents. Call this function when a separate object is required instead of a shared copy of an existing object reference.

**Example.** The following Visual Basic example illustrates the difference between assignment and Clone for MWStruct objects.

```
Sub foo ()
    Dim x1 As MWStruct
    Dim x2 As MWStruct
    Dim x3 As MWStruct

    On Error Goto Handle_Error
    Set x1 = new MWStruct
    x1("name") = "John Smith"
    x1("age") = 35

    'Set reference of x1 to x2
    Set x2 = x1
    'Create new object for x3 and copy contents of x1 into it
    Call x1.Clone(x3)
    'x2's "age" field is
    'also modified 'x3's "age" field unchanged
    x1("age") = 50
    .
    .
    .
    Exit Sub
Handle_Error:
    MsgBox(Err.Description)
End Sub
```

## Class MWField

The MWField class holds a single field reference in an MWStruct object. This class is noncreatable and contains four properties/methods:

- “Property Name As String” on page 16-26
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**Property Name As String**

The name of the field (read only).

**Property Value As Variant**

Stores the field's value (read/write). The `Value` property is the default property of the `MWField` class. The value of a field can be any type that is coercible to a `Variant`, as well as object types.

**Property MWFlags As MWFlags**

Stores a reference to an `MWFlags` object. This property sets or gets the array formatting and data conversion flags for a particular field. Each field in a structure has its own `MWFlags` property. This property overrides the value of any flags set on the object whose methods are called.

**Sub Clone(ppField As MWField)**

Creates a copy of an `MWField` object.

**Parameters.**

Argument	Type	Description
ppField	MWField	Reference to an uninitialized <code>MWField</code> object to receive the copy

**Return Value.** None.

**Remarks.** `Clone` allocates a new `MWField` object and creates a deep copy of the object's contents. Call this function when a separate object is required instead of a shared copy of an existing object reference.

**Class MWComplex**

The `MWComplex` class passes or receives a complex numeric array into or from a compiled class method. This class contains four properties/methods:



- “Property Real As Variant” on page 16-27
- “Property Imag As Variant” on page 16-27
- “Property MWFlags As MWFlags” on page 16-28
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### Property Real As Variant

Stores the real part of a complex array (read/write). The `Real` property is the default property of the `MWComplex` class. The value of this property can be any type coercible to a `Variant`, as well as object types, with the restriction that the underlying array must resolve to a numeric matrix (no cell data allowed). Valid Visual Basic numeric types for complex arrays include `Byte`, `Integer`, `Long`, `Single`, `Double`, `Currency`, and `Variant/vbDecimal`.

### Property Imag As Variant

Stores the imaginary part of a complex array (read/write). The `Imag` property is optional and can be `Empty` for a pure real array. If the `Imag` property is not empty and the size and type of the underlying array do not match the size and type of the `Real` property’s array, an error results when the object is used in a method call.

**Example.** The following Visual Basic code creates a complex array with the following entries:

```
x = [ 1+i 1+2i
      2+i 2+2i ]
Sub foo()
  Dim x As MWComplex
  Dim rval(1 To 2, 1 To 2) As Double
  Dim ival(1 To 2, 1 To 2) As Double

  On Error Goto Handle_Error
  For I = 1 To 2
    For J = 1 To 2
      rval(I,J) = I
      ival(I,J) = J
    Next
  Next
Next
```

```

        Set x = new MWComplex
        x.Real = rval
        x.Imag = ival
        .
        .
        .
    Exit Sub
Handle_Error:
    MsgBox(Err.Description)
End Sub

```

### Property MWFlags As MWFlags

Stores a reference to an MWFlags object. This property sets or gets the array formatting and data conversion flags for a particular complex array. Each MWComplex object has its own MWFlags property. This property overrides the value of any flags set on the object whose methods are called.

### Sub Clone(ppComplex As MWComplex)

Creates a copy of an MWComplex object.

#### Parameters.

Argument	Type	Description
ppComplex	MWComplex	Reference to an uninitialized MWComplex object to receive the copy

**Return Value.** None

**Remarks.** Clone allocates a new MWComplex object and creates a deep copy of the object's contents. Call this function when a separate object is required instead of a shared copy of an existing object reference.

## Class **MWSparse**

The **MWSparse** class passes or receives a two-dimensional sparse numeric array into or from a compiled class method. This class has seven properties/methods:

- “Property **NumRows As Long**” on page 16-29
- “Property **NumColumns As Long**” on page 16-29
- “Property **RowIndex As Variant**” on page 16-29
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### **Property NumRows As Long**

Stores the row dimension for the array. The value of **NumRows** must be nonnegative. If the value is zero, the row index is taken from the maximum of the values in the **RowIndex** array.

### **Property NumColumns As Long**

Stores the column dimension for the array. The value of **NumColumns** must be nonnegative. If the value is zero, the row index is taken from the maximum of the values in the **ColumnIndex** array.

