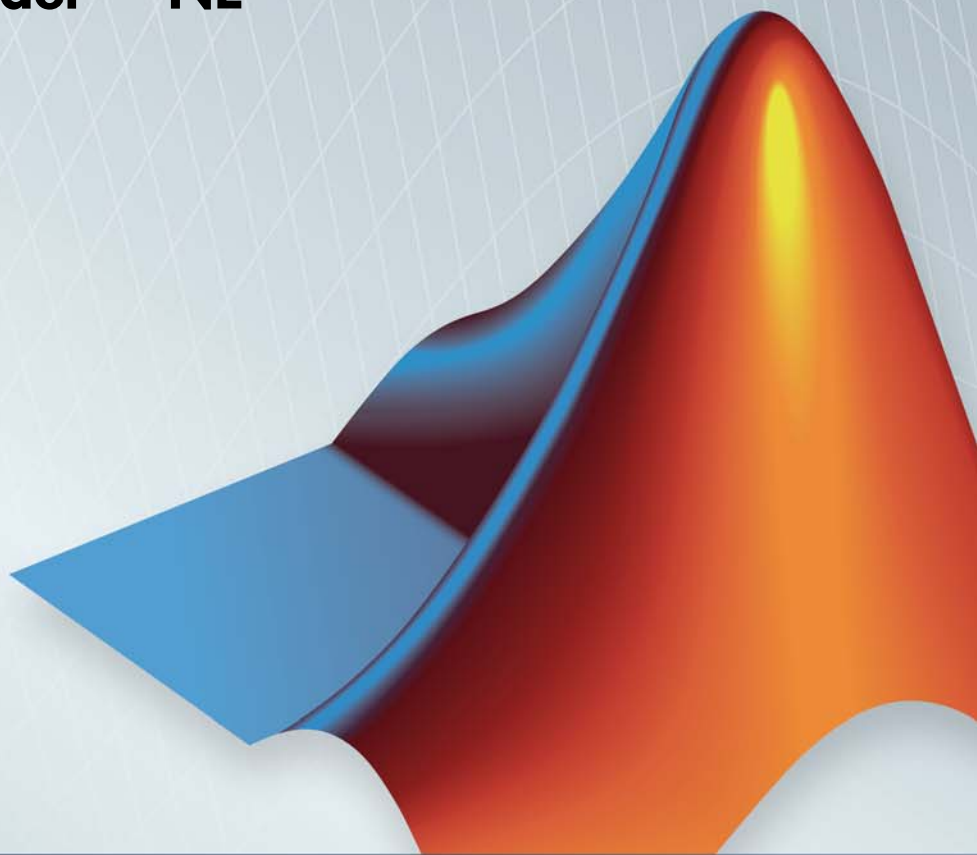


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MATLAB Builder NE Product Description

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 user interfaces 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 the MATLAB Compiler Runtime (MCR) that is provided with MATLAB Compiler™.

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

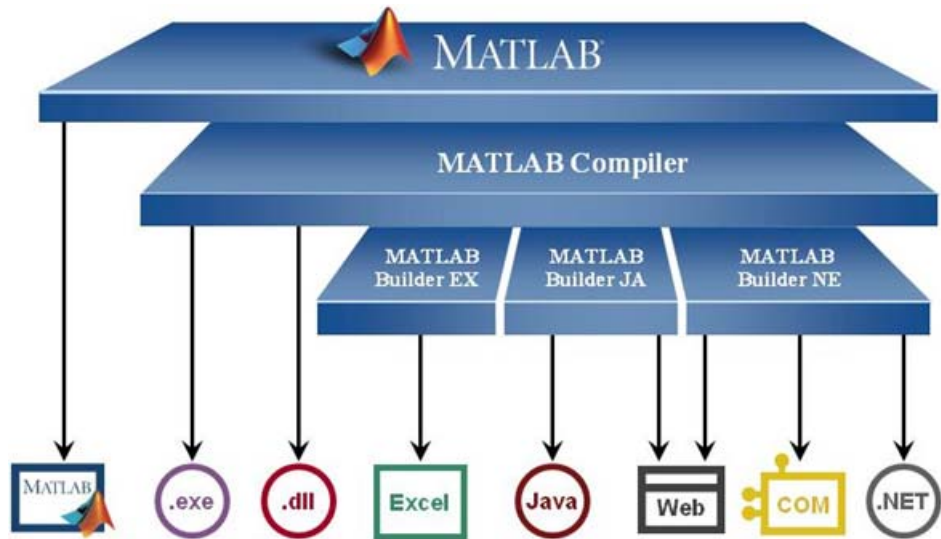
- Royalty-free desktop and Web deployment of .NET and COM components to computers that do not have MATLAB installed
- Components callable from Common Language Specification (CLS)-compliant languages, including C#, F#, VB.NET, or ASP.NET, and COM-compliant technology, including Visual Basic®, ASP, or 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

MATLAB Application Deployment Products

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

MATLAB Suite of Application Deployment Products

| Product | Target | Standalone Applications | Function Libraries | Graphical Apps | Web Apps | WebFigures |
|-------------------|--|-------------------------|--------------------|----------------|----------|------------|
| MATLAB Compiler | Standalone applications and C and C++ shared libraries | 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.

Appropriate Tasks for MATLAB Compiler and Builder Products

MATLAB Compiler compiles MATLAB code into standalone applications, libraries that can be integrated into other applications, or into deployable archives for use with MATLAB Production Server™. By default, MATLAB Compiler can generate standalone applications, C/C++ shared libraries, and deployable archives for use with MATLAB Production Server. Additional builders are available for Java, .NET, and Microsoft® Excel®.

While MATLAB Compiler lets you run your MATLAB application outside the MATLAB environment, it is not appropriate for all external tasks you may want to perform. Some tasks require either the MATLAB Coder™ product or MATLAB external interfaces. Use the following table to determine if MATLAB Compiler and builder products are appropriate to your needs.

MATLAB Compiler Task Matrix

| Task | MATLAB Compiler and Builders | MATLAB Coder | MATLAB External Interfaces |
|--|-------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Package MATLAB applications for deployment to users who do not have MATLAB | ■ | | |
| Package MATLAB applications for deployment to MATLAB Production Server | ■ | | |
| Build non-MATLAB applications that include MATLAB functions | ■ | | |
| Generate readable, efficient, and embeddable C code from MATLAB code | | ■ | |

MATLAB Compiler Task Matrix (Continued)

| Task | MATLAB Compiler and Builders | MATLAB Coder | MATLAB External Interfaces |
|--|-------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Generate MEX functions from MATLAB code for rapid prototyping and verification of generated C code within MATLAB | | ■ | |
| Integrate MATLAB code into Simulink® | | ■ | |
| Speed up fixed-point MATLAB code | | ■ | |
| Generate hardware description language (HDL) from MATLAB code | | ■ | |
| Integrate custom C code into MATLAB with MEX files | | | ■ |
| Call MATLAB from C and Fortran programs | | | ■ |

For information on MATLAB Coder see “MATLAB Coder”.

For information on MATLAB external interfaces see “External Code Integration”.

How MATLAB Builder NE Works

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 “Distributing MATLAB Code Using the MATLAB Compiler Runtime (MCR)” on page 6-2 in the MATLAB Compiler documentation.

For more information about how this product works with MATLAB Compiler, see “Write Deployable MATLAB Code” on page 2-10.

Roles 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
- Implement the infrastructure needed to successfully deploy a .NET application to the Web
- Create a remotable component that can be shared across distributed systems

The table Application Deployment Roles, Goals, and Tasks on page 1-9 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 |
|-------------------|--|--|
| MATLAB programmer | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• MATLAB expert• No IT experience• No access to IT systems | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develops models; implements in MATLAB• Uses tools to create a component that is used by the .NET programmer |
| .NET developer | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Little or no MATLAB experience• Moderate IT experience• .NET expert• Minimal access to IT systems | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Integrates deployed component with the rest of the .NET application• Integrates deployed MATLAB Figures with the rest of the .NET application |

MATLAB Builder NE Prerequisites

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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®

Note Log in with administrator privileges before installing these products.

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.

MATLAB Builder NE Limitations

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.

Using addAssembly (External Interfaces)

.NET assemblies or DLLs built with MATLAB Builder NE cannot be loaded back into MATLAB with the NET External Interface method `addAssembly`.

Serialization of MATLAB Objects Unsupported

There is no support in MATLAB Builder NE for serializing MATLAB objects from MATLAB into .NET code.

For More Information

| If you want to... | See... |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| Deploy a .NET component | “Create a .NET Component From MATLAB Code” on page 1-13 |
| Deploy a COM component | “Magic Square Example” on page 15-2 |
| Deploy a figure or image to the Web | “WebFigures” on page 8-2 |
| Deploy a <i>remotable component</i> | “Creating a Remotable .NET Component” on page 9-8 |

Create a .NET Component From MATLAB Code

This example shows you how to transform a MATLAB function into a deployable MATLAB Builder NE component. The example wraps a MATLAB function, `makesquare`, which computes 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.) 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. For information about how to use the component after it has been built, see “Integrate Your .NET Component In a C# Application” on page 1-20.

This example uses the **Library Compiler** app. For an example using the `mcc` command, see the `mcc` reference page. For more information:

| If you want to... | See... |
|--|---|
| 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 1-27 |
| Deploy an existing figure or image to the Web | “WebFigures” on page 8-2 |
| Deploy a <i>remotable component</i> | “Creating a Remotable .NET Component” on page 9-8 |

This example shows how to create a .NET Component using a MATLAB function. You can then hand the generated component off to a .NET developer who is responsible for integrating it into an application.

- 1 In MATLAB, create the function that you want to deploy as a shared library. This example uses the sample function, called `makesquare.m`, included in the `matlabroot\toolbox\dotnetbuilder\Examples\VS10\NET\MagicSquareExample\Magic` folder, where `matlabroot` represents the name of your MATLAB installation folder.

```
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 2001-2007 The MathWorks, Inc.
```

```
y = magic(x);
```

Run the example in MATLAB.

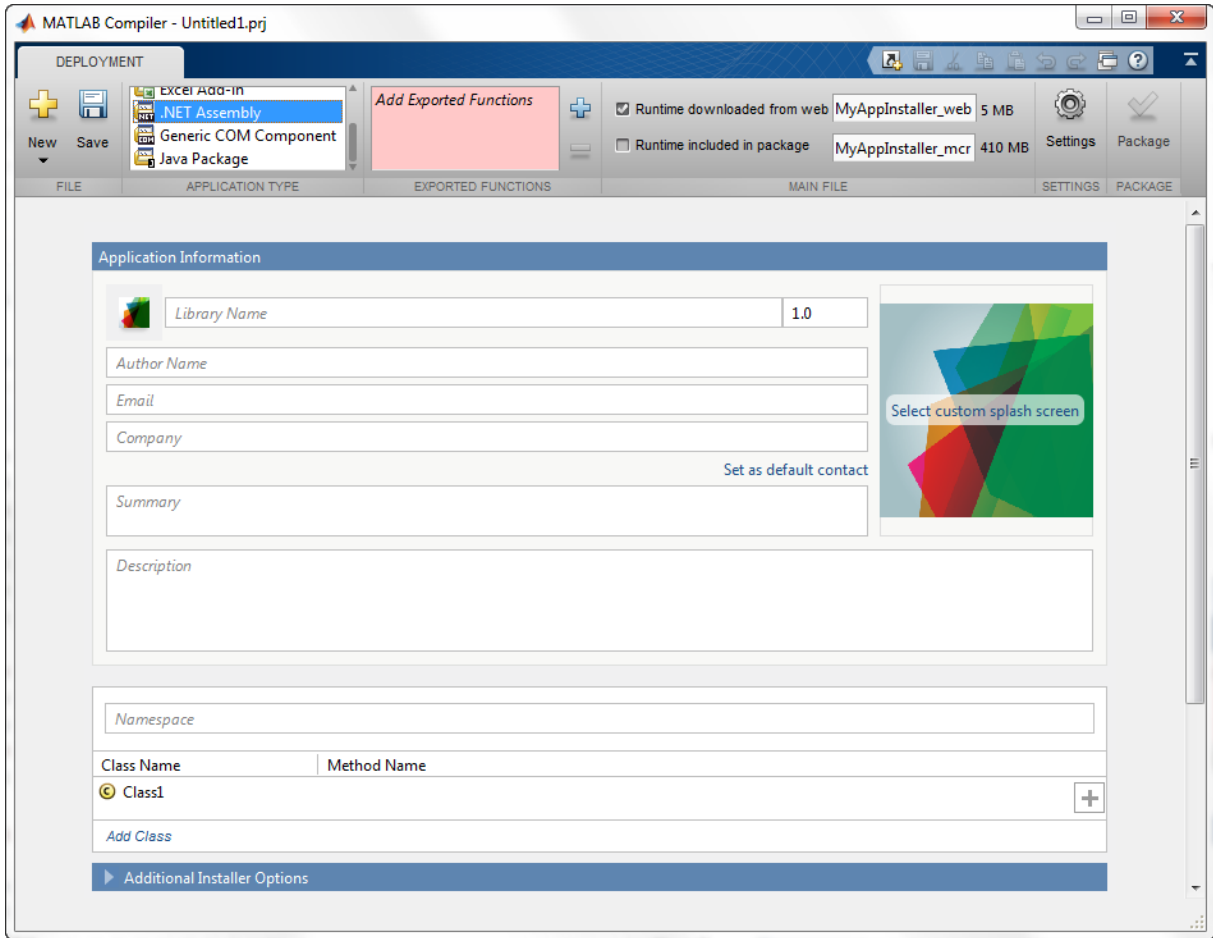
```
makesquare(5)
```

```
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
```

2 Open the **Library Compiler** app.

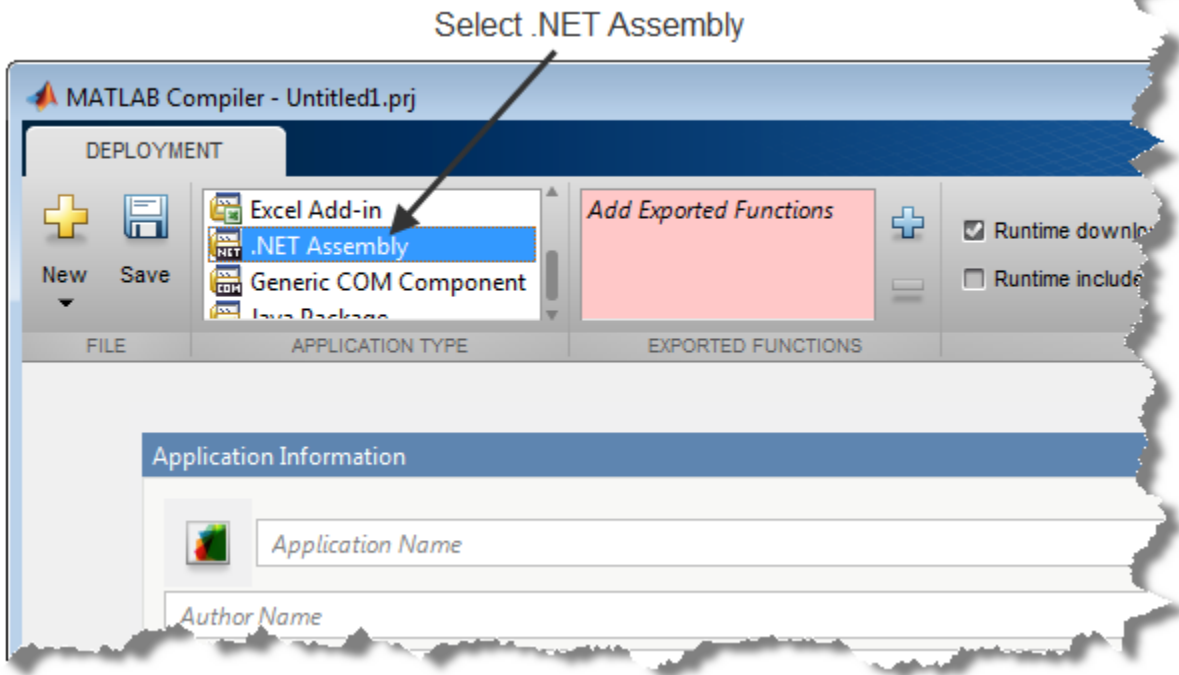
- a** On the toolstrip, select the **Apps** tab.
- b** Click the arrow at the far right of the tab to open the apps gallery.
- c** Click **Library Compiler**.

Note You can also call the `libraryCompiler` command.



- 3 In the **Application Type** section of the toolstrip, select **.NET Assembly** from the list.

Note If the **Application Type** section of the toolstrip is collapsed, you can expand it by clicking the down arrow.



4 Specify the MATLAB functions that you want to deploy.

a In the **Exported Functions** section of the toolbar, click the plus button.

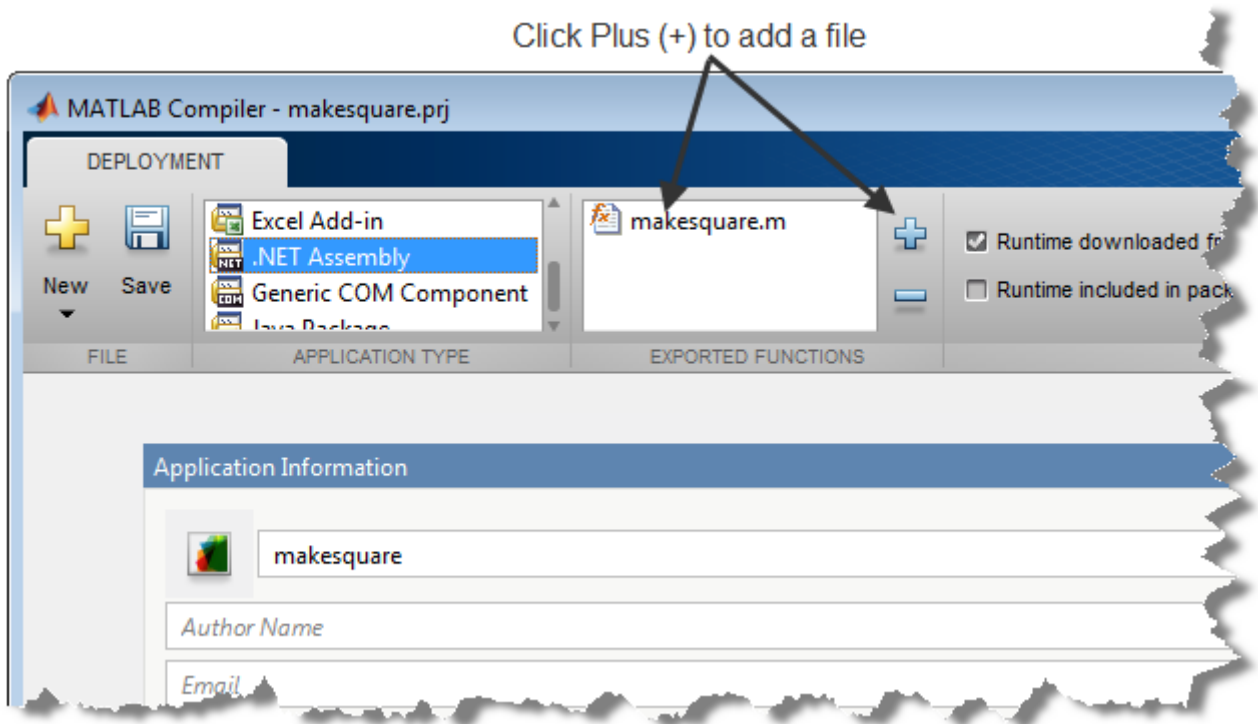
Note If the **Exported Functions** section of the toolbar is collapsed, you can expand it by clicking the down arrow.

b In the file explorer that opens, locate and select the `makesquare.m` file.

c Click **Open** to select the file and close the file explorer.

