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to automate **GeoDict** simulations

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AUTOMATION BY SCRIPTING IN **GeoDict** 2023

GeoDict offers the key possibility of recording and executing macros or scripts directly from the GUI (Graphical User Interface) or in the command line.

A **scripting language** is a programming language that automates the execution of tasks which could alternatively be executed one-by-one by a human operator.

In **GeoDict**, the older GMC macro language is being phased out and Python is now the language for these scripts.

In **GeoDict**, variables and their operations which are defined in a simple Python macro, can be modified using text editor capabilities. The advantages of using macros with variables and other **GeoDict** macros are:

- Automation of sequences of operations that can run:
 - Without intermediate user interaction.
 - With automatic parameter variation.
- Avoidance of the error-prone and time-consuming process of sequentially introducing values and clicking the same buttons during **frequently repeated processes**.
- Documentation of input parameters providing a record of the user's activity that can be reproduced by him/herself and by others. All **generation parameters are recorded** in the macro and might be modified at any time.
- Option of **delaying the execution** of the operations listed during the macro recording. Using **Record Only** the macro can be recorded first without actually executing the commands. For example, the user records several filtration simulations to run them during the weekend or when cluster time is available. Perhaps the user prefers to work on a local computer, but the simulation computations must be done on a remote, more powerful computer.
- Possibility of **modifying an isolated parameter** in a recorded macro. The user can edit the macro with any available text editor (Emacs, WinEdit, WordPad, Notepad, etc.). The modified macro can then be executed.
- Execution of the macro without the intervening GUI, simply as a **command line tool**. For example, when the user needs to run **GeoDict** in a batch queue on a Linux cluster or wants to control **GeoDict** by an outside optimization algorithm.
- Variables may take a single value, or multiple values, conveniently defined as a **parameters study** (via a text editor) or in the **GeoDict** GUI.
- Macros with variables can **reduce the many input parameters** for the various commands in macros to just a few important ones.
- The **relationship between input parameters** may be implemented through arithmetic operations. For example, the user chooses the value for the short cross-section diameter of an ellipsoid fiber, and the long one is automatically entered to be 3 times as big.
- Macros with variables can be used to "**program**" **GeoDict**. For example, when a whole sequence of operations from **GrainGeo**, **ProcessGeo**, or **LayerGeo** is needed to create a realistic geometric model, yet the resolution, porosity, and grain size can vary. Such behavior is seen in the predefined models, e.g. for the **GrainGeo** module included in the installation folder. In another example, movies may need

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to be made always with the same corporate color scheme and from the same perspective, on structures of your choice.

- Macros can also be recorded by running GeoDict macros, including parameter studies, to create the user's own new "effective commands" for GeoDict.

In the following the most important **definitions** are listed to improve comprehensibility:

- A **Command** is a directive to a computer program, interpreting to perform the corresponding task.
- In a **Macro** a sequence of commands is saved from the GUI and can be replayed at any time. GeoDict macros can be edited in any available text editor. How to record a macro is explained on page [6](#).
- All commands in the GeoDict modules are controlled by **Parameters** that can be edited in the respective module sections. Different parameters lead to different results. These parameters can be recorded in macros, where they can also be edited.
- **Python** is the default interpreted programming language for GeoDict macros. The structure of a *.py GeoDict macro is described on page [3](#).
- **GMC** is the old programming language used in GeoDict macros. It can still be used but it is recommended to switch to GeoPy.
- **Command lines** are commands in form of successive lines of text, used in a command-line interface. How to start GeoDict from the command line is described on pages [100ff](#) and how to use GeoDict's own command-line interface is explained on pages [27ff](#).
- In computer programming **Variables** are used to store information, e.g. in form of numbers (integer, float), text (string) or module parameters (dictionary). The transformation of a simple macro in a parameter macro containing variables is described on pages [33ff](#).

Further examples and tutorials are found in the **Macro Execution Control**, described in page [7](#).

There are also helpful workshop videos to be found on the Math2Market YouTube channel.

The **GeoPy for beginners** workshop shows how to record macros, introduce variables and access result files from macros and is split in three parts:

- [GeoPy for beginners - Part 1](#)
- [GeoPy for beginners - Part 2](#)
- [GeoPy for beginners - Part 3](#)

The **GeoPy for advanced users** workshop shows advanced topics as functions, loops, plots, and PowerPoint report generation in three parts:

- [GeoPy for advanced users - Part 1](#)
- [GeoPy for advanced users - Part 2](#)
- [GeoPy for advanced users - Part 3](#)

STRUCTURE OF A GEOPY MACRO (*.PY)

GeoPy (GeoDict Python) macros are scripts running a sequence of commands, even from different licensed modules. Their suffix is .py and they consist of (at least) four blocks:

1. **Header = { }** contains general information with comments on the recording time, the recorder or creator and the system used.
2. **Description = ''' '''** is automatically generated and, before any editing or adding of information, it simply describes the GeoDict version used for recording the macro in the given time and date, and the licensee.
3. **Variables = { }**. When called from the command line (or first level call), the default values for the variables in the *.py file are used. When called from the GeoDict GUI or from another *.py file (second level call), the default values are ignored. Detailed information about the variables block can be found on page [41](#).

```

1  Header = {
10
11  Description = '''
16
17  Variables = {
18      'NumberOfVariables' : 0,
19      # 'Variable1' : {
20      #   'Name'       : 'gd_SVP',
21      #   'Label'     : 'Solid Volume Percentage',
22      #   'Type'      : 'double',
23      #   'Unit'     : '%',
24      #   'ToolTip'  : 'Solid volume percentage of the created structure.',
25      #   'BuiltinDefault' : 10.0,
26      #   'Check'    : 'min0;max100'
27      #   },
28  }
29
30  # Explanations of variables syntax:
31  #####
32  # Name:          mandatory, name of the variable by that it can be addressed in the macro, must not contain white spaces!
33  # Label:        optional, appears as text in the GeoDict GUI. If not present, then Name is used also as Label
34  # Type:         mandatory, known types are bool, boolgroup, double, uint, int, string, filestring, folderstring, materia
35  # Unit:         optional, appears only in GUI (not used to rescale any input parameters automatically)
36  #              for type filestring, Unit contains the file suffix
37  #              for type material, Unit must be solid, fluid or porous
38  #              for type combo, Unit must contain the possible string-values for the variable separated |
39  #              for type table, Unit must be a string with one character per colum, either 'i' (integer)
40  # ToolTip:      optional, appears in GUI (must be in one line)
41  # BuiltinDefault: optional, default value which is used in macro (if not given, defaults to 0 or empty string)
42  #              for type table, this should be a python list of entries, left to right, top to bottom, e.g. [
43  # ColumnHeaders: optional, only valid for type table: List of header texts for each table column, e.g. ["Column 1", "Sec
44  # Check:        optional, known checks are positive, negative, min, max (checks are separated by semicolon)
45  # Member:       optional, defines the member of group type variables. For Labelgroups defined by a list, for combogroup

```

4. The **command block** contains the commands to be executed by GeoDict.

If **Save macro results to new folder** and **Store general preferences in macro** are checked in the **Start Macro Recording** dialog box (page [6](#)), the block starts with **GeoDict:CreateProjectFolder** and the **GeoDict:Preferences** which are the settings entered in the settings dialog (**Settings** → **Settings...** in the menu bar).

```

62  CreateProjectFolder args 1 = {
65      gd.runCmd("GeoDict:CreateProjectFolder", CreateProjectFolder_args_1, Header['Release'])
66
67  Preferences args 1 = {
103      gd.runCmd("GeoDict:Preferences", Preferences_args_1, Header['Release'])

```

Afterwards the recorded commands can be found. For example, the key **FiberGeo:Create** commands the FiberGeo module to create a structure and to save it as GeoDict structure file (*.gdt).

The **'Domain' : { }** parameters define the periodicity, spatial location (origin), voxel length, and size (NX, NY, NZ) of the structure. After this, the macro

continues with the parameters for grammage, overlapping settings, random seed, isolation distance, etc.

Domain parameters

Overlap parameters

All parameters from the GUI can be found in the recorded macro

```

'Domain' : {
  'PeriodicX'      : False,
  'PeriodicY'      : False,
  'PeriodicZ'      : False,
  'OriginX'        : (0, 'm'),
  'OriginY'        : (0, 'm'),
  'OriginZ'        : (0, 'm'),
  'VoxelLength'    : (1e-06, 'm'),
  'DomainMode'     : 'VoxelNumber',
  'NX'             : 200,
  'NY'             : 200,
  'NZ'             : 200,
  'OverlapMode'    : 'GivenMaterial' # Possible values:
  OverlapMaterial, NewMaterial, OldMaterial, GivenMaterial
  'Material' : {
    'Type'          : 'Fluid',
    'Name'          : 'Air',
    'Information'   : '',
  },
},
  
```

```

'MaximalTime'      : (6, 'h'),
'OverlapMode'      : 'AllowOverlap', # Possible
values: AllowOverlap, RemoveOverlap, ForceConnection,
IsolationDistance, ProhibitWithExisting, ProhibitOverlap,
MatchSVFDistribution
'NumberOfObjects'  : 100,
'StoppingCriterion' : 'SolidVolumePercentage', #
Possible values: SolidVolumePercentage, NumberOfObjects,
Grammage, Density, WeightPercentage, FillToRim, SVP, Number
'SolidVolumePercentage' : (10, '%'),
'Grammage'         : (10, 'g/m^2'),
  
```

```

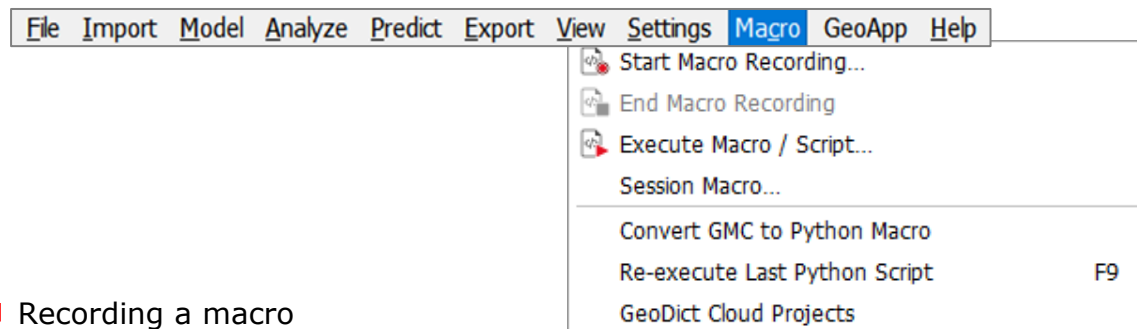
'Generator2' : {
  'Material' : {
    'Type'      : 'Solid',
    'Name'      : 'Glass',
    'Information' : '',
  },
  'Probability' : 0.5,
  'SpecificWeight' : (2.58, 'g/cm^3'),
  'Type' :
  'InfiniteCircularFiberGenerator',
  'UseDTex' : False,
  'DiameterDistribution' : {
    'Type' : 'Constant', # Possible values: Constant,
    UniformlyInInterval, Gaussian, Table, LogNormal
    'Value' : 6e-06,
  },
  'OrientationDistribution' : {
    'Type' : 'AnisotropicDirection', # Possible
    values: Isotropic, AnisotropicDirection,
    AnisotropicOrientation, GivenDirection, InXYPlane,
    AngleAroundDirection, UNDEF
    'DirectionMode' : 'AnisotropyParameter', # Possible
    values: AnisotropyParameter, DirectionTensor
    'Anisotropy1' : 5,
    'Anisotropy2' : 1,
    'Phi' : 0,
    'Theta' : 0,
    'Psi' : 0,
  },
},
  'Temperature' : (293.15, 'K'),
}
gd.runCmd("FiberGeo:Create", Create_args_1, Header['Release'])
  
```

Because, in this case, two different materials (both Infinite Circular Fibers) are used in the structure, **'Generator1'** and later **'Generator2'** are called. For these objects the parameter values for 'Material', the 'DiameterDistribution', and the 'OrientationDistribution' of both materials are given.

Finally, **gd.runCmd()** executes the command.

MACRO MENU

The **Macro** menu in the menu bar gives access to the following functionality:

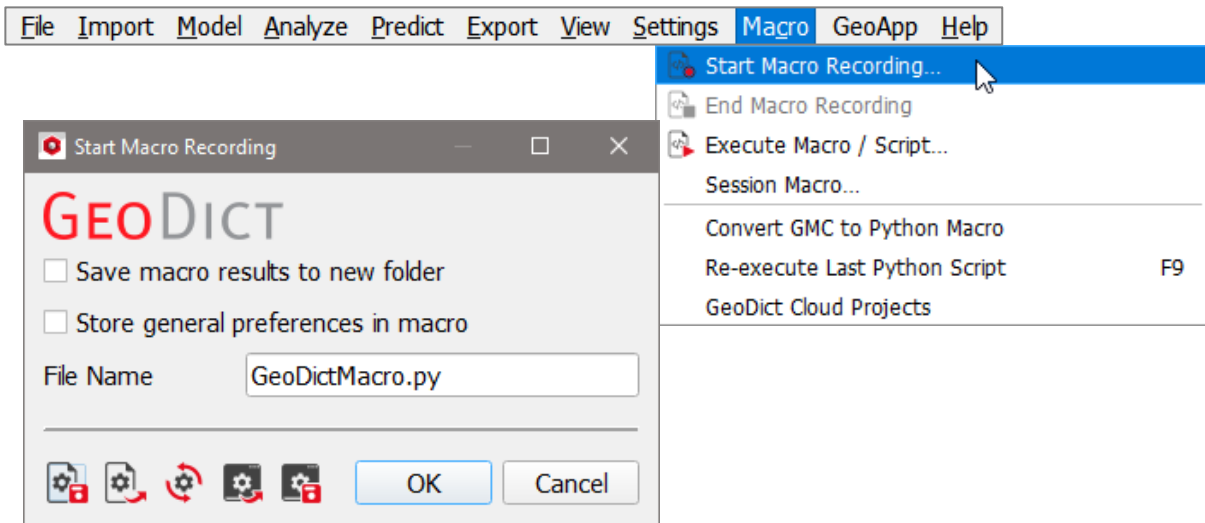


- Recording a macro
- End a macro recording
- Execute a macro or script and access example macros
- Session Macro
- Convert GMC macros to Python macros
- Re-execute the last Python script
- Manage GeoDict Cloud projects.

Simple macros are saved while recording a macro or using the **Session Macro** dialog. A **simple macro** only contains the recorded commands from the GUI. A simple macro becomes a **Parameter Macro** once variables are defined in it. The macro block listing the variables (**Variables = { }**) is already written when a simple macro is recorded, but it is initially empty of variables. Besides defining or editing these variables, the user also programs the commands for their use.

START MACRO RECORDING

To begin recording a macro, select **Macro** → **Start Macro Recording...** in the menu bar.

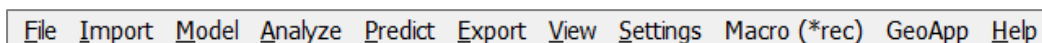


The **Start Macro Recording** dialog opens and offers the following options:

- **Save macro results to new folder** can be selected to include the command **GeoDict:CreateProjectFolder**. The name entered for the macro is given to the newly created project folder. All files created during the execution of the macro are saved in this folder.
- **Store general preferences in macro** can be selected to include the command **GeoDict:Preferences** in the recorded macro (see page [11](#)). In GeoDict the preferences can be edited by selecting **Settings** → **Settings** from the menu bar.

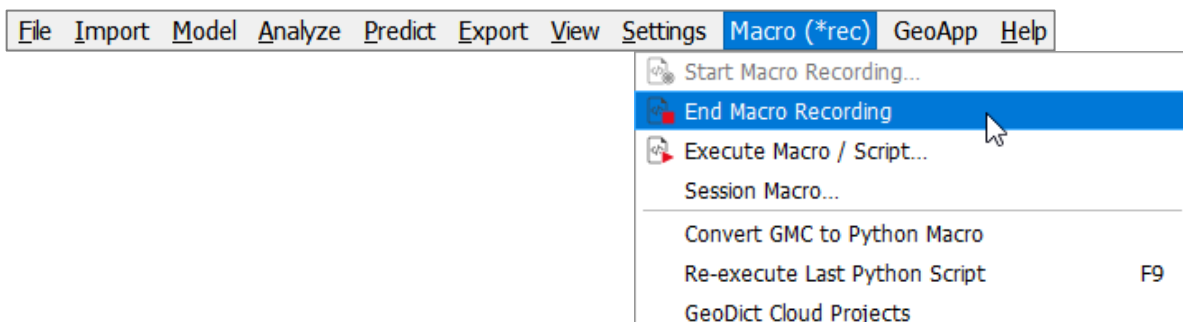
At the bottom, enter a **File Name** to save the macro in the project folder.

(*rec) appears to the right of **Macro** in the menu bar as soon as **OK** is clicked.



END MACRO RECORDING

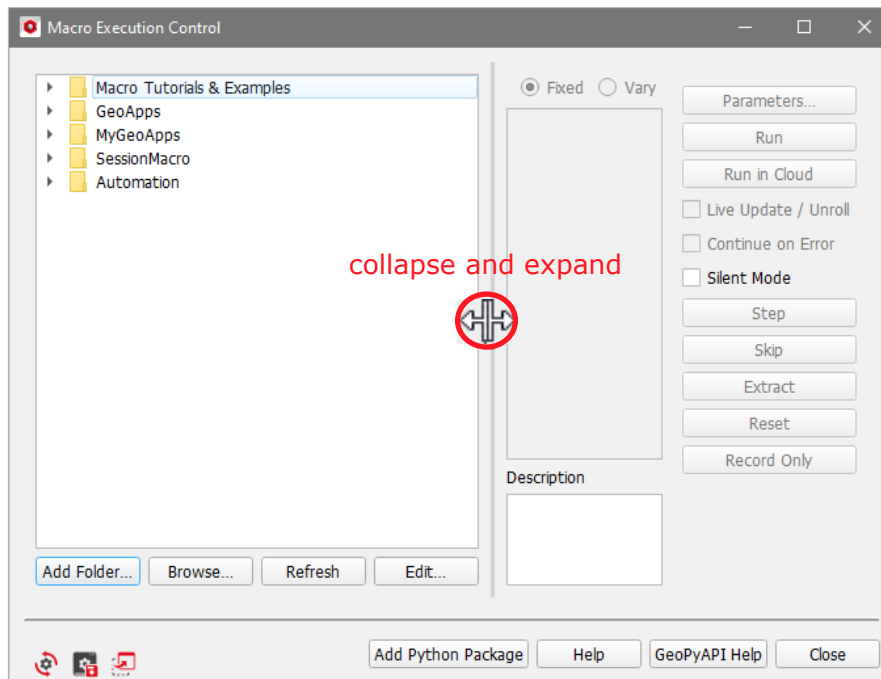
The recording of a macro is stopped by selecting **Macro** → **End Macro Recording**. This is grayed-out and not selectable unless a macro is being recorded.