### **Property RowIndex As Variant**

Stores the array of row indices of the nonzero elements of the array. The value of this property can be any type coercible to a **Variant**, as well as object types, with the restriction that the underlying array must resolve to or be coercible to a numeric matrix of type **Long**. If the value of **NumRows** is nonzero and any row index is greater than **NumRows**, a bad-index error occurs. An error also results if the number of elements in the **RowIndex** array does not match the number of elements in the **Array** property’s underlying array.

### **Property ColumnIndex As Variant**

Stores the array of column indices of the nonzero elements of the array. The value of this property can be any type coercible to a **Variant**, as well as object

types, with the restriction that the underlying array must resolve to or be coercible to a numeric matrix of type Long. If the value of NumColumns is nonzero and any column index is greater than NumColumns, a bad-index error occurs. An error also results if the number of elements in the ColumnIndex array does not match the number of elements in the Array property's underlying array.

**Property Array As Variant**

Stores the nonzero array values of the sparse array. The value of this property can be any type coercible to a Variant, as well as object types, with the restriction that the underlying array must resolve to or be coercible to a numeric matrix of type Double or Boolean.

**Property MWFlags As MWFlags**

Stores a reference to an MWFlags object. This property sets or gets the array formatting and data conversion flags for a particular sparse array. Each MWSparse object has its own MWFlags property. This property overrides the value of any flags set on the object whose methods are called.

**Sub Clone(ppSparse As MWSparse)**

Creates a copy of an MWSparse object.

**Parameters.**

Argument	Type	Description
ppSparse	MWSparse	Reference to an uninitialized MWSparse object to receive the copy

**Return Value.** None.

**Remarks.** Clone allocates a new MWSparse object and creates a deep copy of the object's contents. Call this function when a separate object is required instead of a shared copy of an existing object reference.

**Example.** The following Visual Basic sample creates a 5-by-5 tridiagonal sparse array with the following entries:

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

```
Sub foo()  
    Dim x As MWSparse  
    Dim rows(1 To 13) As Long  
    Dim cols(1 To 13) As Long  
    Dim vals(1 To 13) As Double  
    Dim I As Long, K As Long  
  
    On Error GoTo Handle_Error  
    K = 1  
    For I = 1 To 4  
        rows(K) = I  
        cols(K) = I + 1  
        vals(K) = -1  
        K = K + 1  
        rows(K) = I  
        cols(K) = I  
        vals(K) = 2  
        K = K + 1  
        rows(K) = I + 1  
        cols(K) = I  
        vals(K) = -1  
        K = K + 1  
    Next  
    rows(K) = 5  
    cols(K) = 5  
    vals(K) = 2  
    Set x = New MWSparse  
    x.NumRows = 5  
    x.NumColumns = 5  
    x.RowIndex = rows  
    x.ColumnIndex = cols
```

```
        x.Array = vals
        .
        .
        .
    Exit Sub
Handle_Error:
    MsgBox (Err.Description)
End Sub
```

## **Class MWArg**

The MWArg class passes a generic argument into a compiled class method. This class passes an argument for which the data conversion flags are changed for that one argument. This class has three properties/methods:

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### **Property Value As Variant**

The Value property stores the actual argument to pass. Any type that can be passed to a compiled method is valid for this property.

### **Property MWFlags As MWFlags**

Stores a reference to an MWFlags object. This property sets or gets the array formatting and data conversion flags for a particular argument. Each MWArg object has its own MWFlags property. This property overrides the value of any flags set on the object whose methods are called.

### **Sub Clone(ppArg As MWArg)**

Creates a copy of an MWArg object.

**Parameters.**

Argument	Type	Description
ppArg	MWArg	Reference to an uninitialized MWArg object to receive the copy

**Return Value.** None.

**Remarks.** Clone allocates a new MWArg object and creates a deep copy of the object's contents. Call this function when a separate object is required instead of a shared copy of an existing object reference.

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### Enum mwArrayFormat

The mwArrayFormat enumeration is a set of constants that denote an array formatting rule for data conversion.

#### mwArrayFormat Values

Constant	Numeric Value	Description
mwArrayFormatAsIs	0	Do not reformat the array.
mwArrayFormatMatrix	1	Format the array as a matrix.
mwArrayFormatCell	2	Format the array as a cell array.

### Enum mwDataType

The mwDataType enumeration is a set of constants that denote a MATLAB numeric type.

#### mwDataType Values

Constant	Numeric Value	MATLAB Type
mwTypeDefault	0	Not applicable
mwTypeLogical	3	logical
mwTypeChar	4	char
mwTypeDouble	6	double



**mwDataType Values (Continued)**

<b>Constant</b>	<b>Numeric Value</b>	<b>MATLAB Type</b>
mwTypeSingle	7	single
mwTypeInt8	8	int8
mwTypeUInt8	9	uint8
mwTypeInt16	10	int16
mwTypeUInt16	11	uint16
mwTypeInt32	12	int32
mwTypeUInt32	13	uint32

**Enum mwDateFormat**

The `mwDateFormat` enumeration is a set of constants that denote a formatting rule for dates.