The Library Compiler adds the file you select (**makesquare.m**) to the list of files and a minus button appears under the plus button. The Library Compiler uses the name of the file as the name of the deployment project file (.prj), shown in the title bar, and as the name of the assembly, shown

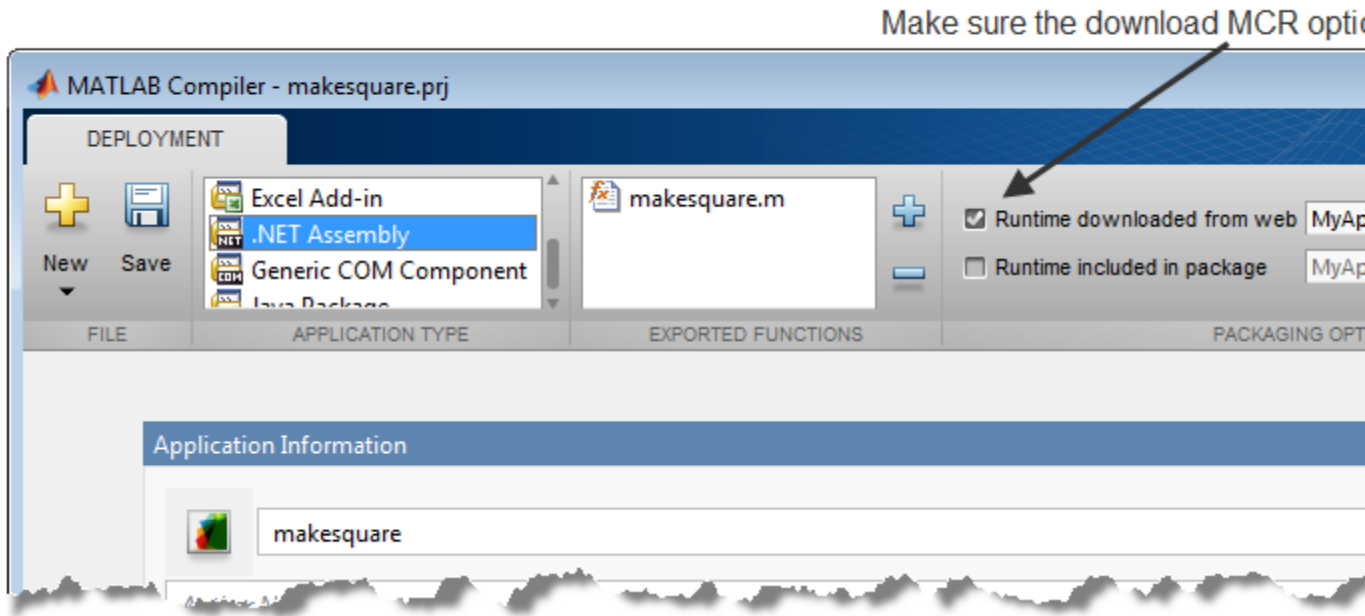
in the first field of the Application Information area. The project file saves all of the deployment settings so that you can re-open the project.



- 5 In the **Packaging Options** section of the toolbar, verify that the **Runtime downloaded from web** check box is selected.

Note If the **Packaging Options** section of the toolbar is collapsed, you can expand it by clicking the down arrow.

This option creates an application installer that automatically downloads the MATLAB Compiler Runtime (MCR) and installs it along with the deployed add-in.



6 Explore the main body of the **MATLAB Compiler** project window.

The project window is divided into the following areas:

- **Application Information** — Editable information about the deployed application. This information is used by the generated installer to populate the installed application's metadata.
- **Additional Installer Options** — The default installation path for the generated installer.
- **Files required for your application** — Additional files required by the generated application. These files will be included in the generated application installer.
- **Files installed with your application** — Files that are installed with your application. These files include a DLL and a readme text file.
- **Additional Runtime Settings** — Access to other compiler options.

7 Click **Package**.

The Package window opens while the library is being generated. Select the **Open output folder when process completes** check box. The packaging process generates a self-extracting file that *automatically registers* the DLL and unpacks all deployable deliverables.

8 When the deployment process is complete, a file explorer opens and displays the generated output.

It should contain:

- `for_redistribution` — A folder containing the installer to distribute the generated assembly
- `for_testing` — A folder containing the raw files generated by the compiler
- `for_redistribution_files_only` — A folder containing only the files needed to redistribute the assembly
- `PackagingLog.txt` — A log file generated by the compiler

9 Click **Close** on the Package window.

Integrate Your .NET Component In a C# Application

This example shows how to call a .NET component built with MATLAB Builder NE from a C# application. To see how the component was built, see “Create a .NET Component From MATLAB Code” on page 1-13. This task is typically done by another individual who uses your component.

- 1** Install the .NET component files and the MATLAB Compiler Runtime (MCR).

The creator of the component can make these files available to anyone who wants to use the component by distributing the component installer created by MATLAB Builder NE during the build process. The component installer is located in the `for_redistribution` folder of your deployment project. The installer places the .NET component files on your computer and automatically installs the MCR from the Web, if you do not already have the MCR installed on your system.

You can also download the MCR installer from <http://www.mathworks.com/products/compiler/mcr>. The generated shared libraries and support files are located in the MATLAB deployment project's `for_testing` folder.

- 2** Open Microsoft Visual Studio
- 3** Click **File > New > Project**.
- 4** 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.

- 5** Type the name of the project in the **Name** field (**MainApp**, for example).
- 6** Click **OK**. Your **MainApp** source shell is created.
- 7** Create a reference to your component.
 - a** In the Solution Explorer pane, select the name of your project, **MainApp**, highlighting it.

- b** Right-click **MainApp** and select **Add Reference**.
 - c** 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**.
 - d** Click **OK**. Your .NET assembly, created with the Deployment Tool, is now referenced by your Microsoft Visual Studio project.
- 8** Create a reference to the MWArray API.
 - a** In the Solution Explorer pane, select the name of your project (**MainApp**), and highlight it.
 - b** Right-click **MainApp** and select **Add Reference**.
 - c** 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**.

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

- d** Click **OK**. **MWArray.dll** is now referenced by your Microsoft Visual Studio project.
- 9** Make .NET Namespaces available to your generated component and **MWArray** libraries. Add the following **using** statements to your **C#/.NET** code:

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

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

By adding a reference to the MWArray API, Microsoft Visual Studio's auto-completion feature, Intellisense™, can provide you completion tips as you write your code.

- 10** Reference the MATLAB data conversion assembly and specify the namespace in your application. The builder supports nested namespaces.

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

For example, if 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;
```

- 11** Initialize your classes before you use them.

For example, include the following initializations of classes `MLTestClass`, `MWNumericArray`, and `MWarray`.

```
using System;  
using System.Collection.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;
    }
}
```

- 12** Instantiate your classes. Instantiating a class requires use of the `new` keyword.

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

- 13** Invoke your component. After you complete the tasks of initializing and instantiating the classes you are working with, invoke the `makeSqr` component. 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.

When calling your component, you can take advantage of implicit conversion from .NET types to MATLAB types, by passing the native C# value directly to `makeSqr`:

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

You can also use explicit conversion:

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

- 14** 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);
```

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

```
using System;
using System.Collection.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;

            try
            {
                obj = new MLTestClass();

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

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

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

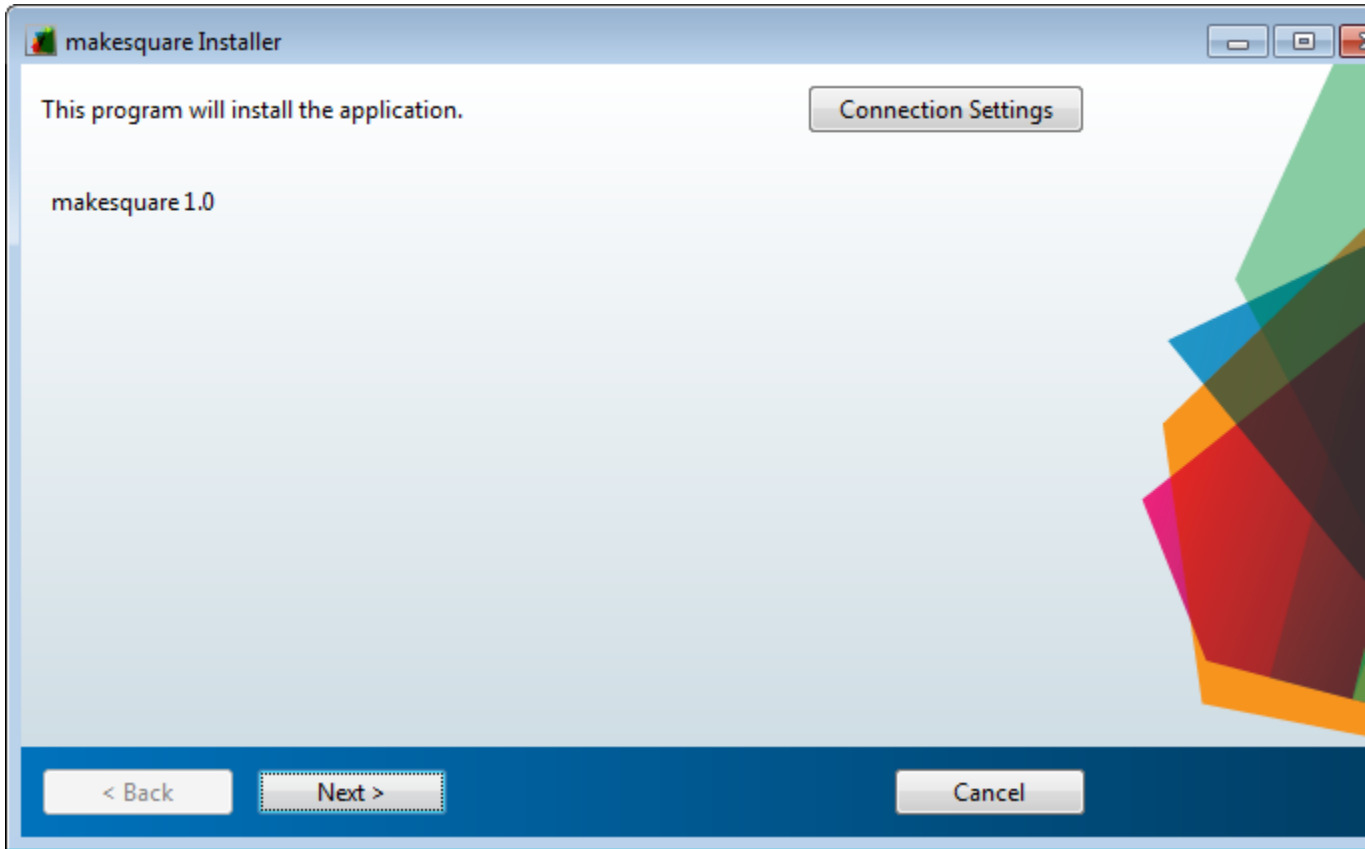
- To build the application, select **Build > Build Solution**.

• To run the application, select **Debug > Start Without Debugging**.

Running the Component Installer

MATLAB Builder NE creates an installer for the generated .NET component. After compilation is complete, you can find this installer in the `for_redistribution` folder in your project folder. By default, the compiler names the installer `MyAppInstaller_web.exe` or `MyAppInstaller_mcr.exe`, depending on which packaging option you chose. Using the Application Information area of the Library Compiler app, you can customize the look of the installer.

For example, when an end-user double-clicks the component installer, the first screen identifies you component by name and version number.



By clicking **Next** on each screen, the installer leads you through the installation process. During installation, you can specify the installation folder. The installer also automatically downloads the MCR, if needed.

The Magic Square Component in an Enterprise C# Application

- 1 Write source code for an application that uses the .NET component created in “Create a .NET Component From MATLAB Code” on page 1-13.

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

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 “C# Integration Examples” on page 5-31 and “Microsoft® Visual Basic® Integration Examples” on page 5-70.

- 2 Build the application using Visual Studio .NET.

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.

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

- 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.

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

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Application Deployment Products and the Compiler Apps

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What Is the Difference Between the Compiler Apps and the mcc Command Line?

When you use one of the compiler apps, you perform any function you would invoke using the MATLAB Compiler `mcc` command-line interface. The compiler apps' 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`.

Compiler app advantages include:

- You perform related deployment tasks with a single intuitive interface.
- You maintain related information in a convenient project file.
- Your project state persists between sessions.
- You load previously stored compiler projects from a prepopulated menu.
- Package applications for distribution.

How Does MATLAB Compiler Software Build My Application?

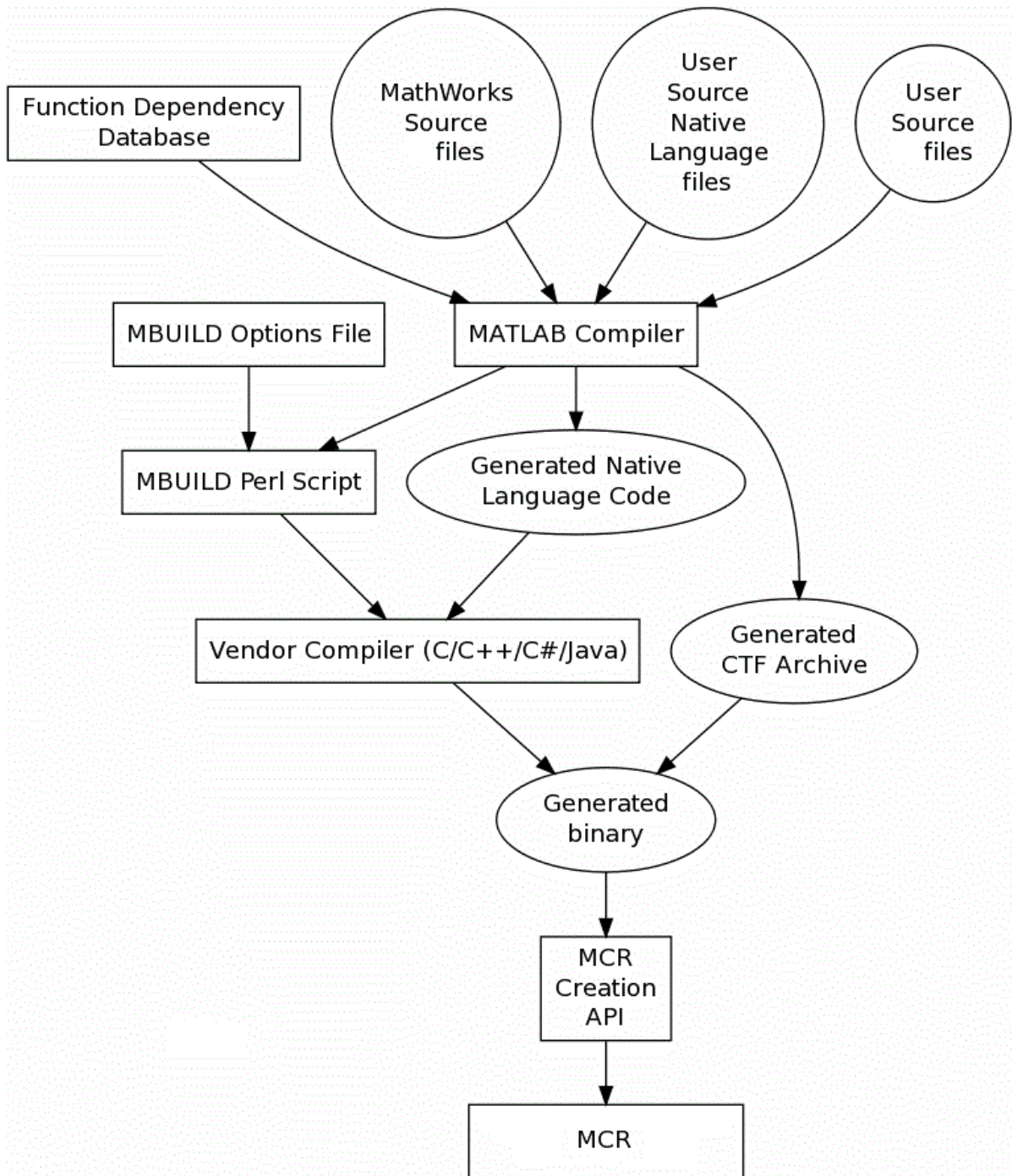
To build an application, MATLAB Compiler software performs these tasks:

- 1 Parses command-line arguments and classifies by type the files you provide.

2 Analyzes files for dependencies using a dependency analysis function. 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.

For more information about how the compiler does dependency analysis, see “Dependency Analysis Function” on page 2-5.



- 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 2-6.
- 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 Generates target-specific binary package. For library targets such as C++ shared libraries, Java packages, or .NET assemblies, the compiler will invoke the required third-party compiler.

Dependency Analysis Function

MATLAB Compiler uses a dependency analysis function to determine the list of necessary files to include in the generated package. Sometimes, this process generates a large list of files, particularly when MATLAB object classes exist in the compilation and the dependency analyzer cannot resolve overloaded methods at compile time. Dependency analysis also processes include/exclude files on each pass.

Tip To improve compile time performance and lessen application size, prune the path with the `mcc` command’s `-N` and `-p` flags. You can also specify **Files required for your application** in the compiler app.

The dependency analyzer searches for executable content such as:

- MATLAB files
- P-files

Note If the MATLAB file corresponding to the p-file is not available, the dependency analysis will not be able to determine the p-file’s dependencies.

- Java classes and `.jar` files
- `.fig` files

- MEX-files

The dependency analyzer 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 the dependency analyzer can find them. Doing so allows you to avoid many common compilation problems. In particular, note that:

- Since the dependency analyzer 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 **Files required for your application to run** field in the compiler app.
- If you have any doubts that the dependency analyzer 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 the **Files required for your application to run** field in the compiler app.
- 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)

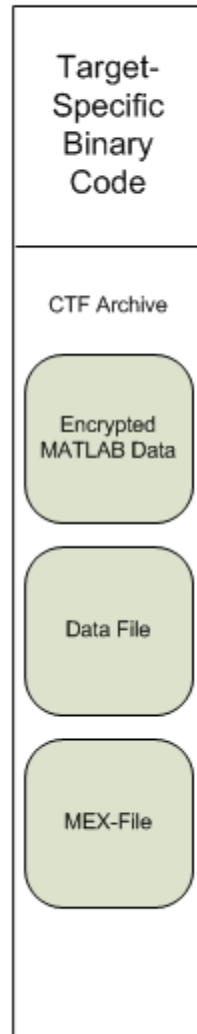
Each application or shared library you produce using MATLAB Compiler has an embedded Component Technology File (CTF) archive. The archive contains all the MATLAB based content (MATLAB files, MEX-files, and so on) associated with the component. All MATLAB files in the CTF archive are encrypted using the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

| Product | Refer to |
|-------------------|--|
| MATLAB Compiler | “MCR Component Cache and CTF Archive Embedding” |
| MATLAB Builder NE | “MCR Component Cache and CTF Archive Embedding” on page 6-12 |
| MATLAB Builder JA | “CTF Archive Embedding and Extraction” |
| 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.

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.

Write Deployable MATLAB Code

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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.

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

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 “Use `ismcc` and `isdeployed` Functions To Execute Deployment-Specific Code Paths” on page 2-12 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.

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`.

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.

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

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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
```

Load MATLAB Libraries using loadlibrary

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 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)
```

It is only required to add the prototype `.m` file and `.dll` file to the CTF archive of the deployed application. There is no need for `.h` files and C/C++ compilers to be installed on the deployment machine if the prototype file is used.

Once the prototype file is generated, add the file to the CTF archive of the application being compiled. You can do this with the `-a` option (if using the

mcc command) or by dragging it under **Other/Additional Files** (as a helper file) if using the Deployment Tool.

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`.

Restrictions on Using MATLAB Function loadlibrary with MATLAB Compiler

Note the following limitations in regards to using `loadlibrary` with MATLAB Compiler. For complete documentation and up to date restrictions on `loadlibrary`, please reference the MATLAB documentation.

- You can not use `loadlibrary` inside of MATLAB to load a shared library built with MATLAB Compiler.
- With MATLAB Compiler Version 3.0 (R13SP1) and earlier, you cannot compile calls to `loadlibrary` because of general restrictions and limitations of the product.

Use MATLAB Data Files (MAT Files) in Compiled Applications

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Explicitly Including MAT files Using the %#function Pragma

MATLAB Compiler excludes MAT files from “Dependency Analysis Function” on page 2-5 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 2-6.

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 *matlab_root*\extern\examples\compiler\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 the dependency analysis 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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.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.

What are .NET Components and When Should You Create Them?

.NET components are executable assemblies written in an CLS-supported language, such as C#, F#, or Microsoft Visual Basic. They execute in applications executing within the Microsoft .NET Framework.

.NET components are special types of executable built from .NET project using Microsoft Visual Studio. After compilation, the component is referenced by applications that consume the services the component provides.

In many .NET Web environments, components run on a Web server and provide data and other services (such as security, communications, and graphics) to Web Services—operating on the server.

.NET components provide a programmable interface that is accessed by client applications. The component interface consists of properties, methods, and events that are exposed by the classes contained within the component. In

other words, a component is a compiled set of classes that support the services provided by the component. The classes expose their services through the properties, methods, and events that comprise the component's interface.

For development primarily within the Microsoft Windows® environment, .NET components and applications provide scalable solutions for applications in large-scale enterprise or Web environments.

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 “Building a Deployable COM Component” on page 13-2, “Calling a COM Object in a Visual C++ Program” on page 14-12, and “Installing COM Components on a Target Computer” on page 13-9.

Use the Deployment Tool to Build a .NET Component

For a complete example of how to build .NET components using the graphical interface, read “Create a .NET Component From MATLAB Code” on page 1-13 in this User’s Guide.

For information about how the graphical interface differs from the command line interface, read “What Is the Difference Between the Compiler Apps and the mcc Command Line?” on page 2-2

Use the mcc Command Line to Build a .NET Component

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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
```

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.

.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.

Execute Compiler Projects with `deploytool`

The `deploytool` command has two flags to invoke the compiler without opening a window:

- `-build project_name` — Invoke the compiler to build the project and do not generate an installer.
- `-package project_name` — Invoke the compiler to build the project and generate an installer.

For example, `deploytool -package magicsqaure` generates of the binary files defined by the `magicaquire` project and packages them into an installer that you can distribute to others.

Examples

See “C# Integration Examples” on page 5-31 and “Microsoft® Visual Basic® Integration Examples” on page 5-70 for complete examples of how to build and integrate .NET components.