EXECUTE MACRO / SCRIPT

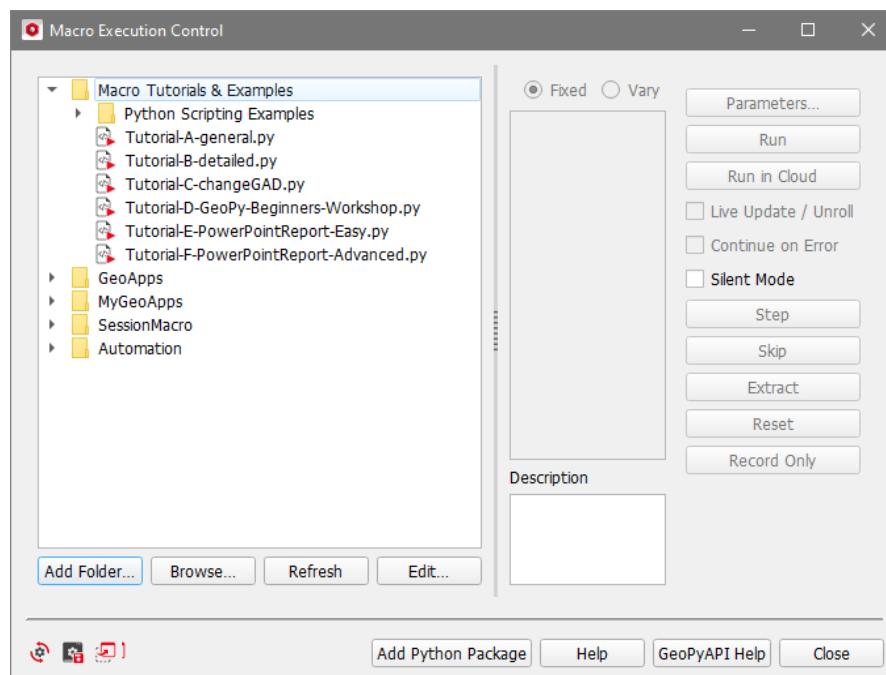
To execute a macro, select **Macro** → **Execute Macro / Script ...** to open the **Macro Execution Control** dialog.

The dialog contains two separate parts that can be collapsed and expanded at will.



In the left panel, several folders are listed:

- Preinstalled macros are found by unfolding the **Macro Tutorials & Examples** folder.



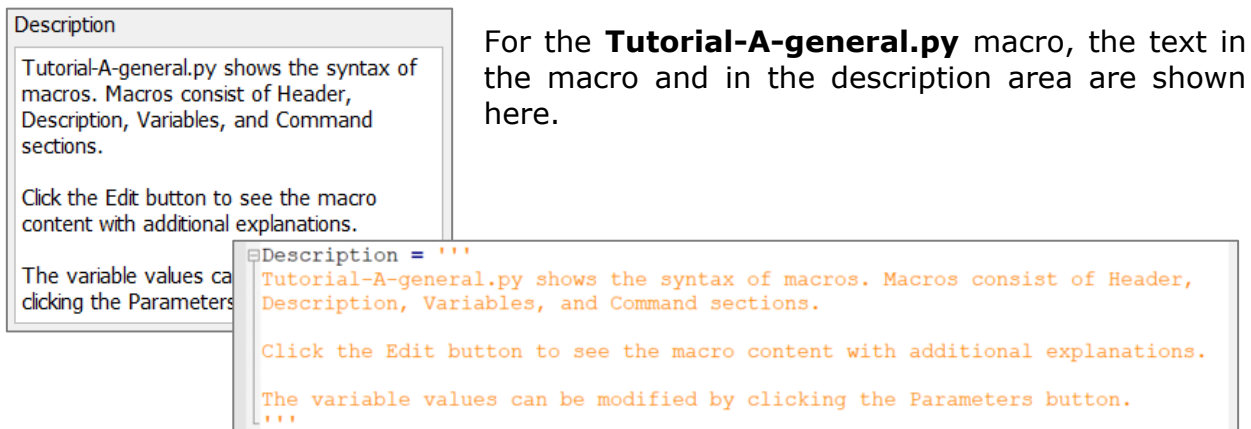
The tutorial macros A, B, C and E need only a **GeoDict** Base license for execution. The tutorials D and F also need the modules **FiberGeo** and **FlowDict** and are the macros created in the workshop videos available on the **Math2Market** YouTube

channel. Find the corresponding links in the macros by opening them in a text editor clicking **Edit** as described on page 9.

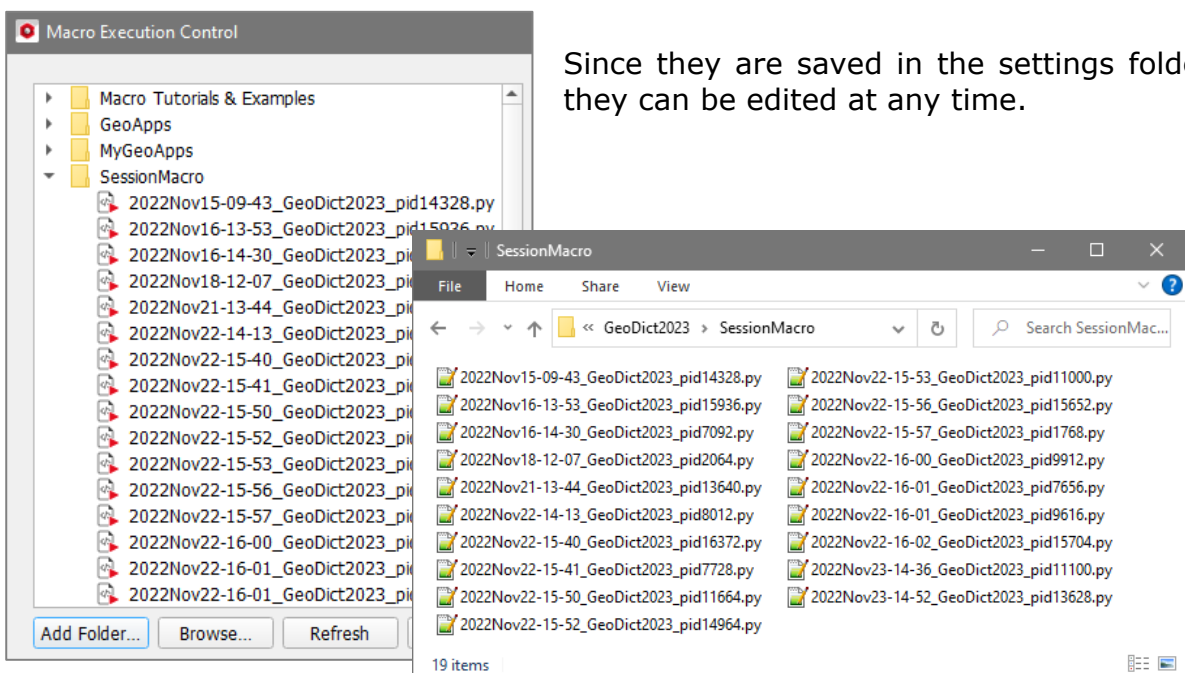
All tutorials have detailed descriptions and thus can be very helpful for getting started with editing Python macros.

More advanced example macros can be found in the subfolder **Python Scripting Examples**. These Python scripts also use other **GeoDict** modules.

When selecting one of the available macros, the description area displays a report about the macro. In the macro, this report content can be found between the triple apostrophes after **Description = ''' '''**, and can be edited at any time after opening the macro with a text editor.



- The **GeoApp** folder contains all the GeoApps which can be found by selecting **GeoApp** from the menu bar. They are described in the [GeoApps](#) User Guide.
- The **MyGeoApps** folder can be filled with the user's own GeoApps. How to do that is also described in the [GeoApps](#) User Guide. By default it contains the example GeoApp MyFirstGeoApp.
- In the **SessionMacro** folder macros containing all commands from the current session and the last sessions are saved automatically. The commands contained in these macros are the same that can be found in the **Session Macro** dialog described on pages [22ff.](#)



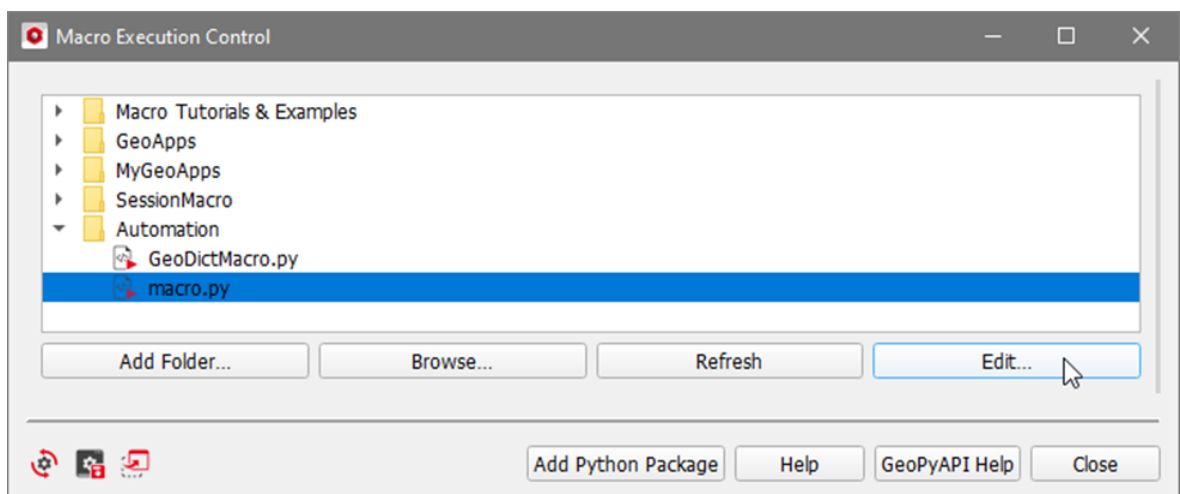
- The last folder is the selected project folder. There the macros saved using **Record Macro** (described on page [6](#)) or the **Session Macro** dialog (described on pages [22ff](#)) can be found.

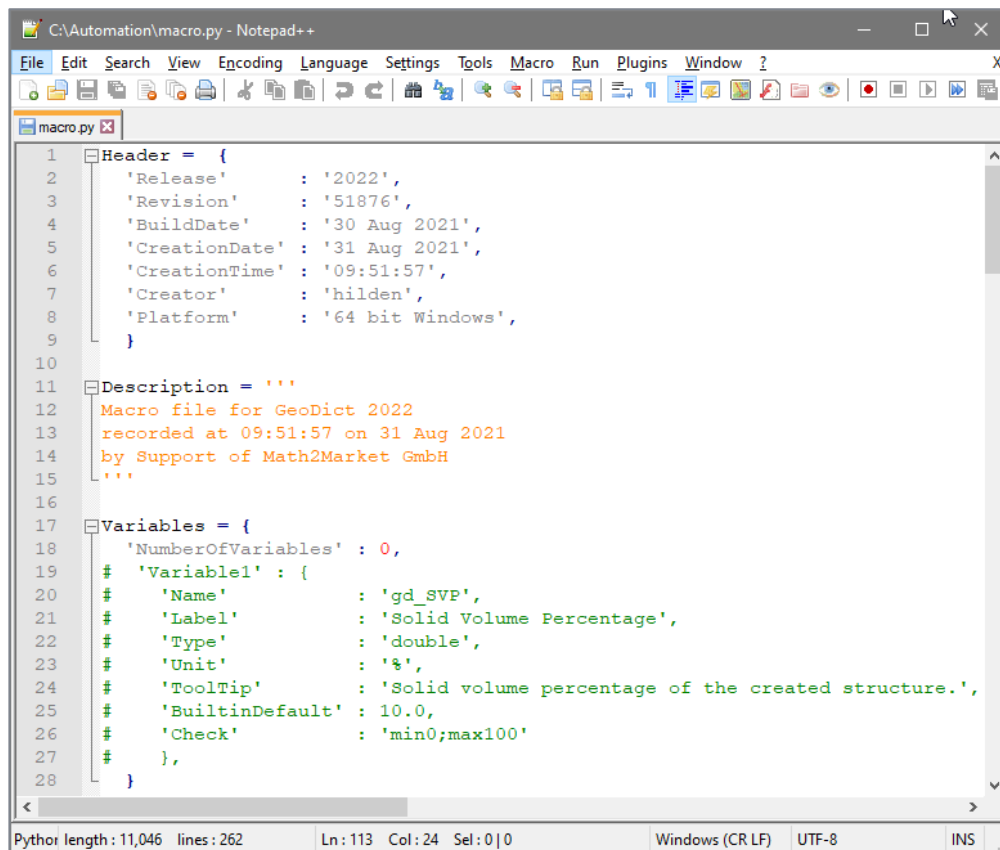
Four buttons are located under the left panel:

- **Add Folder** - Click to add another folder containing macros to the panel.
- **Browse...** may be used to find and select a macro (*.py, *.gmc) from other than the already listed folders in the left panel. Macros can be found for example in the folders **GeoApps**, **FiberGeo**, **GrainGeo**, **Macro Tutorials & Examples** or **WeaveGeo** included in the installation folder of **GeoDict**.
- **Refresh** - Clicking **Refresh** actualizes the list of macros in the pull-down menu. After adding new macros to the project folder, click **Refresh** to have their file names included in the list.
- **Edit...** - **GeoDict** macros are stored as readable text files and, therefore, can be edited using any text editor, e.g. Editor, WordPad, or Notepad++.

The basic way to edit a macro (e.g. **macro.py**), is to find the macro file name in the project folder, right click on it, and select **Open With....** Choose the editor from the list of available programs. However, the **macro.py** can be directly opened, and then edited from the **Macro Execution Control**. For this, highlight a macro in the left panel.

Click **Edit...** to open the selected macro using the designated text editor. (see page [31](#) on how to set it). The macro then can be examined and edited.



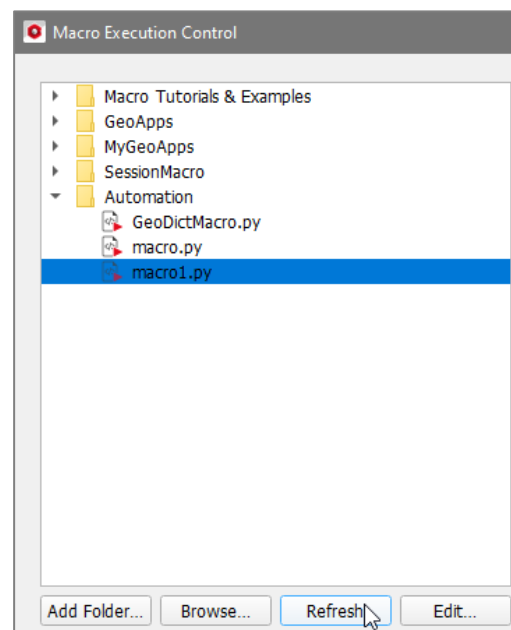


```
1 Header = {
2   'Release'      : '2022',
3   'Revision'    : '51876',
4   'BuildDate'   : '30 Aug 2021',
5   'CreationDate': '31 Aug 2021',
6   'CreationTime': '09:51:57',
7   'Creator'     : 'hilden',
8   'Platform'   : '64 bit Windows',
9 }
10
11 Description = '''
12 Macro file for GeoDict 2022
13 recorded at 09:51:57 on 31 Aug 2021
14 by Support of Math2Market GmbH
15 '''
16
17 Variables = {
18   'NumberOfVariables' : 0,
19   # 'Variable1' : {
20   #   'Name'       : 'gd_SVP',
21   #   'Label'     : 'Solid Volume Percentage',
22   #   'Type'      : 'double',
23   #   'Unit'      : '%',
24   #   'ToolTip'   : 'Solid volume percentage of the created structure.',
25   #   'BuiltinDefault' : 10.0,
26   #   'Check'     : 'min0;max100'
27   # },
28 }
```

The macro follows the structure explained on page 3: Header={}, Description="" "", Variables={} and the command block.

The user can modify directly any parameter or command listed in the command block, or perhaps, introduce a variable.

After modifications, the macro file can be saved with a different name (e.g. macro1.py). Click **Refresh** to have the name of the macro, modified and saved in the project folder, appear in the list of macros in the left panel of the **Macro Execution Control** dialog.

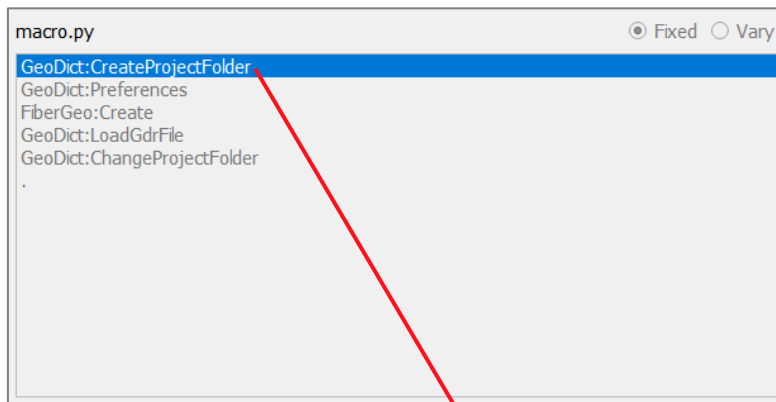


GeoDict does not recognize a file as a macro when the file extension is not *.py or *.gmc. This can happen for example when Windows settings are such that extensions are not shown and, coincidentally the text editor (i.e. Editor or WordPad) automatically adds an extension to the file name (*.txt, *.doc, etc). Then, GeoDict finds **macro1.py.txt** instead of **macro1.py** and does not recognize it as a macro, failing to open it.

The simplest solution is to select a text editor used in programming, e.g., [Emacs](#) for Linux systems, or [Notepad++](#) for Windows. How to set a text editor as default editor is described on page 31.

MACRO DESCRIPTION

On the right part of the **Macro Execution Control** dialog, the entries in the upper panel correspond to each one of the `gd.runCmd()` (see page [46](#)) commands, that can be seen when opening the macro with a text editor.



```

CreateProjectFolder_args_1 = {
    'FolderName' : 'macro',
}
gd.runCmd("GeoDict:CreateProjectFolder", CreateProjectFolder_args_1, Header['Release'])

```

For **GeoDict:Preferences**, **FiberGeo:Create**, and **GeoDict:LoadGdrFile**, they are as follows:

```

'IO' : {
    'WriteDbgPrintfToConsole' : False,
    'WriteDbgPrintfToLogfile' : True,
    'UseWaitingTime'         : True,
    'WaitingTime'           : 20,
    'LogFileStorageTime'    : 7,
},
'TextEditorFullPath'       : 'C:/Program Files/Notepad++/notepad++.exe',
'Undo' : {
    'Memory' : (2048, 'MiB'),
},
'Update' : {
    'CheckForUpdates' : True,
},
}
gd.runCmd("GeoDict:Preferences", Preferences_args_1, Header['Release'])

```

```

'OrientaionDistribution' : {
    'Type' : 'AnisotropicDirection', # Possible values: Isotropic,
    AnisotropicDirection, AnisotropicOrientation, GivenDirection, InXYPlane,
    AngleAroundDirection, UNDEF
    'DirectionMode' : 'AnisotropyParameter', # Possible values: AnisotropyParameter,
    DirectionTensor
    'Anisotropy1' : 5,
    'Anisotropy2' : 1,
    'Phi' : 0,
    'Theta' : 0,
    'Psi' : 0,
},
'Temperature' : (293.15, 'K'),
}
gd.runCmd("FiberGeo:Create", Create_args_1, Header['Release'])

```

```

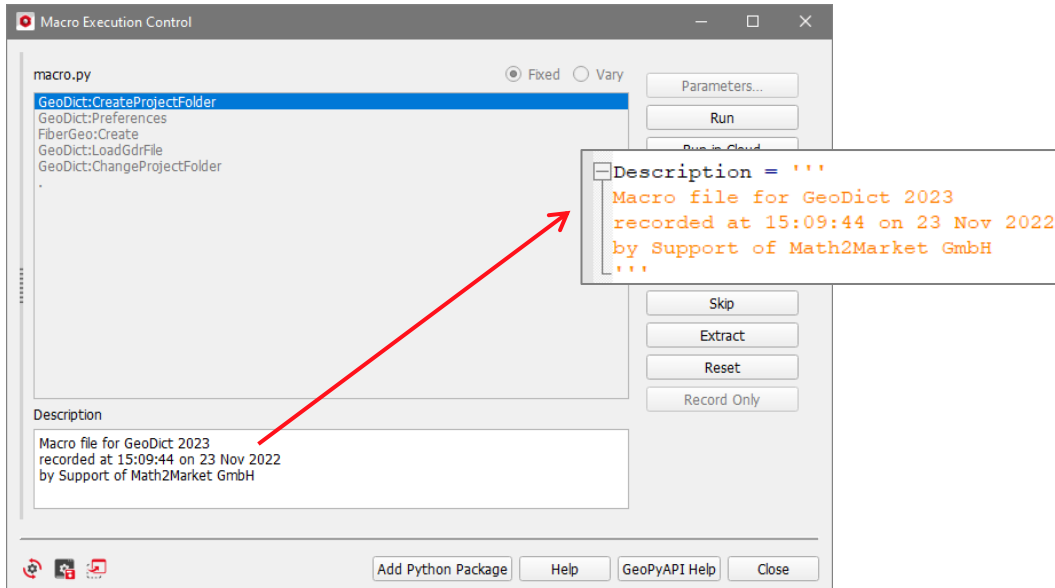
LoadGdrFile_args_1 = {
    'ResultFileName' : 'FiberGeo.gdr',
}
gd.runCmd("GeoDict:LoadGdrFile", LoadGdrFile_args_1, Header['Release'])

```


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The **Description** panel below contains information about the macro. Regarding a recorded macro it gives by default information about when the macro was recorded and who recorded it.

