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## Stdlib

Stdlib is not really a class. It is used, instead, as a namespace. This means that instead of adding 200+ functions into the global namespace, they are collected under Stdlib. In other words, instead of calling `getColorAt(doc, 100, 100)` you call `Stdlib.getColorAt(doc, 100, 100)`. This helps keep things nice and neat at the expense of a little more typing. The most important benefit of doing this is that functions in Stdlib, such as *getColorAt*, will not conflict with functions of the same name written somewhere else. For small scripts this is not so much a problem. For larger scripts, this is a huge problem.

Stdlib does provide extensions to a few built-in classes, namely Date, Folder, and String. They are described in separate sections.

Stdlib does have a few functions in the global namespace. They are described in the section called Functions.

The main body of functions are grouped by their similarity. For instance, all Layer and Mask functions are grouped together. Each group has sample code that illustrates how the functions should be called. Please note that the code in these samples may or may not execute correctly as written. Many of them reference images files that that you likely do not have locally.

## Date Methods

For my work, I've standardized on the ISO 8601 for my date formats. There is no ambiguity in the format and files and folders that use the format will automatically sort in chronological order. Very handy.

The **strftime** function is new addition to xtools. It provides a very powerful mechanism for formatting date strings.

Function	Parameter Type	Returns	What it does
<b>strftime</b> (fmtspec)	string	string	Returns a string representation of the data formatted according to <i>fmtspec</i> . This method is identical to the C function of the same name. A detailed description can be found in Appendix <b>strftime</b> Specification,
<b>toISODateString</b> ([timeDesignator, [dateOnly]])	string, boolean	string	Return the Date as a string in ISO 8601: YYYY-MM-DDTHH:MM:SS. <i>timeDesignator</i> is character separator between the date and time portions of the string (default 'T'). <i>dateOnly</i> controls whether or not the time is excluded from the string (default: <i>false</i> ).
<b>toISO</b> ([timeDesignator, [dateOnly]])	string, boolean	string	<b>Date.toISODateString</b> implemented using <b>Date.strftime</b> .

Function	Parameter Type	Returns	What it does
<b>toISODateString</b> ([timeDesignator, [dateOnly]])	string, boolean	string	Return the Date as a string in ISO 8601: YYYY-MM-DDTHH:MM:SS. <i>timeDesignator</i> is character separator between the date and time portions of the string (default 'T'). <i>dateOnly</i> controls whether or not the time is excluded from the string (default: <i>false</i> ).
<b>toISOString</b> ([timeDesignator, [dateOnly]])	string, boolean	string	

## Date Sample Script

### DateSample.jsx

```
// Open an alert in with the current date in ISO 8601 format

alert(new Date().toISODateString(undefined, true));
alert(new Date().strftime("Today's date is %m/%d/%Y"));
```

## File and Folder Methods

Some time ago a bug was found in *Folder.GetFiles*. If you had enough files in a folder (>75) and you specified a masking function that only returned a subset of those files, memory would get corrupted in Photoshop causing some rather severe problems requiring a restart of Photoshop. This bug occurred in PS7 and CS but was fixed for CS2. A work-around was developed (*Stdlib.GetFiles*). Once this was complete, I realized that RegExp support would be a wonderful addition, so I added that and a recursive version called *findFiles*. *Stdlib* adds *findFiles* to the Folder class and replaces *getFiles* with the new version.

### Folder Methods

Function	Parameter Type	Returns	What it does
<b>findFiles</b> (mask)	string, function, or RegExp	array of File	The recursive version of <i>Folder.GetFiles</i> .
<b>getFiles</b> (mask)	string, function, or RegExp	array of File	Returns the set of files in this folder that match the given mask. See <i>Stdlib.GetFiles</i> for details.
<b>toUIString</b> ( )		string	Returns the full path of the folder suitably formatted for a UI.

## File Methods

Function	Parameter Type	Returns	What it does
<b>strf</b> (fmtspec, fs)	string, boolean	string	Returns a string formatted according to <i>fmtspec</i> and <i>fs</i> .
<b>toUIString</b> ( )		string	Returns the full path of the folder suitably formatted for a UI.

## File.strf Details

This is based of the file name formatting facility in *exiftool*. Part of the description is copied directly from there. You can find *exiftool* at:

<http://www.sno.phy.queensu.ca/~phil/exiftool/>

*Description:*

Format a file string using a printf-like format string.

*fmtspec* is a string where the following substitutions occur

- %d - the directory name (no trailing /)
- %f - the file name without the extension
- %e - the file extension without the leading '.'
- %% - the '%' character

Any other '%' characters are simply passed through to the final string.

If *fs* is true the folder is in local file system format

(e.g. C:\images instead of /c/images)

*Examples:*

Reformat the file name:

```
var f = new File("/c/work/test.jpg");
f.strf("%d/%f_%e.txt") == "/c/work/test_jpg.txt"
```

Change the file extension

```
f.strf("%d/%f.psd") == "/c/work/test.psd"
```

Convert to a file name in a subdirectory named after the extension

```
f.strf("%d/%e/%f.%e") == "/c/work/jpg/test.jpg"
```

Change the file extension and convert to a file name in a subdirectory named after the new extension

```
f.strf("%d/psd/%f.psd") == "/c/work/psd/test.psd"
```

*Advanced Substitution*

A substring of the original file name, directory or extension may be taken by specifying a string length immediately following the % character. If the length is negative, the substring is taken from the end. The substring position (characters to ignore at the start or end of the string) may be given by a second optional value after a decimal point.

For example:

```
var f = new File("Picture-123.jpg");

f.strf("%7f.psd") == "Picture.psd"
f.strf("%-.4f.psd") == "Picture.psd"
f.strf("%7f.%-3f") == "Picture.123"
f.strf("Meta%-3.1f.xmp") == "Meta123.xmp"
```

## Folder Sample Script

### FolderSample.jsx

```
// Exercise the getFiles and findFiles methods

var folder = new Folder(app.path + "/Samples"); // Use the PS Samples
folder
var files = folder.getFiles(); // get everything in folder
files = folder.getFiles("*.jpg"); // get all .jpg files in folder
files = folder.findFiles("*.jpg"); // get all .jpg files in folder and
in any
// subfolders beneath it
files = folder.getFiles(/\.dng$/); // get all .dng files in folder

// get the entire folder hierarchy beneath folder
function matchFolder(f) { return f instanceof Folder; }
var folders = folder.findFiles(matchFolder);
```

## File and Folder Functions

This assortment of File and Folder functions simplifies read and writing text files, including CSV and INI files, as well as provides a much richer search capability than that provided by the native *Folder.getFiles* interface.

Function	Parameter Type	Returns	What it does
<b>compareFiles</b> (file1, file2)	File, File	string or null	Returns null if the files are identical. Returns a descriptive string if they aren't.
<b>convertFptr</b> (fptr)	string File  Folder	File or Folder	If <i>fptr</i> is a <i>File</i> or <i>Folder</i> , it is simply returned. If it is a string, <i>File(fptr)</i> is returned. An exception is thrown in all other cases.