For More Information

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| Learn how to perform basic integration tasks using C# code | “Integrate Your .NET Component In a C# Application” on page 1-20 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic MATLAB Programmer tasks • How the deployment products process your MATLAB functions • How the deployment products work together | “Write Deployable MATLAB Code” on page 2-10 |
| Integration tasks for the .NET Developer | “Common Integration Tasks” on page 5-2 |
| The MATLAB Component Runtime (MCR) | “Distributing MATLAB Code Using the MATLAB Compiler Runtime (MCR)” on page 6-2 |

Customizing a Compiler Project

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Customize the Installer

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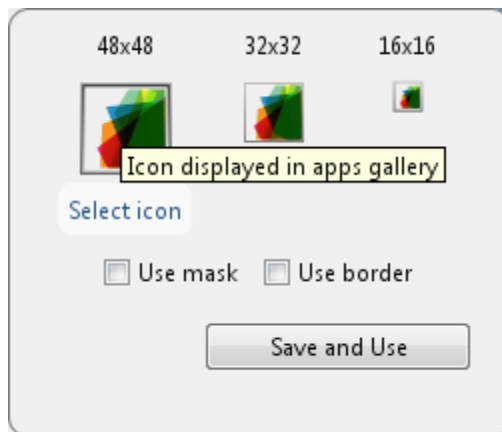
Change the Application Icon

The application icon is used for the generated installer. For standalone applications, it is also the application’s icon.

You can change the default icon in **Application Information**. To set a custom icon:

- 1 Click the graphic to the left of the **Application name** field.

A window previewing the icon opens.



- 2 Click **Select icon**.
- 3 Using the file explorer, locate the graphic file to use as the application icon.
- 4 Select the graphic file.
- 5 Click **OK** to return to the icon preview.
- 6 Select **Use mask** to fill any blank spaces around the icon with white.
- 7 Select **Use border** to add a border around the icon.
- 8 Click **Save and Use** to return to the main compiler window.

Add Application Information

The **Application Information** section of the compiler app allows you to provide these values:

- Name

Determines the name of the installed MATLAB components. For example, if the name is `foo`, the installed executable would be `foo.exe`, the Windows start menu entry would be **foo**. The folder created for the application would be *InstallRoot/foo*.

The default value is the name of the first function listed in the **Main File(s)** field of the compiler.

- Version

The default value is 1.0.

- Author name
- Support e-mail address
- Company name

Determines the full installation path for the installed MATLAB components. For example, if the company name is `bar`, the full installation path would be *InstallRoot/bar/ApplicationName*.

- Summary
- Description

This information is all optional and, unless otherwise stated, is only used for display purposes. It appears on the first page of the installer. On Windows systems, this information is also displayed in the Windows **Add/Remove Programs** control panel.

Change the Splash Screen

The installer's splash screen displays after the installer is started. It is displayed, along with a status bar, while the installer initializes.

You can change the default image by clicking the **Select custom splash screen** link in **Application Information**. When the file explorer opens, locate and select a new image.

Note You can drag and drop a custom image onto the default splash screen.

Change the Installation Path

Default Installation Paths on page 4-4 lists the default path the installer will use when installing the compiled binaries onto a target system.

Default Installation Paths

| | |
|----------|---|
| Windows | C:\Program Files\ <i>companyName</i> \ <i>appName</i> |
| Mac OS X | /Applications/ <i>companyName</i> / <i>appName</i> |
| Linux® | /usr/ <i>companyName</i> / <i>appName</i> |

You can change the default installation path by editing the **Default installation folder** field under **Additional Installer Options**.

The **Default installation folder** field has two parts:

- root folder — A drop down list that offers options for where the install folder is installed. Custom Installation Roots on page 4-5 lists the optional root folders for each platform.

Custom Installation Roots

| | |
|---------|---------------------------|
| Windows | C:\Users\userName\AppData |
| Linux | /usr/local |

- install folder — A text field specifying the path appended to the root folder.

Change the Logo

The logo displays after the installer is started. It is displayed on the right side of the installer.

You change the default image by clicking the **Select custom logo** link in **Additional Installer Options**. When the file explorer opens, locate and select a new image.

Note You can drag and drop a custom image onto the default logo.

Edit the Installation Notes

Installation notes are displayed once the installer has successfully installed the packaged files on the target system. They can provide useful information concerning any additional set up that is required to use the installed binaries or simply provide instructions for how to run the application.

The field for editing the installation notes is in **Additional Installer Options**.

Manage Required Files in a Compiler Project

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Dependency Analysis

The compiler uses a dependency analysis function to automatically determine what additional MATLAB files are required for the application to compile and run. These files are automatically compiled into the generated binary. The compiler does not generate any wrapper code allowing direct access to the functions defined by the required files.

Using the Compiler Apps

If you are using one of the compiler apps, the required files discovered by the dependency analysis function are listed in the **Files required by your application to run** field.

To add files:

- 1 Click the plus button in the field.
- 2 Select the desired file from the file explorer.
- 3 Click **OK**.

To remove files:

- 1 Select the desired file.
- 2 Press the **Delete** key.

Caution Removing files from the list of required files may cause your application to not compile or to not run properly when deployed.

Using `mcc`

If you are using `mcc` to compile your MATLAB code, the compiler does not display a list of required files before running. Instead, it compiles all of the required files that are discovered by the dependency analysis function and adds them to the generated binary file.

You can add files to the list by passing one, or more, `-a` arguments to `mcc`. The `-a` arguments add the specified files to the list of files to be added into the generated binary. For example, `-a hello.m` adds the file `hello.m` to the list of required files and `-a ./foo` adds all of the files in `foo`, and its subfolders, to the list of required files.

Specify Files to Install with the Application

The compiler apps package files to install along with the ones it generates. By default the installer includes a readme file with instructions on installing the MATLAB Compiler Runtime(MCR) and configuring it.

These files are listed in the **Files installed with your application** section of the app.

to add files to the list:

- 1 Click the plus button in the field.
- 2 Select the desired file from the file explorer.
- 3 Click **OK** to close the file explorer.

To remove files from the list:

- 1 Select the desired file.
- 2 Press the **Delete** key.

Caution Removing the binary targets from the list results in an installer that does not install the intended functionality.

When installed on a target computer, the files listed in the **Files installed with your application** are placed in the application folder.

Manage Support Packages

Many MATLAB toolboxes use support packages to interact with hardware or to provide additional processing capabilities. If your MATLAB code uses a toolbox with an installed support package, MATLAB Compiler displays a **Suggested Support Packages** section.

Suggested Support Packages

| Package | Product |
|---|--------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Digilent Analog Discovery | Data Acquisition Toolbox |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DirectSound Audio | Data Acquisition Toolbox |

▼ Additional Installer Options

Default installation folder:

* This program requires:
 -- Digilent WaveForms from <http://www.digilentinc.com> available at http://www.digilentinc.com/Data/Products/WAVEFORMS/digilent.waveforms_v2.4.4.exe

The list displays all installed support packages that your MATLAB code requires. The list is determined using these criteria:

- the support package is installed
- your code has a direct dependency on the support package
- your code is dependent on the base product of the support package

- your code is dependent on at least one of the files listed as a dependency in the `mcc.xml` file of the support package, and the base product of the support package is MATLAB

Deselect support packages that are not required by your application.

Some support packages require third-party drivers that MATLAB Compiler cannot package. In this case, the compiler adds the information to the installation notes. You can edit installation notes in the **Additional Installer Options** section of the app. To remove the installation note text, deselect the support package with the third-party dependency.


Caution Any text you enter beneath the generated text will be lost if you deselect the support package.

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Common Integration Tasks

.NET Developer

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

In “The Magic Square Component in an Enterprise C# Application” on page 1-27, and in “Integrate Your .NET Component In a C# Application” on page 1-20 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.

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 naming guidelines 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.

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.

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 11-3 for complete tables detailing type-to-type data conversion rules using MATLAB Builder NE.

Tip Learn about creating type-safe interfaces for .NET components, in order to avoid data conversion tasks with `MWArray`. See “Generate and Implement Type-Safe Interfaces” on page 7-2 for details.

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 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.

Note For information about these data conversion classes, see the *MATLAB MWArray Class Library Reference*, available in the `matlabroot\help\dotnetbuilder\MWArrayAPI` folder, where `matlabroot` represents your MATLAB installation folder. If you set your help preference to read locally installed documentation, click this link [MWArray Class Library Reference](#).

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 9-26 for more information and a complete end-to-end example.

Automatic Casting to MATLAB Types

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.

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.

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.

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 11-3 for a list of all the data types that are supported along with their equivalent types in the MATLAB product.

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.

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,  
9.000000}, {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.

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.

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 11-15 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 5-5.

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.

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.

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 11-3 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 MWArray[] randvectors(int numArgsOut)  
public void randvectors(int numArgsOut, ref MWArray[] varargout)
```

Usage Example

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

```
MyVarargOutClass myClass = new MyVarargOutClass();  
MWArray[] 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 `MWArray` 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.

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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 *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

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MATLAB Array

MWObjectArray, a special subclass of MWArray, lets you create a MATLAB array that references .NET objects.

Note For information about these data conversion classes, see the *MATLAB MArray Class Library Reference*, available in the `matlabroot\help\dotnetbuilder\MWArrayAPI` folder, where `matlabroot` represents your MATLAB installation folder. If you set your help preference to read locally installed documentation, click this link [MWArray Class Library Reference](#).

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 5-20, 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” on page 5-63 (C#) and the “Optimization (Visual Basic)” on page 5-97.

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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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.

Tip Learn about creating type-safe interfaces for .NET components, in order to avoid data conversion tasks with `MWArray`. See “Generate and Implement Type-Safe Interfaces” on page 7-2 for details.

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 5-31 and “Microsoft® Visual Basic® Integration Examples” on page 5-70.

MATLAB Array Indexing

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

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.

Don't keep the array in MATLAB type; convert it to a native array first. See “Data Conversion” on page 16-9 for an example of native type conversion.

Block Console Display When Creating Figures

- “WaitForFiguresToDie Method” on page 5-26
- “Using WaitForFiguresToDie to Block Execution” on page 5-27

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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

Note As of R2009b, native memory management for `mxArray` is automatically handled by .NET's CLR memory manager. There is no longer a reason to manually disable native memory management when working with `mxArray`. 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

- “Purpose” on page 5-31
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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.

Note For information about these data conversion classes, see the *MATLAB MWArray Class Library Reference*, available in the `matlabroot\help\dotnetbuilder\MWArrayAPI` folder, where `matlabroot` represents your MATLAB installation folder. If you set your help preference to read locally installed documentation, click this link [MWArray Class Library Reference](#).

- 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 From the MATLAB apps gallery, open the **Library Compiler** app.
- 4 Build the .NET component. See the instructions in “Create a .NET Component From MATLAB Code” 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 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

Note This example is similar to “Simple Plot” on page 5-31, except that the MATLAB function to be encapsulated takes a variable number of arguments instead of just one.

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 information about these data conversion classes, see the *MATLAB MWArray Class Library Reference*, available in the `matlabroot\help\dotnetbuilder\MWArrayAPI` folder, where `matlabroot` represents your MATLAB installation folder. If you set your help preference to read locally installed documentation, click this link [MWArray Class Library Reference](#).

- 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.  
  
for idx = 1:nargout  
    varargout{idx}= coords(idx,:);  
end
```

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

- 3 From the MATLAB apps gallery, open the **Library Compiler** app.
- 4 Build the .NET component. See the instructions in “Create a .NET Component From MATLAB Code” 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 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

- “Purpose” on page 5-41
- “Procedure” on page 5-43

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 MWArray class hierarchy to represent data

Note For information about these data conversion classes, see the *MATLAB MWArray Class Library Reference*, available in the `matlabroot\help\dotnetbuilder\MWArrayAPI` folder, where `matlabroot` represents your MATLAB installation folder. If you set your help preference to read locally installed documentation, click this link [MWArray Class Library Reference](#).

- 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 From the MATLAB apps gallery, open the **Library Compiler** app.
- 4 Build the .NET component. See the instructions in “Create a .NET Component From MATLAB Code” 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.  
//
```

```
// Copyright 2001-2012 The MathWorks, Inc.
//
// *****

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 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

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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

Note For information about these data conversion classes, see the *MATLAB MWArray Class Library Reference*, available in the `matlabroot\help\dotnetbuilder\MWArrayAPI` folder, where `matlabroot` represents your MATLAB installation folder. If you set your help preference to read locally installed documentation, click this link [MWArray Class Library Reference](#).

- 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`, `lucomp`, and `qrcomp` functions is already in your work folder in `MatrixMathExample\MatrixMathComp\`.

- 3 From the MATLAB apps gallery, open the **Library Compiler** app.
- 4 Build the .NET component. See the instructions in “Create a .NET Component From MATLAB Code” on page 1-13 for more details. Use the following information:

| | |
|------------------|------------------------|
| Project Name | MatrixMathComp |
| Class Name | Factor |
| Files to compile | cholesky lucomp qrcomp |

- 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.cs  
// 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.ludecomp(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.qrdecomp(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);  
...  
argOut= factor.ludecomp(2, matrix);  
...  
argOut= factor.qrdecomp(2, matrix);  
...
```

Note See “Understanding the MatrixMath Program” on page 5-56 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 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.

L = chol(A);
```

ludecomp.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.

[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.
```

```
[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.

Phone Book

- “Purpose” on page 5-56
- “Procedure” on page 5-57

Purpose

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

Note For information about these data conversion classes, see the *MATLAB MArray Class Library Reference*, available in the `matlabroot\help\dotnetbuilder\MArrayAPI` folder, where `matlabroot` represents your MATLAB installation folder. If you set your help preference to read locally installed documentation, click this link [MArray Class Library Reference](#).

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 From the MATLAB apps gallery, open the **Library Compiler** app.

- 4 Build the .NET component. See the instructions in “Create a .NET Component From MATLAB Code” 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;
```


- 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 `PhoneBookCSApp` 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 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

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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.

Note For information about these data conversion classes, see the *MATLAB MWArray Class Library Reference*, available in the `matlabroot\help\dotnetbuilder\MWArrayAPI` folder, where `matlabroot` represents your MATLAB installation folder. If you set your help preference to read locally installed documentation, click this link [MWArray Class Library Reference](#).

- 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\VS8\NET\Examples\OptimizeExample\OptimizeC`

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\VS8\NET\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 “MCR Path Settings for Development and Testing” on page 6-5.

- 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\VS8\NET\Examples\OptimizeExample\OptimizeC*

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 From the MATLAB apps gallery, open the **Library Compiler** app.
- 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 Library Compiler, use the following information:

| | |
|-----------------|----------------------------|
| 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\VS8\NET\Examples\OptimizeExample\OptimizeC*. 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 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 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
```

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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
```

Note The sample applications that follow use the same components as those developed in “Create a .NET Component From MATLAB Code” on page 1-13 and “C# Integration Examples” on page 5-31. 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.

Magic Square (Visual Basic)

To create the component for this example, see the first several steps in “Create a .NET Component From MATLAB Code” on page 1-13. 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\MagicSquareVApp
```

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.

Note For information about these data conversion classes, see the *MATLAB MWArray Class Library Reference*, available in the `matlabroot\help\dotnetbuilder\MWArrayAPI` folder, where `matlabroot` represents your MATLAB installation folder. If you set your help preference to read locally installed documentation, click this link [MWArray Class Library Reference](#).

- 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 `MagicSquareVApp` folder contains a Visual Studio .NET project file for each example. Open the project in Visual Studio .NET for this example by double-clicking `MagicSquareVApp.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” on page 5-31. Then create a Visual Basic application as follows:

- 1 Review the sample application for this example in `matlabroot\toolbox\dotnetbuilder\Examples\VSversionnumber\NET\PlotExample\PlotVApp\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

Note For information about these data conversion classes, see the *MATLAB MWArray Class Library Reference*, available in the `matlabroot\help\dotnetbuilder\MWArrayAPI` folder, where `matlabroot` represents your MATLAB installation folder. If you set your help preference to read locally installed documentation, click this link [MWArray Class Library Reference](#).

- 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.

- a 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 desktop by right-clicking **PlotVBAApp.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 `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 (Visual Basic)

To create the component for this example, see “Passing Variable Arguments” on page 5-36. 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

Note For information about these data conversion classes, see the *MATLAB MWArray Class Library Reference*, available in the `matlabroot\help\dotnetbuilder\MWArrayAPI` folder, where `matlabroot` represents your MATLAB installation folder. If you set your help preference to read locally installed documentation, click this link [MWArray Class Library Reference](#).

- 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 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 (Visual Basic)

To create the component for this example, see the first few steps of the “Spectral Analysis” on page 5-41. 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.
'
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'
' *****

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)
            End Try
        End Sub
    End Class
End Namespace
```

```
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 information about these data conversion classes, see the *MATLAB MWArray Class Library Reference*, available in the `matlabroot\help\dotnetbuilder\MWArrayAPI` folder, where `matlabroot` represents your MATLAB installation folder. If you set your help preference to read locally installed documentation, click this link [MWArray Class Library Reference](#).

- 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.

- The `SpectraVBApp` folder contains a Visual Studio .NET project file for this example. Open the project in Visual Studio .NET by double-clicking `SpectraVBApp.vbproj` in Windows Explorer. You can also open it from the desktop by right-clicking **SpectraVBApp.vbproj > Open Outside MATLAB**.
- 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 (Visual Basic)

To create the component for this example, see the first few steps in “Matrix Math” on page 5-48. 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\MatrixMathVApp\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 5-56 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 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.

Phone Book (Visual Basic)

- “makephone Function” on page 5-91
- “Procedure” on page 5-91

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* API documentation.

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 From the MATLAB apps gallery, open the **Library Compiler** app.
- 4 Build the .NET component. See the instructions in “Create a .NET Component From MATLAB Code” 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\PhoneBookVApp\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())  
    End Sub  
End Module
```

```
' 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())

' 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 MArray = 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 `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 thePhoneBookVBApp application using Visual Studio .NET.

- ▣ 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 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 PhoneBookVComp 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 (Visual Basic)

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.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 information about these data conversion classes, see the *MATLAB MArray Class Library Reference*, available in the `matlabroot\help\dotnetbuilder\MArrayAPI` folder, where `matlabroot` represents your MATLAB installation folder. If you set your help preference to read locally installed documentation, click this link [MArray Class Library Reference](#).

- 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\VS8\NET\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 “MCR Path Settings for Development and Testing” on page 6-5.

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\VS8\NET\OptimizeExample\OptimizeC`

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 From the MATLAB apps gallery, open the **Library Compiler** app.

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 Library Compiler, use the following information:

| | |
|-----------------|----------------------------|
| 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\VS8\NET\OptimizeExample\OptimizeV*. 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 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 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 invalid  
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 “Create a .NET Component From MATLAB Code” on page 1-13.

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.

Note For information about these data conversion classes, see the *MATLAB MWArray Class Library Reference*, available in the `matlabroot\help\dotnetbuilder\MWArrayAPI` folder, where `matlabroot` represents your MATLAB installation folder. If you set your help preference to read locally installed documentation, click this link [MWArray Class Library Reference](#).

To avoid using data conversion classes, see “Generate and Implement Type-Safe Interfaces” on page 7-2.

For More Information

| If you want to... | See... |
|---|--|
| Learn how to build a component | “Create a .NET Component From MATLAB Code” on page 1-13 |
| Perform basic integration tasks using C# code | “Integrate Your .NET Component In a C# Application” on page 1-20 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic MATLAB Programmer tasks • How the deployment products process your MATLAB functions • How the deployment products work together | “Write Deployable MATLAB Code” on page 2-10 |
| Learn about supported MATLAB Builder NE targets | “Supported Compilation Targets” on page 3-2 |
| Learn about creating type-safe interfaces, in order to avoid data conversion tasks with <code>MWArray</code> . | “Generate and Implement Type-Safe Interfaces” on page 7-2 |
| Work with cell arrays and data structures using native .NET types | “Using Native .NET Structure and Cell Arrays” on page 9-7 |

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Deploying Components to End Users

Distributing 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.

Install MATLAB Compiler Runtime (MCR)

The *MATLAB Compiler Runtime (MCR)* is an execution engine made up of the same shared libraries MATLAB uses to enable 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. Download the MCR from the MATLAB Compiler Runtime product page.

The MCR 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** Do not install the MCR in MATLAB installation directories.

4 The MCR installer requires approximately 2 GB of disk space.

Add the MCR Installer to the Installer

This example shows how to include the MCR in the generated installer, using one of the compiler apps. The generated installer contains all files needed to run the standalone application or shared library built with MATLAB Compiler and properly lays them out on a target system.

1 On the **Packaging Options** section of the compiler interface, select one or both of the following options:

- **Runtime downloaded from web** — This option builds an installer that invokes the MCR installer from the MathWorks Web site.
- **Runtime included in package** — The option includes the MCR installer into the generated installer.

2 Click **Package**.

3 Distribute the installer as needed.

Install the MCR

This example shows how to install the MATLAB Compiler Runtime (MCR) on a system.

If you are given an installer containing the compiled artifacts, then the MCR is installed along with the application or shared library. If you are given just the raw binary files, download the MCR installer from the Web and run the installer.

Note 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.

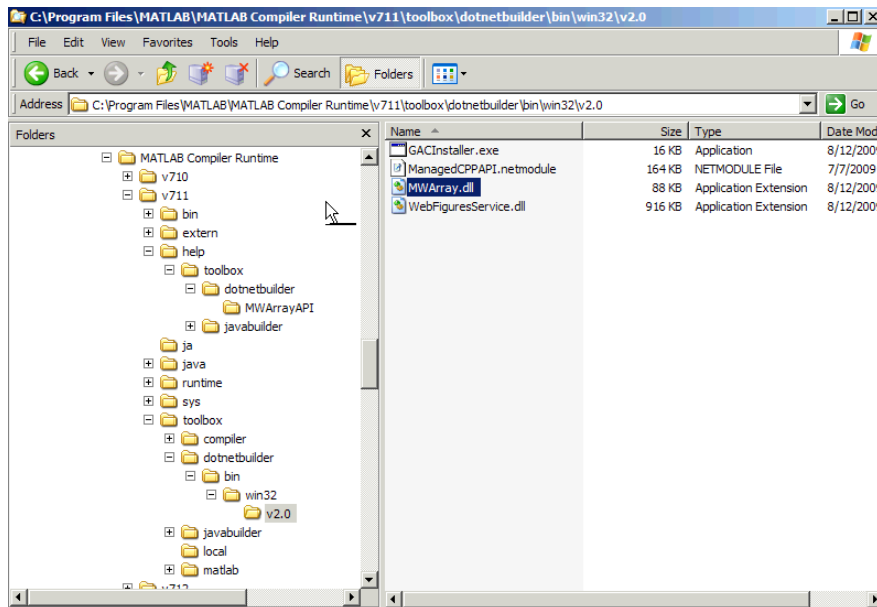
Where to find the MWArray API

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

Tip Learn about creating type-safe interfaces for .NET components, in order to avoid data conversion tasks with `MWArray`. See “Generate and Implement Type-Safe Interfaces” on page 7-2 for details.



Sample Directory Structure of the MCR Including MWArray.dll

MCR Path Settings for Development and Testing

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“Linux Settings for Development and Testing” on page 6-6

“Mac Settings for Development and Testing” on page 6-6

Overview

The following information is for developers developing applications that use libraries or components that contain compiled MATLAB code. These settings are required on the machine where you are developing your application.

Note For *matlabroot*, substitute the MATLAB root folder on your system. Type `matlabroot` to see this folder name.

Path for Java Development on All Platforms

There are additional requirements when programming in the Java programming language.

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.

Windows Settings for Development and Testing

When programming with components that are generated with MATLAB Compiler, add the following folder to your system PATH environment variable:

