







# Houdini






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`frame`padzero(5, $F)`.pic`

... `frame00001.pic`, `frame00002.pic`, 

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 Houdini 

- `$F` (the current frame number) `$T` (the current time in seconds). [List of global variables](#)
- `HSc @pt @pscale` `pscale` (`pt`) `pt`
- `P` (position) `@P. x` `x/. y/. z` `1/. 2/. 3` `r/. g/. b`
- `@ptnum` `Point`
- `$HIP`

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HScript `ch`

[Spare parameters.](#)

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VEX

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```
echo `expression`
```

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Print geometry node Y

Position Y @P.y + rand( @Frame \* @ptnum)

...

# HScript



' is not expanded. Text inside double quote " has variables expanded. A double-quoted string is considered one argument.

A backslash character ( \ ) escapes the next character. For example, to use double-quotes in a string:

```
"I had a \"great\" time."
```

When a string doesn't require variable expansion, use single quotes to speed up evaluation.

If you have two quoted strings next to each other with no spaces, they are considered a single argument. In this example...

```
set foo = "Hello world"
echo '$foo=' "$foo"
$foo=Hello world
```

...the echo command has one argument: `'$foo=Hello world'`.

## Embedding

In the HScript command language, text inside backticks is evaluated as an expression. For example:

```
echo `strlen("$foo")`
```

### Tip

Scripting using the HScript command language is deprecated. You should use [Python](#) instead.

The string parser cannot decode nested quotes such as in the following (horribly contrived) example:

```
echo `system("echo `ls`")`
```

...however, it is possible to accomplish this with very careful usage of backquotes (and sometimes multiple backquotes in a row) to protect quote symbols from various levels of evaluation:

```
echo `system(' echo `ls``')`
```

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