Function	Parameter Type	Returns	What it does
<b>createFolder</b> (arg1, arg2)	string File  Folder	boolean	If <i>fptr</i> is a <i>File</i> , any parent folders that do not exist are created. If <i>fptr</i> is a <i>Folder</i> , it and any parent folders that do not exist are created. If it is a string, <i>Stdlib.createFolder(Folder(fptr))</i> is returned. The function returns true if the operation was successful, false if some problem occurred.
<b>findFiles</b> (folder, mask)	Folder, string RegExp  function	array	This is the recursive version of <i>getFiles</i> .
<b>fromCSVString</b> (csvstr, [ary, [headers]])	string, array, boolean	array	Parses <i>csvstr</i> as a CSV string and returns an array of the results. If <i>headers</i> is <i>true</i> (default), an array of objects is returned. If not, the array elements are arrays of strings. If <i>ary</i> is specified, the results are added to that array. If not, a new array is returned.
<b>fromIniString</b> (inistr obj)	string, object	object	Parses <i>inistr</i> as an ini string (e.g. the contents of a .ini file). The <i>key:value</i> pairs found are used to populate <i>obj</i> . If <i>obj</i> is not specified, a new object is created and populated.
<b>getFiles</b> (folder, mask)	Folder, string RegExp  function	array	Returns an array of <i>File</i> objects for which <i>mask</i> is true. If <i>mask</i> is a string or function, then this behaves identically to the builtin <i>File.getFiles</i> method except that it gets around a bug found in PS7 and CS. If <i>mask</i> is a RegExp then the names of the files are matched against the RegExp.
<b>getFolders</b> (folder)	Folder	array	Returns an array of <i>Folders</i> that are subfolders of <i>folder</i> .
<b>getImageFiles</b> (folder, [recursive, [complete]])	Folder, boolean, boolean	array	Returns an array of image files found in <i>folder</i> . If <i>recursive</i> is <i>true</i> (default), all subfolders are searched as well. If <i>complete</i> is <i>true</i> (default: <i>false</i> ) all known Photoshop file types are returned rather than the set of common file types.
<b>isImageFile</b> (file)	File or string	boolean	Returns true if <i>file</i> is a common image file type, false if not.
<b>log</b> (msg)	string		Logs <i>msg</i> to the file named in <i>Stdlib.log.filename</i> (default "~/logfile.txt").

Function	Parameter Type	Returns	What it does
<b>readCSVFile</b> (csvfptr, [ary, [headers]])	File or string, array, string	array	Reads the contents of the file into a string and returns the result of <i>Stdlib.fromCSVString</i> .
<b>readFromFile</b> (fptr, [encoding])	File or string, string	string	Reads the contents of <i>fptr</i> and returns the result as a string. The file is read using <i>encoding</i> if it is specified.
<b>readIniFile</b> (fptr, obj)	File or string, object	object	Reads the contents of the file into a string and returns the result of <i>Stdlib.fromINIString</i> .
<b>selectFile</b> (prompt, mask, [start])	string, string, File Folder  string	File	Opens a file selection dialog with <i>prompt</i> and <i>mask</i> , using the <i>start</i> as the default (if specified). The selected file is returned.
<b>selectFolder</b> (prompt, [start])	string, File Folder  string	Folder	Opens a folder selection dialog with <i>prompt</i> , using the <i>start</i> as the default (if specified). The selected folder is returned.
<b>toIniString</b> (obj)	object	string	Returns a string in INI format containing the <i>key:value</i> pairs for the string, boolean, and number properties in <i>obj</i> .
<b>writeIniFile</b> (fptr, obj, [header])	File or string object, string		Converts the <i>obj</i> to a string (using <i>toIniString</i> ) and writes it to <i>fptr</i> . If <i>header</i> is specified, it is written to the file before the ini string.
<b>writeToFile</b> (fptr, str, [encoding])	File or string string, string		Writes the string <i>str</i> to the file <i>fptr</i> . The file is written using <i>encoding</i> if it is specified.

## File and Folder Sample Script

### FileFolderSample.jsx

```

var fname = "/c/temp/kitty.psd";
var file1 = new File(fname);
var file2 = new File("/c/temp/stdlib.js");

Stdlib.compareFiles(file1, file2);          // false

Stdlib.createFolder("~/images/kitty/2006-08-27"); // true

var f = Stdlib.convertFptr(fname);
f instanceof File;                          // true
f.toString() == file1.toString();           // true

// Specify a log file and write a couple of entries into it
Stdlib.log.filename = "/c/temp/log.txt";

```

```

Stdlib.log("This is a log message");
Stdlib.log("This is the second message in the log");

var file = Stdlib.selectFile("Choose a file",
                             "JPEG Files: *.jpg",
                             "/c/tmp/red-flower.jpg");

var folder = Stdlib.selectFolder("Choose a folder", app.path);

var files = Stdlib.GetFiles(folder);
var files = Stdlib.GetFiles(folder, "*.jpg");
var files = Stdlib.GetFiles(folder, /\.jpg$/);

function folderChk(f) {
    return f instanceof Folder;
}
var files = Stdlib.GetFiles(folder, folderChk);

var folders = Stdlib.getFolders("~/images");

var files = Stdlib.findFiles("~/images", "*.jpg");
var files = Stdlib.getImageFiles(new Folder("~/images"));

Stdlib.isImageFile(doc.fullName);    // true

var str = Stdlib.readFromFile("/c/tmp/test.txt");
var str = Stdlib.readFromFile("/c/tmp/test.atn", 'BINARY');

Stdlib.writeToFile(file, "Some string....");

var rows = [];
Stdlib.readCSVFile("~/colors.csv", rows, true);
var rows = Stdlib.fromCSVString(csvstr, undefined, true);

var obj = Stdlib.readIniFile("~/defaultSettings.ini");
Stdlib.writeIniFile("~/defaultSettings.ini", obj, "# Default Settings
File");

var iniObj = { name : 'Bob', age: 24 };
var iniStr = Stdlib.toIniString(iniObj);
Stdlib.fromIniString(iniStr, obj);

```

## String Methods

This section contains a set of new String methods that are particularly handy when working with text.

Function	Parameter Type	Returns	What it does
<b>contains</b> (str)	string	boolean	Returns <i>true</i> if this string contains the substring <i>str</i> , <i>false</i> if not.
<b>containsWord</b> (str)	string	boolean	Returns <i>true</i> if this string contains the word <i>str</i> , <i>false</i> if not.

Function	Parameter Type	Returns	What it does
<b>endsWith</b> (str)	string	boolean	Returns <i>true</i> if this string ends with the substring <i>str</i> , <i>false</i> if not.
<b>reverse</b>		string	Returns a string that has the characters of this string in reverse order.
<b>sprintf</b> (args)	arguments	string	This is a JavaScript implementation of the C function fprintf. See this page for details: <a href="http://www.opengroup.org/onlinepubs/007908799/xsh/fprintf.html">http://www.opengroup.org/onlinepubs/007908799/xsh/fprintf.html</a>
<b>startsWith</b> (str)	string	boolean	Returns <i>true</i> if this string starts with the substring <i>str</i> , <i>false</i> if not.
<b>trim</b>		string	Returns a string that has the whitespace trimmed off the beginning and end of this string.

## String Sample Script

### StringSample.jsx

```
// Exercise the new String methods

var str1 = "JavaScript uses prototypes, not classes.";
var str2 = " What? ";
var str3 = "12345";

str1.contains("proto");           // true
str1.containsWord("proto");       // false
str1.containsWord("prototype");   // true
str3.endsWith("45");              // true
str3.reverse() == "54321";        // true
str1.startsWith("JavaScript");    // true
str2.trim() == "What?";           // true
var str = String.sprintf("%d droplets generated in %.3f seconds",
                          cnt, elapsedTime);
```

## Global Functions

These are normal functions. They are not a part of the Stdlib name space so you can call them 'as-is'. e.g.

```
var id = cTID('Rvrt');
```

IDs are 32 bit integers that can be mapped to and from 4 character strings or arbitrarily long strings. They are used heavily in Action Manager/Scripting Listener code.