In the macro, this report content can be found early in the macro, between the triple apostrophes after **Description = ''' '''**, and can be edited at any time after opening the macro with a text editor.

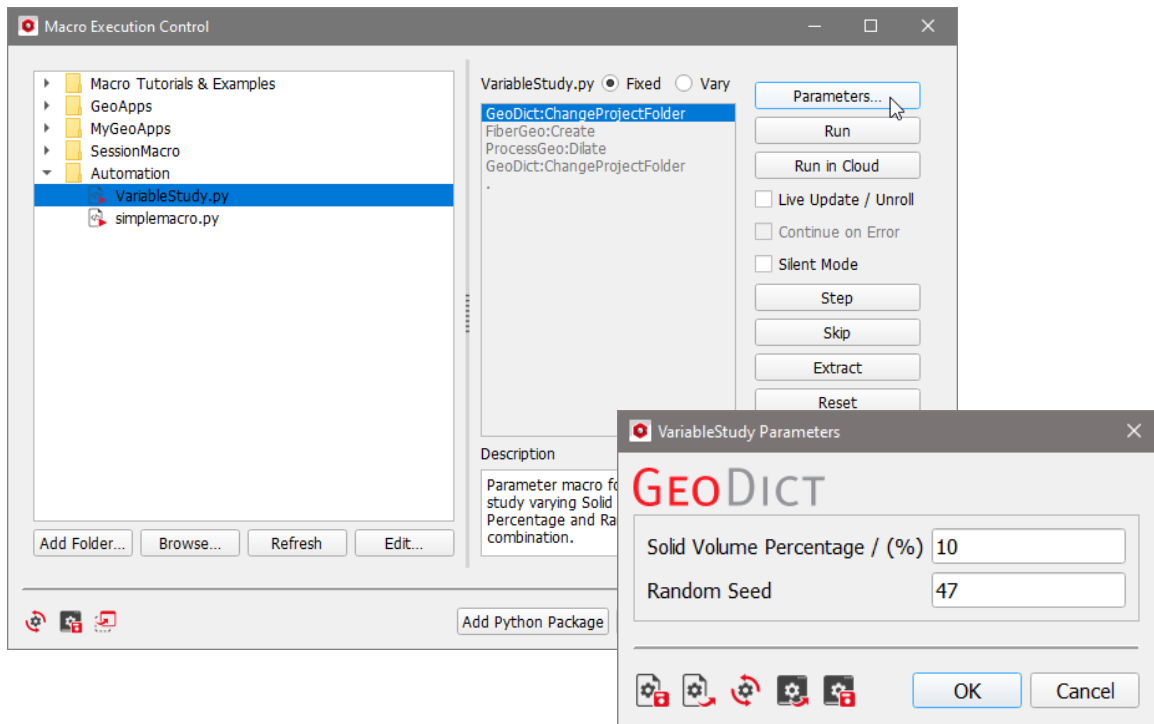


FIXED AND VARY PARAMETERS

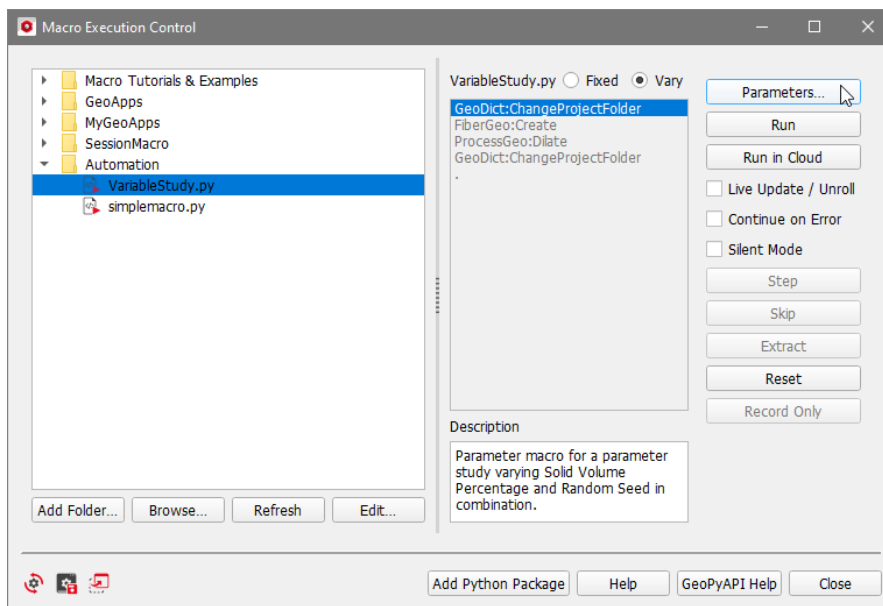
For the user's convenience, the macro block listing the variables (Variables = {}) is already created during the recording of a simple macro, but it is initially empty of variables. A simple macro can be transformed into a parameter macro as explained below starting on page [33](#).

When a macro contains variables, and thus is a **Parameter Macro**, the **Parameters** button and the **Fixed** and **Vary** checkboxes are available on the right upper side of the **Macro Execution Control** dialog.

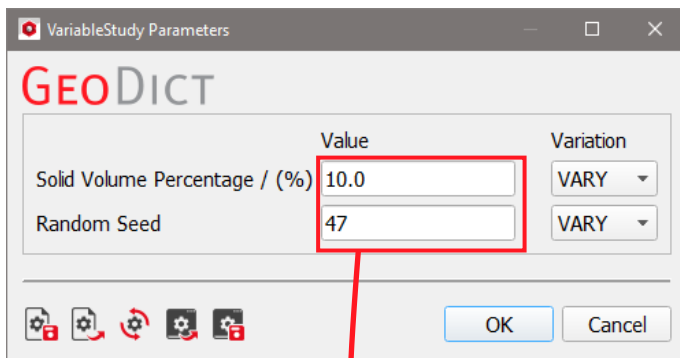
With **Fixed** checked (by default), click **Parameters** to change the parameters for the execution of the macro.



With **Vary** checked, clicking **Parameters** opens a different parameter dialog box where parameter lists can be entered.



The macro is executed several times with different parameter values combinations.



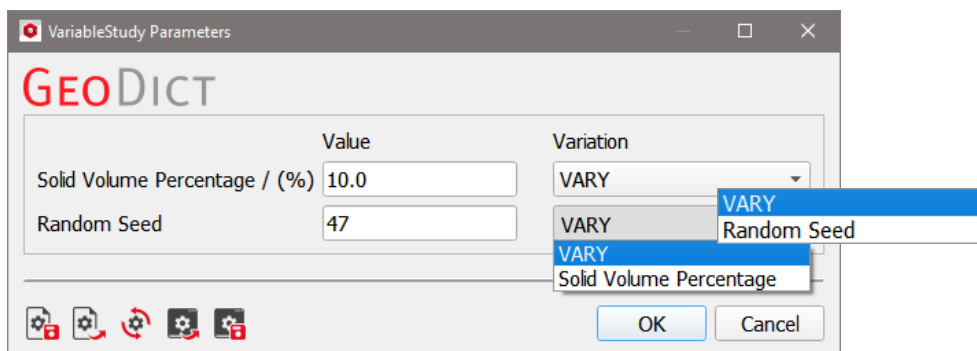
In the macro, the variable values are described within the brackets of **Variables = {}**. They are listed right after the header.

```

Variables = {
  'NumberOfVariables' : 2,
  'Variable1' : {
    'Name'           : 'gd_SVP',
    'Label'          : 'Solid Volume Percentage',
    'Type'           : 'double',
    'Unit'           : '%',
    'ToolTip'        : 'Solid volume percentage of the created structure.',
    'BuiltinDefault' : 10.0,
    'Check'          : 'min0;max100'
  },
  'Variable2' : {
    'Name'           : 'gd_RandomSeed',
    'Label'          : 'Random Seed',
    'Type'           : 'int',
    'ToolTip'        : 'Random Seed of the created structure.',
    'BuiltinDefault' : 47,
  },
}
    
```

In the **VariableStudy.py** macro, two variables are present as indicated by the line **'NumberOfVariables' : 2**. The variables are described by the parameters **'Name'**, and **'Type'** (int : integer) and by the value of the parameter (e.g. **'BuiltinDefault' : 10.0** and **47** here). Learn more about the different variable types on page [41](#).

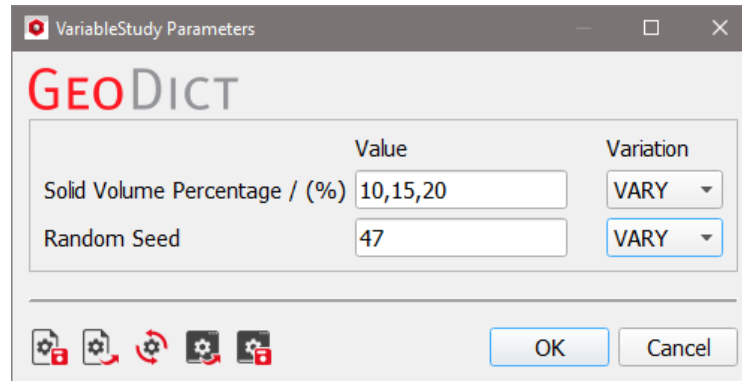
When editing a parameter macro to run a parameter study in which several variable values should be tried out, the **Value** and the **Variation** for each of the variables must be set. The **Variation** can be set to **VARY** for a list of variable values or can be coupled to another variable. Coupled variables are run in a synchronized way. When the value of one variable is varied, the value of the coupled variable is modified accordingly.



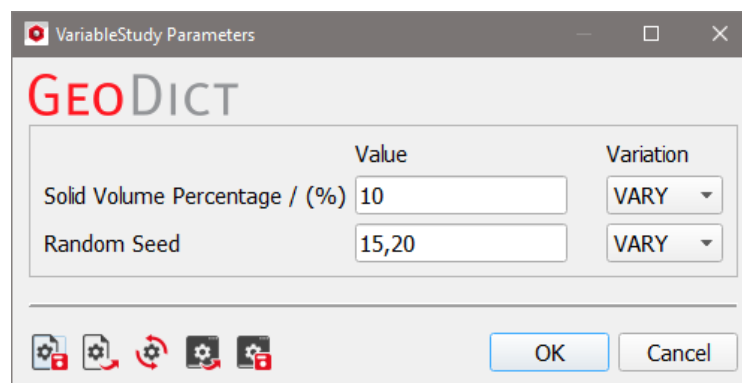
To couple variables, the same number of values must be under **Value** in the boxes for every variable.

Observe the effect of choosing **VARY** or coupling to another variable in the pull-down menu for **Variation**:

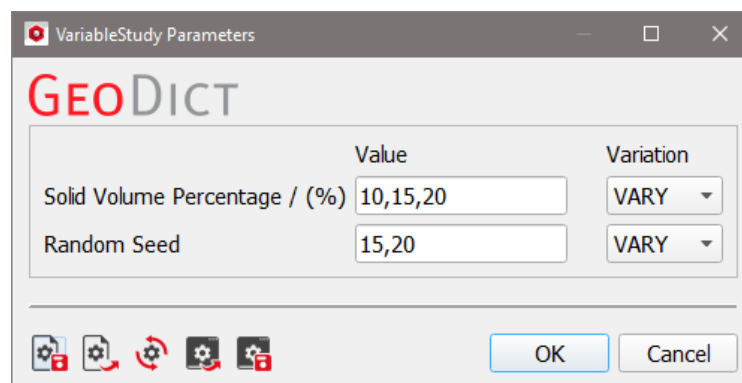
All possible combinations of the **Solid Volume Percentage** values with the single **Random Seed** value are executed, leading to runs with variable values **(10,47)**, **(15,47)**, **(20,47)**. The value of the second variable is kept constant



Now, all possible combinations of the two **Random Seed** values with the single **Solid Volume Percentage** value are executed, leading to pairs **(10,15)** and **(10,20)**.



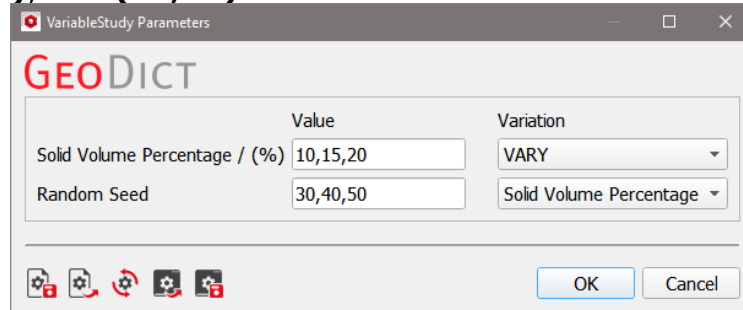
In the following case all possible combinations of the three **Random Seed** values with the two **Solid Volume Percentage** value are executed, leading to pairs **(10,15)** and **(10,20)**, **(15,15)**, **(15,20)**, **(20,15)**, **(20,20)**.



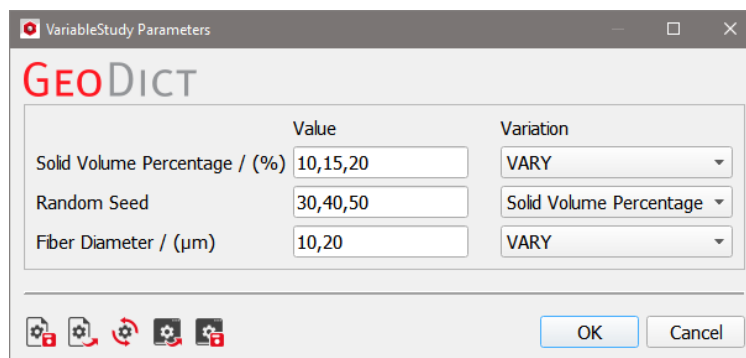
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Setting the parameter **Variation** to the other parameter leads to coupled pairs. As mentioned in page [14](#), the same number of values for every variable must be entered in the boxes.

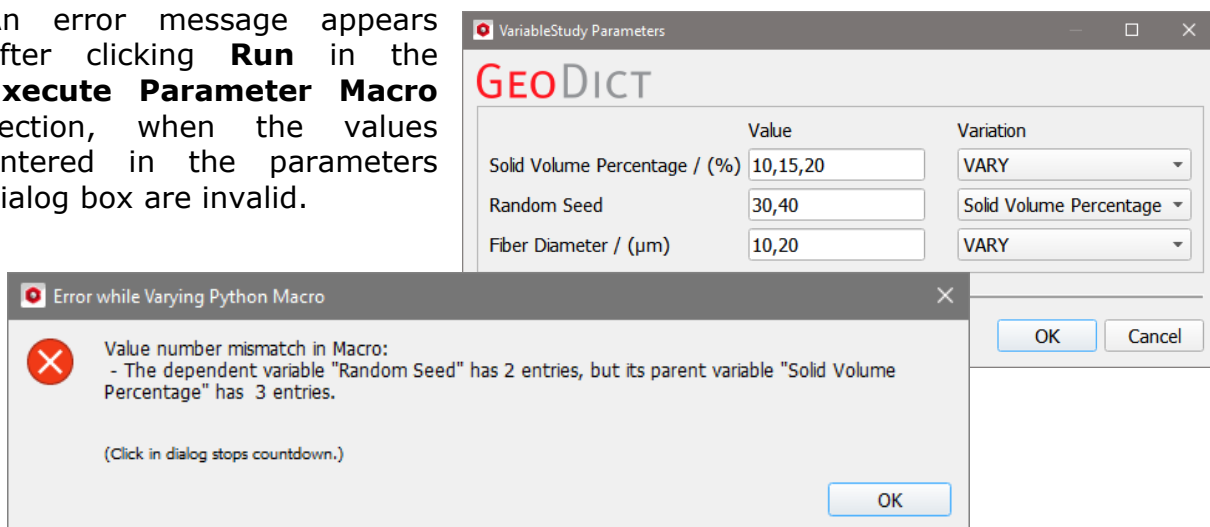
The first values in **Solid Volume Percentage (10)** and **Random Seed (30)** are coupled with each other, as well as the second values with each other (**15** and **40**), and the third values with each other (**20** and **50**), resulting in the combinations **(10,30)**, **(15,40)**, and **(20,50)**.



If a parameter macro contains more than two variables, not all variables must be coupled. Coupling **Random Seed** to **Solid Volume Percentage** and leaving **Fiber Diameter** to **VARY**, leads to the combinations **(10,30,10)**, **(10,30,20)**, **(15,40,10)**, **(15,40,20)**, **(20,50,10)** and **(20,50,20)**.



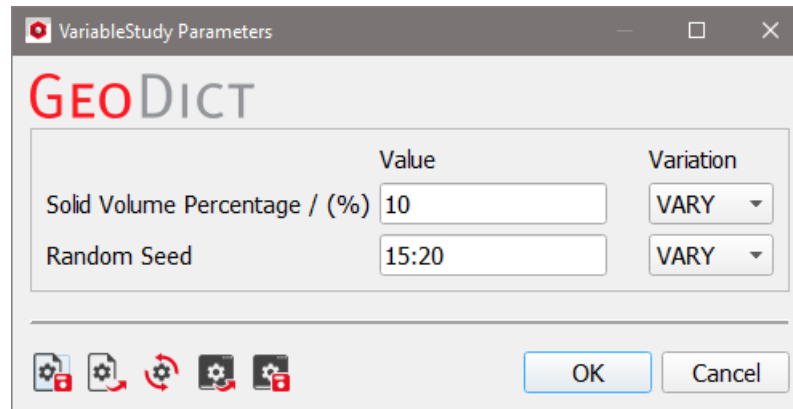
An error message appears after clicking **Run** in the **Execute Parameter Macro** section, when the values entered in the parameters dialog box are invalid.



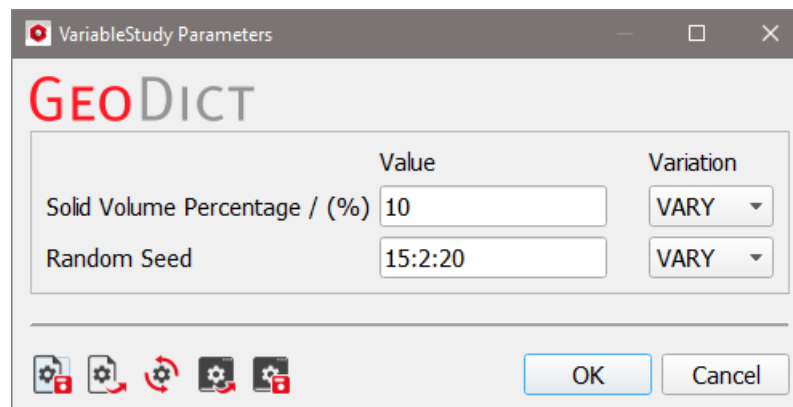
Otherwise, clicking **Run** starts the execution of the parameter macro.