**mwDateFormat Values**

<b>Constant</b>	<b>Numeric Value</b>	<b>Description</b>
mwDateFormatNumeric	0	Format dates as numeric values
mwDateFormatString	1	Format dates as strings



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# Deploying .NET Components With the F# Programming Language

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## The Magic Square Example Using F#

The F# programming language offers the opportunity to implement the same solutions you usually implement using C#, but with less code. This can be helpful when scaling a deployment solution across an enterprise-wide installation, or in any situation where code efficiency is valued. The brevity of F# programs can also make them easier to maintain.

The following example summarizes how to integrate the deployable MATLAB `magic` function from “The Magic Square Example” on page 1-9 in Chapter 1, “Getting Started” of this user’s guide.

You must be running Microsoft Visual Studio 2010 or higher to use this example.

For more information about the F# language, go to <http://fsharp.net>.

### Prerequisites

If you build this example on a system running 64-bit Microsoft Visual Studio, you must add a reference to the 32-bit `MWArray` DLL due to a current imitation of Microsoft’s F# compiler.

### Step 1: Build the Component

Build the `makeSqr` component using the instructions in “Creating a .NET Component From MATLAB Code” on page 1-11 in Chapter 1, “Getting Started” of this user’s guide.

### Step 2: Integrate the Component Into an F# Application

- 1 Using Microsoft Visual Studio 2010 or higher, create an F# project.
- 2 Add references to your component and `MWArray` in Visual Studio. For examples of how to do this, see “Creating a Reference to Your Component” on page 1-28 and “Creating a Reference to the `MWArray` API” on page 1-28 in this user’s guide.

- 3** Make the .NET namespaces available for your component and MWArray libraries:

```
open makeSqr
open MathWorks.MATLAB.NET.Arrays
```

- 4** Define the Magic Square function with an initial `let` statement, as follows:

```
let magic n =
```

Then, add the following statements to complete the function definition.

- a** Instantiate the Magic Square component:

```
use magicComp = new makeSqr.MLTestClass()
```

- b** Define the input argument:

```
use inarg = new MWNumericArray((int) n)
```

- c** Call MATLAB, get the output argument cell array, and extract the first element as a two-dimensional float array:

```
(magicComp.makesquare(1, inarg).[0].ToArray() :> float[,])
```

The complete function definition looks like this:

```
let magic n =
    // Instantiate the magic square component
    use magicComp = new makeSqr.MLTestClass()
    // Define the input argument
    use inarg = new MWNumericArray((int) n)
    // Call MATLAB, get the output argument cell array,
    // extract the first element as a 2D float array
    (magicComp.makesquare(1, inarg).[0].ToArray()
     :> float[,])
```

- 5** Add another `let` statement to define the output display logic:

```
let printMagic n =
    let numArray = magic n
    // Display the output
```

```
printfn "Number of [rows,cols]: [%d,%d]"
    (numArray.GetLength(0)) (numArray.GetLength(1))
printfn ""
for i in 0 .. numArray.GetLength(0)-1 do
    for j in 0 .. numArray.GetLength(1)-1 do
        printf "%3.0f " numArray.[i,j]
    printfn ""
printfn "=====\n"

ignore(List.iter printMagic [1..19])
// Pause until keypress
ignore(System.Console.ReadKey())
```

The complete program listing follows:

### **The F# Magic Square Program**

```
open makeSqr
open MathWorks.MATLAB.NET.Arrays
let magic n =
    // Instantiate the magic square component
    use magicComp = new makeSqr.MLTestClass()
    // Define the input argument
    use inarg = new MWNumericArray((int) n)
    // Call MATLAB, get the output argument cell array,
    // extract the first element as a 2D float array
    (magicComp.makesquare(1, inarg).[0].ToArray() :> float[,])

let printMagic n =
    let numArray = magic n
    // Display the output
    printfn "Number of [rows,cols]: [%d,%d]"
        (numArray.GetLength(0)) (numArray.GetLength(1))
    printfn ""
    for i in 0 .. numArray.GetLength(0)-1 do
        for j in 0 .. numArray.GetLength(1)-1 do
            printf "%3.0f " numArray.[i,j]
        printfn ""
    printfn "=====\n"
```

```
ignore(List.iter printMagic [1..19])  
// Pause until keypress  
ignore(System.Console.ReadKey())
```

### **Step 3: Deploy the Component**

See “Distribute MATLAB Code Using the MATLAB Compiler Runtime (MCR)” on page 5-2 for information about deploying your component to end users.



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