Function	Parameter Type	Returns	What it does
<b>cTID</b> (s)	string	ID	Converts a four character string into an ID. See Application.charIDToTypeID.
<b>getUnitValue</b> (unit)	Unit or number	number	Returns the value portion of a Unit object. Under PS7, <i>unit</i> is returned.

Function	Parameter Type	Returns	What it does
<b>id2char</b> (id)	ID	string	Converts an ID into a human readable string. If no mapping is found, the unsigned representation of the ID is returned.
<b>isCS</b>		boolean	Returns true if the Photoshop version is CS.
<b>isCS2</b>		boolean	Returns true if the Photoshop version is CS2.
<b>isCS3</b>		boolean	Returns true if the Photoshop version is CS3.
<b>isPS7</b>		boolean	Returns true if the Photoshop version is PS7.
<b>listGlobals</b>		array	Returns an array of <i>key: value</i> pairs of all current global symbols.
<b>listProps</b> (obj)	object	array	Returns an array of <i>key: value</i> pairs of all the properties in <i>object</i> .
<b>sTID</b> (s)	string	ID	Converts a string into an ID. See Application.stringIDToTypeID.
<b>throwError</b> (e)	string or Error		Throws an exception in an expression context. e.g. isCS2()    throwError("Must be CS2");
<b>throwFileError</b> (file, msg)	File, string		Throws an File exception in an expression context. e.g. file.open("r")    throwFileError(file, "Unable to open file");
<b>xTID</b> (s)	number or string	ID	Returns <i>s</i> as an ID.

## Functions Sample Script

### FunctionsSample.jsx

```
// Invoke the Free Transform menu item, illustrates use of cTID and sTID
var ref = new ActionReference();
ref.putEnumerated(cTID("Mn  "), cTID("MnIt"), cTID("FrTr"));
var desc = new ActionDescriptor();
desc.putReference(cTID("null"), ref);
executeAction(sTID("select"), desc, DialogModes.ALL);

// getUnitValue
var width = getUnitValue(app.activeDocument.width);

// id2char
var c = cTID("Rvrt");
id2char(c) == "Revert";    // true
```

```
// listGlobals
alert(listGlobals());

// listProps
alert(listProps(app.activeDocument));

// throw a exception as part of an expression
isCS2() || throwError("Must be CS2.");

// throw a file error exception as part of an expression
file.open("r") || throwFileError(file, "Unable to open file");

// xTID
xTID("Mn  ") == cTID("Mn  ");      // true
xTID("select") == sTID("select");  // true
```

## Action Functions

The Action functions are primarily concerned with the management of actions in the Actions Palette. More detailed APIs for manipulating action files and interpreting actions from action files exists elsewhere in this toolkit.

Function	Parameter Type	Returns	What it does
<b>backupActionsPalette</b> ([file])	File		Backup the Actions Palette. If <i>file</i> is set, use that as the backup. If <i>file</i> is not set, open a dialog to select a backup file.
<b>createDroplet</b> (atn, atnSet, fptr)	string, string, File		Creates a droplet <i>file</i> from the Action <i>atn</i> from the Action Set <i>atnSet</i> .
<b>deleteAction</b> (atn, atnSet)	string, string		Delete the Action <i>atn</i> from the Action Set <i>atnSet</i> .
<b>deleteActionSet</b> (atnSet)	string		Delete the Action Set <i>atnSet</i> .
<b>deleteActionStep</b> (idx, atn, atnSet)	number, string, string		Delete the step <i>idx</i> from the Action <i>atn</i> in the Action Set <i>atnSet</i> .
<b>deleteAllActionSets</b> ([confirmDelete])	boolean		Deletes all Action Sets from the Actions Palette. If <i>confirmDelete</i> is <i>true</i> (default), a <i>confirm</i> dialog will be opened to confirm the deletions.
<b>getActions</b> (atnSet)	string	array	Returns an array of the names of the actions in the Action Set.
<b>getActionSets</b>		array	Returns an array of the names of the Action Sets in the Actions Palette.

Function	Parameter Type	Returns	What it does
<b>hasAction</b> (atn, atnSet)	string, string	boolean	Returns <i>true</i> if the Action <i>atn</i> is found in the Action Set <i>atnSet</i> .
<b>loadActionFile</b> (file)	File		Loads the actions in <i>file</i> . Actions will not be available until the calling script has finished.
<b>loadActionFiles</b> (files)	array of File		Loads the actions from each file in <i>files</i> . Actions will not be available until the calling script has finished.
<b>setActionPlaybackOption</b> (opt, [arg])	string, value		Sets a playback option. If arg is specified, it is used.
<b>setPlaybackAcclerated</b>			Sets the playback mode to Accelerated.
<b>setPlaybackPaused</b> ([secs])	number		Sets the playback mode to Paused with <i>secs</i> seconds delay (if specified).
<b>setPlaybackStepByStep</b>			Sets the playback mode to step-by-step.

## Actions Sample Script

### ActionsSample.jsx

```
// backup the ActionsPalette
Stdlib.backupActionsPalette(new File("~/bak/Actions Palette.psp"));

Stdlib.deleteAction("Blizzard", "Image Effects");

Stdlib.deleteActionSet("Image Effects");
Stdlib.deleteActionStep(1, "Blizzard", "Image Effects");

Stdlib.deleteAllActionSets(true);

var ary = Stdlib.getActions("Image Effects");

var ary = Stdlib.getActionSets();

if (!Stdlib.hasAction("Blizzard", "Image Effects")) {
    throw "Images Effects Action Set is not loaded.";
}

Stdlib.loadActionFile("~/atns/Image Effects.atn");
var file = new Folder("~/atns").getFiles("*.atn");
Stdlib.loadActionFiles(files);

Stdlib.setActionPlaybackOption("accelerated");
Stdlib.setPlaybackAcclerated(); // same as previous line
Stdlib.setPlaybackPaused(2);
Stdlib.setPlaybackStepByStep();
```

## Color Functions

These are some utility functions for dealing with colors in Photoshop.

Function	Parameter Type	Returns	What it does
<b>createRGBColor</b> (arg1, [green, blue])	number or array, number, number	SolidColor	Creates an color with the RGB values specified. e.g. <code>Stdlib.createRGBColor([0,25,0]);</code> <code>Stdlib.createRGBColor(0,25,0);</code>
<b>createSwatch</b> (name, red, green, blue)	string, number, number, number		Adds an RGBcolor called name to the current swatch palette. <code>Stdlib.createSwatch("linen", 250, 240, 230);</code>
<b>getColorAt</b> (doc, x, y)	Document, number, number	SolidColor	Returns the color in <i>doc</i> at the coordinates <i>x</i> , <i>y</i> (in pixels). Note that this may only work in RGB mode.
<b>rgbToArray</b> (color)	SolidColor	array	Returns the color as an array of numbers.
<b>rgbToString</b> (color)	SolidColor	string	Returns the color as a string of numbers.
<b>selectColorRange</b> (doc, color, [range, [inverse]])	Document, SolidColor, number, boolean		Selects a color range in <i>doc</i> . <i>range</i> is the fuzziness of the selection (default 40). <i>inverse</i> indicates whether or not to invert the selection (default <i>false</i> );
<b>selectColorRangeRGB</b> (doc, color, [range, [inverse]])	Document, RGBColor or array, number, boolean		Selects a color range in <i>doc</i> . The color is an RGB color or an array of RGB values. <i>range</i> is the fuzziness of the selection (default 40). <i>inverse</i> indicates whether or not to invert the selection (default <i>false</i> );