It is also possible to enter a range of parameter values for **Value** using the notation **start:step:end**. This is useful if longer lists of variable values must be entered.

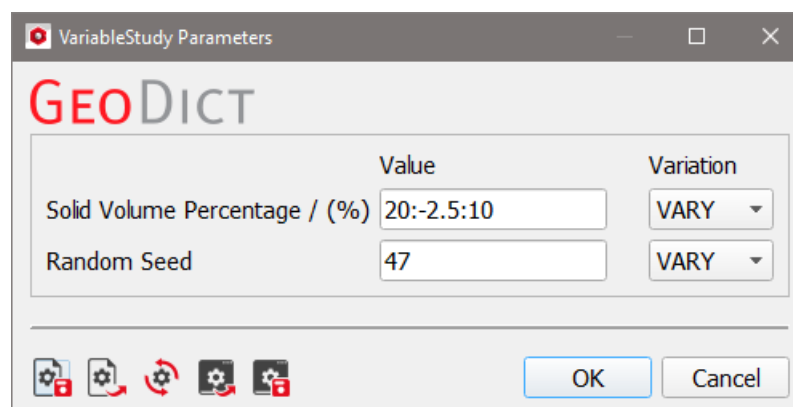
The notation **15:20**, meaning all the values between 15 and 20, results in the combinations **(10,15)**, **(10,16)**, **(10,17)**, **(10,18)**, **(10,19)**, and **(10,20)**.



Also, the stepping can be set using the colon notation. The notation **15:2:20**, meaning to start from 15, and to take only every second value until 20 is reached, results in the combinations **(10,15)**, **(10,17)**, and **(10,19)**.



For the stepping value, negative values can also be used, if the start value is bigger than the end value. If the variable is a floating number, a floating point can be used as stepping value. **20:-2.5:10**, meaning to start from 20, and to take only every 2.5th value until 10 is reached, results in the combinations **(20.0,47)**, **(17.5,47)**, **(15.0,47)**, **(12.5,47)**, and **(10.0,47)**.



RUN, RUN IN CLOUD, LIVE UPDATE, CONTINUE ON ERROR, SILENT MODE, STEP, SKIP, EXTRACT, AND RESET MACRO

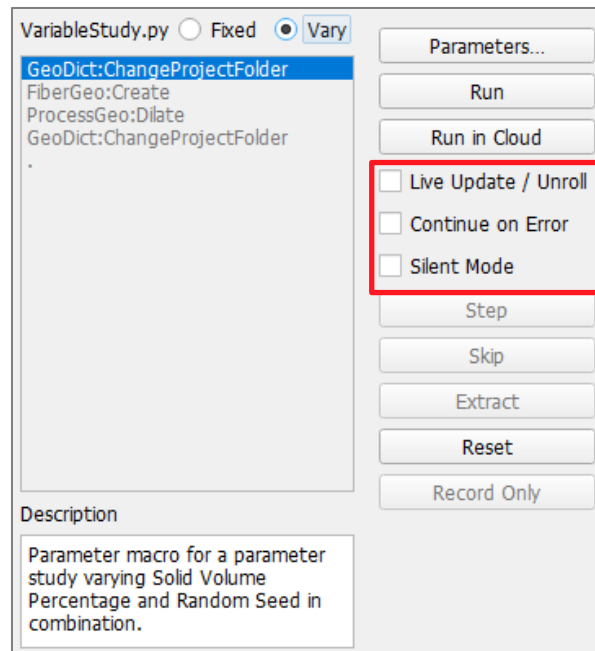
To execute the complete macro on the current machine, click **Run**. Click **Run in Cloud** to run it in the Kaleidosim cloud, see the [High Performance Computing](#) chapter of the [GeoDict User Guide](#) for details.

Every step is shown in the GUI if **Live Update/ Unroll** is checked. Additionally, all commands executed in the macro are recorded to the Session Macro, instead only recording the GeoDict:ExecuteMacro command. However, the execution of the macro is faster if this box stays unchecked.

The **Continue on Error** checkbox below can only be checked if **Vary** is checked. Check **Continue on Error** to execute all parameter combinations entered to the **Parameter** dialog box that work and not only all up to the parameter that results in an error.

For example, if the parameters 10, -5, 20 are chosen for the Object Solid Volume Percentage, the macro executes only for SVP=10. When **Continue on Error** is checked, it is also executed for SVP=20.

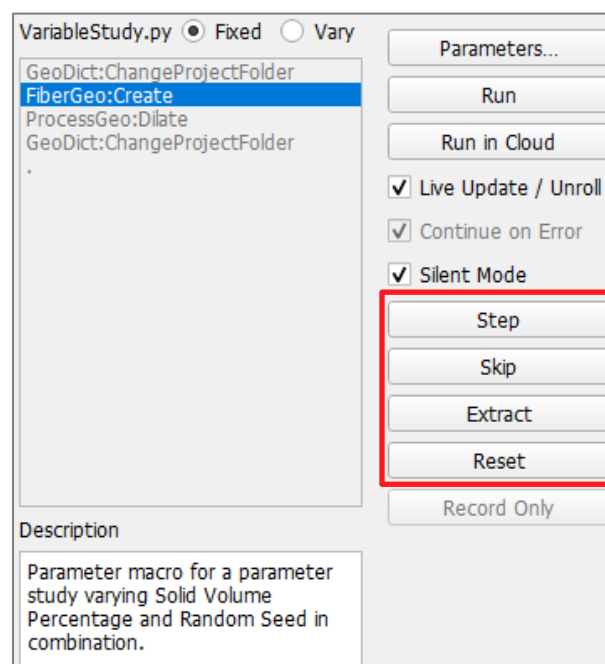
If **Silent Mode** is checked, no message boxes are shown during the macro execution.

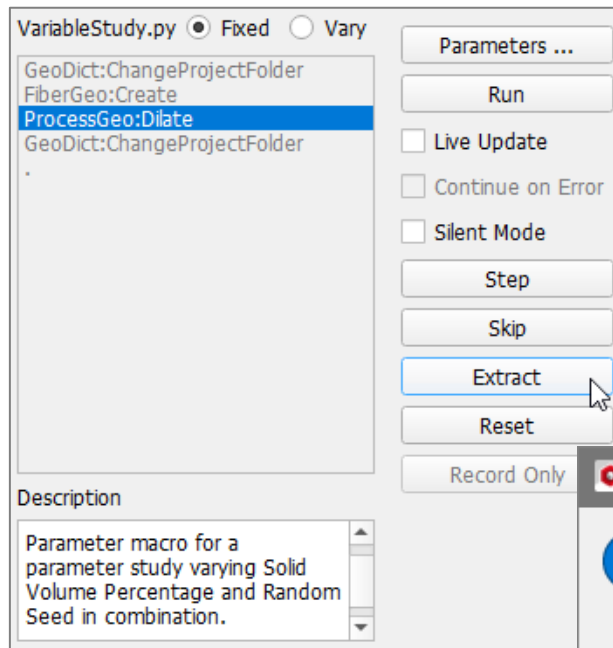


Alternatively, the macro's key commands can be executed step-by-step when clicking **Step** instead of **Run** (only available if **Fixed** is checked).

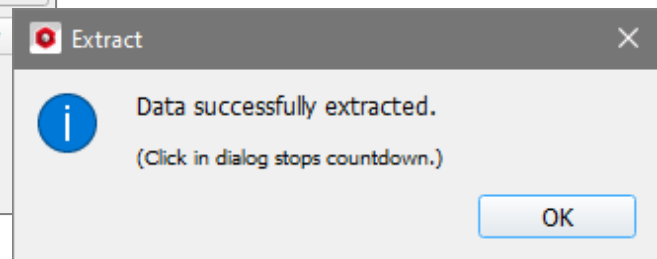
While stepping through the macro, the [GeoDict's](#) GUI main screen remains active, so that it is possible to see and save intermediate results, as well as change the rendering from 2D to 3D. The execution of the macro can be further controlled with **Skip**, **Extract**, and **Reset**. During a step-by-step execution, the highlighted key command in the description area is jumped over when clicking **Skip**.

The user must consider the consequences that the skipping of a command has. For example, an error message appears when skipping the creation of a new project folder for the data, so that the data is actually saved in the current project folder and then, trying to leave the (not created and not existing) project folder, and move up the folder path.





Clicking **Extract**, the parameters from the highlighted macro command are entered for inspection in the corresponding parameters dialog box or in the module section.



However, when later executing the extracted macro command, the parameters continue to be taken from the saved macro. Modifying parameters in the inspected dialog box has no effect on the previously recorded macro or in the ongoing execution of the macro.

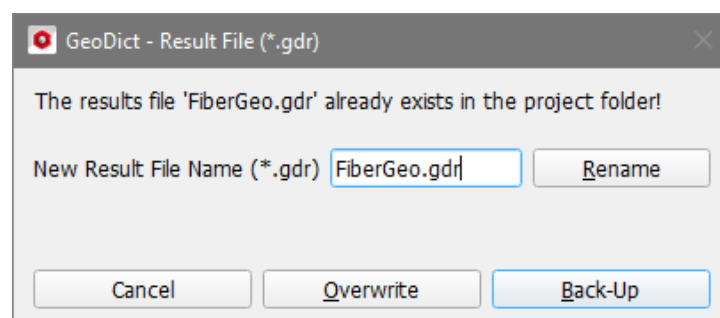
For example, when clicking to extract the command **ProcessGeo Dilate** the parameters used for Dilate MaterialID, Coating MaterialID, and Dilate by..., during the recording of the macro, are directly entered in the **ProcessGeo** section.

Extracting the parameters might be interesting if the user decides to abandon the execution of the macro at a given command, and to post-process the structure by modifying its parameters directly in the module's GUI, to obtain a different result.

When clicking **Reset**, the first key command in the description area is highlighted again so that the macro can be executed stepwise from the beginning.

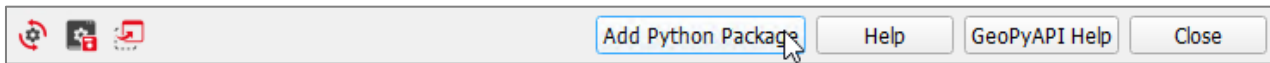
Click **Record Only** while recording a macro to record the commands and the edited parameters of the selected macro in the **Macro Execution Control**.

When the executed macro includes a command for which the user must intervene (such as the saving of a result file when one with the same name already exists), a message appears to decide whether the data should be rewritten or should receive a new name. A lack of reaction within 20 seconds results in the existing data being automatically saved with a suffix (current time) in a new folder called **00GeoDictBackUp**. The message waiting time can be changed in the settings dialog to be found by selecting **Settings** → **Settings** from the menu bar.

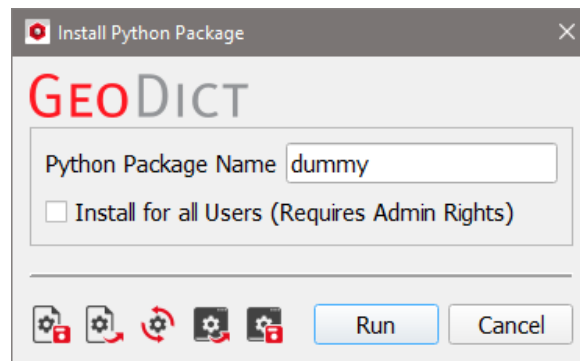


ADDING OTHER PYTHON PACKAGES

To install additional Python packages click **Add Python Package** in the **Macro Execution Control** dialog.



Fill in the name of the desired Python package. Clicking **Run** installs the package automatically. Owning admin rights, it can be **installed for all Users**. If installed for all users, the package is installed in the GeoDict installation folder (C:\Program Files\Math2Market GmbH\GeoDict 2023\Python\lib\python36\site-packages-user). If installed only on the local machine, it is installed to the Python folder inside the GeoDict settings folder (C:\Users\Username\GeoDict2023\Python).



It is also possible, to install needed Python packages offline, if downloaded before. Therefore, run a Python macro as described on page [18](#). The macro must contain the following code:

```
InstallPyPackage_args = {                                # define parameters dictionary

    'Name' : 'dummy.whl',                                # instead of dummy.whl enter the file path of the whl file to install

    'Global' : False,                                   # Global is the key for the checkbox "Install for all Users". False means, the box is not checked. If changed to True, Admin Rights are required to install for all users.

    'Mode' : 'LocalInstall',                             # Select the mode LocalInstall to install the packacke offline
}

gd.runCmd("GeoDict:InstallPyPackage",                   # execute the installation
          InstallPyPackage_args)
```

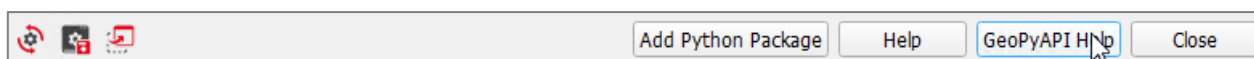
The Python dictionary containing these keys can also be obtained by installing a Python package using the button **Add Python Package** described above, while a

macro is recorded as described on page [6](#). Then, the value for **Mode** is **'Install'**. The third mode, that can be selected is **'Download'**. If a Python package should only be downloaded and not installed, use the installing Python package dictionary as follows:

```
InstallPyPackage_args = { # define parameters dictionary
    'Name' : 'dummy', # instead of dummy enter the name of the Python package to download
    'Global' : False,
    'Mode' : 'Download', # Select the mode Download to only download the package
} # execute the download
gd.runCmd("GeoDict:InstallPyPackage", InstallPyPackage_args)
```

GEOPYAPI HELP

Click **GeoPyAPI Help** to open an overview about all GeoDict Python API commands, described on pages [46ff](#).





Load the built-in default folders, set the current folders as start-up settings or raise the GeoDict main window through the icons at the bottom left of the dialog when needed. Resting the mouse pointer over an icon prompts a Tooltip showing the icon's function to appear.

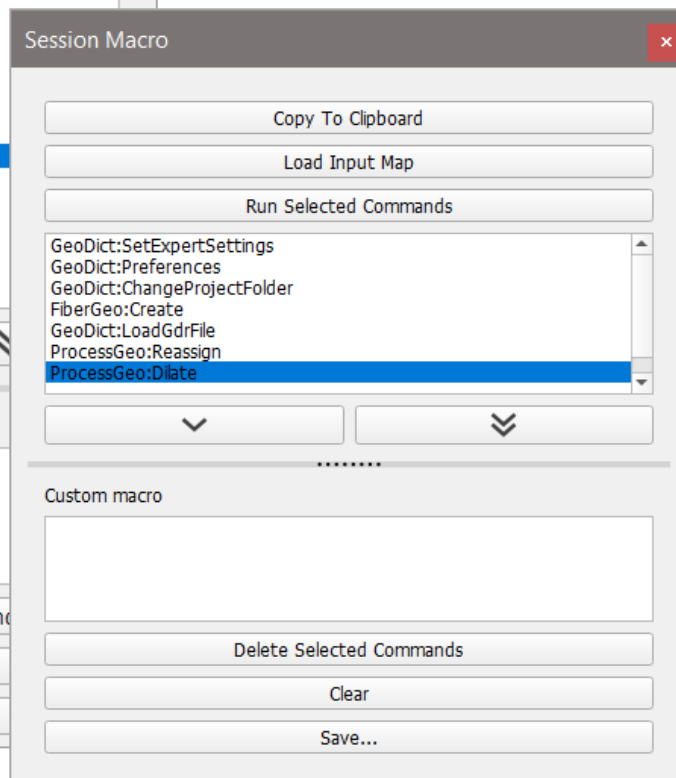
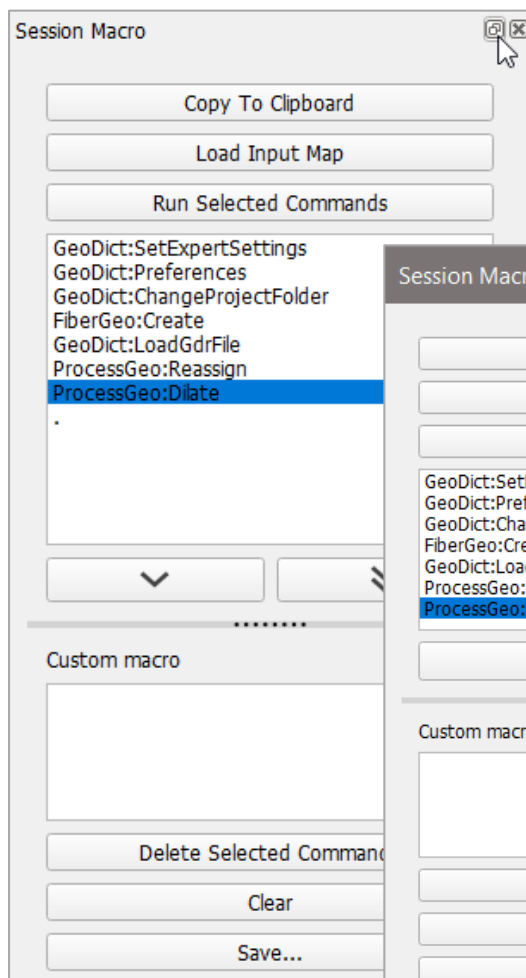
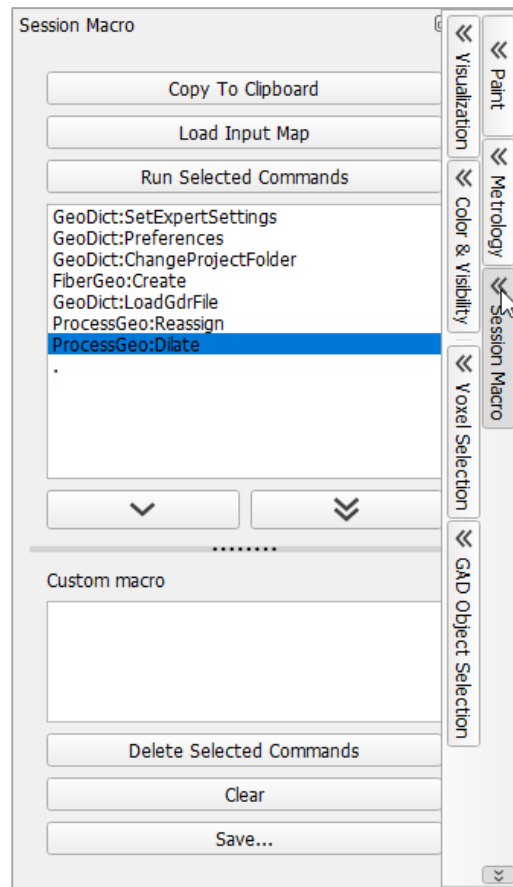



SESSION MACRO

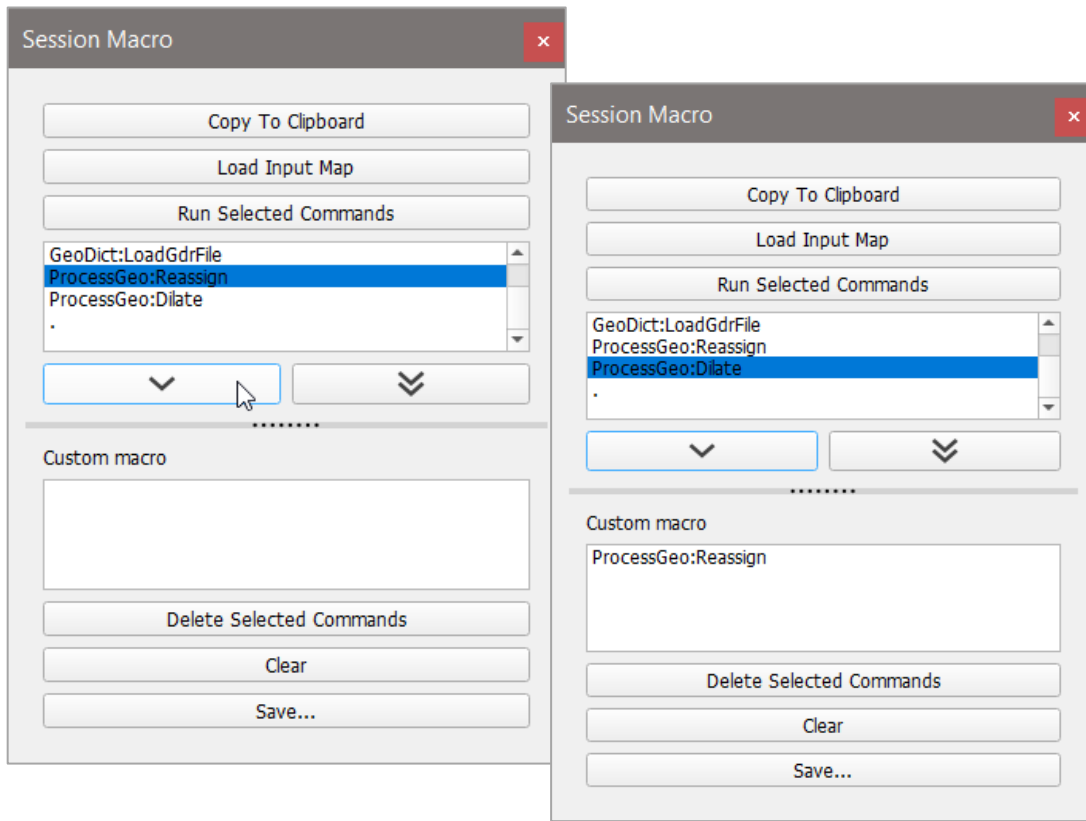
From the moment in which the user begins a session with GeoDict, all commands used are internally recorded and stored in the **Session Macro**. The user may decide to select some of these recorded commands, create a macro that combines them, and save this macro for later use.


