

## [7.12] Access a variable from any folder with "\_" (underscore)

Usually you refer to variables outside the current folder by specifying the folder name and the variable name, like this:

```
folderName\variableName
```

However, if you precede the variable name with an underscore, like this:

```
_variableName
```

you can use it from any folder without specifying its actual folder location.

The underscore is actually intended to be used to specify user-defined units. However, you can store numbers, strings, lists, expressions and matrices to this type of variable. Unfortunately, you cannot store functions or programs in these variables. The variable will appear in Var-Link in the folder in which it was created. You can create these variables as global variables in programs, but not functions. You cannot create them in functions.

You can execute a string stored in one of these variables like this:

```
"test2()"→_ttt1  
expr(_ttt1)
```

This sequence will execute the program *test2()*.

*(Credit to Frank Westlake)*