```
matlabroot\runtime\win32|win64
```

Linux Settings for Development and Testing

Add the following platform-specific folders to your dynamic library path.

Note For readability, the following commands appear on separate lines, but you must enter each `setenv` command on one line.

Linux (64-bit)

```
setenv LD_LIBRARY_PATH
    matlabroot/runtime/glnxa64:
    matlabroot/bin/glnxa64:
    matlabroot/sys/os/glnxa64:
```

Mac Settings for Development and Testing

Add the following platform-specific folders to your dynamic library path.

Note For readability, the following commands appear on separate lines, but you must enter each `setenv` command on one line.

Mac

```
setenv DYLD_LIBRARY_PATH
    matlabroot/runtime/maci64:
    matlabroot/bin/maci64:
    matlabroot/sys/os/maci64:
```

MCR Path Settings for Run-time Deployment

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“Path for Java Applications on All Platforms” on page 6-7

“Windows Path for Run-Time Deployment” on page 6-7

“Linux Paths for Run-Time Deployment” on page 6-8

“Mac Paths for Run-Time Deployment” on page 6-8

General Path Guidelines

Regardless of platform, be aware of the following guidelines with regards to placing specific folders on the path:

- Always avoid including `bin` or `arch` on the path. Failure to do so may inhibit ability to run multiple MCR instances.
- Ideally, set the environment in a separate shell script to avoid run-time errors caused by path-related issues.

Path for Java Applications on All Platforms

When your users run applications that contain compiled MATLAB code, you must instruct them to set the path so that the system can find the MCR.

Note When you deploy a Java application to end users, they must set the class path on the target machine.

The system needs to find `.jar` files containing the MATLAB libraries. To tell the system how to locate the `.jar` files it needs, specify a `classpath` either in the `javac` command or in your system environment variables.

Windows Path for Run-Time Deployment

The following folder should be added to the system path:

```
mcr_root\version\runtime\win32|win64
```

where *mcr_root* refers to the complete path where the MCR library archive files are installed on the machine where the application is to be run.

mcr_root is version specific; you must determine the path after you install the MCR.

Note If you are running the MCR Installer on a shared folder, be aware that other users of the share may need to alter their system configuration.

Linux Paths for Run-Time Deployment

Use these `setenv` commands to set your MCR run-time paths.

```
setenv LD_LIBRARY_PATH
  mcr_root/version/runtime/glnxa64:
  mcr_root/version/bin/glnxa64:
  mcr_root/version/sys/os/glnxa64:
```

Mac Paths for Run-Time Deployment

Use these `setenv` commands to set your MCR run-time paths.

```
setenv DYLD_LIBRARY_PATH
  mcr_root/version/runtime/maci64:
  mcr_root/version/bin/maci64:
  mcr_root/version/sys/os/maci64:
  mcr_root/sys/java/jar/maci64/jre/lib/server
```

MCR Run-Time Options

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“Getting MCR Option Values Using MWMCR” on page 6-9

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.

| MWMCR Method | Purpose |
|--|---|
| <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:

| MCR Run-Time Option | Default Option Values |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| .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

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“For More Information” on page 6-14

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 6-13 option.

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.

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`'s `-C` option.

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 `mxArrays`, consisting of a mapping from string keys to `mxArray` 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 6-15.

For more information, see “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.

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™.

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;
parpool;
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']);
delete(gcf);
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] = uigetfile('*.settings');
                    % let the USER select file
    setmcruserdata('ParallelProfile',
                    [profile]);
end
```

Step 3: Compile Your Function

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 Library Compiler as follows:

- 1 Follow the steps in “Create a .NET Component From MATLAB Code” 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 |

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.

- 2 To deploy the compiled application, copy the `for_redistribution_files_only` folder, which contains the following, to your end users.
 - netPctComp.dll
 - MWArray.dll
 - MCR Installer
 - Cluster profile

Note The end user’s target machine must have access to the cluster.

Tip Learn about creating type-safe interfaces for .NET components, in order to avoid data conversion tasks with `MWArray`. See “Generate and Implement Type-Safe Interfaces” on page 7-2 for details.

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 “Integrate Your .NET Component In a C# Application” on page 1-20 for more information.

Note This example code was written using Microsoft Visual Studio 2008.

```
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:



```
cmd file:///C:/pct_compile/builderNE/deploy/PciNet/bin/Debug/PciNet.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


- “Generate and Implement Type-Safe Interfaces” on page 7-2
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- “Create Managed Extensibility Framework (MEF) Plug-Ins” on page 7-33

Generate and Implement Type-Safe Interfaces

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| “Advantages of Implementing a Type-Safe Interface” on page 7-4 |
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| “Implementing a Type-Safe Interface” on page 7-7 |

Type-Safe Interfaces: An Alternative to Manual Data Marshaling

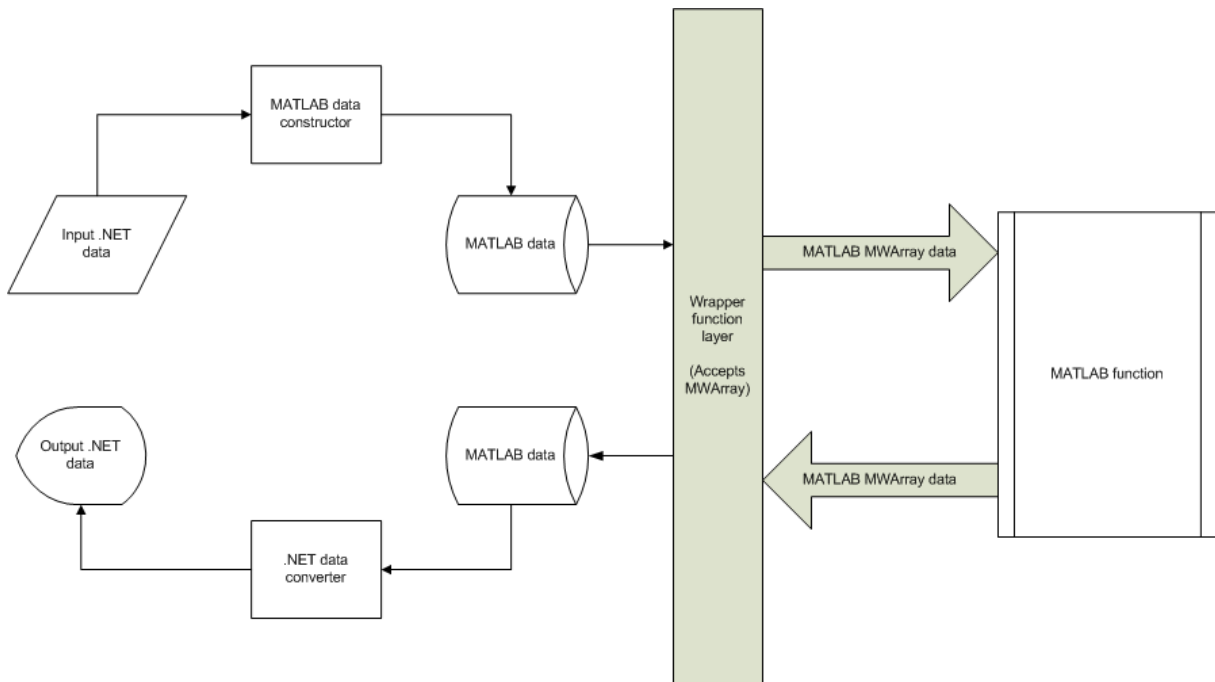
.NET Developer

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

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).

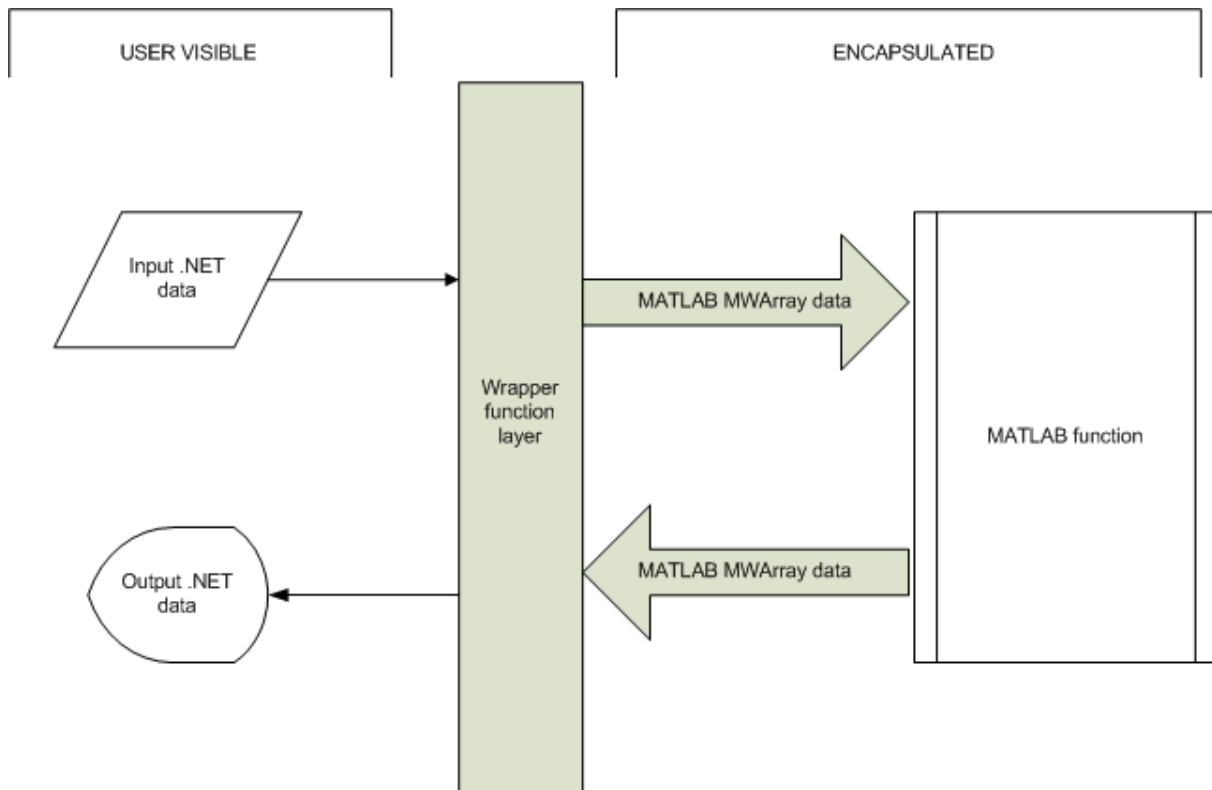


Manual Data Marshaling Without a Type-Safe Interface

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 `MWArray` data marshaling by using *type-safe interfaces*. Such interfaces minimize explicit type conversions by hiding the `MWArray` 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`.

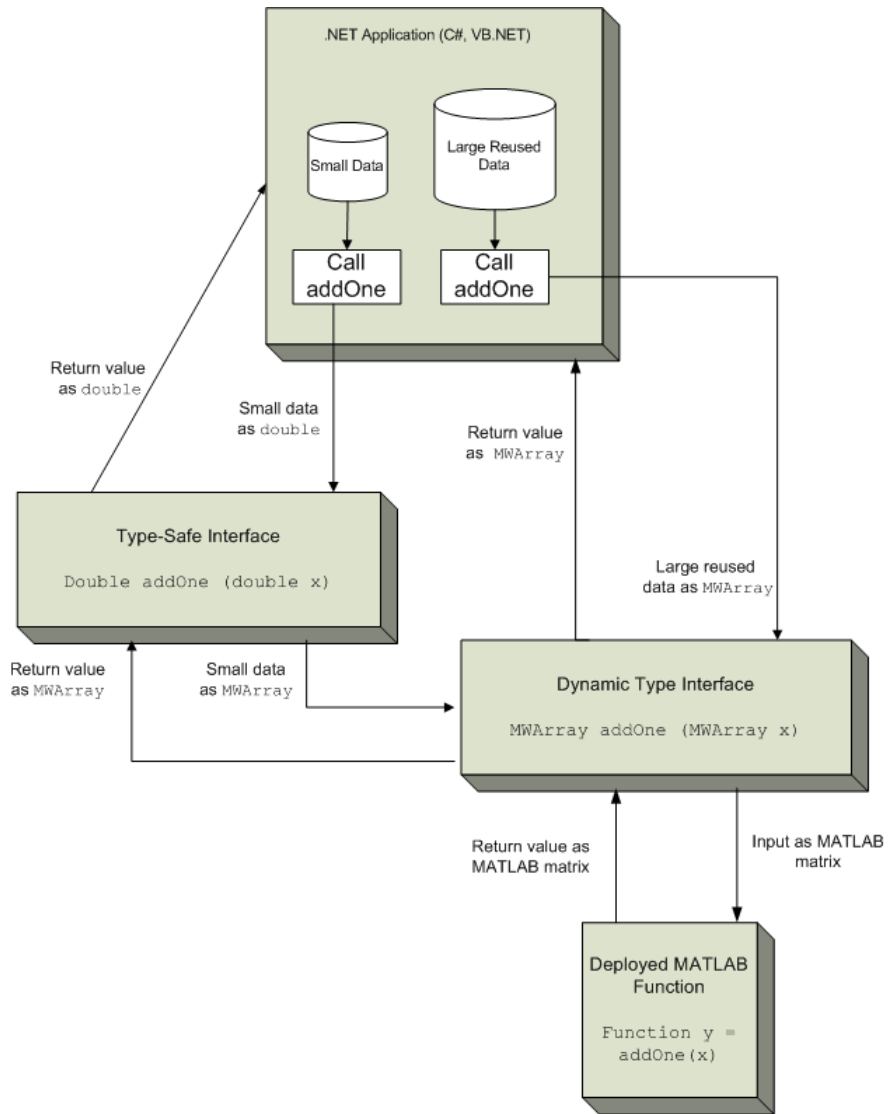
- **You minimize cost of data you must marshal** by either placing `MWArray` objects in type-safe interfaces or by calling `MWArray`-based functions in the deployed component.
- **Flexibility — you mix type-safe interfaces with manual data marshaling** to accommodate data of varying sizes and access 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 7-6 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 9-18) because it requires performing a number of medium-to-advanced programming tasks.

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.

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 7-20
- 2 “Develop Your Interface Using Native .NET Types” on page 7-8
- 3 “Build Your Component and Generate Your Type-Safe API” on page 7-22
- 4 “Develop a Main Program Using Your Interface” on page 7-13

5 “Compile the Main Program” on page 7-15

6 “Run the Main Program” on page 7-16

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.

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 11-6 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 Library Compiler or the deployment command line tools to generate the type-safe API.

Using the Library Compiler. The Library Compiler generates the type-safe API, when you build your component, if the correct options are selected.

1 Create your Library Compiler project.

When defining your project, use these values:

| | |
|-----------------|------------|
| Project Name | AddOneComp |
| Class Name | Mechanism |
| File to compile | addOne |

Note *Do not* click the **Package** button at this time.

2 Expand the **Additional Runtime Settings** section.

3 On the **Type-Safe API** tab, do the following:

- 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.

Note Leave the **Namespace** field blank.

- 4** Build the project as usual by clicking the **Package** 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... |
|----------------------|--|
| IAddOne.dll | The .NET native type interface IAddOne |
| MechanismIAddOne.dll | The generated type-safe API |
| AddOneCompNative.dll | 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
```

Create Windows Communications Foundation (WCF)™-Based Components

In this section...


“What Is WCF?” on page 7-17

“Before Running the WCF Example” on page 7-18

“Deploying a WCF-Based Component” on page 7-19

What Is WCF?

.NET Developer

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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 both .NET Remoting (“Creating a Remotable .NET Component” on page 9-8) and native .NET types(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 “Generate and Implement Type-Safe Interfaces” on page 7-2 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 9-18) 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 7-20
- 2 “Develop Your WCF Interface” on page 7-20
- 3 “Build Your Component and Generate Your Type-Safe API” on page 7-22
- 4 “Develop Server Program Using the WCF Interface” on page 7-24
- 5 “Compile the Server Program” on page 7-27
- 6 “Run the Server Program” on page 7-27
- 7 “Generate Proxy Code for Clients” on page 7-28
- 8 “Compile the Client Program” on page 7-29
- 9 “Run the Client Program” on page 7-32

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 7-8 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 7-8.

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 Library Compiler or the deployment command line tools to generate the type-safe API.

Using the Library Compiler. The Library Compiler generates the type-safe API, when you build your component, if the correct options are selected.

1 Create your Library Compiler project.

When defining your project, use these values:

| | |
|-----------------|------------|
| Project Name | AddOneComp |
| Class Name | Mechanism |
| File to compile | addOne |

Note *Do not* click the **Package** button at this time.

2 Expand the **Additional Runtime Settings** section.

3 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.

Note Leave the **Namespace** field blank.

- 4** Build the project as usual by clicking the **Package** 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 5-25 in this documentation.

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 7-29 for information about modifying port configurations.

| Method 1 | Method 2 |
|--|---|
| <p>1 In the Solutions Explorer pane, right-click References.</p> <p>2 Select Add Service Reference. The Add Service Reference dialog box appears.</p> <p>3 In the Address field, enter: <code>http://localhost:8001/AddMaster/</code></p> <hr/> <p>Note Be sure to include the / following AddMaster.</p> <hr/> <p>4 In the Namespace field, enter AddMasterClient.</p> <p>5 Click OK.</p> | <p>1 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>Note Enter the above command on one line, without breaks.</p> <hr/> <p>2 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....
```

Create Managed Extensibility Framework (MEF) Plug-Ins

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What Is MEF?

.NET Developer

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

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 “Generate and Implement Type-Safe Interfaces” on page 7-2 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 9-18) 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 7-37
- 2** “Create a Contract Interface Assembly” on page 7-39
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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**.

Note Ensure **Add to solution** is selected in the **Solution** drop-down box.

- 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**.

Note Ensure **Add to solution** is selected in the **Solution** drop-down box.

- 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 the **Library Compiler** app to create .NET components from the MATLAB functions and associated metadata.

Use the information in these tables to create both Addition and Multiplication projects.


Note Since you are deploying two functions, you need to run the **Library Compiler** app *twice*, once using the Addition.prj information and once using the following Multiplication.prj information.

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 Click the **Library Compiler** app in the apps gallery.
- 2 Create your component, following the instructions in “Create a .NET Component From MATLAB Code” on page 1-13.
- 3 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 |

- 4 Click the Package 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.

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.

- 3 Copy the two `componentNative.dlls` (Addition and Multiplication) and `AddICompute.dll` and `MultiplyICompute.dll` assemblies from your into `MEFHost/Parts`.

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.

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.dll` cannot be loaded commonly?

Ensure that you:

- Installed `MWArray.dll` in the Global Assembly Cache (GAC).
- Match the bit-depth of `MWArray.dll` 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.dll` 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 `mc1mcrnt` 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.dll` installed in the Global Assembly Cache (GAC).

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WebFigures

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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 8-6, 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 the MATLAB renderer.

For more information about MATLAB renderers, see the MATLAB documentation.