After selecting **Macro** → **Session Macro...** in the menu bar, the **Session Macro** side bar opens. It can also be opened by clicking on the side bar tab on the right of GeoDict. If the GeoDict window is not maximized, the Session Macro tab may not be shown. It can be found by clicking  in the bottom of the side bar.

Undock the **Session Macro** dialog by clicking  in the upper right corner. Although it is still minimized if the GeoDict GUI is minimized, the dialog can be moved independently on the screen.

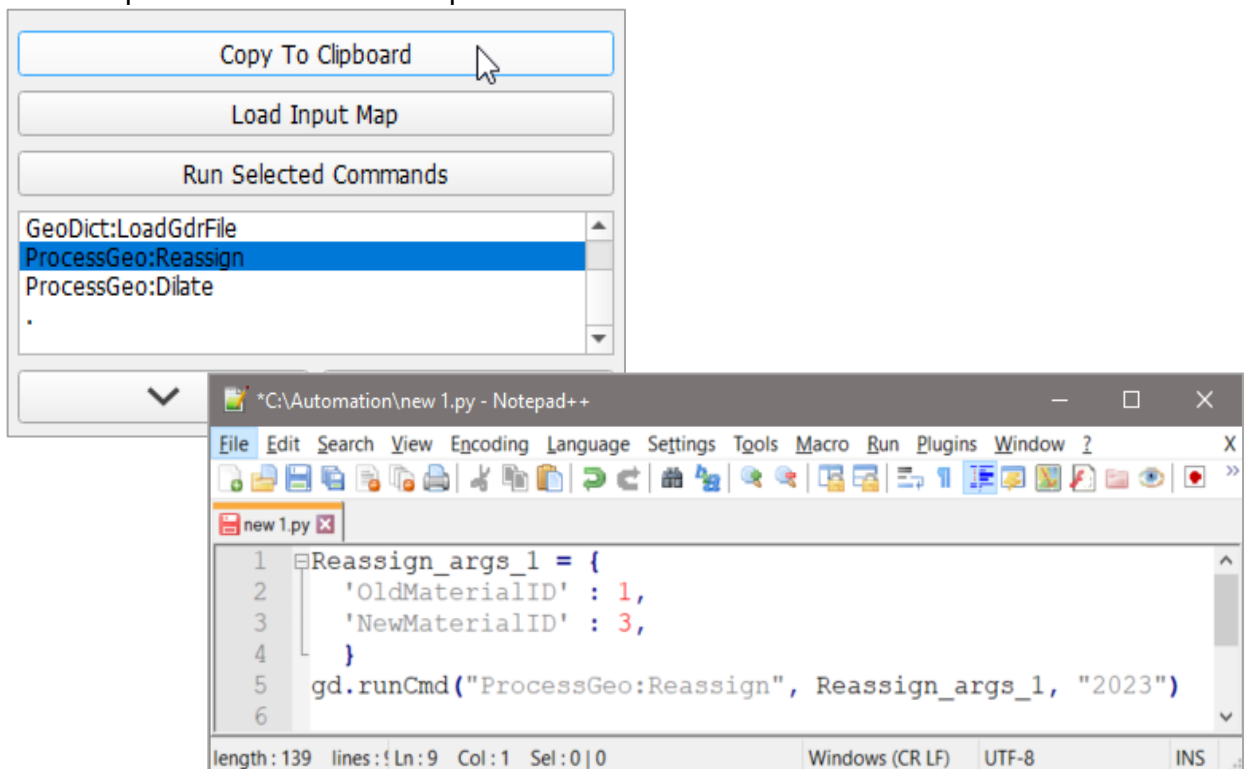


The commands used during the session appear in the upper panel and can be selected (highlighted). Click the single arrow  to move the commands to the lower panel in the desired order.



To choose all commands from the upper panel at once, click the double arrows  instead.

Clicking **Copy To Clipboard** copies the highlighted commands from the upper panel to the clipboard. The user can paste them to an editor.

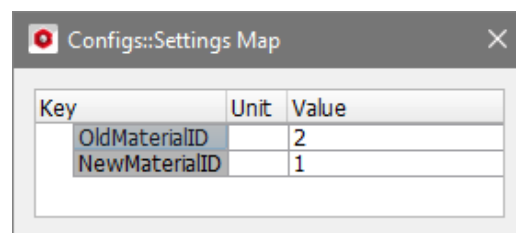
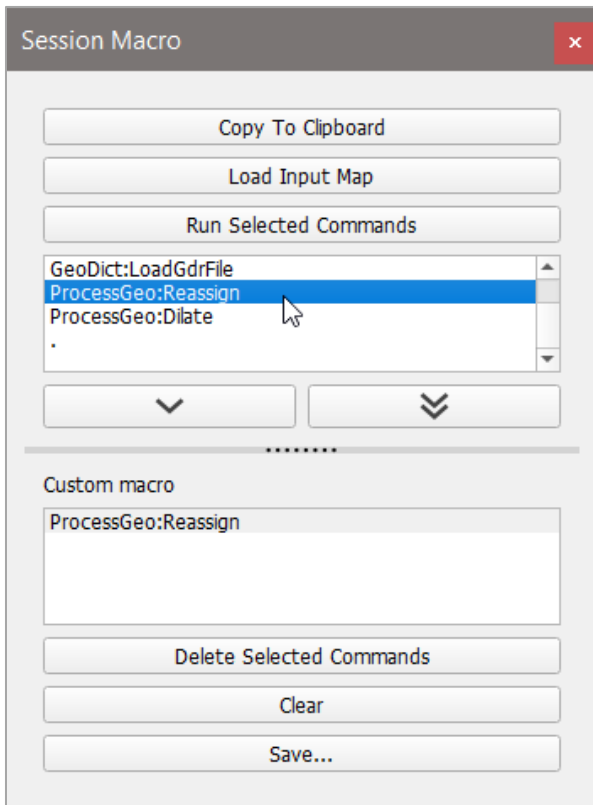


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Click **Load Input Map** to only load the parameter input map of a single highlighted command in the corresponding parameters dialog box in the module section.

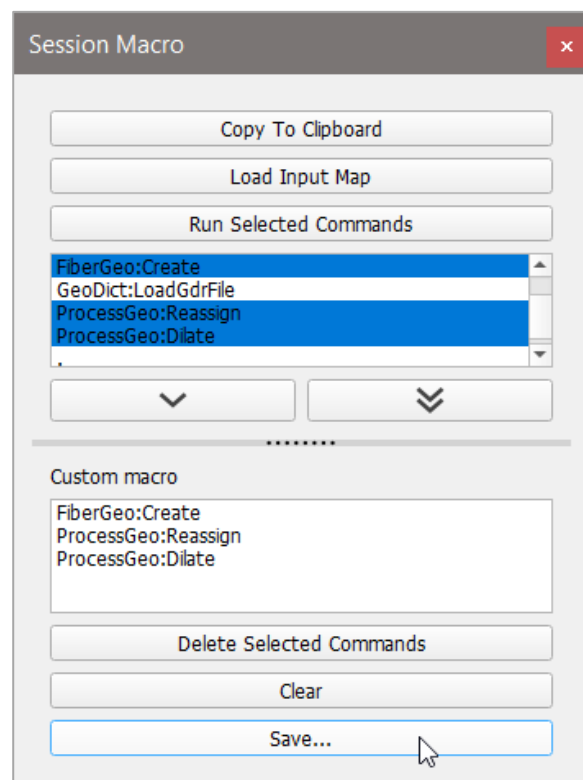
To run commands again without saving them to a macro, highlight the desired commands in the upper panel and click **Run Selected Commands**.

Double clicking on a command, whether in the upper or in the lower panel, shows the corresponding settings map in a new dialog.

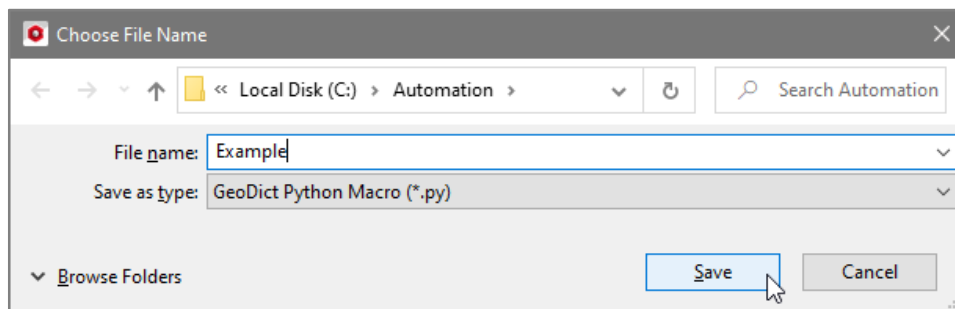


The commands can be removed from the lower panel by highlighting them and clicking **Delete Selected Commands**. To remove all commands at once, click **Clear**.

After selecting and adding the commands click **Save**.



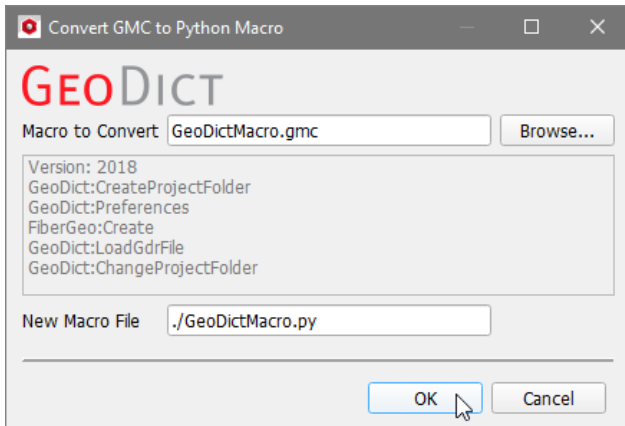
In the appearing dialog box choose a filename and the desired folder where the macro will be stored.



CONVERT GMC TO PYTHON MACRO

GeoDict 2023 also ships with a compiler that can convert GMC macros to Python macros. Select **Macro** → **Convert GMC to Python Macro** in the menu bar.

Click **Browse...** in the dialog box to select the *.gmc macro to be converted.



Click **OK**. The new Python macro can be found in the same folder as the GMC macro.

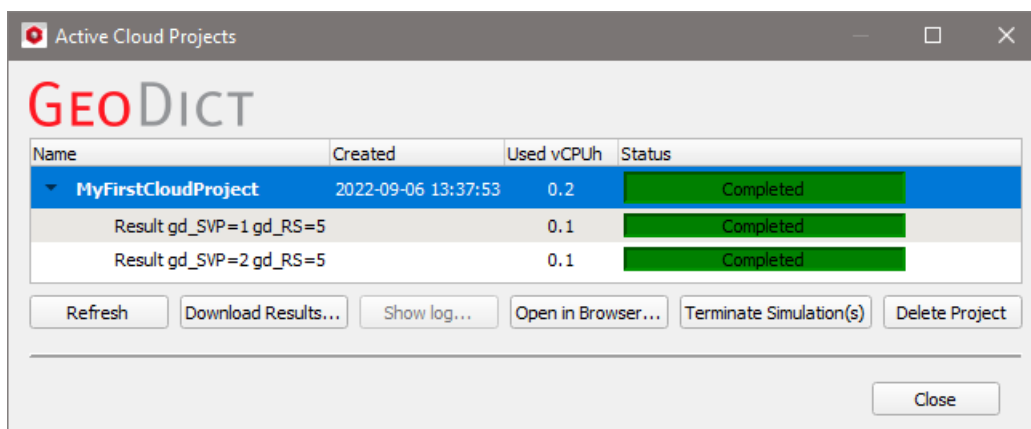
RE-EXECUTE THE LAST PYTHON SCRIPT.

To quickly execute again the last Python script, select **Macro** → **Re-execute Last Python Script**.

The python script is simple executed again without other selections.


GEO-DICT CLOUD PROJECTS

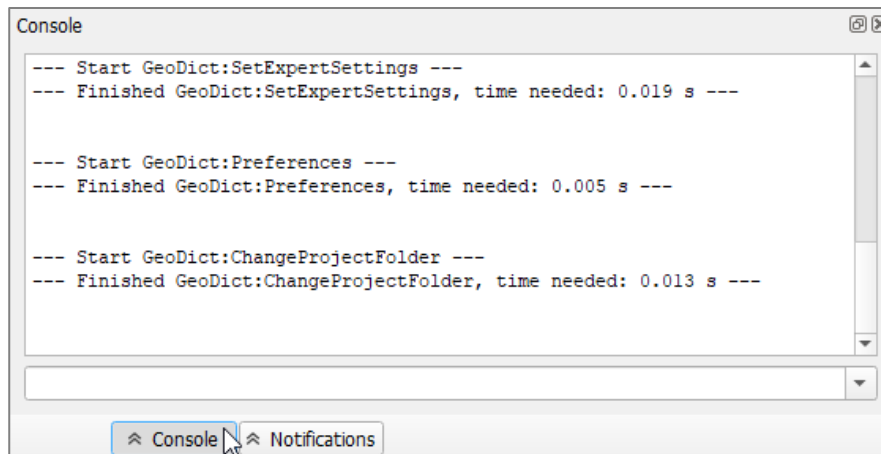
Selecting **Macro** → **GeoDict Cloud Projects** opens the **Active Cloud Projects** dialog after entering the login data. Here, the status of the running and completed cloud projects can be viewed and the results can be downloaded. For more details refer to the [High Performance Computing](#) chapter of the [GeoDict User Guide](#).




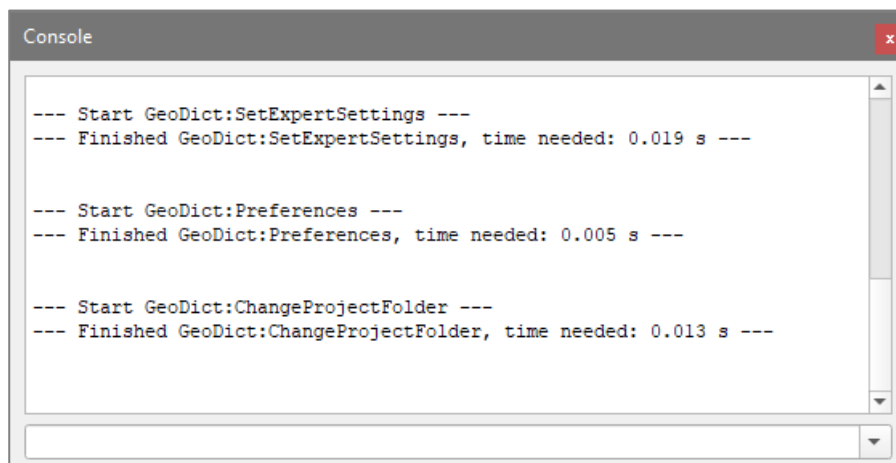
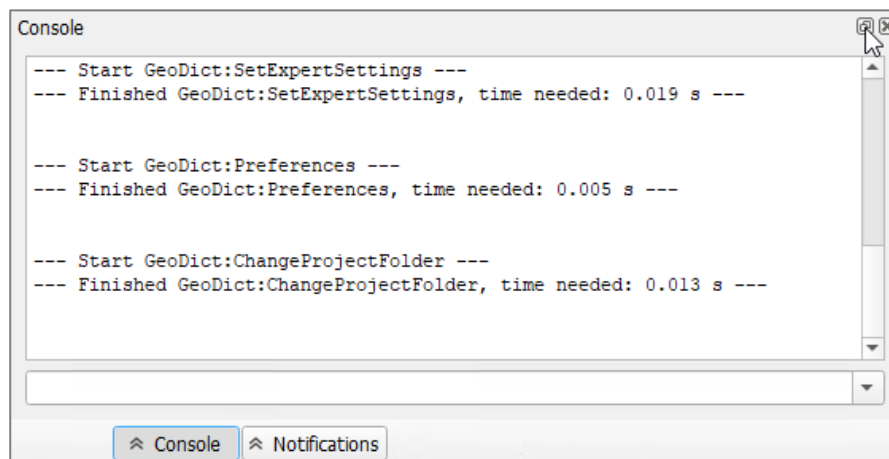
GEO_DICT_CONSOLE

GeoDict provides an interactive console within the GUI. All commands running from the GUI are displayed in the console.

The console is found in the GeoDict GUI below the visualization area. This section can be folded and unfolded by clicking on **Console** () in the bottom of GeoDict.