## Color Sample Script

### ColorsSample.jsx

```
app.foregroundColor = Stdlib.createRGBColor(128, 128, 128);
app.foregroundColor = Stdlib.createRGBColor([128, 128, 128]);

Stdlib.createSwatch("Middle Grey", 128, 128, 128);

app.foregroundColor = Stdlib.getColorAt(app.activeDocument, 10, 10);

var ary = Stdlib.rgbToArray(app.foregroundColor);
alert(Stdlib.rgbToString(app.foregroundColor));

Stdlib.selectColorRange(app.activeDocument, app.foregroundColor, 0, false);
Stdlib.selectColorRangeRGB(app.activeDocument, [128, 128, 128]);
```

## Container Functions

Photoshop has a number of *container* classes that all behave similarly. *Documents* and *ArtLayers* are good examples of these containers. The containers are composed of a set of objects. This set is indexable by name or by number.

Note that some containers (e.g. Layers) may nested into multiple levels in a hierarchy. This set of functions does **not** operate on nested containers. Nesting is handled by different APIs.

Function	Parameter Type	Returns	What it does
<b>getAllByName</b> (container, name)	container object, string or RegExp	array	Returns all elements of <i>container</i> with names that match <i>name</i> .
<b>getByName</b> (container, name, [all])	container object, string or RegExp, boolean	object or array	Returns elements of <i>container</i> with names that match <i>name</i> . If <i>all</i> is <i>false</i> (default), only the first match is returned. If <i>all</i> is <i>true</i> , all matches are returned.
<b>getByFunction</b> (container, ftn, [all])	container object, function, boolean	object or array	Returns elements of <i>container</i> for which <i>ftn</i> evaluates true. If <i>all</i> is <i>false</i> (default), only the first match is returned. If <i>all</i> is <i>true</i> , all matches are returned.
<b>getByProperty</b> (container, prop, value, [all])	container object, string, {string number  boolean}, boolean	object or array	Returns elements of <i>container</i> for the property <i>prop</i> matches <i>value</i> . If <i>all</i> is <i>false</i> (default), only the first match is returned. If <i>all</i> is <i>true</i> , all matches are returned.

## Container Sample Script

### ContainerSample.jsx

```
var doc = app.activeDocument;

// get all layers with names that start with 'Layer'
var layers = Stdlib.getAllByName(doc.layers, /^Layer/);

// get a layer called "Layer 1"
var layer = Stdlib.getByName(doc.layers, "Layer 1");

// get all layers that are locked and visible
function chkLayer(layer) {
    return layer.visible && layer.allLocked;
};
var layers = Stdlib.getByFunction(doc.layers, chkLayer, true);

// get all text layers
var layers = Stdlib.getByProperty(doc.layers, "kind", LayerKind.TEXT,
true);
```

## Document Functions

This section contains a handful of functions that deal strictly with Documents.

Function	Parameter Type	Returns	What it does
<b>duplicateDocument</b> (doc, [name, [merged]])	Document, string, boolean	Document	Returns a duplicate of <i>doc</i> with the name <i>name</i> . If <i>merged</i> is true, the layers in the new document are merged. <i>name</i> defaults to system behavior, <i>merged</i> defaults to <i>false</i> .
<b>fitImage</b> (doc, width, height)	Document, number, number		Resizes <i>doc</i> to fit inside a rectangle with dimensions of <i>width</i> and <i>height</i> (in pixels).
<b>getDocumentName</b> (doc)	Document	string	Returns the name of the document. This does not require that the document had been previously saved.
<b>hasBackground</b> (doc)	Document	boolean	Returns <i>true</i> if <i>doc</i> has a background layer, <i>false</i> if not.
<b>isDocumentNew</b> (doc)	Document	boolean	Returns <i>true</i> if <i>doc</i> is new and has not yet been saved, <i>false</i> if not.
<b>isDocumentOpen</b> (file)	File	boolean	Returns <i>true</i> if the document referred to by <i>file</i> is already open, <i>false</i> if not.
<b>isLandscapeMode</b> (doc)	Document	boolean	Returns <i>true</i> if <i>doc</i> is in landscape mode, <i>false</i> if not.
<b>isPortraitMode</b> (doc)	Document	boolean	Returns <i>true</i> if <i>doc</i> is in portrait mode, <i>false</i> if not.
<b>isSquareMode</b> (doc)	Document	boolean	Returns <i>true</i> if <i>doc</i> is in square mode, <i>false</i> if not.
<b>newDocument</b> (name, mode, width, height, resolution, depth)	string, string, number, number, number, number	Document	Create a new document using the specified parameters. <i>mode</i> is one of "BtmM", "CMYK", "Grys", "IndC", "LbCM", "MltC", "RGBM". <i>depth</i> is one of 1, 8, or 16.  ex: Stdlib.newDocument("bbb.psd", "RGBM", 250, 500, 72, 16)
<b>openDialogPS7</b>		Document	Open a UI to load a document. This is for PS7 which lacks the <i>File.openDialog</i> function.
<b>revertDocument</b> (doc)	Document		Return <i>doc</i> to its original state.

## Document Sample Script

### DocumentSample.jsx

```

var doc = app.activeDocument;

var dupe = Stdlib.duplicateDocument(doc, "My Dupe", false);

Stdlib.getDocumentName(dupe) == "My Dupe";    // true

var bg = Stdlib.hasBackground(doc);

var isOpen = Stdlib.isDocumentOpen(new File("~/images/Some Doc.psd"));

var newDoc = Stdlib.newDocument("New Document", "CMYK", 1000, 1000, 16);

Stdlib.isDocumentNew(newDoc);    // true
Stdlib.isSquareMode(newDoc);    // true
Stdlib.isPortraitMode(newDoc);  // false
Stdlib.isLandscapeMode(newDoc); // false

var doc = Stdlib.openDialogPS7("/c/tmp/kitty.psd");

Stdlib.revertDocument(doc);

```

## History Functions

There are a number of non-Photoshop-related functions in Stdlib that are useful to have handy.

Function	Parameter Type	Returns	What it does
<b>deleteSnapshot</b> (doc, name)	Document, string	boolean	Deletes the snapshot called <i>name</i> from the history of <i>doc</i> . Returns false if that history state does not exist.
<b>hist</b> (dir)	string		Moves the history in the direction indicated by <i>dir</i> . Must be " <i>Prvs</i> " or " <i>Nxt</i> ".
<b>redo</b>			Move forward to the next history state.
<b>revertToLastSnapshot</b> (doc)	Document	boolean	Revert to the last auto-named history state (one that begins with 'Snapshot'). Returns <i>true</i> if successful.
<b>revertToSnapshot</b> (doc, [sname])	Document, sname	boolean	Revert to the history state <i>sname</i> . If <i>sname</i> is not specified, <i>revertToLastSnapshot</i> is called. Returns <i>true</i> if successful.
<b>takeSnapshot</b> (doc, [sname])	Document, string		Take a snapshot of the current history state. If <i>sname</i> is specified it is used as the name of the snapshot. If not, the snapshot is autonamed.

Function	Parameter Type	Returns	What it does
<b>undo</b>			Undo the last operation.