Note The WebFigures feature does not support the `Painter` renderer due to technical limitations. If this renderer is requested, the `Zbuffer` renderer will be invoked before the data is displayed on the Web page.

WebFigures Prerequisites

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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 8-3 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 8-6 and “Advanced Configuration of a WebFigure” on page 8-13.

WebFigures for .NET Deployment Roles, Responsibilities, and Tasks

| Role | Typical Responsibilities | Tasks |
|-------------------|---|---|
| MATLAB programmer | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand end-user business requirements and the mathematical models needed to support them. • Write MATLAB code. • Build an executable component with MATLAB tools (usually with support from a .NET programmer). | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write and deploy MATLAB code, such as that in “Assumptions About the Examples” on page 8-6. |

WebFigures for .NET Deployment Roles, Responsibilities, and Tasks (Continued)

| Role | Typical Responsibilities | Tasks |
|--|---|--|
| <p>.NET programmer (business-service developer or front-end developer)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Package the component for distribution to end users. • Design and configure the IT environment, architecture, or infrastructure. • Install deployable applications along with the proper version of the MCR. • Create mechanisms for exposing application functionality to the end user. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uses “Quick Start Implementation of WebFigures” on page 8-6 to easily create a graphic, such as a MATLAB figure, that the end user can manipulate over the Web. • Use the “Advanced Configuration of a WebFigure” on page 8-13 to create a flexible, scalable implementation that can meet a number of varied architectural requirements. |

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.

| MATLAB Programmer | .NET Programmer |
|--------------------------|--|
| 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 with a namespace of `MyComponent` and a class of `MyComponentclass`.
- Assume the MATLAB Compiler Runtime (MCR) has been installed. If not, refer to “Distributing 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 8-13 to work with WebFigures unless you are deploying a Web site which is 32-bit only and you have a 32-bit MCR installed.

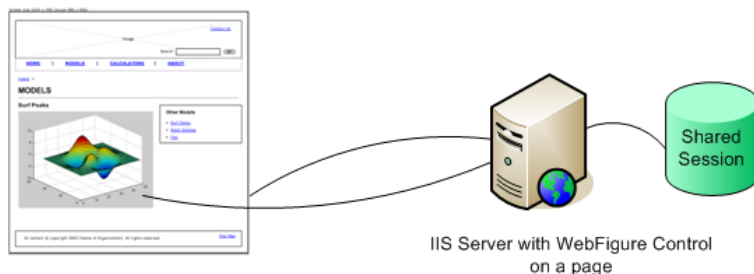
Quick Start Implementation of WebFigures

- “Overview” on page 8-6
- “Procedure” on page 8-7

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 8-2.

- 1 Start Microsoft Visual Studio.
- 2 Select **File > New > Web Site** to open.
- 3 Select one of the template options and click **OK**.

Caution Do not select **Empty Web Site** as it is not possible to create a WebFigure using this option.

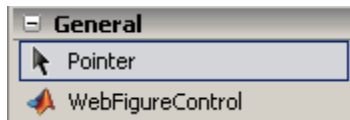
- 4 Add WebFigureControl to the Microsoft Visual Studio toolbar by performing these tasks.
 - a In your Visual Studio project, add a reference to `matlabroot\toolbox\dotnetbuilder\bin\arch\v2.0\WebFiguresService.dll`, (where `matlabroot` is the location of the installed MCR for machines with an installed MCR and `matlabroot` on a MATLAB Builder NE development machine without the MCR installed).

Note If you are running on a system with 64-bit architecture, use the information in “Advanced Configuration of a WebFigure” on page 8-13 to work with WebFigures unless you are deploying a Web site which is 32-bit only and you have a 32-bit MCR installed.

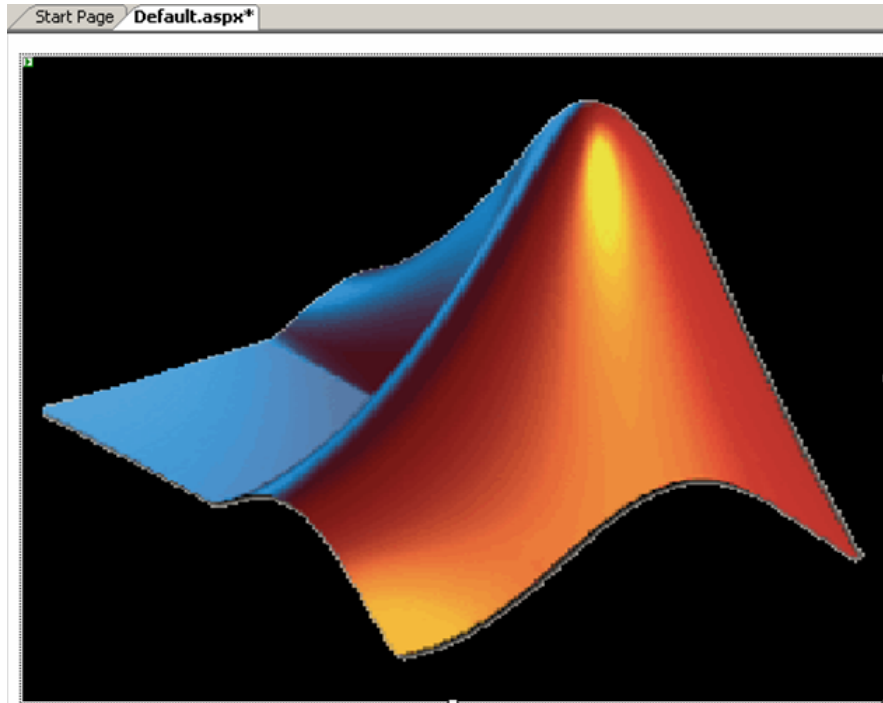
- b** Add the following HTML to display the control on the Web application toolbar:

```
<%@ Page Language="C#" AutoEventWireup="true" CodeFile="Default.aspx.cs" Inherits="Default" %>
<%@ Register assembly="WebFiguresService, Version=2.12.0.0, Culture=neutral, PublicKeyToken=..." %>
<!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD XHTML 1.0 Transitional//EN" "http://www.w3.org/TR/xhtml1/DTD/xhtml1-transitional.dtd">
<html xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml">
<head runat="server">
<title></title>
</head>
<body>
<form id="form1" runat="server">
<div>
<cc1:webfigurecontrol ID="WebFigureControl1" runat="server" />
</div>
</form>
</body>
</html>
```

Once WebFiguresService.dll is referenced and the HTML added, you will see the following WebFigureControl in the **General** section of the Microsoft Visual Studio toolbar:

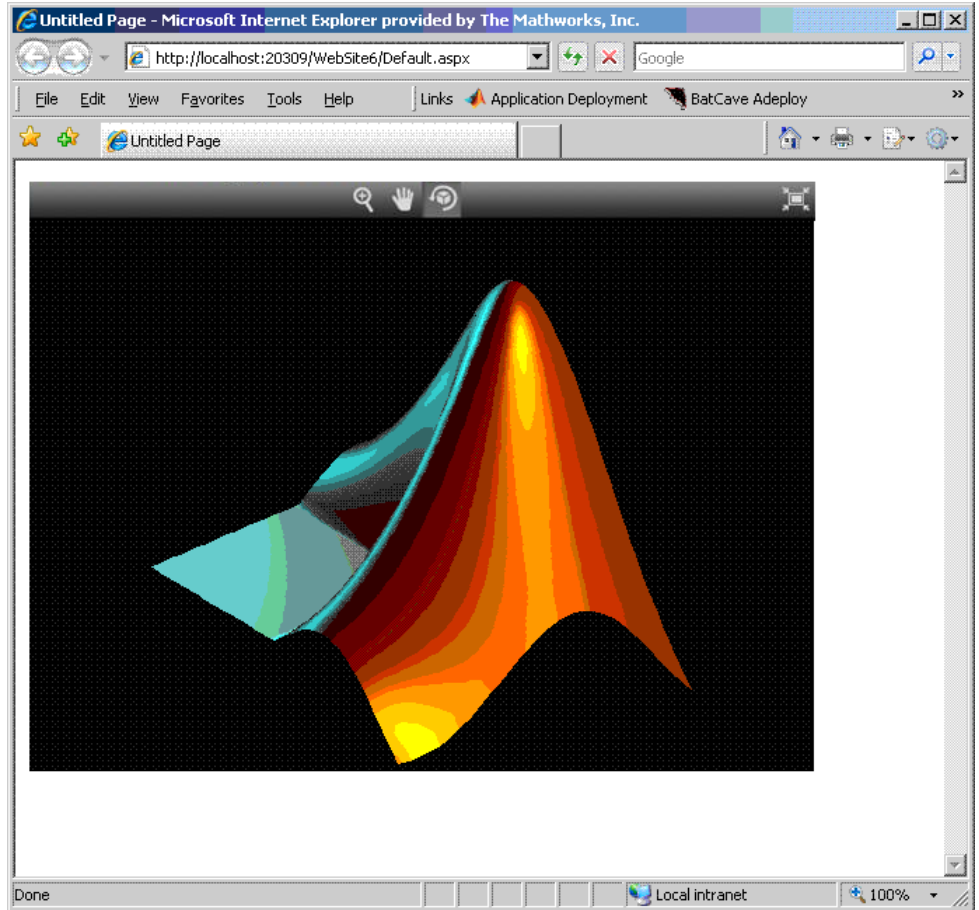


- 5** Drag the WebFigureControl from the toolbar to your Web page. After dragging, the Web page displays the following default figure.



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 8-6). See “Common Integration Tasks” on page 5-2 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.

Note The following code snippets belong to the partial classes generated by your .NET Web page.

- **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

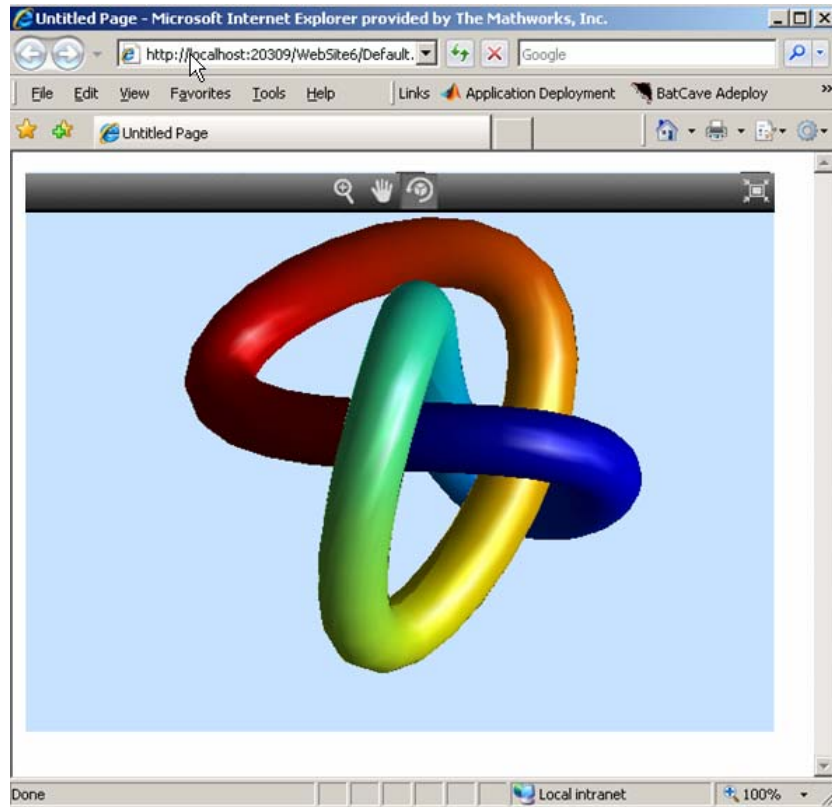
Protected Sub Page_Load(ByVal sender As Object,
                        ByVal e As System.EventArgs)
    Handles Me.Load
    Dim myDeployedComponent As _
```

```
        New MyComponentClass()  
WebFigureControl1.WebFigure = _  
        New WebFigure(myDeployedComponent.getKnot())  
End Sub
```

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 8-27.

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 8-13 for information on creating a custom configuration.

- 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

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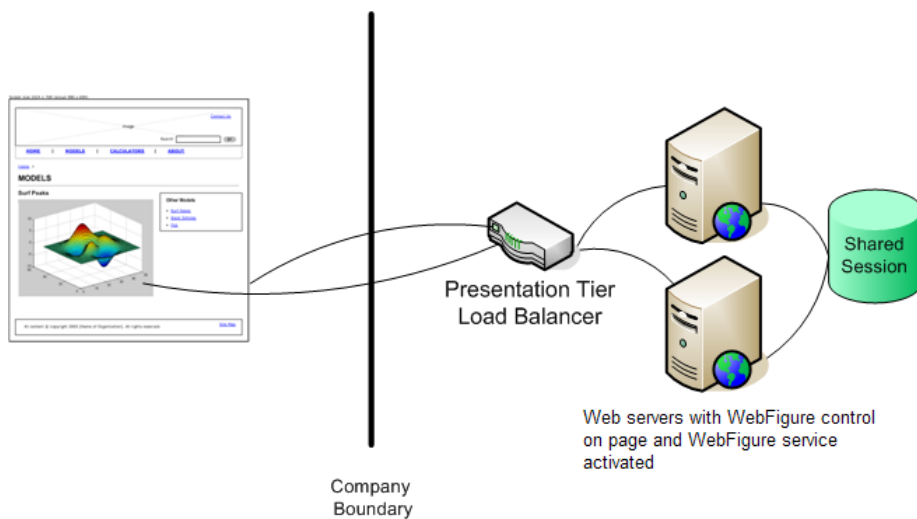
Overview

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.

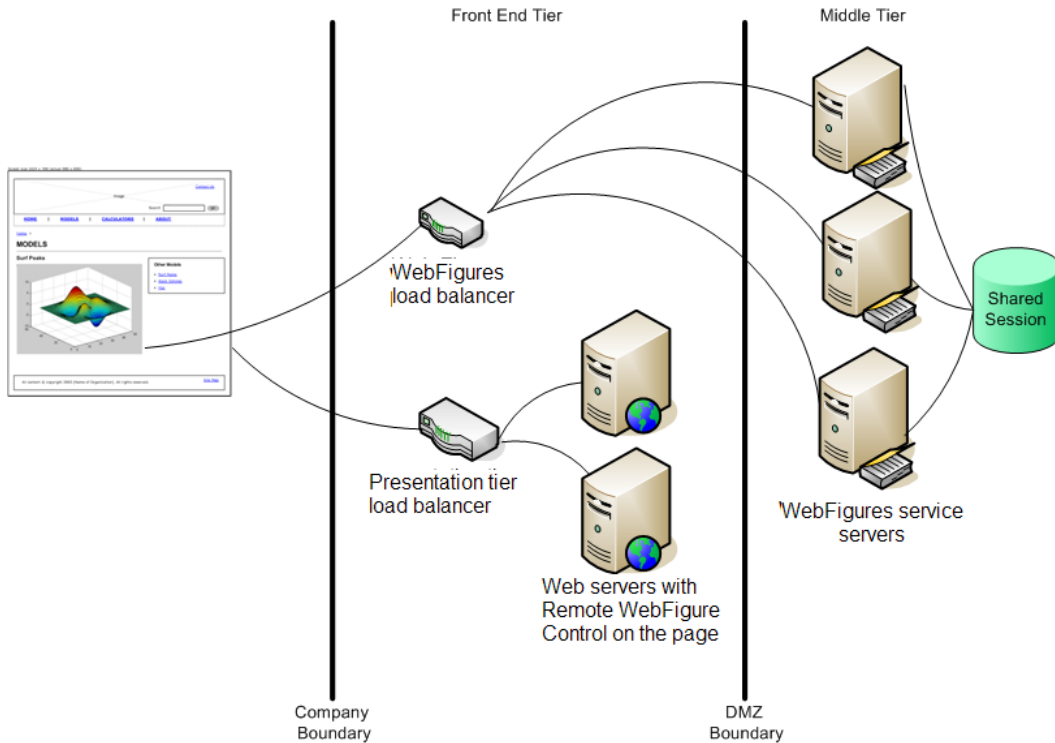
In summary, the advanced configuration offers more choices and adaptability for the user more familiar with Web environments and related technology, as illustrated by the following graphics.

This section describes various ways to customize the basic WebFigures implementation described in “Quick Start Implementation of WebFigures” on page 8-6.

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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 8-6.

- 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 8-6, 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 `matlabroot\toolbox\dotnetbuilder\bin\arch\v2.0` to the project, (where `matlabroot` 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. |

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 8-27.

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 8-6, 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.

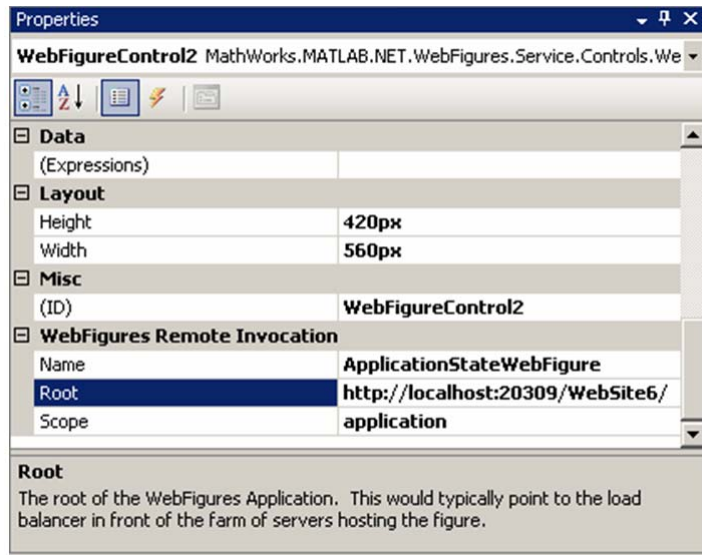
- 1 Drag a `WebFigureControl` from the toolbox onto the page, if you haven’t done so already in “Quick Start Implementation of WebFigures” on page 8-6.

Note If you are running on a system with 64-bit architecture, use the information in “Advanced Configuration of a WebFigure” on page 8-13 to work with WebFigures unless you are deploying a Web site which is 32-bit only and you have a 32-bit MCR installed.

- 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.

The pane should now look like this:



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.

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 8-16 in “Attaching a WebFigure” on page 8-21.

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 8-21.

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 8-6, 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 8-21 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 8-23 or directly from the `Web` page as in “Getting an Embeddable String That References a `WebFigure` Attached to a `WebFigureService`” on page 8-24.

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 8-16.
- `WebFigure` is not attached to `WebFigureService`. See “Attaching a `WebFigure`” on page 8-21.
- Remote root URL is pointing to an invalid server.

Common errors and their diagnosis follow.

| Error | Diagnosis |
|--|---|
| 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 8-21. |
| WebFigureService 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 8-16. |
| 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`.

Create and Modify a MATLAB Figure

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MATLAB Programmer

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

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);
```

Modify and Export 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


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Front-End Web Developer

| Role | Knowledge Base | Responsibilities |
|--|--|---|
|  <p>Front-end Web developer</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No MATLAB experience • Minimal IT experience • Expert at usability and Web page design • Minimal access to IT systems • Expert at ASPX | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As service consumer, manages presentation and usability • Creates front-end applications • Integrates MATLAB code with language-specific frameworks and environments • Integrates WebFigures with the rest of the Web page |

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 *“The MATLAB Application Deployment Web Example Guide”*.

Work 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 8-18.

Work 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 both .NET Remoting (“Creating a Remotable .NET Component” on page 9-8) and native .NET types(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"> Writes and deploys MATLAB code. Creates a deployable, remotable .NET component as in “Creating a Remotable .NET Component” on page 9-8. |
| .NET programmer | Exposes .NET applications to end users. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Writes client/server code to access the remotable component as in “Using the MArray API” on page 9-11 or “Using the Native .NET API: Magic Square” on page 9-18. |

.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 “Create Windows Communications Foundation (WCF)TM-Based Components” on page 7-17).
- 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 “Select the Best Method of Accessing Your Component: MWArray API or Native .NET API” on page 9-6.

Select the Best Method of Accessing Your Component: MArray API or Native .NET API

As of R2008b, there are two data conversion APIs 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 Compiler Runtime (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 9-11.

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 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” on page 9-18.

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)

| | MWArray API | Native .NET API |
|--|-------------|-----------------|
| 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” on page 9-26). | | 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” on page 9-26 for details.

Creating a Remotable .NET Component

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“Building a Remotable Component Using the mcc Command” on page 9-9

“Files Generated by the Compilation Process” on page 9-10

Building a Remotable Component Using the Library Compiler App

- 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`. 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.