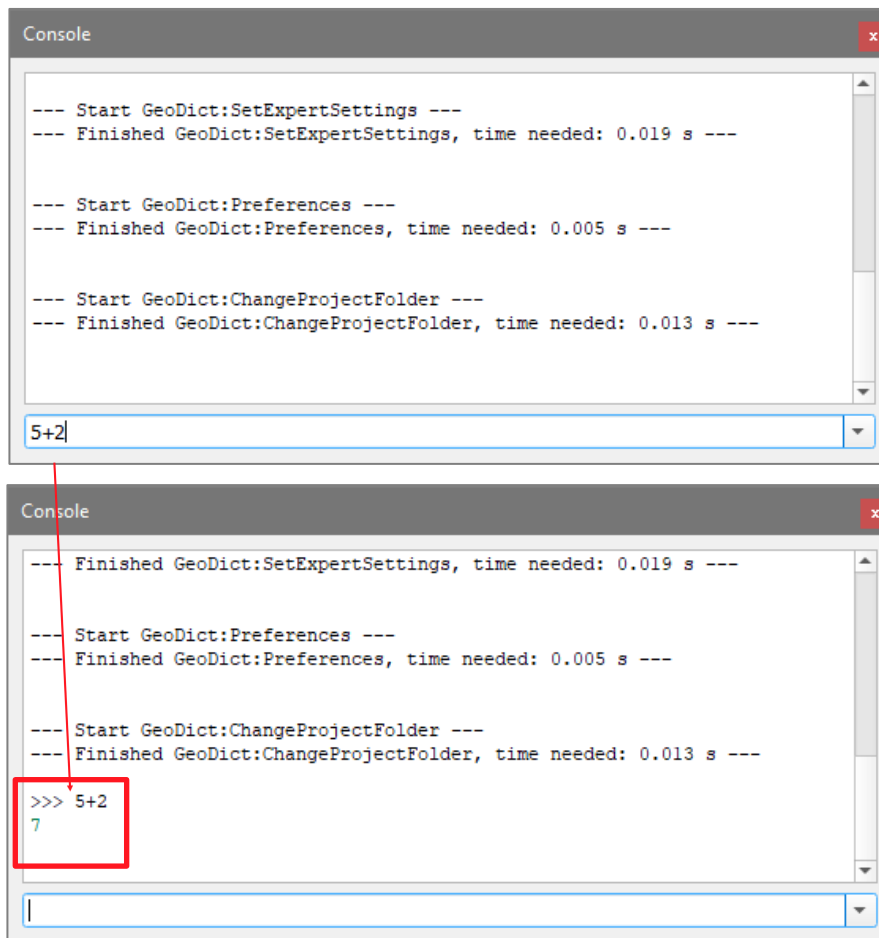
Clicking the  symbol in the upper right corner, separates or undocks the console from the rest of the GUI. Although it is still minimized if the GeoDict GUI is minimized, the dialog can be moved independently on the screen.



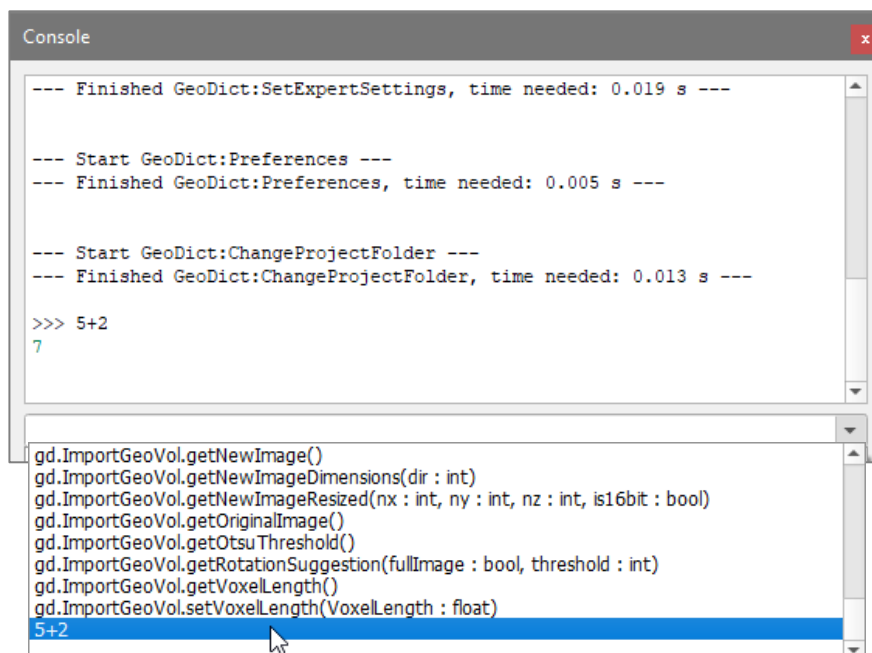
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To connect the console with the GUI again, simply close the dialog.

The box below the console can be used to run Python commands. One command line at a time can be inserted, and it is run by pressing **Enter** on the keyboard.



Unfolding the pull-down menu of the box shows the last used commands and some standard commands from the GeoDict Python API described on pages 46f.



Besides, variables can be used. Store information in a variable for later use as, for example, the Python dictionary of the current **FiberGeo** parameters:

```
FiberGeo_Create = gd.getCurrentSettings('FiberGeo:Create')
```

Typing the variable name again displays the value in the console. In the example, the Python dictionary from the **FiberGeo Create Options** dialog is shown.

```
FiberGeo_Create
```

```
Console
--- Start GeoDict:Preferences ---
--- Finished GeoDict:Preferences, time needed: 0.005 s ---

--- Start GeoDict:ChangeProjectFolder ---
--- Finished GeoDict:ChangeProjectFolder, time needed: 0.013 s ---

>>> 5+2
7
>>> FiberGeo_Create = gd.getCurrentSettings('FiberGeo:Create')
>>> FiberGeo_Create
{'MaterialMode': 'Material', 'MaterialIDMode': 'MaterialIDPerObjectType',
```

The variable value can be changed at any time by assigning a new value to the variable, using the equal sign. Changing only one entry of a dictionary is done by referring to the entry's key in square brackets. The new value is assigned using the equal sign.

```
Console

'SolidVolumePercentage', 'SolidVolumePercentage': (10, '%'), 'Grammage': (
```

```
FiberGeo_Create['SolidVolumePercentage']=(50,'%')
```

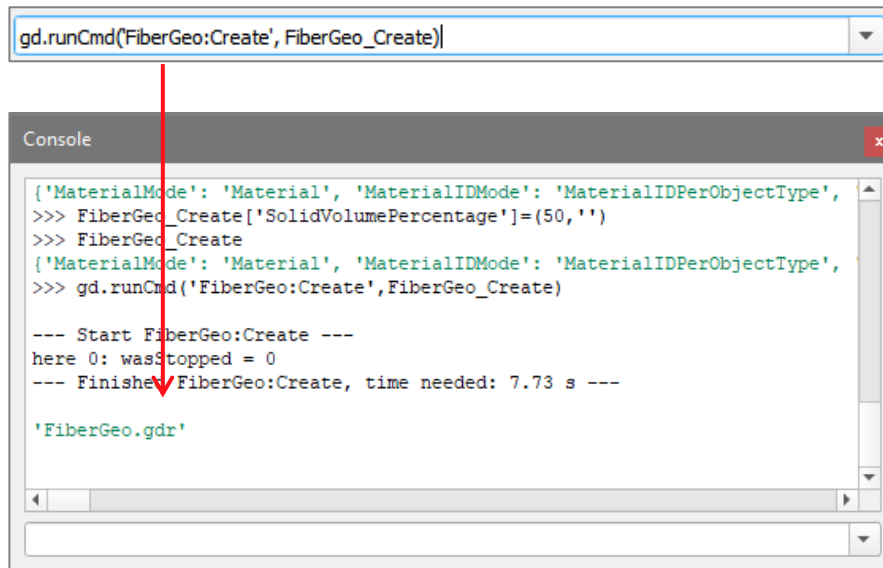
```
FiberGeo_Create
```

```
Console

'SolidVolumePercentage', 'SolidVolumePercentage': (10, '%'), 'Grammage': (
'SolidVolumePercentage', 'SolidVolumePercentage': (50, '%'), 'Grammage': (
```

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Now **FiberGeo** can be run with a solid volume percentage of 50 instead of 10, using the Python API command **gd.runCmd()** which is described on page [46](#).



```
gd.runCmd('FiberGeo:Create', FiberGeo_Create)|
```

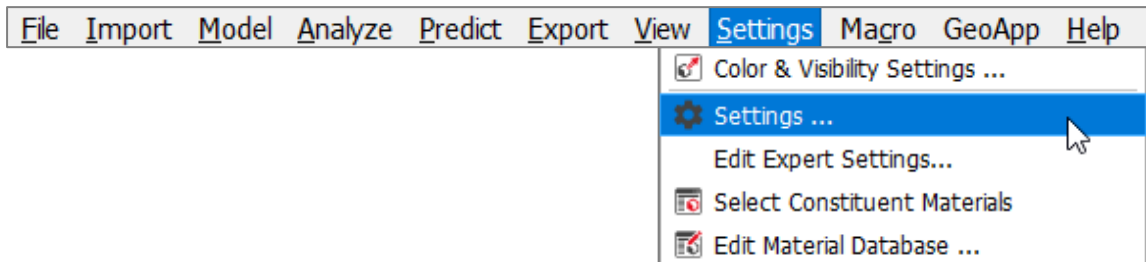
```
Console
{ 'MaterialMode': 'Material', 'MaterialIDMode': 'MaterialIDPerObjectType',
>>> FiberGeo_Create['SolidVolumePercentage']=(50,'')
>>> FiberGeo_Create
{ 'MaterialMode': 'Material', 'MaterialIDMode': 'MaterialIDPerObjectType',
>>> gd.runCmd('FiberGeo:Create', FiberGeo_Create)

--- Start FiberGeo:Create ---
here 0: wasStopped = 0
--- Finished FiberGeo:Create, time needed: 7.73 s ---

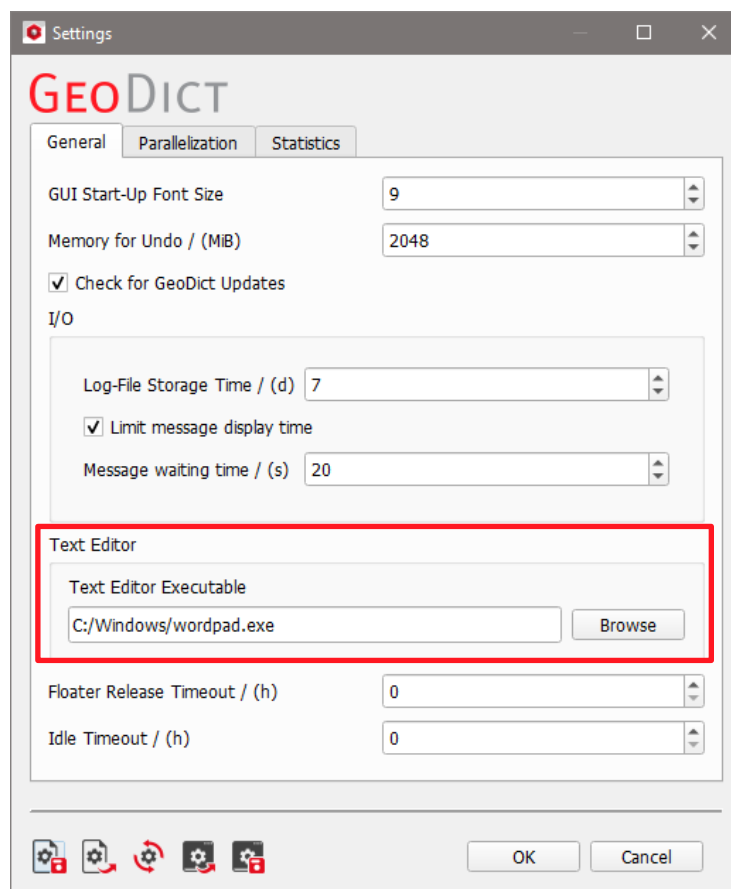
'FiberGeo.gdr'
```

CHOOSING A TEXT EDITOR TO EDIT A MACRO

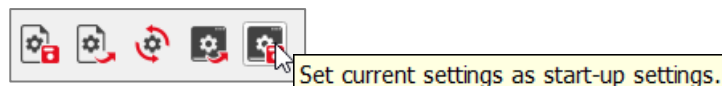
To define e.g. Wordpad as the default text editor, open **GeoDict** and select **Settings** → **Settings ...** from the menu bar.



In the section **Text Editor**, at the bottom of the Settings dialog, click **Browse** to find the path to the executable for the desired text editor.



To always open the macros in the selected editor, remember to store the settings as start-up settings by clicking the corresponding icon in the **Settings** dialog.



Click **OK** to apply the editor change.

The next time the **Edit** button in the **Macro Execution Control** dialog box is clicked, the macro file is opened for editing in the selected text editor.

For other editors, enter the path to the desired editor.

EDITORS AVAILABLE FOR **WINDOWS** USERS

Notepad is a simple text-editor provided during the installation of Windows. The Notepad text editor is called **Editor** in the Windows German edition. Syntax highlighting is not available and when opening files from other platforms (e.g. Linux), although the file is not corrupted, the commands are not displayed in easily readable lines.

WordPad, another Windows built-in editor, is a good alternative for users who seldom edit macros. Files from Linux platforms are also displayed correctly. However, syntax highlighting is not available, and all formatting effects are removed when saving and closing the file. Files must be saved in **.py** and not in **.py.rtf** format.

Notepad++ is recommended. The free source code editor **Notepad++** is the most comfortable alternative for Windows systems. Python syntax is highlighted and although there is no syntax highlighting for **GMC** macro files, their syntax is similar to C and HTML conventions and switching to C-syntax highlighting (**Language** → **C** → **C++** in **Notepad++** menu bar) helps improving readability of the files. The user can also define his/her own syntax highlighting. **Notepad++** is also included in the GeoDict-Tools installer.

EDITORS AVAILABLE FOR **LINUX** USERS

gedit is provided with Ubuntu. Python syntax is highlighted.

Notepadqq is the Linux version of Notepad++.

PyCharm is not only an editor but an integrated development environment. While it can be very useful for experts, it is not recommended for beginners.

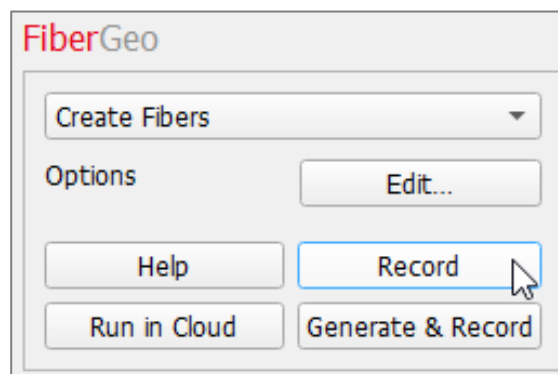
PARAMETER MACROS FOR PARAMETER STUDIES

Using **parameter macros** is the smart choice when running studies in which some parameter values need to be combined with another parameter while both are varying.

For example, a simple macro, without variables, recorded while generating a fibrous structure with **FiberGeo**, can be modified to create a parameter macro containing variables. The introduced variables, random seed, object solid volume percentage (SVP) and fiber diameter, are used in combination to produce sequences of random realizations of the structure with a certain object solid volume percentage, i.e. a series of structures are generated for every chosen SVP, while the SVP is gradually increased and the fiber diameter decreased.

TRANSFORMING A SIMPLE MACRO INTO A PARAMETER MACRO FOR A PARAMETER STUDY

The user starts by recording the simple macro (simplemacro.py) during the generation of a fibrous structure with the default values in **FiberGeo**. Therefore, start macro recording as explained in page [6](#). Then select **Module** → **FiberGeo** and click **Record**.



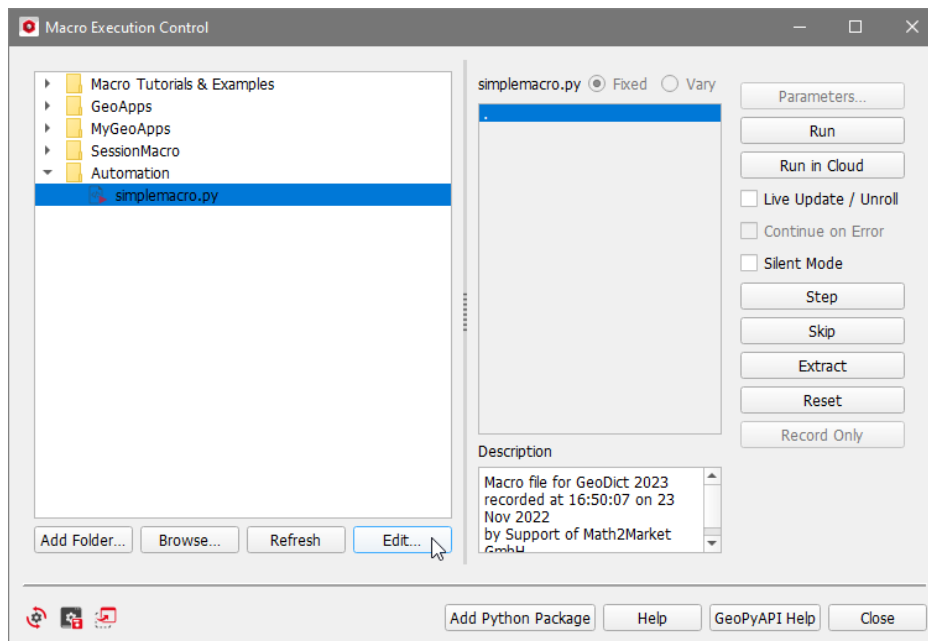
The single value for **Random Seed** is 47 and the single value for **Object Solid Volume Percentage** is 10.

Afterwards, end the recording of the macro, by selecting **Macro** → **End Macro Recording**.

Check now **Macro** → **Execute Macro / Script**

Click **Refresh** and, in the **Macro Execution Control** section, look for **simplemacro.py** in the pull-down menu list. The description area displays a short report about it.

simplemacro.py does not contain any variables at this point and thus, **Fixed** and **Vary** are grayed out.



Click **Edit...** and open **simplemacro.py** in the text editor of choice (here NotePad++).

```
Variables = {
#   'NumberOfVariables' : 0,
#   'Variable1' : {
#     'Name'           : 'gd_SVP',
#     'Label'          : 'Solid Volume Percentage',
#     'Type'           : 'double',
#     'Unit'           : '%',
#     'ToolTip'        : 'Solid volume percentage of the created structure.',
#     'BuiltinDefault' : 10.0,
#     'Check'          : 'min0;max100'
#   },
}
```

No variables are yet defined in **simplemacro.py**. The **Variables** block is where they are defined and where they will be modified for the parameter study.

The first command is to create a structure (FiberGeo:Create). In the parameter dictionary Create_args_1 first the **Domain** parameters are given. These parameters are not changed in our example.

Among other parameters, now follow the parameters corresponding to overlap mode, stopping criterion, number of objects, random seed, and other options that can be found in **FiberGeo** under the **Create Options** tab of the **FiberGeo Options** dialog.

From these parameters, the **Solid Volume Percentage**, the **Random Seed** and the **Fiber Diameter** will be used as variables and their entries in the macro are changed in this example.

EDITING THE MACRO

Start editing the **simplemacro.py** by adding description information as shown here. This is later displayed in the description area of the **Macro Execution Control** section.

```

Description = '''
Parameter macro for a parameter study varying Solid Volume Percentage,
Random Seed and Fiber Diameter in combination to generate random series of
increasingly dense fibrous structures with infinite circular fibers.
'''

Variables = {
  'NumberOfVariables' : 3,
  'Variable1' : {
    'Name'           : 'gd_SVP',
    'Label'          : 'Solid Volume Percentage',
    'Type'           : 'double',
    'Unit'           : '%',
    'ToolTip'        : 'Solid volume percentage of the created structure.',
    'BuiltinDefault' : 10.0,
    'Check'          : 'min0;max100'
  },
  'Variable2' : {
    'Name'           : 'gd_RandomSeed',
    'Label'          : 'Random Seed',
    'Type'           : 'int',
    'Unit'           : '',
    'ToolTip'        : 'Random Seed of the created structure.',
    'BuiltinDefault' : 47
  },
  'Variable3' : {
    'Name'           : 'gd_FiberDiameter',
    'Label'          : 'Fiber Diameter',
    'Type'           : 'double',
    'Unit'           : 'µm',
    'ToolTip'        : 'Diameter of the created fibers.',
    'BuiltinDefault' : 10.0
  },
}

```

In the **Variables** block, (as shown above) change the **NumberOfVariables** to **3** and un-comment the **Variable1** by deleting the **#** signs.