## History Sample Script

### HistorySample.jsx

```
var doc = app.activeDocument;

Stdlib.undo();
Stdlib.redo();
Stdlib.hist("Prvs");

Stdlib.takeSnapshot(doc);
Stdlib.revertToLastSnapshot(doc);
Stdlib.takeSnapshot(doc, "Before filter state");
Stdlib.revertToSnapshot(doc, "Before filter state");
Stdlib.deleteSnapshot(doc, "Before filter state");
```

## Layer and Mask Functions

The Photoshop JavaScript is missing some fairly important Layers methods and has none at all that deal with layer masks. The functions in this section address these shortcomings.

### Layer Styles/Effects Functions

Function	Parameter Type	Returns	What it does
<b>clearEffects</b> (doc, layer)	Document, Layer		Clears the layer styles from <i>layer</i> .
<b>copyEffects</b> (doc)	Document		See <i>copyStyles</i> .
<b>copyStyles</b> (doc)	Document		Copies styles from the current layer to the styles clipboard.
<b>hasEffects</b> (doc, layer)	Document, Layer	boolean	Returns <i>true</i> if <i>layer</i> has layer styles, <i>false</i> if not.
<b>hideLayerEffects</b> (doc, layer)	Document, Layer,		Hides layer effects for <i>layer</i> .
<b>pasteEffects</b> (doc)	Document		See <i>pasteStyles</i> .
<b>pasteStyles</b> (doc)	Document		Pastes the contents of the styles clipboard into the current layer.
<b>showLayerEffects</b> (doc, layer)	Document, Layer		Shows the layer effects for <i>layer</i> .

## Layer Mask Functions

Function	Parameter Type	Returns	What it does
<b>appendMaskToSelection</b> (doc, layer)	Document, Layer		Appends the mask of <i>layer</i> to the current selection.
<b>createLayerMask</b> (doc, layer, [fromSelection])	Document, Layer, boolean		Create a layer mask for <i>layer</i> . If <i>fromSelection</i> is <i>true</i> , use the current selection as the layer mask.
<b>disableLayerMask</b> (doc, layer)	Document, Layer		Disables the layer mask for <i>layer</i> .
<b>enableLayerMask</b> (doc, layer)	Document, Layer		Enables the layer mask for <i>layer</i> .
<b>getMaskBounds</b> (doc, layer)	Document, Layer	bounds array	Returns the bounds of the mask on <i>layer</i> .
<b>hasLayerMask</b> (doc, layer)	Document, Layer	boolean	Returns <i>true</i> if <i>layer</i> has a mask, <i>false</i> if not.
<b>insertImageIntoMask</b> (doc, layer, fpPtr)	Document, Layer, File or string		Inserts the image in file <i>fpPtr</i> into the mask on <i>layer</i> .
<b>linkLayerMask</b> (doc, layer)	Document, Layer		Link the mask for <i>layer</i> .
<b>removeLayerMask</b> (doc, layer, [apply])	Document, Layer, boolean		Removes the mask from <i>layer</i> . If <i>apply</i> is <i>true</i> (default: <i>false</i> ) the mask is applied on removal.
<b>selectLayerMask</b> (doc, layer)	Document, Layer		Selects the layer mask of <i>layer</i> .
<b>selectMaskChannel</b> (doc, layer)	Document, Layer		Selects the mask channel of <i>layer</i> .
<b>setLayerMaskEnabledState</b> (doc, layer, state)	Document, Layer, boolean		Enables or disables the layer mask based on the value of <i>state</i> .
<b>unlinkLayerMask</b> (doc, layer)	Document, Layer		Unlink the mask on <i>layer</i> .

## Multi-Layer / Document Functions

Function	Parameter Type	Returns	What it does
<b>copyLayerToDocument</b> (doc, layer, otherDoc)	Document, Layer, Document		Copies a layer from one document to another.
<b>deleteAllHiddenLayers</b> (doc)	Document		Deletes all hidden layers from <i>doc</i> .
<b>deleteSelectedLayers</b> (doc)	Document		Deletes all selected layers from <i>doc</i> .
<b>findLayer</b> (doc, name)	Document, string		Finds a layer called <i>name</i> in the document.
<b>getLayersList</b> (doc)	Document	array	Returns an array of all layers in <i>doc</i> .
<b>getSelectedLayers</b> (doc)	Document	array	Returns an array of all currently selected layers in <i>doc</i> .
<b>getVisibleLayers</b> (doc)	Document	array	Returns an array of all visible layers in <i>doc</i> .
<b>hideAllLayers</b> (doc)	Document		Hides all top-level layers in <i>doc</i> .
<b>linkSelectedLayers</b> (doc)	Document		Link the currently selected layers in <i>doc</i> .
<b>makeDocFromLayer</b> (doc, layer, docName)	Document, Layer, string	Document	Returns a new document called <i>docName</i> using the contents of <i>layer</i> .
<b>mergeVisible</b> (doc)	Document		Merges the visible layers in <i>doc</i> .
<b>newGroupFromLayers</b> (doc)	Document		Creates a new group from the currently selected layers. <i>Note: this needs to be extended so that an array of layers can be passed in.</i>
<b>selectLayers</b> (doc, layers, append)	Document, array of Layer, boolean		Selects <i>layers</i> . If <i>append</i> is <i>true</i> , <i>layers</i> is added to the current selection.
<b>selectLinkedLayers</b> (doc)	Document		Selects layers linked to the current layer in <i>doc</i> .
<b>showAllLayers</b> (doc)	Document		Shows all top-level layers in <i>doc</i> .
<b>traverseLayers</b> (doc, ftn, [reverse])	Document, function, boolean		Executes the function <i>ftn</i> on all layers in <i>doc</i> . If <i>reverse</i> is <i>true</i> (default: <i>false</i> ) the layers are traversed in reverse order. <i>ftn</i> takes the form of: function myFtn(doc, layer) {} It should return <i>true</i> to continue the traversal or <i>false</i> to stop.

Function	Parameter Type	Returns	What it does
<b>unlinkSelectedLayers</b> (doc)	Document		Unlink the layers linked to the current <i>layer</i> .

## Layer Transformation

Function	Parameter Type	Returns	What it does
<b>freeTransform</b> (doc, layer)	Document, Layer		Initiates an interactive free transform on <i>layer</i> .
<b>rotateLayer</b> (doc, layer, angle)	Document, Layer, number		Rotates <i>layer</i> by <i>angle</i> number of degrees.
<b>transformLayer</b> (doc, layer)	Document, Layer		Peforms an interactive free transform on <i>layer</i> .
<b>transformScale</b> (doc, layer)	Document, Layer		Peforms an interactive scale transform on <i>layer</i> .

## Layer Index Functions

Note that the indexes in this section are an internal Photoshop numbers that have nothing to do with with a layer's index in *Document.layers*.

Function	Parameter Type	Returns	What it does
<b>deselectLayerByIndex</b> (doc, index)	Document, number		Deselects the layer using the internal Photoshop index <i>index</i> .
<b>deselectLayersByIndex</b> (doc, indexes)	Document, numbers		Deselects the layers in <i>indexes</i> .
<b>getActiveLayerIndex</b> (doc)	Document	number	Returns the internal Photoshop index of the active layer.
<b>getLayerBoundsByIndex</b> (doc, index)	Document, number	bounds	Returns the bounds for the layer at <i>index</i> .
<b>getLayerDescriptorByIndex</b> (doc, index)	Document, number	ActionDescriptor	Returns the ActionDescriptor for the layer at <i>index</i> .
<b>getLayerIndex</b> (doc, layer)	Document, Layer	number	Returns the internal Photoshop index for <i>layer</i> .
<b>getLayerNameByIndex</b> (doc, idx)	Document, number	String	Returns the name of the layer <i>idx</i> .