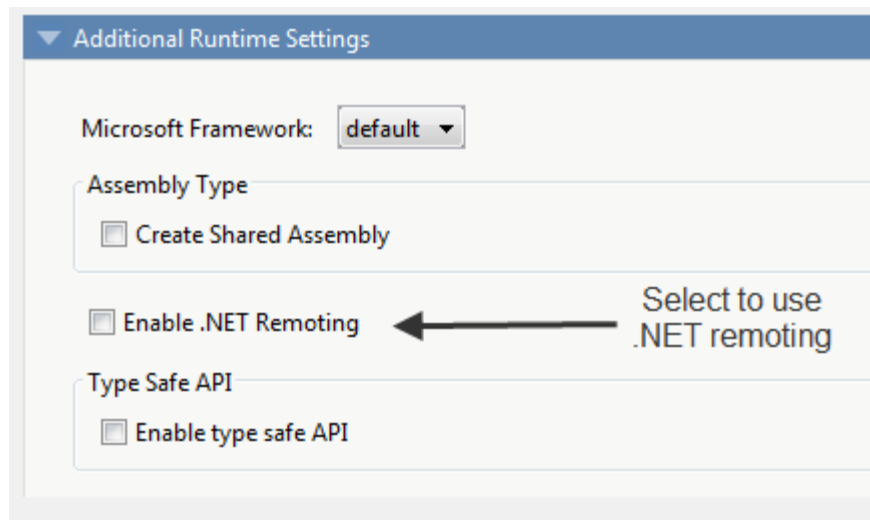
% Copyright 2001-2012 The MathWorks, Inc.

    y = magic(x);

```

3 Click the **Library Compiler** app in the apps gallery.

4 In the Additional Runtime Settings area, select **Enable .NET Remoting**.



5 Build the .NET component. See the instructions in “Create a .NET Component From MATLAB Code” on page 1-13 for more details.

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`.

To build a private remotable component, the `mcc` command to build the component for the .NET 2.0 Framework will look similar to:

```
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

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.NET Developer

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

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 “Select the Best Method of Accessing Your Component: MWArray API or Native .NET API” on page 9-6.

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” on page 9-18.

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 9-8. You can also perform these steps using the MWArray API (see “Using the Native .NET API: Magic Square” on page 9-18).

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 9-12.

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 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

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

.NET Developer

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

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 “Select the Best Method of Accessing Your Component: MWArray API or Native .NET API” on page 9-6.

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 9-11.

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 9-8.

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 9-19. 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 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

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

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 Library Compiler App” on page 9-8 or “Building a Remotable Component Using the `mcc` Command” on page 9-9.

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 9-26. 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:

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();
            }
        }
    }
}
```



```
class NativeStructCellServer
{
    static void Main(string[] args)
    {
        RemotingConfiguration.Configure(
            @"NativeStructCellServer.exe.config");

        Console.WriteLine("NativeStructCell Server started...");

        Console.ReadLine();
    }
}
```


Troubleshooting

This chapter provides some solutions to common problems encountered using the MATLAB Builder NE product.

- “Viewing the Latest Build Log” on page 10-2
- “Failure to Find a Required File” on page 10-3
- “Diagnostic Messages” on page 10-4

Viewing the Latest Build Log

To view the log of your most recent build process, open
/projName/PackagingLog.txt.

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.

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.

See the following table for information about some diagnostic messages.

Diagnostic Messages and Suggested Solutions

| Message | Probable Cause | Suggested Solution |
|--|--|--|
| LoadLibrary (<i>"component_name_1_0.dll"</i>) 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 10-3. |
| | 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"> 1 Use the <code>extractCTF.exe</code> utility to decompress the <code>.ctf</code> file generated by the builder when you built the COM component. 2 Look at the files in the CTF, and note the path for the DLL. 3 Add this path to the system path. |

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 13-3. |
| 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"> 1 Open a DOS window. 2 Change folders to <code>matlabroot\runtime\architecture</code>. 3 Run the following command: <code>mwregsvr mwcomutil.dll</code> <p>(<code>matlabroot</code> is your root MATLAB folder.)</p> |
| Error in VBAProject: ActiveX component can't create object. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project DLL is not registered. • An incompatible MATLAB DLL exists somewhere on the system path. | <p>If the DLL is not registered,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Open a DOS window. 2 Change folders to <code>projectdir\distrib</code>. 3 Run the following command: <code>mwregsvr projectdll.dll</code> <p>(<code>projectdir</code> represents the location of your project files).</p> |

Diagnostic Messages and Suggested Solutions (Continued)

| Message | Probable Cause | Suggested Solution |
|---|--|---|
| 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 5-3 in 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 10-3. |
| 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. | <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use a Variant data type for the return type of the COM object. • Use doubles as default numeric input parameters (rather than integers). <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> |
| Showing a modal dialog box or form when the application is not running in UserInteractive | This warning occurs when ASP.NET code tries to bring up a dialog box. | <p>Work around this problem by doing the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Open the Windows Control Panel. |

Diagnostic Messages and Suggested Solutions (Continued)

| Message | Probable Cause | Suggested Solution |
|--|--|---|
| mode is not a valid operation. Specify the ServiceNotification or DefaultDesktopOnly style to display a notification from a service application. | If occurs because <code>getframe()</code> makes the figure window visible before performing the capture and thus fails when running in IIS. <code>msgbox()</code> calls in MATLAB code cause the warning to appear also. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2 Open Services. 3 From the list of services, select and open the IIS Admin service. 4 In the Properties dialog, on the Log On tab, select Local System Account. 5 Select the option Allow Service to Interact with Desktop. |

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\
CalldmakeerrComp_mcr\compiler\g388611\ca
thy\MagicDemoComp\dmakeerror.m,name
dmakeerror_error2,line at 14.
    at
file H:\compiler\g388611\cathy\MagicDemoCSharpApp\bin\Debug\
CalldmakeerrComp_mcr\compiler\g388611\ca
thy\MagicDemoComp\dmakeerror.m,name
dmakeerror_error1,line at 11.
    at
file H:\compiler\g388611\cathy\MagicDemoCSharpApp\bin\Debug\
CalldmakeerrComp_mcr\compiler\g388611\ca
thy\MagicDemoComp\dmakeerror.m,name dmakeerror,line at 4.
    at
file H:\compiler\g388611\cathy\MagicDemoCSharpApp\bin\Debug\
CalldmakeerrComp_mcr\compiler\g388611\ca
thy\MagicDemoComp\calldmakeerror.m,name
calldmakeerror,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.MWMCR.EvaluateFunction
(Int32 numArgsOut, String functionName, MWA
rray[] argsIn)
    at CalldmakeerrComp.Calldmakeerr.calldmakeerror() in
h:\compiler\g388611\cathy\MagicDemoComp\src\
Calldmakeerr.cs:line 140
    at MathWorks.Demo.MagicSquareApp.MagicDemoApp.Main(String[]
args) in H:\compiler\g388611\cathy\Ma
gicDemoCSharpApp\MagicDemoApp.cs:line 52
```


Reference Information

- “Requirements for the MATLAB® Builder™ NE Product” on page 11-2
- “Data Conversion Rules” on page 11-3
- “Overview of Data Conversion Classes” on page 11-16
- “MWArray Class Specification” on page 11-23
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Requirements for the MATLAB Builder NE Product

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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/.

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.

Data Conversion Rules

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Tip Learn about creating type-safe interfaces for .NET components, in order to avoid data conversion tasks with `MWArray`. See “Generate and Implement Type-Safe Interfaces” on page 7-2 for details.

Managed Types to MATLAB Arrays

The following table lists the data conversion rules used when converting native .NET types to MATLAB arrays.

Note The conversion rules listed in these tables apply to scalars, vectors, matrices, and multidimensional arrays of the native types listed.

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)

| MATLAB Type | .NET Type (Primitive) | .NET Type (Class) | Comments |
|--------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| 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 “Generate and Implement Type-Safe Interfaces” on page 7-2 in this User’s Guide for a complete overview of using type-safe interfaces to generate MATLAB-compatible type-safe arrays.

Note Invalid conversions result in a thrown `ArgumentException`

Conversion Results: .NET Types to MATLAB Types

| .NET Type | Converts to MATLAB Type |
|---|--------------------------------|
| NumericType <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • System.Double • System.Single • System.Byte • System.Int16 • System.Int32 • System.Int64 • System.Int64 | numeric |
| System.Boolean | logical |
| System.Char | char |
| System.String | |

Conversion Results: .NET Types to MATLAB Types (Continued)

| .NET Type | Converts to MATLAB Type |
|--|--|
| NumericType[N] | NumericType[1,N] |
| NumericType[P _n ,...,P ₁ ,M,N] | NumericType[M,N,P ₁ ,...,P _n] |
| System.Boolean[N] | logical [1,N] |
| System.Boolean[P _n ,...,P ₁ ,M,N] | logical [M,N,P ₁ ,...,P _n] |
| System.Char[N] | char [1,N] |
| System.Char[P _n ,...,P ₁ ,M,N] | char [M,N,P ₁ ,...,P _n] |
| System.String[N] | char [N,max_string_length] |
| System.String[P _n ,...,P ₁ ,N] | char [N,max_string_length, P ₁ ,...,P _n] |
| 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)

| .NET Type | Converts to MATLAB Type |
|--|--------------------------------|
| 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. |

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`.

Caution .NET types are not as flexible as MATLAB types. Take care and test appropriately with .NET outputs before integrating data into your applications.

Conversion Rules: MATLAB Char Arrays to .NET Types

| To Convert This MATLAB Type: | To this: | Follow these rules: |
|---|-----------------|---|
| 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

| To Convert This MATLAB Type: | To this: | Follow these rules: |
|---|-----------------|--|
| 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 <i>N</i> -dimensional MATLAB cell array is converted to an <i>N</i> -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

| To Convert This MATLAB Type: | To this: | Follow these rules: |
|---|-----------------|---|
| 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

| To Convert this MATLAB Type: | To this: | Follow these rules: |
|---|--|---|
| .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`

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.

Overview of Data Conversion Classes

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Overview

The data conversion classes are

- MWArray
- MWIndexArray
- MWCellArray
- MWCharacterArray
- MWLogicalArray
- MWNumericArray
- MWStructArray

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

Tip Learn about creating type-safe interfaces for .NET components, in order to avoid data conversion tasks with MWArray. See “Generate and Implement Type-Safe Interfaces” on page 7-2 for details.

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.

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

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.

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.)

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.

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 MWArray[] foo(int numArgsOut)</pre> |
| API if there is one input argument | <pre>public MWArray [] foo(int numArgsOut, MWArray In1)</pre> |
| API if there are two to <i>N</i> input arguments | <pre>public MWArray[] foo(int numArgsOut, MWArray In1, MWArray In2, \... MWArray InN)</pre> |
| API if there are optional arguments, represented by the <code>varargin</code> argument | <pre>public MWArray[] foo(int numArgsOut, MWArray in1, MWArray in2, MWArray InN, params MWArray[] 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, ..., vararginout] =
    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

Tip Learn about creating type-safe interfaces for .NET components, in order to avoid data conversion tasks with MWArray. See “Generate and Implement Type-Safe Interfaces” on page 7-2 for details.

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

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.

Application program interface (API) — A set of classes, methods, and interfaces that is used to develop software applications. Typically an API is used to provide access to specific functionality. 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*.

Boxed Types — Data types used to wrap opaque C structures.

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.

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 documentation.

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

Empties — Arrays of zero (0) dimensions.

Executable — An executable bundle of code, made up of binary bits (zeros and ones) and sometimes called a *binary*.

F

Fields — For this definition in the context of MATLAB Data Structures, see *Structs*.

Fields and Properties — In the context of .NET, *Fields* are specialized classes used to hold data. *Properties* allow users to access class variables as if they were accessing member fields directly, while actually implementing that access through a class method.

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.

Instance — For the definition of this term in context of MATLAB Production Server software, see *MATLAB Production Server Server Instance*.

J

JAR — Java archive. In computing software, a JAR file (or Java ARchive) aggregates many files into one. Software developers 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).

Java-MATLAB Interface — Known as the *JMI Interface*, this is the Java interface built into MATLAB software.

JDK — The *Java Development Kit* is a free Oracle® product which provides the environment required for programming in Java. The JDK™ is available for various platforms, but most notably Oracle 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.

JMI Interface — see *Java-MATLAB Interface*.

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.

MATLAB Production Server Client — In the MATLAB Production Server software, clients are applications written in a language supported by MATLAB Production Server that call deployed functions hosted on a server.

MATLAB Production Server Configuration — An instance of the MATLAB Production Server containing at least one server and one client. Each configuration of the software usually contains a unique set of values in the server configuration file, `main_config`.

MATLAB Production Server Server Instance — A logical server configuration created using the `mps -new` command in MATLAB Production Server software.

MATLAB Production Server Software — Product for server/client deployment of MATLAB programs within your production systems, enabling you to incorporate numerical analytics in enterprise applications. When you use this software, Web, database, and enterprise applications connect to MATLAB programs running on MATLAB Production Server via a lightweight client library, isolating the MATLAB programs from your production system. MATLAB Production Server software consists of one or more servers and clients.

Marshaling — See *Data Marshaling*.

mbuild — MATLAB Compiler command that 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 compiler apps.

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 “Distributing MATLAB Code Using the MATLAB Compiler Runtime (MCR)”.

MCR Singleton — See *Shared MCR Instance*.

MCR Workers — A MATLAB Compiler Runtime session. Using MATLAB Production Server software, you have the option of specifying more than one MCR session, using the `--num-workers` options in the server configurations file.

Method Attribute — In the context of .NET, a mechanism used to specify declarative information to a .NET class. For example, in the context of client programming with MATLAB Production Server software, you specify method attributes to define MATLAB structures for input and output processing.

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, into an installer that can be distributed to others. The compiler apps place the installer in the `for_redistribution` subfolder. In addition to the installer, the compiler apps generate a number of loose artifacts that can be used for testing or building a custom installer.

PID File — See *Process Identification File (PID File)*.

Pool — A pool of threads, in the context of server management using MATLAB Production Server software. Servers created with the software do not allocate a unique thread to each client connection. Rather, when data is available on

a connection, the required processing is scheduled on a *pool*, or group, of available threads. The server configuration file option `--num-threads` sets the size of that pool (the number of available request-processing threads) in the master server process.

Process Identification File (PID File) — A file that documents informational and error messages relating to a running server instance of MATLAB Production Server software.

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.

Properties — For this definition in the context of .NET, see *Fields and Properties*.

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 `mxAArray`.

S

Server Instance — See MATLAB Production Server Server Instance.

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 14-37.

Standalone application — Programs that can be executed on their own and encapsulate a self contained set of MATLAB functionality.

State — The present condition of a the MATLAB, or MCR, runtime. MATLAB functions often carry state in the form of variable values. The MATLAB Workspace itself also maintains information about global variables and path settings. When deploying functions that carry state, you must often take additional steps to ensure state retention when deploying applications that use such functions.

Structs — MATLAB Structures. Structs are MATLAB arrays with elements that you access using textual field designators. Fields are data containers that store data of a specific MATLAB type.

System Compiler — A key part of Interactive Development Environments (IDEs) such as Microsoft Visual Studio.

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Thread — A portion of a program that can run independently of and concurrently with other portions of the program. See *pool* for additional information on managing the number of processing threads available to a server instance.

Type-safe interface — An API that minimizes explicit type conversions by hiding the `MWArray` type from the calling application. Using “Generate and Implement Type-Safe Interfaces” on page 7-2, for example, .NET Developers work directly with familiar native data types. You can avoid performing tedious `MWArray` data marshaling by using type-safe interfaces.

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Web Application Archive (WAR) —In computing, a Web Application Archive 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.

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 Communication Foundation (WCF) — The Windows Communication Foundation™ 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 by client applications.

Function Reference

componentinfo
deploytool
enableTSUtilsfromNetworkDrive
figToImStream
libraryCompiler
mcc
ntswrap

componentinfo

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">• Name - Interface name.• IID - Interface GUID. |
| 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">• Name - Class name.• CLSID - GUID of the class.• ProgID - Version-dependent program ID.• VerIndProgID - Version-independent program ID.• InprocServer32 - Full name and path to component DLL.• 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">▪ IDL - An array of Interface Description Language function prototypes.▪ M - An array of MATLAB function prototypes.▪ C - An array of C-language function prototypes.▪ VB - An array of VBA function prototypes.• Properties - A cell array containing the names of all class properties.• Events - A structure containing function prototypes of all events defined for this class. This structure contains four fields: |

Registry Information Returned by componentinfo (Continued)

| Field | Description |
|-------|--|
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ IDL - An array of Interface Description Language function prototypes. ▪ M - An array of MATLAB function prototypes. ▪ C - An array of C-language function prototypes. ▪ VB - An array of VBA function prototypes. |

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

Purpose Compile and package functions for external deployment

Syntax `deploytool [-win32] [[[-build] | [-project]]project_name]`

Description `deploytool` opens the MATLAB Compiler app.

`deploytool project_name` opens the MATLAB Compiler app with the project preloaded.

`deploytool -build project_name` runs the MATLAB Compiler to build the specified project. The installer is not generated.

`deploytool -package project_name` runs the MATLAB Compiler to build and package the specified project. The installer is generated.

`deploytool -win32` instructs the compiler to build a 32-bit application on a 64-bit system when the following are true:

- You use the same MATLAB installation root (*matlabroot*) for both 32-bit and 64-bit versions of MATLAB.
- You are running from a Windows command line (not a MATLAB command line).

Input Arguments

`project_name` - name of the project to be compiled

Specify the name of a previously saved MATLAB Compiler project. The project must be on the current path.

enableTSUtilsfromNetworkDrive

Purpose Enable access to .NET commands from network drive

Syntax enableTSUtilsfromNetworkDrive

Description enableTSUtilsfromNetworkDrive adds an entry for the MATLAB Builder NE module to the security policy on your machine.

Tips

- Administrator privileges are required to run this command.

Examples To enable use of MATLAB Builder NE on a system, enter the following on the MATLAB command line after logging in with Administrator privileges:

```
enableTSUtilsfromNetworkDrive
```

figToImStream

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 | Build and package functions for use in external applications |
| Syntax | <code>libraryCompiler [-win32] [[[-build] [-project]]<i>project_name</i>]</code> |
| Description | <p><code>libraryCompiler</code> opens the MATLAB shared library compiler for the creation of a new compiler project</p> <p><code>libraryCompiler project_name</code> opens the MATLAB shared library compiler app with the project preloaded.</p> <p><code>libraryCompiler -build project_name</code> runs the MATLAB shared library compiler to build the specified project. The installer is not generated.</p> <p><code>libraryCompiler -package project_name</code> runs the MATLAB shared library compiler to build and package the specified project. The installer is generated.</p> <p><code>libraryCompiler -win32</code> instructs the compiler to build a 32-bit application on a 64-bit system when you use the same MATLAB installation root (<i>matlabroot</i>) for both 32-bit and 64-bit versions of MATLAB.</p> |
| Input Arguments | <p>project_name - name of the project to be compiled</p> <p>Specify the name of a previously saved MATLAB Compiler project. The project must be on the current path.</p> |

Purpose

Compile MATLAB functions for deployment

Syntax

```
mcc {-e} | {-m} [-a filename]... [-B filename[:arg]]... [-C] [-d outFolder]
[-f filename] [-g] [-I directory]... [-K] [-M string] [-N] [-o filename]
[-p path]... [-R option] [-v] [-w option[:msg]] [-win32] [-Y filename]
mfilename
```

```
mcc -l [-a filename]... [-B filename[:arg]]... [-C] [-d outFolder] [-f
filename] [-g] [-I directory]... [-K] [-M string] [-N] [-o filename]
[-p path]... [-R option] [-v] [-w option[:msg]] [-win32] [-Y filename]
mfilename...
```

```
mcc -c [-a filename]... [-B filename[:arg]]... [-C] [-d outFolder] [-f
filename] [-g] [-I directory]... [-K] [-M string] [-N] [-o filename]
[-p path]... [-R option] [-v] [-w option[:msg]] [-win32] [-Y filename]
mfilename...
```

```
mcc -W cpplib:component_name -T link:lib [-a filename]... [-B
filename[:arg]]... [-C] [-d outFolder] [-f filename] [-g] [-I directory]...
[-K] [-M string] [-N] [-o filename] [-p path]... [-R option] [-S] [-v] [-w
option[:msg]] [-win32] [-Y filename] mfilename...
```

```
mcc -W dotnet:component_name,[className], [framework_version],
security,remote_type -T link:lib [-a filename]... [-B filename[:arg]]...
[-C] [-d outFolder] [-f filename] [-I directory]... [-K] [-M string] [-N]
[-p path]... [-R option] [-S] [-v] [-w option[:msg]] [-win32] [-Y filename]
mfilename... [class{className:mfilename}]...
```

```
mcc -W excel:component_name,[className], [version] -T link:lib [-a
filename]... [-b] [-B filename[:arg]]... [-C] [-d outFolder] [-f filename]
[-I directory]... [-K] [-M string] [-N] [-p path]... [-R option] [-u] [-v]
[-w option[:msg]] [-win32] [-Y filename] mfilename...
```

```
mcc -W 'java:packageName,[className]' [-a filename]... [-b]
[-B filename[:arg]]... [-C] [-d outFolder] [-f filename] [-I
directory]... [-K] [-M string] [-N] [-p path]... [-R option]
[-S] [-v] [-w option[:msg]] [-win32] [-Y filename] filename...
[class{className:mfilename}]...
```

```
mcc -W CTF:component_name [-a filename]... [-b] [-B filename[:arg]...]
[-d outFolder] [-f filename] [-I directory]... [-K] [-M string] [-N] [-p
path]... [-R option] [-S] [-v] [-w option[:msg]] [-win32] [-Y filename]
filename... [class{className:[mfilename]}]...
```

```
mcc -?
```

Description

`mcc -m mfilename` compiles the function into a standalone application.