Use copy-paste to add a second and third variable element.

'Variable1' is given the Name **gd_SVP**, **'Variable2'** is given the Name **gd_RandomSeed** and **'Variable3'** is given the Name **gd_FiberDiameter**. These names can be chosen as desired, but it is recommended to choose names describing their usage in the macro to improve readability. This is also the only reason for the prefix **gd_**, marking which variables in the macro are defined from the Parameters dialog and which are defined within the macro. The variables would also work without the prefix and different names, but then the macro code could be harder to understand for others.

The first and third variable are **Type** double and the second is **Type** integer ('int') and their starting **BuiltinDefault** values are **10** (%) for SVF, **47** for Random Seed and **10** (µm) for Fiber Diameter. Some helpful hints on syntax for these variables appear below the Variables block.

To store the output of the parameter study, change from the project folder to a new folder with the name VariableStudy. For this purpose, add the **GeoDict:ChangeProjectFolder** command to save the results in the new folder **'VariableStudy'**. Find out more details about the variables block on page [41](#).


```
ChangeProjectFolder_args = {
    'FolderName'      : 'VariableStudy',
    'CreateIfNotPresent' : True
}
gd.runCmd("GeoDict:ChangeProjectFolder", ChangeProjectFolder_args, Header['Release'])
```

In the block **FiberGeo:Create**, the **Domain** parameters are not modified

In the next group of parameters, for **SolidVolumePercentage**, change the numerical value 10 to **gd_SVP** and, for **RandomSeed**, the value of 47 to **gd_RandomSeed**.

gd_SVP and **gd_RandomSeed** are placeholders for the sets of values to be defined when running the macro (**Macro Execution Control** dialog box).

```
'MaximalTime'      : (6, 'h'),
'OverlapMode'      : 'AllowOverlap',
'NumberOfObjects'  : 100,
'StoppingCriterion' : 'SolidVolumePercentage',
'SolidVolumePercentage' : (gd_SVP, '%'),
'Grammage'         : (10, 'g/m^2'),
```

Right underneath of **Random Seed**, change the **ResultFileName** from **'FiberGeo.gdr'** to:

f'FiberGeo_{gd_SVP}_{gd_RandomSeed}_{gd_FiberDiameter}.gdr',

to associate the name of the result files (in GDR format) to the outcome of the parameter study.

In this way, the result file names indicate the random seed, SVP and diameter values applied to the generated structure.

```
'PercentageType'   : 0,
'RandomSeed'       : gd_RandomSeed,
'IsolationDistance' : (0, 'm'),
'ResultFileName'   : f'FiberGeo_{gd_SVP}_{gd_RandomSeed}_{gd_FiberDiameter}.gdr',
'MatrixDensity'    : (0, 'g/cm^3'),
```

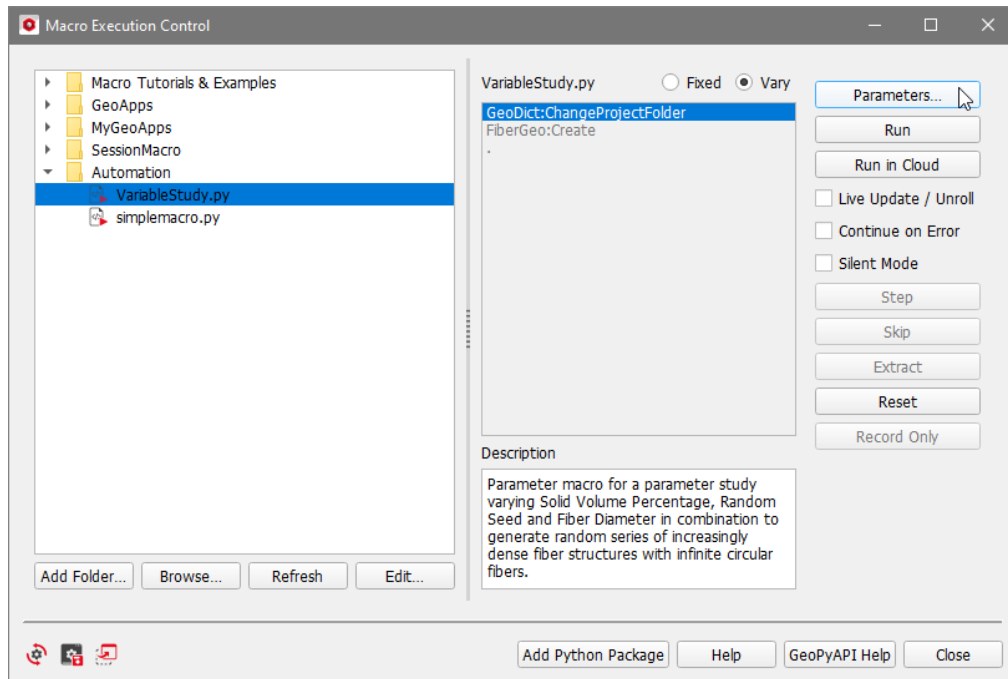
Finally, in the block **Generator1**, more precisely in the subblock **DiameterDistribution** replace the Value 1e-05 by **gd_FiberDiameter * 1e-06**. The factor 1e-06 is needed, as the fiber diameters in the dictionary must be given in meter. Thus, the fiber diameter of the first fiber type can be changed in the parameter study, editing the value in microns.

```
'Generator1' : {
    'Material' : {
        'Probability'      : 0.5,
        'SpecificWeight'   : (2.58, 'g/cm^3'),
        'Type'             : 'InfiniteCircularFiberGenerator',
        'UseDTex'          : False,
        'DiameterDistribution' : {
            'Type' : 'Constant',
            'Value' : gd_FiberDiameter*1e-06,
        },
    },
}
```

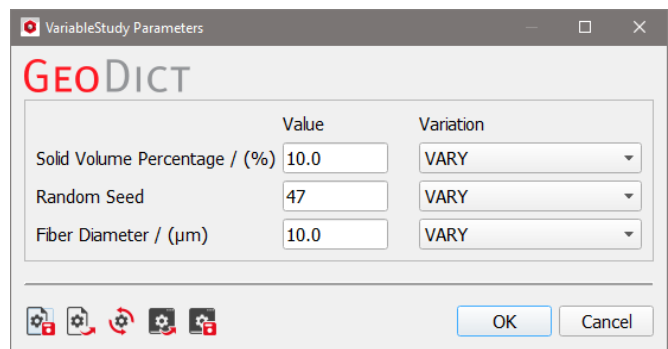
In the editor, save the modified macro as **VariableStudy.py** (NotePad++: **File** → **Save As...**)

Back in the **Macro Execution Control** section, click **Refresh** to actualize the left panel and select (the just saved) **VariableStudy** from it.

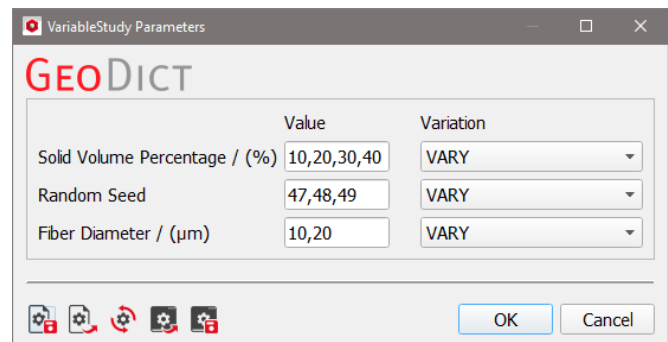
The text entered under **Description** – in the edited macro is shown in the description area and, since now the macro contains variables, **Vary** is available to be checked. Check it and click the **Parameters** button.



The **BuiltinDefault** values that were specified in the variables block (10, 47 and 10) appear in the boxes for **Solid Volume Percentage, Random Seed** and **Fiber Diameter**. The labels of both variables have been taken from the **VariableStudy.py** file.



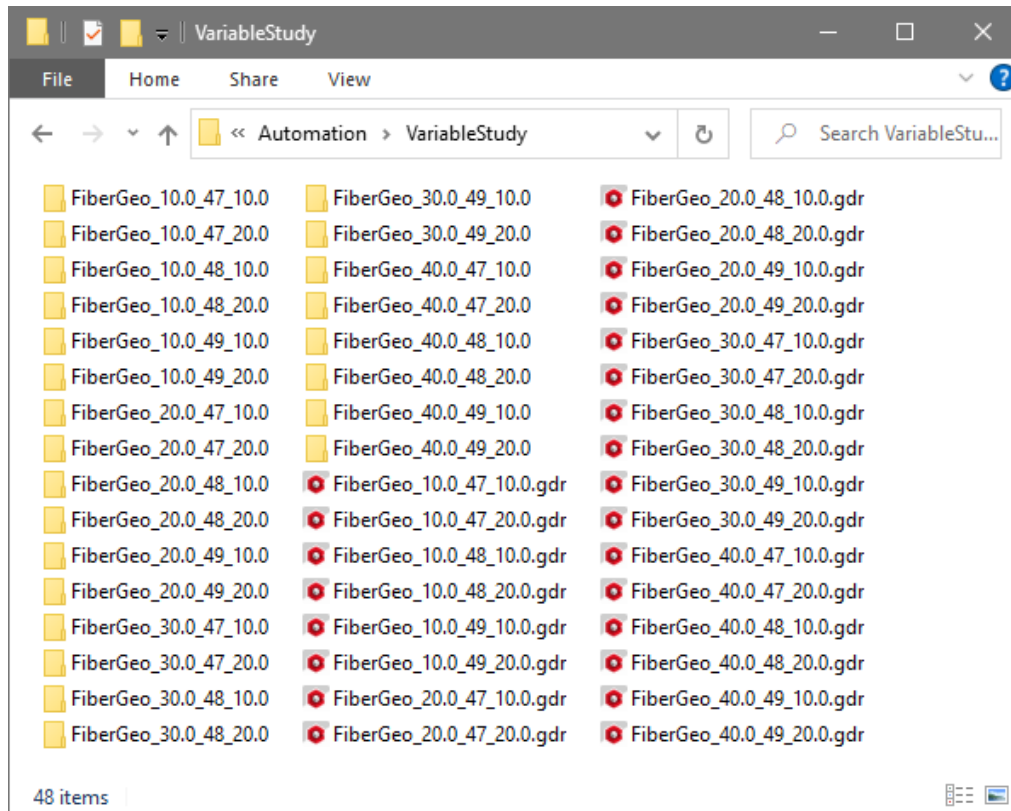
To set the parameter study, enter four values of increasing **Solid Volume Percentage** (10%, 20%, 30% and 40% SVP), three random seed values (e.g. 47, 48 and 49) and two values for **Fiber Diameter** (e.g. 10 and 20). Leave the **Variation** for all three at **VARY**.



Click **OK** and, in the **Macro Execution Control** section, click **Run**.

The execution of the **VariableStudy.py** macro takes only a short time and creates three random realizations of a structure for every one of the four SVP values, combined with every fiber diameter value.

The outcome is 48 items saved in the project folder VariableStudy: 24 result files (e.g. FiberGeo_10.0_47_10.0.gdr) and 24 folders, each with a structure file (*.gdt) inside (e.g. FiberGeo_10.0_47_10.0).



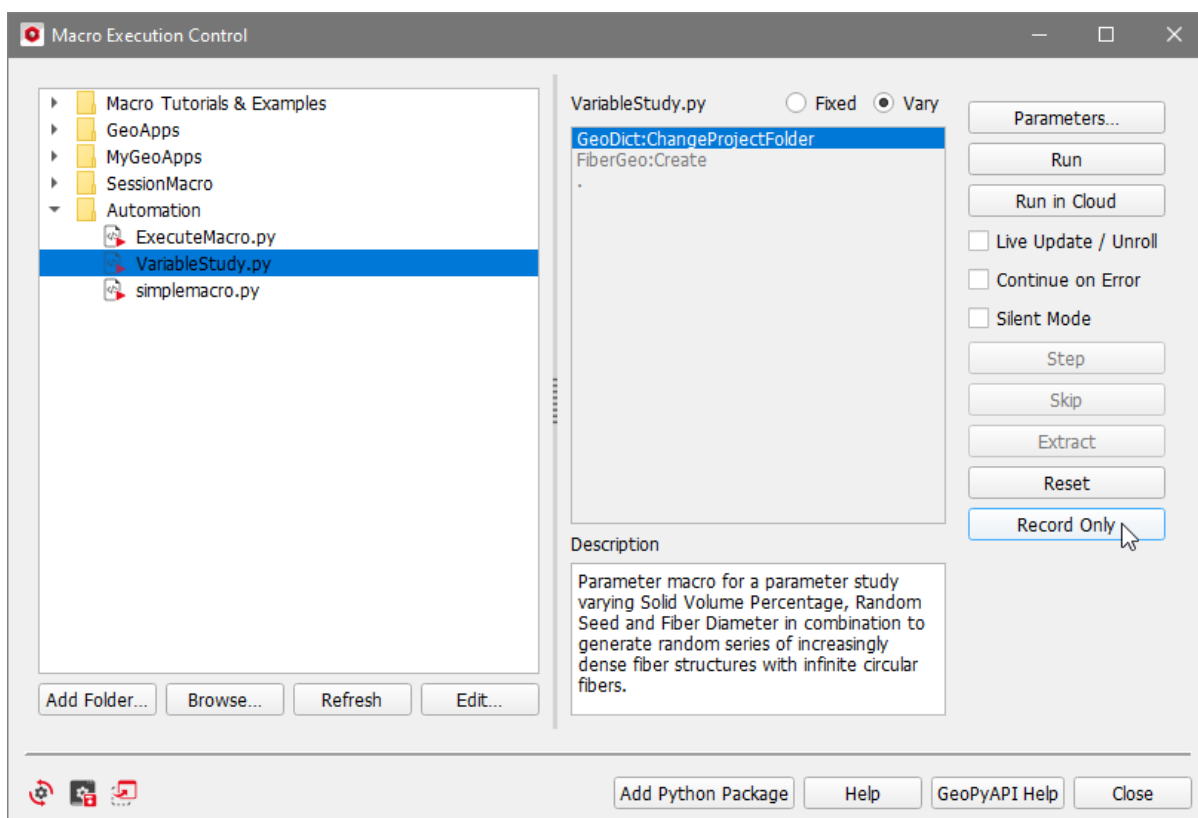
These 24 result files can be opened in **GeoDict**, and the Result Viewer offers the possibility to combine some or all results in a plot. See the [Result Viewer handbook](#) of this User Guide for more details.

STARTING VARYMACRO FROM PYTHON

Having transformed a simple macro to a parameter macro it is possible to automate the parameter study in the Python macro. Therefore, start macro recording as described in page [6](#).

Open the **Macro Execution Control**, check **Vary** and edit the parameters for the variable study as desired (explained on pages [36ff](#)).

Click **Record Only** to save the **GeoDict:VaryPythonMacro** command without running the macro.



The recording of the macro is stopped by selecting **Macro** → **End Macro Recording**.

In the Macro Execution Control click **Refresh**, highlight the new Python macro and Click **Edit**.

The **GeoDict:VaryPythonMacro** command is located after the **Variables** section. This command can be used for any parameter macro. The file path and the variables have to be given. The entries in the Variables dictionary correspond to the vary parameters dialog box, described on pages [13ff](#).

```
VaryPythonMacro_args_1 = {
  'FileName'      : 'C:/Automation/VariableStudy.py',
  'ContinueOnError' : False,
  'Variables' : {
    'gd_SVP' : {
      'ValueList' : [10, 20, 30, 40],
      'Variation' : 'VARY',
    },
    'gd_RandomSeed' : {
      'ValueList' : [47, 48, 49],
      'Variation' : 'VARY',
    },
    'gd_FiberDiameter' : {
      'ValueList' : [10, 20],
      'Variation' : 'VARY',
    },
  },
}

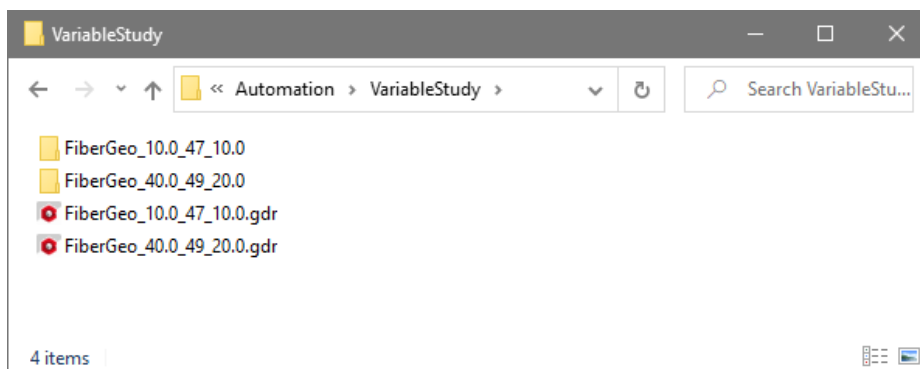
gd.runCmd("GeoDict:VaryPythonMacro", VaryPythonMacro_args_1, Header['Release'])
```

For example, the value lists can be changed so that the number of the list entries become the same. Thus, the **'Variation'** of `gd_RandomSeed` and `gd_FiberDiameter` can be changed from **'VARY'** to **'gd_SVP'**.

```
VaryPythonMacro_args_1 = {
  'FileName'      : 'C:/Automation/VariableStudy.py',
  'ContinueOnError' : False,
  'Variables' : {
    'gd_SVP' : {
      'ValueList' : [10, 40],
      'Variation' : 'VARY',
    },
    'gd_RandomSeed' : {
      'ValueList' : [47, 49],
      'Variation' : 'gd_SVP',
    },
    'gd_FiberDiameter' : {
      'ValueList' : [10, 20],
      'Variation' : 'gd_SVP',
    },
  },
}

gd.runCmd("GeoDict:VaryPythonMacro", VaryPythonMacro_args_1, Header['Release'])
```

After saving the macro click **Run** in the **Macro Execution Control** and the resulting folder `VariableStudy` only contains two result files and two result folders.



AVAILABLE VARIABLE TYPES

The variables block in GeoDict Python macros provides many options. A summary of all these options and some short explanations and examples can be found in the comment block after the variables block in a recorded macro.

```

Variables = {
  'NumberOfVariables' : 0,
  # 'Variable1' : {
  #   'Name'           : 'gd_SVP',
  #   'Label'          : 'Solid Volume Percentage',
  #   'Type'           : 'double',
  #   'Unit'           : '%',
  #   'ToolTip'        : 'Solid volume percentage of the created structure.',
  #   'BuiltinDefault' : 10.0,
  #   'Check'          : 'min0;max100'
  # },
}

# Explanations of variables syntax:
#####
# Name:          mandatory, name of the variable by that it can be addressed in the macro, must not contain
white spaces!
# Label:         optional, appears as text in the GeoDict GUI. If not present, then Name is used also as
Label
# Type:          mandatory, known types are bool, boolgroup, double, uint, int, string, filestring,
folderstring, material, combo, table, combogroup, labelgroup
# Unit:          optional, appears only in GUI (not used to rescale any input parameters automatically)
#                 for type filestring, Unit contains the file suffix
#                 for type material,   Unit must be solid, fluid or porous
#                 for type combo,     Unit must contain the possible string-values for the
variable separated by semicolon
#                 for type table,     Unit must be a list of type strings, allowed is "int",
"float", "string". E.g. ["int", "float", "string"] for three columns.
# ToolTip:       optional, appears in GUI (must be in one line)
# BuiltinDefault: optional, default value which is used in macro (if not given, defaults to 0 or empty string)
#                 for type table, this should be a python list of entries, left to right, top to
bottom, e.g. [1,2.0,"three"].
# ColumnHeaders: optional, only valid for type table: List of header texts for each table column, e.g.
["Column 1", "Second column", "Third Column"]
# Check:         optional, known checks are positive, negative, min, max (checks are separated by semicolon)
# Member:        optional, defines the member of group type variables. For Labelgroups defined by a list,
for combogroup and boolgroup defined by a dictionary that maps states to lists

```

The variables block defines the parameters displayed in the **Parameters** dialog in the **Macro Execution Control** (see page [14](#)).