Function	Parameter Type	Returns	What it does
<b>getLayerOpacityByIndex</b> (doc, idx)	Document, number	number	Returns the opacity of the layer <i>idx</i> .
<b>getLayerTypeByIndex</b> (doc, idx)	Document, number	number	Returns the type of the layer <i>idx</i> as an ID.
<b>moveLayerContentByIndex</b> (doc, idx, dx, dy)	Document, number, number, number		Moves the contents of the layer <i>idx</i> by <i>dx</i> and <i>dy</i> .
<b>selectLayerByIndex</b> (doc, index)	Document, number		Selects the layer using the internal Photoshop index <i>index</i> .
<b>selectLayersByIndex</b> (doc, indexes)	Document, numbers		Selects the layers in <i>indexes</i> .

### Miscellaneous Layer Functions

Function	Parameter Type	Returns	What it does
<b>getLayerDescriptor</b> (doc, layer)	Document, Layer	ActionDescriptor	Returns the ActionDescriptor for <i>layer</i> .
<b>getLayerID</b> (doc, layer)	Document, Layer	number	Returns the internal Photoshop ID for <i>layer</i> .
<b>isLayerEmpty</b> (doc, layer)	Document, Layer		Returns <i>true</i> if <i>layer</i> is empty, <i>false</i> if not.
<b>isLayerSelected</b> (doc, layer)	Document, Layer		Not yet implemented.
<b>loadSelection</b> (doc, layer, kind, [invert])	Document, Layer, string, boolean		Creates a selection based on the channel <i>kind</i> of <i>layer</i> . <i>kind</i> is one of "Trsp" or "Msk ". If <i>invert</i> is <i>true</i> (default: <i>false</i> ), the selection is inverted.
<b>rasterizeLayer</b> (doc, layer)	Document, Layer		Rasterizes <i>layer</i> .
<b>selectLayer</b> (doc, layer, append)	Document, Layer, boolean		Selects <i>layer</i> . If <i>append</i> is <i>true</i> , <i>layer</i> is added to the current selection.
<b>selectTransparencyChannel</b> (doc, layer)	Document, Layer		Selects the transparency channel of <i>layer</i> .

## Layer and Mask Sample Script

### LayerMaskSample.jsx

```
var doc = app.activeDocument;

var layers = Stdlib.getLayersList(doc);
Stdlib.deleteAllHiddenLayers(doc);
Stdlib.hideAllLayers(doc);
Stdlib.showAllLayers(doc);

var layer = doc.activeLayer;

Stdlib.makeDocFromLayer(doc, layer, "New Document");
Stdlib.insertImageIntoMask(doc, layer, "~/images/kitty.psd");
Stdlib.rotateLayer(doc, layer, 45.0);
Stdlib.selectLayer(doc, layer);
Stdlib.rasterizeLayer(doc, layer);
Stdlib.transformLayer(doc, layer);
Stdlib.transformScale(doc, layer);

Stdlib.copyEffects(doc); // Stdlib.copyStyles(doc);
Stdlib.hideLayerEffects(doc, layer);
Stdlib.pasteEffects(doc); // Stdlib.pasteStyles
Stdlib.showLayerEffects(doc, layer);

Stdlib.createLayerMask(doc, layer, true);
Stdlib.appendMaskToSelection(doc, layer);
Stdlib.disableLayerMask(doc, layer);
Stdlib.enableLayerMask(doc, layer);
Stdlib.setLayerMaskEnabledState(doc, layer, true);
var hasMask = Stdlib.hasLayerMask(doc, layer);
Stdlib.removeLayerMask(doc, layer, false);
Stdlib.selectLayerMask(doc, layer);
Stdlib.linkLayerMask(doc, layer);
Stdlib.unlinkLayerMask(doc, layer);

Stdlib.loadSelection(doc, layer, "Trsp");
Stdlib.selectMaskChannel(doc, layer);
Stdlib.selectTransparencyChannel(doc, layer);

Stdlib.linkSelectedLayers(doc);
Stdlib.selectLinkedLayers(doc, layer);
Stdlib.unlinkSelectedLayers(doc);

var desc = Stdlib.getLayerDescriptor(doc, layer);
var desc = Stdlib.getLayerDescriptorByIndex(doc, 2);
var idx = Stdlib.getLayerIndex(doc, layer);
Stdlib.selectLayerByIndex(doc, idx);

// get all layers that are locked and visible
```

```
function chkLayer(layer) {
    return layer.visible && layer.allLocked;
};
var layers = Stdlib.traverseLayers(doc, chkLayers);
```

## Selection and Path Functions

This section contains a set of function for operating on Selections and Paths. Several deal with get the bounds of the selection. There are here because the *Selection.bounds* property is broke in CS2 and non-existent in CS and PS7. The preferred way to get the selection bounds is *Stdlib.getSelectionBounds*.

Function	Parameter Type	Returns	What it does
<b>computeSelectionBounds</b> (doc)	Document	array	Returns the bounds of the current selection computed using the <i>LayerSet</i> technique.
<b>computeSelectionBoundsLS</b> (doc)	Document	array	Returns the bounds of the current selection computed using the <i>WorkPath</i> technique.
<b>computeSelectionBoundsPS7</b> (doc)	Document	array	Returns the bounds of the current selection computed using a PS7 compatible version of the <i>WorkPath</i> technique.
<b>computeSelectionRegion</b> (doc)	Document	array	Returns the precise region of the current selection using the <i>WorkPath</i> technique.
<b>crop</b> (doc)	Document		Crops <i>doc</i> based on the current selection.
<b>deselectActivePath</b> (doc)	Document		Deselects the active path in <i>doc</i> .
<b>getPathItems</b> (doc)	Document	ActionList	A PS7 compatible way of getting the path items in the current document.
<b>getSelectionBounds</b> (doc)	Document	array	Returns the bounds of the current selection using the <i>Layer Dupe</i> technique. This is the preferred way of getting the bounds of a selection.
<b>interactiveCrop</b> (doc, bnds)	Document, array		Performs an interactive crop on <i>doc</i> using <i>bnds</i> as the initial area of the crop.
<b>hasSelection</b> (doc)	Document	boolean	Returns <i>true</i> if <i>doc</i> has an active selection, <i>false</i> if not.
<b>magicWand</b> (doc, x, y, [tol, [aa]])	Document, number, number, number, boolean		Performs a magic wand operation on <i>doc</i> at the coordinates <i>x</i> , <i>y</i> , using <i>tol</i> as the tolerance, if specified. If <i>aa</i> is <i>true</i> (default), anti-alias is turned on for the selection.
<b>makeWorkPath</b> (doc)	Document		A PS7 compatible way of converting the current selection to a path on <i>doc</i> .

Function	Parameter Type	Returns	What it does
<b>selectBounds</b> (doc, bnds, [type, [feather, [alias]])	Document, array, SelectionType, number, boolean		This is a wrapper for <i>Selection.select</i> . It differs in that it selects via a bounds array. This is, the array is [x1, y1, x2,, y2] instead of an array of coordinates.
<b>selectSimilar</b> (doc, [tol, [aa]])	Document, number, boolean		Peforms a <i>select similar</i> operation on <i>doc</i> using <i>tol</i> as the tolerance, if specified. If <i>aa</i> is <i>true</i> (default), anti-alias is turned on for the selection.
<b>transformSelection</b> (doc)	Document		Performs an interactive transform operation on the current selection in <i>doc</i> .