This is equivalent to `-W main -T link:exe`.

`mcc -e mfilename` compiles the function into a standalone application that does not open an MS-DOS® command window.

This is equivalent to `-W WinMain -T link:exe`.

`mcc -l mfilename...` compiles the listed functions into a C shared library and generates C wrapper code for integration with other applications.

This is equivalent to `-W lib:libname -T link:lib`.

`mcc -c mfilename...` generates C wrapper code for the listed functions.

This is equivalent to `-W lib:libname -T codegen`.

`mcc -W cpplib:component_name -T link:lib mfilename...` compiles the listed functions into a C++ shared library and generates C++ wrapper code for integration with other applications.

```
mcc -W
```

```
dotnet:component_name,className,framework_version,security,
remote_type -T link:lib mfilename... creates a .NET
component from the specified files.
```

- *component_name* — Specifies the name of the component and its namespace, which is a period-separated list, such as `companyname.groupname.component`.
- *className* — Specifies the name of the .NET class to be created.
- *framework_version* — Specifies the version of the Microsoft .NET Framework you want to use to compile the component. Specify either:
 - `0.0` — Use the latest supported version on the target machine.
 - *version_major.version_minor* — Use a specific version of the framework.

Features are often version-specific. Consult the documentation for the feature you are implementing to get the Microsoft .NET Framework version requirements.

- *security* — Specifies whether the component to be created is a private assembly or a shared assembly.
 - To create a private assembly, specify `Private`.
 - To create a shared assembly, specify the full path to the encryption key file used to sign the assembly.
- *remote_type* — Specifies the remoting type of the component. Values are `remote` and `local`.

By default, the compiler generates a single class with a method for each function specified on the command line. You can instruct the compiler to create multiple classes using `class{className:mfilename...}....`. *className* specifies the name of the class to create using *mfilename*.

```
mcc -W excel:component_name,className, version -T link:lib  
mfilename... creates a Microsoft Excel component from the specified  
files.
```

- *component_name* — Specifies the name of the component and its namespace, which is a period-separated list, such as `companyname.groupname.component`.

- *className* — Specifies the name of the class to be created. If you do not specify the class name, `mcc` uses the *component_name* as the default.
- *version* — Specifies the version of the component specified as *major.minor*.
 - *major* — Specifies the major version number. If you do not specify a version number, `mcc` uses the latest version.
 - *minor* — Specifies the minor version number. If you do not specify a version number, `mcc` uses the latest version.

`mcc -W 'java:packageName,className' mfilename...` creates a Java package from the specified files.

- *packageName* — Specifies the name of the Java package and its namespace, which is a period-separated list, such as `companyname.groupname.component`.
- *className* — Specifies the name of the class to be created. If you do not specify the class name, `mcc` uses the last item in *packageName*.

By default, the compiler generates a single class with a method for each function specified on the command line. You can instruct the compiler to create multiple classes using `class{className:mfilename...}....`. *className* specifies the name of the class to create using *mfilename*.

`mcc -W CTF:component_name` instructs the compiler to create a deployable CTF archive that is deployable in a MATLAB Production Server instance.

`mcc -?` displays help.

Tip You can issue the `mcc` command either from the MATLAB command prompt or the DOS or UNIX command line.

Options

-a Add to Archive

Add a file to the CTF archive using

```
-a filename
```

to specify a file to be directly added to the CTF archive. Multiple `-a` options are permitted. MATLAB Compiler looks for these files on the MATLAB path, so specifying the full path name is optional. These files are not passed to `mbuild`, so you can include files such as data files.

If only a folder name is included with the `-a` option, the entire contents of that folder are added recursively to the CTF archive. For example:

```
mcc -m hello.m -a ./testdir
```

In this example, `testdir` is a folder in the current working folder. All files in `testdir`, as well as all files in subfolders of `testdir`, are added to the CTF archive, and the folder subtree in `testdir` is preserved in the CTF archive.

If a wildcard pattern is included in the file name, only the files in the folder that match the pattern are added to the CTF archive and subfolders of the given path are not processed recursively. For example:

```
mcc -m hello.m -a ./testdir/*
```

In this example, all files in `./testdir` are added to the CTF archive and subfolders under `./testdir` are not processed recursively.

```
mcc -m hello.m -a ./testdir/*.m
```

In this example, all files with the extension `.m` under `./testdir` are added to the CTF archive and subfolders of `./testdir` are not processed recursively.

All files added to the CTF archive using `-a` (including those that match a wildcard pattern or appear under a folder specified using `-a`) that do not appear on the MATLAB path at the time of compilation causes a path entry to be added to the deployed application's run-time path

so that they appear on the path when the deployed application or component executes.

When files are included, the absolute path for the DLL and header files is changed. The files are placed in the `.\exe_mcr\` folder when the CTF file is expanded. The file is not placed in the local folder. This folder is created from the CTF file the first time the EXE file is executed. The `isdeployed` function is provided to help you accommodate this difference in deployed mode.

The `-a` switch also creates a `.auth` file for authorization purposes. It ensures that the executable looks for the DLL- and H-files in the `exe_mcr\exe` folder.

Caution

If you use the `-a` flag to include a file that is not on the MATLAB path, the folder containing the file is added to the MATLAB dependency analysis path. As a result, other files from that folder might be included in the compiled application.

Note Currently, `*` is the only supported wildcard.

Note If the `-a` flag is used to include custom Java classes, standalone applications work without any need to change the `classpath` as long as the Java class is not a member of a package. The same applies for JAR files. However, if the class being added is a member of a package, the MATLAB code needs to make an appropriate call to `javaaddpath` to update the `classpath` with the parent folder of the package.

-b Generate Excel Compatible Formula Function

Generate a Visual Basic file (.bas) containing the Microsoft Excel Formula Function interface to the COM object generated by MATLAB Compiler. When imported into the workbook Visual Basic code, this code allows the MATLAB function to be seen as a cell formula function. This option requires MATLAB Builder EX.

-B Specify Bundle File

Replace the file on the `mcc` command line with the contents of the specified file. Use

```
-B filename[:<a1>,<a2>,...,<an>]
```

The bundle file `filename` should contain only `mcc` command-line options and corresponding arguments and/or other file names. The file might contain other `-B` options. A bundle file can include replacement parameters for Compiler options that accept names and version numbers. See “Using Bundle Files to Build MATLAB Code” for a list of the bundle files included with MATLAB Compiler.

-C Do Not Embed CTF Archive by Default

Override automatically embedding the CTF archive in C/C++ and main/Winmain shared libraries and standalone binaries by default.

-d Specified Folder for Output

Place output in a specified folder. Use

```
-d outFolder
```

to direct the generated files to *outFolder*.

-f Specified Options File

Override the default options file with the specified options file. Use

```
-f filename
```


to specify `filename` as the options file when calling `mbuild`. This option lets you use different ANSI compilers for different invocations of MATLAB Compiler. This option is a direct pass-through to `mbuild`.

-g Generate Debugging Information

Include debugging symbol information for the C/C++ code generated by MATLAB Compiler. It also causes `mbuild` to pass appropriate debugging flags to the system C/C++ compiler. The `debug` option lets you backtrace up to the point where you can identify if the failure occurred in the initialization of MCR, the function call, or the termination routine. This option does not let you debug your MATLAB files with a C/C++ debugger.

-G Debug Only

Same as `-g`.

-I Add Folder to Include Path

Add a new folder path to the list of included folders. Each `-I` option adds a folder to the beginning of the list of paths to search. For example,

```
-I <directory1> -I <directory2>
```

sets up the search path so that `directory1` is searched first for MATLAB files, followed by `directory2`. This option is important for standalone compilation where the MATLAB path is not available.

-K Preserve Partial Output Files

Direct `mcc` to not delete output files if the compilation ends prematurely, due to error.

The default behavior of `mcc` is to dispose of any partial output if the command fails to execute successfully.

-M Direct Pass Through

Define compile-time options. Use

```
-M string
```

to pass `string` directly to `mbuild`. This provides a useful mechanism for defining compile-time options, e.g., `-M "-Dmacro=value"`.

Note Multiple `-M` options do not accumulate; only the rightmost `-M` option is used.

-N Clear Path

Passing `-N` effectively clears the path of all folders except the following core folders (this list is subject to change over time):

- `matlabroot\toolbox\matlab`
- `matlabroot\toolbox\local`
- `matlabroot\toolbox\compiler\deploy`

It also retains all subfolders of the above list that appear on the MATLAB path at compile time. Including `-N` on the command line lets you replace folders from the original path, while retaining the relative ordering of the included folders. All subfolders of the included folders that appear on the original path are also included. In addition, the `-N` option retains all folders that you included on the path that are not under `matlabroot\toolbox`.

-o Specify Output Name

Specify the name of the final executable (standalone applications only). Use

```
-o outputfile
```

to name the final executable output of MATLAB Compiler. A suitable, possibly platform-dependent, extension is added to the specified name (e.g., `.exe` for Windows standalone applications).

-p Add Folder to Path

Use in conjunction with the required option `-N` to add specific folders (and subfolders) under `matlabroot\toolbox` to the compilation MATLAB path in an order sensitive way. Use the syntax

```
-N -p directory
```

where `directory` is the folder to be included. If `directory` is not an absolute path, it is assumed to be under the current working folder. The rules for how these folders are included follow.

- If a folder is included with `-p` that is on the original MATLAB path, the folder and all its subfolders that appear on the original path are added to the compilation path in an order-sensitive context.
- If a folder is included with `-p` that is not on the original MATLAB path, that folder is not included in the compilation. (You can use `-I` to add it.)

If a path is added with the `-I` option while this feature is active (`-N` has been passed) and it is already on the MATLAB path, it is added in the order-sensitive context as if it were included with `-p`. Otherwise, the folder is added to the head of the path, as it normally would be with `-I`.

-R Run-Time

Provides MCR run-time options. The syntax is as follows:

```
-R option
```

| Option | Description |
|------------------------------------|--|
| <code>-logfile filename</code> | Specify a log file name. |
| <code>-nodisplay</code> | Suppress the MATLAB <code>nodisplay</code> run-time warning. |
| <code>-nojvm</code> | Do not use the Java Virtual Machine (JVM). |

| Option | Description |
|---------------|--|
| -startmsg | Customizable user message displayed at MCR initialization time. |
| -completemsg | Customizable user message displayed when MCR initialization is complete. |

Note Not all -R options are available for all mcc targets.

Caution

When running on Mac OS X, if -nodisplay is used as one of the options included in `mclInitializeApplication`, then the call to `mclInitializeApplication` must occur before calling `mclRunMain`.

-S Create Singleton MCR Context

The standard behavior for the MCR is that every instance of a class gets its own runtime context. This runtime context includes a global MATLAB workspace for variables such as the path and a base workspace for each function in the class. If multiple instances of a class are created, each instance gets an independent context. This ensures that changes made to the global, or base, workspace in one instance of the class does not effect other instances of the same class.

In a singleton MCR, all instances of a class share the runtime context. If multiple instances of a class are created, they use the runtime context created by the first instance. This saves start up time and some resources. However, any changes made to the global workspace or the base workspace by one instance impacts all of the class instances. For example, if `instance1` creates a global variable `A` in a singleton MCR, the `instance2` will be able to use variable `A`.

-T Specify Target Stage

Specify the output target phase and type.

Use the syntax `-T target` to define the output type. Target values are as follow.

| Target | Description |
|--------------------------|---|
| <code>compile:exe</code> | Generate a C/C++ wrapper file plus compile C/C++ files to object form suitable for linking into a standalone application. |
| <code>compile:lib</code> | Generate a C/C++ wrapper file plus compile C/C++ files to object form suitable for linking into a shared library/DLL. |
| <code>link:exe</code> | Same as <code>compile:exe</code> plus links object files into a standalone application. |
| <code>link:lib</code> | Same as <code>compile:lib</code> plus links object files into a shared library/DLL. |

-u Register COM Component for the Current User

Register COM component for the current user only on the development machine. The argument applies only for generic COM component and Microsoft Excel add-in targets only.

-v Verbose

Display the compilation steps, including:

- MATLAB Compiler version number
- The source file names as they are processed
- The names of the generated output files as they are created
- The invocation of `mbuild`

The `-v` option passes the `-v` option to `mbuild` and displays information about `mbuild`.

-w Warning Messages

Display warning messages. Use the syntax

`-w option [:<msg>]`

to control the display of warnings. This table lists the syntaxes.

| Syntax | Description |
|--|---|
| <code>-w list</code> | Generate a table that maps <code><string></code> to warning message for use with <code>enable</code> , <code>disable</code> , and <code>error</code> . “Warning Messages”, lists the same information. |
| <code>-w enable</code> | Enable complete warnings. |
| <code>-w disable[:<string>]</code> | Disable specific warnings associated with <code><string></code> . “Warning Messages”, lists the <code><string></code> values. Omit the optional <code><string></code> to apply the <code>disable</code> action to all warnings. |
| <code>-w enable[:<string>]</code> | Enable specific warnings associated with <code><string></code> . “Warning Messages”, lists the <code><string></code> values. Omit the optional <code><string></code> to apply the <code>enable</code> action to all warnings. |
| <code>-w error[:<string>]</code> | Treat specific warnings associated with <code><string></code> as an error. Omit the optional <code><string></code> to apply the <code>error</code> action to all warnings. |

| Syntax | Description |
|---|---|
| <code>-w off[:<string>] [<filename>]</code> | Turn warnings off for specific error messages defined by <i><string></i> . You can also narrow scope by specifying warnings be turned off when generated by specific <i><filename></i> s. |
| <code>-w on[:<string>] [<filename>]</code> | Turn warnings on for specific error messages defined by <i><string></i> . You can also narrow scope by specifying warnings be turned on when generated by specific <i><filename></i> s. |

It is also possible to turn warnings on or off in your MATLAB code.

For example, to turn warnings off for deployed applications (specified using `isdeployed`) in your `startup.m`, you write:

```
if isdeployed
    warning off
end
```

To turn warnings on for deployed applications, you write:

```
if isdeployed
    warning on
end
```

-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 true:

- You have a 32-bit installation of MATLAB.
- You use the same MATLAB installation root (*matlabroot*) for both 32-bit and 64-bit versions of MATLAB.

- You are running from a Windows command line.

-Y License File

Use

`-Y license.lic`

to override the default license file with the specified argument.

| | |
|--------------------|---|
| Purpose | Generates type-safe API |
| Syntax | <code>ntswrap.exe [-c <i>namespace.class</i>] [-i <i>interface_name</i>] [-a <i>assembly_name</i>]</code> |
| Description | <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> for “Generate and Implement Type-Safe Interfaces” on page 7-2 with a MATLAB Builder NE generated component.</p> |
| Arguments | Inputs <ul style="list-style-type: none">-a <i>.NET_native_interface.dll</i> Absolute or relative path to assembly containing .NET statically-typed interface, referenced by -i switch.-b <i>MATLAB_Builder_NE_Component.dll</i> Path to folder containing MATLAB Builder NE component that defines component referenced by -c switch-c <i>component_class_name</i> Namespace-qualified name of MATLAB Builder NE component in assembly identified by path in -b switch-d Enables debugging of the type-safe API assembly Incompatible with -s.-i <i>interface_name</i> Namespace-qualified name of user-supplied interface in assembly identified by path in -a switch-k Keep generated type safe API source code; do not delete after processing |

- 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.

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 “Create a .NET Component From MATLAB Code” on page 1-13 and select the Generic COM Component as the compilation target.

Packaging a Deployable COM Component

Add-in and COM Component Registration

Note COM components are used in both MATLAB Builder EX and MATLAB Builder NE, therefore some of the instructions relating to building and packaging COM components and add-ins can be shared between products.

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

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
```

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 6-12.

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.

Note See the MATLAB Compiler documentation for a complete description of the `mcc` command and its options.

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>Syntax</p> <pre>mcc -W 'com:<component_name>[,<class_name>[,<major>.<minor>]]'</pre> <p>An unspecified <code><class_name></code> defaults to <code><component_name></code>, and an unspecified version number defaults to the latest version built or 1.0, if there is no previous version.</p> | |
| | <p>Example</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. |
| | Syntax | <code>class{<class_name>:[file, [file,...]]}</code> |
| | Example | <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. |
| | Syntax | <code>mcc -B '<filename>'[:<a1>,<a2>,...,<an>]</code> |
| | Example | <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>Note 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>Example <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>Syntax <code>-d <i>foldername</i></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 “Distributing MATLAB Code Using the MATLAB Compiler Runtime (MCR)”.
- 2** Build and package as described in “Building a Deployable COM Component” on page 13-2 and “Packaging a Deployable COM Component” on page 13-3.
- 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
```


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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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- Call methods of the component class
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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](#).

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**.

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.

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 14-12.

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 16-23 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 16-9 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

Note You must choose a Microsoft compiler to compile and use any COM object.

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*.

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.