## Selection and Path Script

### SelectionPathSample.jsx

```

var doc = app.activeDocument;

Stdlib.hasSelection(doc);
Stdlib.transformSelection(doc);

Stdlib.crop(doc);
Stdlib.interactiveCrop(doc);

Stdlib.computeSelectionBounds(doc);
Stdlib.computeSelectionBoundsLS(doc);
Stdlib.computeSelectionBoundsPS7(doc);
Stdlib.computeSelectionRegion(doc);
Stdlib.getSelectionBounds(doc);

Stdlib.selectBounds(doc);

Stdlib.magicWand(doc);
Stdlib.selectSimilar(doc);

Stdlib.deselectActivePath(doc);
Stdlib.getPathItems(doc);
Stdlib.makeWorkPath(doc);

```

## Miscellaneous Photoshop Functions

There are a number of Photoshop-related functions in Stdlib that don't quite fit in the previous sections. They are collected here.

Function	Parameter Type	Returns	What it does
<b>addTextLayer</b> (doc, contents,	Document, string, string,	ArtLayer	Returns a text layer populated with <i>contents</i> . <i>name</i> is optional. If the

Function	Parameter Type	Returns	What it does
[name, [size]])	number		font size <i>size</i> is not specified, 24 is used as a default. The layer is positioned 5% from the upper-left corner. The color and font are hardwired.
<b>applyDataSet</b> (setName)	string		Applies the dataset <i>setName</i> to the current document.
<b>batch</b> (src, atn, atnSet, opts, mask, recurse)	Files and/or Folders, string, string, BatchOptions, string, boolean		This is a wrapper around the Batch command. It does not use the <i>Application.batch</i> interface. <i>source</i> can be a <i>File</i> , <i>Folder</i> , or an array of the two. <i>atn</i> and <i>atnSet</i> specify the action to be executed. <i>opts</i> is describe in the Photoshop documentation for <i>BatchOptions</i> . <i>mask</i> is a Stdlib.GetFiles mask. <i>recurse</i> indicates whether or not to go into subfolders (default: <i>false</i> ). One significant note is that the <i>fileNameing</i> property of <i>opts</i> may also contain arbitrary strings as components.
<b>btRunScript</b> (script, [app])	string, string		Executes <i>script</i> by send a command over BridgeTalk to the application <i>app</i> . If <i>app</i> is not specified, it is sent to the current application.
<b>clearGuides</b> (doc)	Document		Removes all guides from <i>doc</i> .
<b>createGuide</b> (doc, orientation, location)	Document, string, number		Creates a guide at <i>location</i> (in pixels). Orientation is one of "Vrtc" or "Hrzn"
<b>createHorizontalGuide</b> (doc)	Document, number		Creates a horizontal guide at <i>location</i> (in pixels).
<b>createVerticalGuide</b> (arg1, arg2)	Document, number		Creates a vertical guide at <i>location</i> (in pixels).
<b>doEvent</b> ([doc], eid, [interactive, [noDesc]])	Document, string   number, boolean, boolean		Executes an event indicated by <i>eid</i> . If <i>interactive</i> is <i>true</i> (default: <i>false</i> ), the event is run interactively. If <i>noDesc</i> is <i>true</i> (default: <i>false</i> ), no ActionDescriptor is used for the invocation.
<b>doMenuItem</b> (menuItemId, [interactive])	string   number, boolean,		Executes a menu item indicated by <i>menuItemId</i> . If <i>interactive</i> is <i>true</i> (default: <i>false</i> ), the menu item is run interactively.

Function	Parameter Type	Returns	What it does
<b>drawLine</b> (doc, start, stop)	doc, array, array		Draws a line on <i>doc</i> using the coordinates specified by <i>start</i> and <i>stop</i> . e.g. <code>Stdlib.drawLine(doc,   [20,20], [20, 40]);</code>
<b>dumpRTTI</b> (obj)	class		Returns a string containing runtime information about <i>obj</i> gathered using the <i>Reflect</i> API.
<b>fileImportDataSets</b> (filename)	string		Imports the dataset information in the file <i>filename</i> into the current document.
<b>findFont</b> (fstr)	string	TextFont	Returns a TextFont with a PostScript name of <i>fstr</i> .
<b>findPSFont</b> (fstr)	string	string	Returns a PostScript name of a font with the name <i>fstr</i> .
<b>getLastJSLogEntry</b> ([fptr])	File or string	string	Returns the last entry in the ScriptingListener log indicated by <i>fptr</i> . If <i>fptr</i> is not specified, <i>"c/ScriptingListener.JS.log"</i> is used.
<b>getPSFontList</b>		array	Returns an array containing the PostScript names of all available fonts.
<b>makeActive</b> (obj)	object	object	Make <i>obj</i> the active object of its type. The previous active object is returned. Currently on Document and Layer objects are supported.
<b>renameChannel</b> (doc, oldName, newName)	Document, string, string		Changes the name of the channel with the name <i>oldName</i> to.
<b>runScript</b> (fstr)	string		Runs the script in the file <i>fstr</i> .
<b>saveAllPatterns</b> (file)	File		Saves all patterns to <i>file</i> .
<b>savePattern</b> (file, index)	File, number		Saves a pattern at <i>index</i> in the specified file.
<b>savePatterns</b> (file, indexes)	File, array		Saves the patterns with the indexes in <i>ary</i> to the specified file.
<b>selectChannel</b> (chnl)	string		Selects the channel with the id <i>chnl</i> .
<b>selectTool</b> (tool)	ID or ToolType		Selects the tool specified by <i>tool</i> .
<b>stop</b> ([msg, [cont]])	string, boolean		Issues a <i>Stop</i> command with the message <i>msg</i> . If <i>msg</i> is not specified "Operation

Function	Parameter Type	Returns	What it does
			Canceled" is used. If continue is <i>true</i> (default: <i>false</i> ), the dialog will offer a "Continue" button. In its current form, the function serves little purpose.
<b>waitForRedraw</b>			Waits for a Redraw command to occur. This is helpful if you need to force a refresh of the current document.

## Miscellaneous Photoshop Sample Script

### MiscPSSample.jsx

```

var doc = app.activeDocument;

Stdlib.addTextLayer(doc, doc.fullName.fsName, "Filename", 24);
Stdlib.batch(doc);
Stdlib.drawLine(doc);

Stdlib.fileImportDataSets(doc);
Stdlib.applyDataSet(doc);

Stdlib.clearGuides(doc);
Stdlib.createGuide(doc);
Stdlib.createHorizontalGuide(doc);
Stdlib.createVerticalGuide(doc);

Stdlib.findFont(doc);
Stdlib.findPSFont(doc);
Stdlib.getPSFontList(doc);

Stdlib.saveAllPatterns(doc);
Stdlib.savePattern(doc);
Stdlib.savePatterns(doc);

Stdlib.renameChannel(doc);
Stdlib.selectChannel(doc);
Stdlib.selectTool(doc);
Stdlib.waitForRedraw(doc);

Stdlib.doEvent(doc);
Stdlib.doMenuItem(doc);
Stdlib.makeActive(doc);
Stdlib.wrapLC(doc);
Stdlib.wrapLCLayer(doc);

Stdlib.btRunScript(doc);
Stdlib.runScript(doc);

Stdlib.dumpRTI(obj);
Stdlib.getLastJSLogEntry(doc);

```

## Miscellaneous Other Functions

There are a number of non-Photoshop-related functions in Stdlib that are useful to have handy. They are collected here.

Function	Parameter Type	Returns	What it does
<b>binToHex</b> ( <i>str</i> , [ <i>whitespace</i> ])	string, boolean	string	Converts a binary string <i>str</i> to a hex string, which is then returned. If <i>whitespace</i> is <i>true</i> (default: <i>false</i> ) a '\n' character is insert into the string every 16 characters.
<b>clearObject</b> ( <i>obj</i> )	object	object	Deletes all properties from <i>obj</i> . <i>obj</i> is returned.
<b>copyFromTo</b> ( <i>from</i> , <i>to</i> )	object, object		Copies all properties from object <i>from</i> to object <i>to</i> . No functions are copied.
<b>createObject</b> ( <i>cls</i> , <i>attrs</i> )	class, object	object	Create as new object of class <i>cls</i> . The properties in <i>attrs</i> are copied to the new object, which is returned.
<b>dumpGlobals</b> ([ <i>fname</i> ])	string		The results of <i>listGlobals</i> are written to the file <i>fname</i> . If <i>fname</i> is not specified, <i>"c/temp/globals.log"</i> is used.
<b>fullStop</b>			Stops the script by launching the ExtendScript debugger.
<b>getScriptFile</b>		File	Returns the File of the running script.
<b>getScriptFileName</b>		String	Returns the filename of the running script.
<b>getScriptFolder</b>		Folder	Returns the Folder containing the File of the running script.
<b>hexToBin</b> ( <i>str</i> )	string		Returns the hex string <i>str</i> converted to a binary string.
<b>hexToJS</b> ( <i>str</i> )	string	string	Returns a JavaScript string contant of the hex string <i>str</i> . When used with <i>binToHex</i> , this makes it possible to embed binary data in a script.
<b>hexToLong</b> ( <i>str</i> )	string	number	Returns the conversion of a hex string to a 32 bit unsigned integer.
<b>longToHex</b> ( <i>num</i> )	number	string	Returns the conversion of a 32 bit unsigned integer to a hex string.
<b>numberToAscii</b> ( <i>num</i> )	number	string	The 32 bit number <i>num</i> is converted to a string by convert the numeric value of each byte to an ascii character. e.g. var num = 1383494260; Stdlib.numberToAscii(num) == "Rvrt"
<b>parseISODateString</b> ( <i>str</i> )	string	Date	Parses the string as an ISO 8601 string and returns that date. See <b>Stdlib.toISODateString</b> .
<b>popRandomElement</b> ( <i>ary</i> )	array	object	Returns a random object from the array <i>ary</i> and removes it from the array.

Function	Parameter Type	Returns	What it does
<b>randomElement</b> (ary)	array	object	Returns a random object from the array <i>ary</i> .
<b>shortToHex</b> (num)	number	string	Returns the conversion of a 16 bit unsigned integer to a hex string.
<b>toISODateString</b> (date, [timeDesignator, [dateOnly]])	Date string, boolean	string	Return <i>date</i> as a string in ISO 8601: YYYY-MM-DDTHH:MM:SS. <i>timeDesignator</i> is character separator between the date and time portions of the string (default 'T'). <i>dateOnly</i> controls whether or not the time is excluded from the string (default: <i>false</i> ).

## Miscellaneous Other Sample Script

### MiscOtherSample.jsx

```

var str = Stdlib.readFile("/c/tmp/xxx.asl", 'BINARY');
var hex = Stdlib.binToHex(s);

var jsStr = Stdlib.hexToJS(hex);
var num = Stdlib.hexToLong("DEADBEEF");

var binstr = Stdlib.hexToBin(hex);

var hex = Stdlib.longToHex(num);
var num = Stdlib.hexToLong("61626364");
Stdlib.numberToAscii(num) == 'abcd';      // true

Stdlib.clearObject(obj);
Stdlib.copyFromTo(fromObj, toObj);

function MyClass() {}
var obj = Stdlib.createObject(MyClass, app.activeDocument);

Stdlib.dumpGlobals();
Stdlib.fullStop();

Stdlib.getScriptFileName();
Stdlib.getScriptFolder();

var ary = [5, 7, 1, 4, 12, 67, 99];
var element = Stdlib.popRandomElement(ary);
var element = Stdlib.randomElement(ary);
Stdlib.toISODateString(new Date());

```

## Appendix A: Date Format Specification

One style of Date format specifications is based on the Unix *strftime(3)* implementation. The format specification is text that includes characters that will be substituted according to the following rules. Characters in a format specification that are not matched are left unchanged. A date/time of October 31, 2006 20:43:02 will be used for the example below.

Specifier	Substitution
%a	A three-letter abbreviation for the day of the week, one of 'Sun', 'Mon', 'Tue', 'Wed', 'Thu', 'Fri', or 'Sat'. <i>Tue</i>
%A	The full name for the day of the week, one of 'Sunday', 'Monday', 'Tuesday', 'Wednesday', 'Thursday', 'Friday', or 'Saturday'. <i>Tuesday</i>
%b	A three-letter abbreviation for the name of the month, one of 'Jan', 'Feb', 'Mar', 'Apr', 'May', 'Jun', 'Jul', 'Aug', 'Sep', 'Oct', 'Nov', or 'Dec'. <i>Oct</i>
%B	The full name of the month. One of 'January', 'February', 'March', 'April', 'May', 'June', 'July', 'August', 'September', 'October', 'November', or 'December'. <i>October</i>
%c	The complete date and time in this format: "Tue Oct 31 20:43:02 2006".
%C	The century portion of the year, zero padded. <i>20</i>
%d	The day of the month, zero padded. <i>31</i>
%D	The date in the format "%m/%d/%y". <i>10/31/06</i>
%e	The day of the month, space padded. <i>31</i>
%F	The date in the format "%Y-%m-%d". <i>2006-10-31</i>
%h	A three-letter abbreviation for the name of the month, same as %b. <i>Oct</i>
%H	The hour on a 24 hour clock, zero padded. <i>20</i>
%I	The hour on a 12 hour clock, zero padded. <i>08</i>
%j	The Julian date. <i>304</i>
%k	The hour on a 24 hour clock, space padded. <i>20</i>
%l	The hour on a 12 hour clock, space padded. <i>8</i>
%m	The month number, zero padded. <i>10</i>

%M	The minutes, zero padded. <i>43</i>
%n	A newline character.
%p	Either AM or PM as appropriate. <i>PM</i>
%r	12 hour time to the second with this format: "%I:%M:%S %p". <i>08:43:02 PM</i>
%S	The seconds, zero padded. <i>02</i>
%t	A tab character.
%T	24 hour time to the seconds with this format: "%H:%M:%S". <i>20:43:02</i>
%u	The weekday as a number where Monday is 1 and Sunday is 7. <i>2</i>
%w	The weekday as a number where Sunday is 0 and Saturday is 6. <i>2</i>
%x	The date in the format "%m/%d/%y". Same as %D.
%X	24 hour time to the seconds with this format: "%H:%M:%S". Same as %T.
%y	The last two digits of the year. <i>06</i>
%Y	The full four digits of the year. <i>2006</i>
%%	The '%' character.

Using these formats, you could create a text layer with the name *@Date*, set its contents to *"Created on %Y/%m/%d"*, and end up with a layer that looks like *"Created on 2006/10/31"*.