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;

```

prograss.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 16-23 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 16-12 and COM VARIANT to MATLAB® Conversion Rules on page 16-17.

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 16-12. | |
| | 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 MWComUtil 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 | <pre> 11 12 21 22 </pre> | <pre> 11 12 21 22 </pre> |
| 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`

Note The `MWArg` class is supplied specifically for the case when a particular argument needs different settings from the default class properties.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 `mcc`

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:

- 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 relative
 - On the library compiler app, select **Exclusive MCR** under **Additional Runtime Settings**.
- y 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 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using the shared library compiler app, click Settings and add -S to the Additional flags to pass to mcc field. • Using <code>mcc</code> pass the -S flag. |
| MATLAB Builder JA | Java packages | |

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.

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.

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 While in MATLAB, open the Library Compiler app.
- 2 Select **Generic COM Component** as the application type.
- 3 Add `magicsquare.m` to the list of exported functions.

`magicsquare.m` is located in the `MagicDemoComp` folder.
- 4 Click the **Package** button.

Creating the Microsoft Visual Basic Project

Note This procedure assumes that you are using Microsoft Visual Basic 6.0.

- 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 = lvwManual View = lvwReport | 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

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.

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 than 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**.

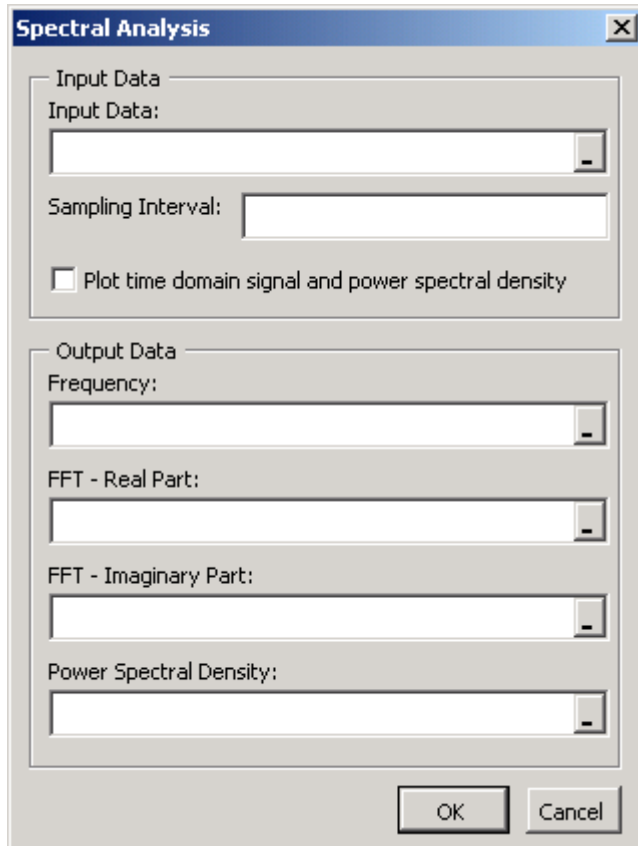
- 2 In the form's property page, set the **Name** property to frmFourier and the **Caption** property to Spectral Analysis.
- 3 Add a series of controls to the blank form to complete the dialog box, as summarized in the following table:

| 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. |

| Control Type | Control Name | Properties | Purpose |
|---------------------|---------------------|--|---|
| 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. |

| Control Type | Control Name | Properties | Purpose |
|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| 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.

| | A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H | I | J | K | L | M | N | O |
|----|------|----------|-----|----------|----------|----------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 0 | 0.201422 | 0 | 500.5243 | 0 | 15.82797 | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | 0.01 | 2.364546 | 0.1 | 8.44324 | 1.112117 | 0.269305 | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | 0.02 | 0.424141 | 0.2 | -0.28779 | 2.589662 | 0.082396 | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | 0.03 | 1.956734 | 0.3 | 8.773018 | 2.110449 | 0.285342 | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | 0.04 | -1.06567 | 0.4 | -10.035 | -2.49211 | 0.326975 | | | | | | | | | |
| 6 | 0.05 | -0.50068 | 0.5 | -1.59236 | -2.69405 | 0.098962 | | | | | | | | | |
| 7 | 0.06 | 0.992995 | 0.6 | 4.42359 | 9.082895 | 0.319479 | | | | | | | | | |
| 8 | 0.07 | -0.2288 | 0.7 | -13.0441 | -0.19807 | 0.412538 | | | | | | | | | |
| 9 | 0.08 | 2.495782 | 0.8 | -7.36004 | 2.259597 | 0.243467 | | | | | | | | | |
| 10 | 0.09 | 0.853563 | 0.9 | -6.57995 | -12.3651 | 0.442935 | | | | | | | | | |
| 11 | 0.1 | 0.33184 | 1 | 3.447262 | 4.201153 | 0.171853 | | | | | | | | | |
| 12 | 0.11 | -0.00625 | 1.1 | -10.3228 | -5.27412 | 0.366574 | | | | | | | | | |
| 13 | 0.12 | -1.36424 | 1.2 | 9.264435 | 4.187427 | 0.32208 | | | | | | | | | |
| 14 | 0.13 | 1.259695 | 1.3 | -11.5624 | 6.969041 | 0.426915 | | | | | | | | | |
| 15 | 0.14 | 0.204847 | 1.4 | 5.8311 | -1.10339 | 0.187668 | | | | | | | | | |
| 16 | 0.15 | 1.010208 | 1.5 | 3.255038 | -3.99248 | 0.162896 | | | | | | | | | |
| 17 | 0.16 | 1.640045 | 1.6 | 1.436592 | 11.66599 | 0.371698 | | | | | | | | | |
| 18 | 0.17 | -0.44132 | 1.7 | -3.00437 | -3.39444 | 0.143347 | | | | | | | | | |
| 19 | 0.18 | 0.211505 | 1.8 | 2.89981 | 5.71643 | 0.202699 | | | | | | | | | |
| 20 | 0.19 | -0.99357 | 1.9 | 1.121279 | 8.400998 | 0.268019 | | | | | | | | | |
| 21 | 0.2 | 0.379924 | 2 | -2.80552 | -6.592 | 0.226551 | | | | | | | | | |
| 22 | 0.21 | 1.83771 | 2.1 | -8.45165 | -1.5761 | 0.271872 | | | | | | | | | |
| 23 | 0.22 | 0.368155 | 2.2 | -3.37307 | -10.252 | 0.341293 | | | | | | | | | |
| 24 | 0.23 | 2.117552 | 2.3 | -5.24299 | -6.97011 | 0.27581 | | | | | | | | | |
| 25 | 0.24 | -0.66651 | 2.4 | 0.925776 | -5.9012 | 0.188895 | | | | | | | | | |
| 26 | 0.25 | -0.33152 | 2.5 | 3.100077 | 4.991781 | 0.185818 | | | | | | | | | |
| 27 | 0.26 | 0.394927 | 2.6 | -3.16232 | 0.028866 | 0.100006 | | | | | | | | | |
| 28 | 0.27 | 0.143179 | 2.7 | 9.481148 | -3.10764 | 0.315515 | | | | | | | | | |
| 29 | 0.28 | 2.740805 | 2.8 | 5.448927 | -1.52643 | 0.178961 | | | | | | | | | |
| 30 | 0.29 | 0.230976 | 2.9 | 1.95362 | -11.3264 | 0.363461 | | | | | | | | | |
| 31 | 0.3 | 0.913667 | 3 | -1.32565 | -3.82213 | 0.12793 | | | | | | | | | |
| 32 | 0.31 | 0.117747 | 3.1 | 1.148378 | -9.15371 | 0.291735 | | | | | | | | | |
| 33 | 0.32 | -1.57611 | 3.2 | 11.54045 | -5.22124 | 0.400554 | | | | | | | | | |
| 34 | 0.33 | 1.577908 | 3.3 | -3.13453 | 1.159207 | 0.105684 | | | | | | | | | |
| 35 | 0.34 | 0.373403 | 3.4 | 1.005112 | 0.107201 | 0.031965 | | | | | | | | | |
| 36 | 0.35 | 1.405944 | 3.5 | 0.69275 | 0.803781 | 0.033555 | | | | | | | | | |
| 37 | 0.36 | 2.163784 | 3.6 | -0.29716 | -13.7448 | 0.434751 | | | | | | | | | |
| 38 | 0.37 | -0.79952 | 3.7 | -4.04466 | -5.47217 | 0.215183 | | | | | | | | | |
| 39 | 0.38 | 0.31803 | 3.8 | -5.84649 | 0.003747 | 0.184882 | | | | | | | | | |
| 40 | 0.39 | -0.80853 | 3.9 | -2.43879 | 6.877807 | 0.230764 | | | | | | | | | |
| 41 | 0.4 | 0.597445 | 4 | 1.717283 | 1.174817 | 0.065797 | | | | | | | | | |
| 42 | 0.41 | 2.119417 | 4.1 | 1.218546 | -14.3198 | 0.454469 | | | | | | | | | |
| 43 | 0.42 | 0.01473 | 4.2 | -0.52696 | 17.72755 | 0.560642 | | | | | | | | | |
| 44 | 0.43 | 2.131939 | 4.3 | -2.70571 | 0.363641 | 0.086418 | | | | | | | | | |
| 45 | 0.44 | -0.37325 | 4.4 | 1.248446 | 10.43094 | 0.332209 | | | | | | | | | |
| 46 | 0.45 | -0.17902 | 4.5 | -4.42196 | -16.158 | 0.529749 | | | | | | | | | |

The power spectral density reveals the two signals at 15 and 40 Hz.

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 Library Compiler app.
- 3 Select **Generic COM Component** as the application type.
- 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 **Package** button.

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

Tip If you do not see these libraries, you may not have registered the libraries using `mwregsvr`. Refer to “Component Registration” on page 16-4 for information on this process.

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 |
| 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 |

| Control Type | Control Name | Properties | Purpose |
|---------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| 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.MWFlags.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 = Cdbl(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 = Cdbl(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) = Cdbl(lstXData.ListItems.item(loopCount))
    YData(loopCount) = Cdbl(lstYData.ListItems.item(loopCount))
Next
For loopCount = 1 To lstInterp.ListItems.Count
    XInterp(loopCount) = Cdbl(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.

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.

Building the Component

- 1 At the MATLAB command prompt, change folders to the MatrixMath folder in your work folder.
- 2 Open the Library Compiler app.
- 3 Select **Generic COM Component** as the application type.
- 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 **Package** button.

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

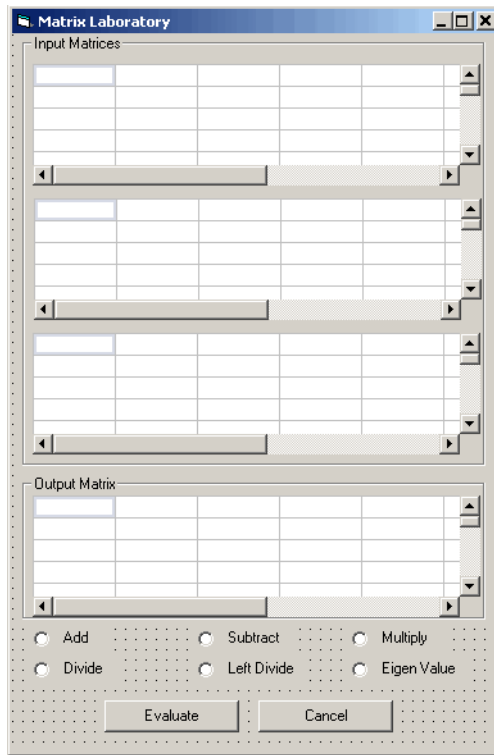
Note If you do not see these libraries, you may not have registered the libraries using `mwregsvr`. Refer to “Component Registration” on page 16-4 for information on this.

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 |

| Property | Original Value | New Value |
|--------------------------|----------------|-----------|
| 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 Add option button |
| OptionButton | optOperation | Index = 0 | Option button to perform addition |
| Label | lblSub | Caption = Subtract | Labels Subtract option button |

| Control Type | Control Name | Properties | Purpose |
|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| OptionButton | optOperation | Index = 1 | Option button to perform subtraction |
| Label | lblMult | Caption = Multiply | Labels Multiply option button |
| OptionButton | optOperation | Index = 2 | Option button to perform multiplication |
| Label | lblDivide | Caption = Divide | Labels Divide option button |
| OptionButton | optOperation | Index = 3 | Option button to perform division |
| Label | lblLeftDivide | Caption = Left Divide | Labels Left Divide option button |
| OptionButton | optOperation | Index = 4 | Option button to perform left division |
| Label | lblEig | Caption = Eigenvalue | Labels Eigenvalue 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 example `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.

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.

Building the Component

- 1 At the MATLAB command prompt, change folders to `matlabroot`.
- 2 Open the Library Compiler app.
- 3 Select **Generic COM Component** as the application type.
- 4 Add `fitfun.m` and `fitdemo.m` from the folder `matlabroot/CurveFitDemo`.
- 5 Click the **Package** button in the toolbar.

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
MWComUtil 7.5 Type Library

Note If you do not see these libraries, you may not have registered the libraries using `mwregsvr`. Refer to “Component Registration” on page 16-4 for information.

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.

| Control Type | Control Name | Properties | Purpose |
|---------------------|---------------------|---|--|
| 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. |
| 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. |

| Control Type | Control Name | Properties | Purpose |
|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| 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. |
| 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` example provided with the MATLAB product. It demonstrates repeated event location, where the conditions are changed after each terminal event.

This example 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 the example completes.

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.

Note This example assumes that you have downloaded the MATLAB code to the `matlabroot` folder.

Building the Component

- 1 At the MATLAB command prompt, change folders to `matlabroot/BallODE`.
- 2 Open the Library Compiler app.
- 3 Select **Generic COM Component** as the application type.

- 4 Locate your work folder, navigate to *matlabroot*/BallODE, and add `ballode.m` to the project.
- 5 Build the component by clicking the **Package** button.

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`

Note If you do not see these libraries, you may not have registered the libraries using `mwregsvr`. Refer to “Component Registration” on page 16-4 for information on this.

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 | frmBallOde | 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 txtInitVal. |
| TextBox | txtInitVal | Text = | Holds initial velocity by which ball is thrown into the air. |
| 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. |

| Control Type | Control Name | Properties | Purpose |
|---------------|--------------|---|---|
| TextBox | txtFinalTime | Text = | Stores time until example 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. |

- When the design is complete, save the project by selecting **File > Save**. When prompted for the project name, type `Ball0de.vbp`, and for the form, type `frmBall0de.frm`.
- In the Project dialog box, right-click `frmBall0de` 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 16-4.

Component Registration

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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.

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.

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.

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.

See the following table for a list of the keys and their definitions.

| Key | Definition |
|--|--|
| 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><="" td=""> <td>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></td> </progid>,> | 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

See VARIANT Type Codes Supported on page 16-10 for a list of the VARIANT type codes supported by the builder components.

See MATLAB® to COM VARIANT Conversion Rules on page 16-12 and COM VARIANT to MATLAB® Conversion Rules on page 16-17 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)

| VARIANT Type Code (C/C++) | C/C++ Type | Variant Type Code (Visual Basic) | Visual Basic Type | Definition |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|---|--------------------------|---|
| 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 ⁺ | vbCurrency | Currency | Currency value (64-bit integer, scaled by 10,000) |
| VT_BSTR | BSTR ⁺ | vbString | String | String value |
| VT_ERROR | SCODE ⁺ | vbError | - | HRESULT (signed four-byte integer representing a COM error code) |
| VT_DATE | DATE ⁺ | 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 ⁺ | vbDecimal | - | 96-bit (12-byte) unsigned integer, scaled by a variable power of 10 |

VARIANT Type Codes Supported (Continued)

| VARIANT Type Code (C/C++) | C/C++ Type | Variant Type Code (Visual Basic) | Visual Basic Type | Definition |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|---|--------------------------|---|
| VT_BOOL | VARIANT_BOOL ⁺ | vbBoolean | Boolean | Two-byte Boolean value (0xFFFF = True; 0x0000 = False) |
| VT_DISPATCH | IDispatch* | vbObject | Object | IDispatch* pointer to an object |
| VT_VARIANT | VARIANT ⁺ | 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 |

⁺ Denotes Windows specific type. Not part of standard C/C++.

MATLAB to COM VARIANT Conversion Rules

| MATLAB Data Type | VARIANT Type for Scalar Data | VARIANT Type for Array Data | Comments |
|-------------------------|---|--|-----------------|
| 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)

| MATLAB Data Type | VARIANT Type for Scalar Data | VARIANT Type for Array Data | Comments |
|-------------------------|--|--|--|
| | | 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 17-21.) 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)

| MATLAB Data Type | VARIANT Type for Scalar Data | VARIANT Type for Array Data | Comments |
|-------------------------|--|---|--|
| sparse | VT_DISPATCH | VT_DISPATCH | A MATLAB sparse array is converted to an MWSparse object. (See “Class MWSparse” on page 17-34.) 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 17-31 |
| 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)

| MATLAB Data Type | VARIANT Type for Scalar Data | VARIANT Type for Array Data | Comments |
|-------------------------|---|--|---|
| 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)

| MATLAB Data Type | VARIANT Type for Scalar Data | VARIANT Type for Array Data | Comments |
|-------------------------|---|--|---|
| 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

| VARIANT Type | MATLAB Data Type (Scalar or Array Data) | Comments |
|---------------------|--|---|
| 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)

| VARIANT Type | MATLAB Data Type (Scalar or Array Data) | Comments |
|---------------------|--|--|
| 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 16-21 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)

| VARIANT Type | MATLAB Data Type (Scalar or Array Data) | Comments |
|---------------------------|--|---|
| | | Currently, support exists for Excel Range objects as well as the builder types MWStruct, MWComplex, MWSparse, and MWArg. See “Referencing Utility Classes” on page 17-2 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 16-12 and COM

VARIANT to MATLAB® Conversion Rules on page 16-17. 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> . |
| AutoSizeOutput | (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 16-22
- “InputDateFormat” on page 16-22
- “OutputAsDate As Boolean” on page 16-22
- “DateBias As Long” on page 16-22

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 16-9.

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 16-10 . 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” on page 16-23 |
| “IDL Mapping” on page 16-24 |
| “Microsoft® Visual Basic® Mapping” on page 16-25 |

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 16-9 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

- “Referencing Utility Classes” on page 17-2
- “Class MWUtil” on page 17-3
- “Class MWFlags” on page 17-14
- “Class MWStruct” on page 17-21
- “Class MWField” on page 17-29
- “Class MWComplex” on page 17-31
- “Class MWSparse” on page 17-34
- “Class MWArg” on page 17-38
- “Enum mwArrayFormat” on page 17-40
- “Enum mwDataType” on page 17-41
- “Enum mwDateFormat” on page 17-42

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 and three enumerated types. 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**.

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.

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:

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“Sub MWInitApplication(pApp As Object)” on page 17-3

“Sub MWInitApplicationWithMCROptions(pApp As Object, [mcrOptionList])” on page 17-5

“Function IsMCRJVMEEnabled() As Boolean” on page 17-7

“Function IsMCRInitialized() As Boolean” on page 17-7

“Sub MWPack(pVarArg, [Var0], [Var1], ... ,[Var31])” on page 17-7

“Sub MWUnpack(VarArg, [nStartAt As Long], [bAutoResize As Boolean = False], [pVar0], [pVar1], ..., [pVar31])” on page 17-9

“Sub MWDate2VariantDate(pVar)” on page 17-11

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
```

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.

Sub MWInitApplicationWithMCROptions(pApp As Object, [mcrOptionList])

Start MCR with MCR options. Similar to `mclInitializeApplication` used in C/C++ shared libraries.

Parameters

| Argument | Type | Description |
|-----------------|-------------|--|
| 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
```

Note If you are not using Excel, pass in Empty instead of Application to MWInitApplicationWithMCROptions.

Function IsMCRJVMEEnabled() 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], [bAutoSize 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

| Argument | Type | Description |
|-----------------|-------------|---|
| VarArg | Variant | Input array of Variants to be processed |
| nStartAt | Long | Optional starting index (zero-based) in the array to begin processing. Default = 0. |

| Argument | Type | Description |
|-------------------------|---------|--|
| bAutoSize | 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 `i`th 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 11-3 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:

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|---|
| “Property ArrayFormatFlags As MWArrayFormatFlags” on page 17-14 |
| “Property DataConversionFlags As MWDataConversionFlags” on page 17-17 |
| “Sub Clone(ppFlags As MWFlags)” on page 17-20 |

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 17-14
- “Property InputArrayIndFlag As Long” on page 17-15
- “Property OutputArrayFormat As mwArrayFormat” on page 17-15
- “Property OutputArrayIndFlag As Long” on page 17-16
- “Property AutoResizeOutput As Boolean” on page 17-17
- “Property TransposeOutput As Boolean” on page 17-17

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 11-3. |
| <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 Variants (the default behavior is to convert it to a cell array), the data converter converts this array to a matrix if each Variant 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 mwArrayFormat`

This property of type `mwArrayFormat` controls the formatting of arrays passed as output parameters to MATLAB Builder NE class methods. The default

value is `mwArrayFormatAsIs`. The behaviors indicated by this flag are listed in the next table.

Array Formatting Rules for Output Arrays

| Value | Behavior |
|----------------------------------|--|
| <code>mwArrayFormatAsIs</code> | Converts arrays according to the default conversion rules listed in “Data Conversion Rules” on page 11-3. |
| <code>mwArrayFormatMatrix</code> | Coerces all arrays into matrices. When an output cell array argument is encountered (the default behavior converts it to an array of <code>Variants</code>), the data converter converts this array to a <code>Variant</code> 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 <code>Variants</code> is created. |
| <code>mwArrayFormatCell</code> | Coerces all output arrays into arrays of <code>Variants</code> . Output scalar or numeric array arguments are converted to arrays of <code>Variants</code> , each <code>Variant</code> 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 varargout 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 17-17
- “Property `DateBias As Long`” on page 17-18
- “Property `InputDateFormat As mwDateFormat`” on page 17-19
- “Property `OutputAsDate As Boolean`” on page 17-19
- “Property `ReplaceMissing As mwReplaceMissingData`” on page 17-19

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 11-3.

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 `AutoSizeOutput` 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 11-3. |
| <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`.

Property **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:

| In this section... |
|--|
| “Sub Initialize([varDims], [varFieldNames])” on page 17-21 |
| “Property Item([i0], [i1], ..., [i31]) As MWField” on page 17-23 |
| “Property NumberOfFields As Long” on page 17-25 |
| “Property NumberOfDims As Long” on page 17-26 |
| “Property Dims As Variant” on page 17-26 |
| “Property FieldNames As Variant” on page 17-26 |
| “Sub Clone(ppStruct As MWStruct)” on page 17-27 |

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

| Argument | Type | Description |
|---------------|---------|-------------------------------|
| 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

| Argument | Type | Description |
|-----------------|---------|---|
| 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")
  Next
Next
```



```
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
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:

| In this section... |
|---|
| “Property Name As String” on page 17-29 |
| “Property Value As Variant” on page 17-29 |
| “Property MWFlags As MWFlags” on page 17-29 |
| “Sub Clone(ppField As MWField)” on page 17-29 |

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 MWField 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:

| In this section... |
|---|
| “Property Real As Variant” on page 17-31 |
| “Property Imag As Variant” on page 17-31 |
| “Property MWFlags As MWFlags” on page 17-32 |
| “Sub Clone(ppComplex As MWComplex)” on page 17-32 |

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
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:

| In this section... |
|---|
| “Property NumRows As Long ” on page 17-34 |
| “Property NumColumns As Long ” on page 17-34 |
| “Property RowIndex As Variant ” on page 17-34 |
| “Property ColumnIndex As Variant ” on page 17-35 |
| “Property Array As Variant ” on page 17-35 |
| “Property MWFlags As MWFlags ” on page 17-35 |
| “Sub Clone(ppSparse As MWSparse) ” on page 17-35 |

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 = [ 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 ]
```

```
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
    Next I
End Sub
```

```
        vals(K) = -1
        K = K + 1
    Next
    rows(K) = 5
    cols(K) = 5
    vals(K) = 2
    Set x = New MWSpase
    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:

| In this section... |
|---|
| “Property Value As Variant” on page 17-38 |
| “Property MWFlags As MWFlags” on page 17-38 |
| “Sub Clone(ppArg As MWArg)” on page 17-38 |

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.

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 |
|----------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| <code>mwTypeDefault</code> | 0 | Not applicable |
| <code>mwTypeLogical</code> | 3 | logical |
| <code>mwTypeChar</code> | 4 | char |
| <code>mwTypeDouble</code> | 6 | double |
| <code>mwTypeSingle</code> | 7 | single |
| <code>mwTypeInt8</code> | 8 | int8 |
| <code>mwTypeUInt8</code> | 9 | uint8 |
| <code>mwTypeInt16</code> | 10 | int16 |
| <code>mwTypeUInt16</code> | 11 | uint16 |
| <code>mwTypeInt32</code> | 12 | int32 |
| <code>mwTypeUInt32</code> | 13 | uint32 |

Enum **mwDateFormat**

The `mwDateFormat` enumeration is a set of constants that denote a formatting rule for dates.

mwDateFormat Values

| Constant | Numeric Value | Description |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| <code>mwDateFormatNumeric</code> | 0 | Format dates as numeric values |
| <code>mwDateFormatString</code> | 1 | Format dates as strings |

Deploying .NET Components With the F# Programming Language

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 “Create a .NET Component From MATLAB Code” on page 1-13 in 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 “Create a .NET Component From MATLAB Code” on page 1-13.

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.
- 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 “Distributing MATLAB Code Using the MATLAB Compiler Runtime (MCR)” on page 6-2 for information about deploying your component to end users.