In the following the available types of variables are described, and examples are given. The type must be given as a string for the key **'Type'**.

Int

For a variable of type **'int'** only integer values are allowed, i.e. ... -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, ... If **Vary** is checked in the **Macro Execution Control** also lists of values can be entered with the start:step:end syntax described on page [17](#).

Variable	<input type="text" value="10"/>
----------	---------------------------------

uint

For a variable of type **'uint'** only nonnegative integer values are allowed for this variable, i.e. 0, 1, 2, ... In the **Parameters** dialog it is also possible to change the value by clicking the arrows on the right or by turning the mouse wheel while the cursor is rested on the parameter box. If **Vary** is checked in the **Macro Execution Control** also lists of values can be entered with the start:step:end syntax described on page [17](#).

Variable	<input type="text" value="10"/>
----------	---------------------------------

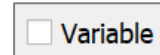
double

For a variable of type **'double'** any floating point number is allowed, e.g. -0.75, 10.3, 42.999. If **Vary** is checked in the **Macro Execution Control** also lists of values can be entered with the start:step:end syntax described on page [17](#).



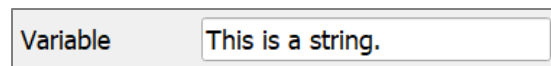
bool

A **'bool'** variable defines a checkbox in the **Parameters** dialog. Possible values for the optional key **'BuiltinDefault'** are **False** (not checked) and **True** (checked).



string

Everything typed in the parameter box for a variable of type **'string'** will be handled as a string in the macro.



folderstring

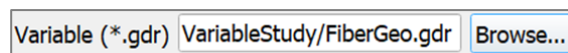
For a variable of type **'folderstring'** in the **Parameters** dialog a **Browse** button will appear next to the parameter box to search for the desired folder on the computer.



filestring

For a variable of type **'filestring'** in the parameter dialog a Browse button will appear next to the parameter box to search for the desired file on the computer. The **'Unit'** must be specified, e.g. *.gdr or *.xlsx.

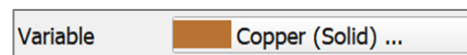
```
'Type'           : 'filestring',  
'Unit'          : 'gdr',
```



material

For a variable of type **'material'** the desired material can be selected from the **GeoDict** material data base. The **'Unit'** must be specified as **'solid'**, **'fluid'** or **'porous'**.

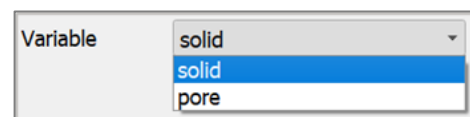
```
'Type'           : 'material',  
'Unit'          : 'solid',
```



combo

A variable of type **'combo'** defines a value choice, that will be displayed in a pull-down menu (also named combo box) in the parameter dialog. Therefore, for **'Unit'** define a string with the components separated by semicolon.

```
'Type'           : 'combo',  
'Unit'          : 'solid;pore',
```

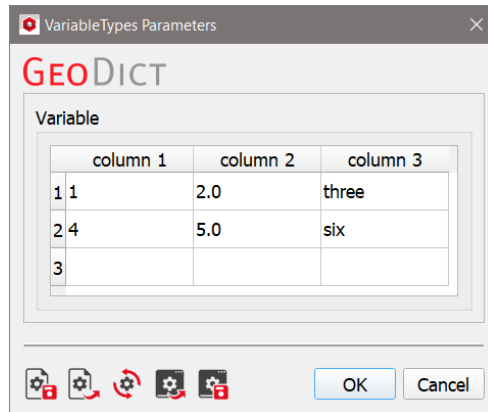


table

A variable of type **'table'** will transform the values entered in the **Parameters** dialog into a list. The number of columns is defined with the key **'Unit'**. There, the types for the different columns must be given as a list. Available column types are **'int'**, **'float'** and **'string'**. The column headers are also given as a list of strings and are optional.

In the **Parameters** dialog a new row is added as soon as at least one value is entered in each existing row.

In the following example, three columns are given. Here, the values in the first column must be integers, the values in the second column float and the values in the third column string, as defined for the key **'Unit'**. The **'BuiltinDefault'** values define two rows in the table.

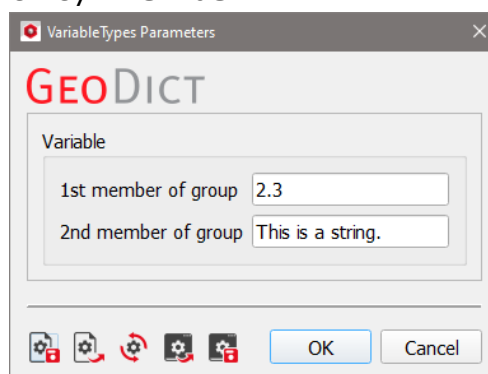


```
'Variable1' : {
  'Name'      : 'gd_table',
  'Label'     : 'Variable',
  'Type'      : 'table',
  'Unit'      : ['int', 'float', 'string'],
  'ColumnHeaders' : ['column 1', 'column 2', 'column3'],
  'BuiltinDefault' : [1, 2.0, 'three', 4, 5.0, 'six']
}
```

labelgroup

A variable of type **'labelgroup'** defines a group within the **Parameters** dialog. The key **'Member'** is mandatory and defines which of the following variables will belong to the group. The members have to be given in a list, containing the members name as a string. The **'BuiltinDefault'** must be **True**. The members are defined separately as variables and can have any type.

In the following example, a group with two members is defined in **'Variable1'**. The first member is defined as **'Variable2'** as type **'double'** and the second member is defined as **'Variable3'** as type **'string'**. Their names **'member1'** and **'member2'** are given in the list for the key **'Member'**.

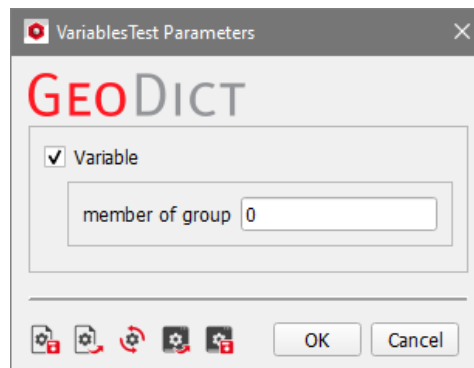



```
Variables = {
  'NumberOfVariables' : 3,
  'Variable1' : {
    'Name' : 'gd_labelgroup',
    'Label' : 'Variable',
    'Type' : 'labelgroup',
    'Member' : ['member1', 'member2'],
    'BuiltinDefault' : True
  },
  'Variable2' : {
    'Name' : 'member1',
    'Label' : '1st member of group',
    'Type' : 'string',
  },
  'Variable3' : {
    'Name' : 'member2',
    'Label' : '2nd member of group',
    'Type' : 'string',
  }
}}
```

Boolgroup

A variable of type **'boolgroup'** defines two groups within the **Parameters** dialog. Checking or not checking the checkbox decides which group is shown. The members have to be defined as separate variables and can have any type. The names must be given for the key **'Member'** for the boolgroup variable, as a dictionary, consisting of the keys **'true'** and **'false'** and the respective group members as a list.

In the following example, only one group is defined. This results in an empty group if the checkbox is not checked, corresponding to the not given value **'false'**.

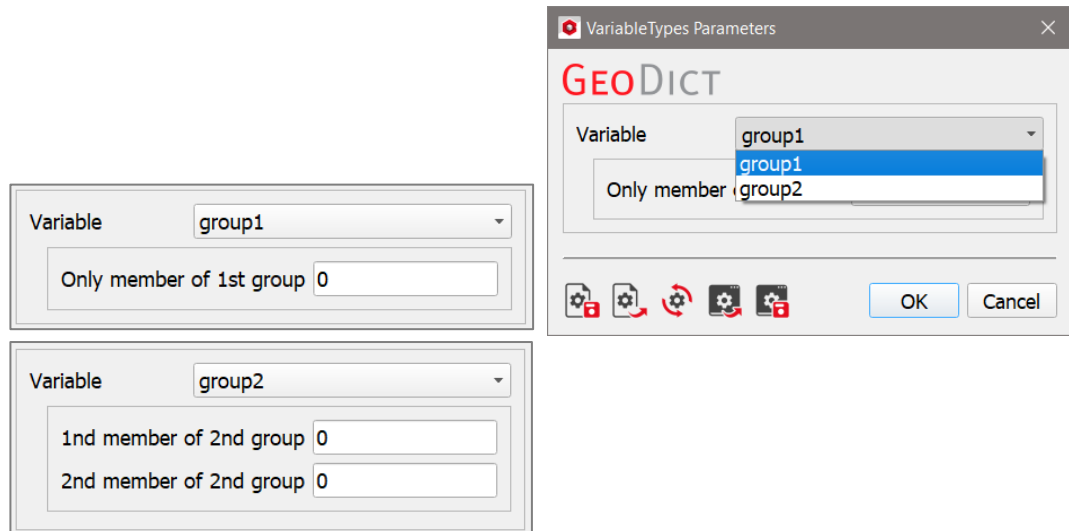


```
Variables = {
  'NumberOfVariables' : 2,
  'Variable1' : {
    'Name' : 'gd_boolgroup',
    'Label' : 'Variable',
    'Type' : 'boolgroup',
    'Member' : {'true' : ['member']},
    'BuiltinDefault' : True
  },
  'Variable2' : {
    'Name' : 'member',
    'Label' : 'member of group',
    'Type' : 'double',
  }
}}
```

combogroup

A variable of type '**combogroup**' defines multiple groups. The selection from the pull-down menu decides which group is displayed. The list defining the content of the pull-down menu must be defined for the key '**Unit**'. The values must be given as a string, values separated by comma. The members of the groups must be defined as separate variables and can have any type. The names must be given for the key '**Member**' for the boolgroup variable, as a dictionary, consisting of the defined ke's (val'es in the pull-down menu, defined in '**Unit**') and the respective group members as a list.

In the following example two groups can be selected. Observe how the available parameters change according to the selected group in the **Parameters** dialog.



```

Variables = {
  'NumberOfVariables'      : 4,
  'Variable1' : {
    'Name'                  : 'gd_combogroup',
    'Label'                 : 'Variable',
    'Type'                  : 'combogroup',
    'Unit'                  : 'group1;group2',
    'Member'                : {'group1' : ['onlymember'],
                              'group2' : ['member1', 'member2']},
    'BuiltinDefault'       : True
  },
  'Variable2' : {
    'Name'                  : 'onlymember',
    'Label'                 : 'Only member of 1st group',
    'Type'                  : 'double',
  },
  'Variable3' : {
    'Name'                  : 'member1',
    'Label'                 : '1st member of 2nd group',
    'Type'                  : 'int',
  },
  'Variable4' : {
    'Name'                  : 'member2',
    'Label'                 : '2nd member of 2nd group',
    'Type'                  : 'int',
  }
}

```

PYTHON SCRIPTING IN GEODICT

GeoDict supports Python scripting. By selecting **Macro** → **Execute Macro/Script...** a *.py file can be selected and then executed by a built-in **Python 3.6** interpreter. All of the Python standard library should be usable from within a Python macro.

A very helpful official Python tutorial can be found at <https://docs.python.org/3.6/tutorial/>.

In addition, a special object called **gd** is available everywhere within a Python macro. The whole GeoDict API (Application Programming Interface) is exposed via the **gd**-object.

GEODICT APPLICATION PROGRAMMING INTERFACE (API)

In the following, the methods provided by the built-in **gd**-object are documented. The interface allows running any GeoDict command that a macro can execute.

GENERAL FUNCTIONS

GD.RUNCMD(CMDNAME, ARGS, VERSIONSTRING)

This allows to run any GeoDict command that a macro can execute.

- `cmdName` is the name of the command as they appear in the **Session Macro** dialog described on page 22, e.g. "GeoDict:LoadFile" to load a GDT file.
- `args` is a python dictionary holding the arguments (see below)
- `versionString` is a string containing the GeoDict version for which this macro was written, e.g. "2023"

For commands that produce GDR files, the function returns the name of the generated file, which can be different from the name specified if a file of the same name did already exist, e.g. "PoreSizes_no1.gdr". It is therefore recommended to use the returned file name when analyzing the results.

In the following example, the function is used to terminate GeoDict. For other examples, see also below under the **getViewStatus()** or the **getBuiltinDefaults()** command.

```
gd.runCmd("GeoDict:Terminate", {}, "2023")           # terminates GeoDict, the
                                                       dictionary for this command is
                                                       empty
```

GD.RUNCMDIGNOREEXTRAKEYS(CMDNAME, ARGS, VERSIONSTRING)

Works similar to **gd.runCmd**, but ignores unnecessary keys in the Python dictionary of the command.

GD.RUNCMDFROMGPS(GPS_FILE_PATH)

Executes a command from a *.gps file, that can be obtained directly from a dialog. The command has no return value. For example, if the desired settings for a fiber structure are saved from the **FiberGeo Create Options** dialog into a *.gps file with the name FiberGeo.gps, the fiber structure can be created with this command:

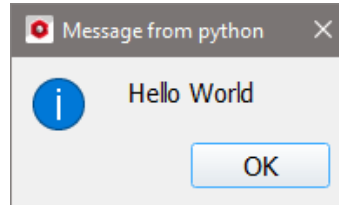


```
gd.runCmdFromGPS("FiberGeo.gps") # generates a fiber structure from  
                                a *.gps file
```

GD.MSGBOX(BASIC PYTHON VALUE)

Displays a simple message box containing the given basic Python value (string, integer, float, ...) and an OK button. The execution continues after clicking OK. This function is useful for debugging. The command has no return value. Example:

```
gd.msgBox("Hello World")
```



GD.SHOWGDR(PATH)

This will open the given GDR file contents within a GeoDict dialog. The command has no return value. For example, if a result file with the name Example.gdr is saved, it can be opened in the **Result Viewer** with this command:

```
gd.showGDR("Example.gdr") # opens the file in the Result  
                           Viewer
```

GD.GETBLOCKER()

Get a Blocker object to prevent GeoDict Dialogs from showing up. Use this function via 'with' keyword. For example, if saving images from a macro from different structures with a solid ID not shown, GeoDict will ask for every structure loading, if this material ID should be visualized. But the blocker command prevents the dialogs from showing up:

```
with gd.getBlocker(): # blocks GeoDict dialogs while the  
                     # following indented section is  
                     # executed  
    for i in range(3): # loops over the indices 0,1,2  
        gd.runCmd("GeoDict:LoadFile", {'FileName' : # loads a GeoDict structure file  
                                         f'example{i}.gdt'})  
        SaveThreeDImage_args = { # GeoPy dictionary containing the  
                                # parameters to save an image  
                                'FileName' : f'example{i}.png',  
                                'Resolution': {'Mode' : 'Current'},  
                                'IncludeTransparency' : False}  
        gd.runCmd("GeoDict:Save3DImage", # GeoDict command to save an image  
                  SaveThreeDImage_args)
```

GD.GETVOLDIMENSIONS()

Returns a 3-tuple (nx,ny,nz) containing the size of the currently loaded geometry in number of voxels. Returns None if no geometry is present. This command can be assigned to individual variables in Python using tuple deconstructions as follows:

```
nx, ny, nz = gd.getVolDimensions() # assigns the number of voxels in x-  
                                   # direction to the variable nx,  
                                   # and the number of voxels in y-  
                                   # and z-direction to ny and nz,  
                                   # respectively
```

GD.GETVOXELLENGTH()

Returns the voxel length of the current structure in meters. Example:

```
vl = gd.getVoxelLength() # assigns the voxel length to the
                          variable vl
```

GD.GETVOXELCOUNTS2D(DIRECTION:INT, MATERIAL INDEX : INT)

Returns a list of the slice-wise voxel counts in the given direction for the given material ID. Returns **None** if no geometry is present. Example:

```
voxelCounts = gd.getVoxelCounts2D(2,1) # get the number of voxels of
                                        material ID 1 in Z-direction for
                                        each slice and assign them as a
                                        list to the variable voxelCounts

ZSlice_5 = voxelCounts[4] # compute the total number of voxels
                           in the structure and assign it
                           to the variable TotalVoxels

gd.msgBox(f"In slice 5 {ZSlice_5} voxels have # show message dialog
          MaterialID 1.")
```

GD.GETVOXELCOUNTS3D()

Returns a 256-element list of voxel counts for each color (material index) for the currently loaded geometry. Returns **None** if no geometry is present. Example:

```
nx , ny, nz = gd.getVolDimensions() # get the number of voxels in all
                                    three directions and assign them
                                    to variables

TotalVoxels = nx * ny * nz # compute the total number of voxels
                            in the structure and assign it
                            to the variable TotalVoxels

Voxels = gd.getVoxelCounts3D() # gets list of voxel counts for
                                material IDs

ID_1 = Voxels[1]/TotalVoxels * 100 # computes volume percentage of
                                   material ID and assign it to
                                   variable ID_1

gd.msgBox(f"MaterialID 1 is assigned to {ID_1}% # show message dialog of result
          of the structure.")
```

GD.GETVIEWSTATUS(VERSIONSTRING)

Returns the current view status (settings for rendering). It has the same format as the argument for the **GeoDict:SetViewStatus** command in Python files.

It is useful to change render settings based on the current settings, e.g. to change the angle of the camera:

```
d = gd.getViewStatus("2023") # get the current rendering settings
d["Camera"]["Camera3D"]["Rotation]=[38,22,-65] # change angle of camera
gd.runCmd("GeoDict:SetViewStatus", d, "2023") # update settings
```

GD.GET2DVIEWASPLOT(INT DIRECTION, INT SLICE, BOOL ORIENTATION)

Returns the 2D view of the loaded structure as a Python dictionary. This dictionary can be used to plot the given slice in a custom GeoDict result file (*.gdr). How to create a custom result file is explained on page [81](#). Input the desired view direction,

slice and if the image orientation should be **Top to Bottom** (True) or **Bottom to Top** (False). The view direction must be given as integer, where 0 = X, 1 = Y and 2 = Z.

In the following example a result file is generated only containing a plot from the 50th slice of the loaded structure viewed in X-direction and bottom to top.

```
import gdr # import the module gdr to generate
           # custom result files

plotParameters = gd.get2DViewAsPlot(0,50,False) # get the current 2D view in X-
                                                # direction of slice 50 in bottom
                                                # to top orientation

resultfile = gdr.GDR("NewResultFile") # create custom result file
                                       # NewResultFile.gdr

postParameters = { # define Python dictionary for gdr
    'Plots' : {
        'NumberOfPlots' : 1,
        'Plot1' : plotParameters}}

resultfile.postMap = postParameters # add post processing map to gdr
                                    # containing the defined plot

resultfile.write() # write result file
```

GD.GETBUILTINDEFAULTS(STRING COMMANDNAME)

Returns the built-in default argument dictionary for a command. This can then be modified and passed to **runCmd**. Example:

```
Create_args = # get the arguments for
              # "FiberGeo:Create"
              gd.getBuiltinDefaults("FiberGeo:Create")

Create_args['SolidVolumePercentage'] = 20 # change solid volume fraction to
                                           # 20%

gd.runCmd("FiberGeo:Create", Create_args) # version is omitted - defaults to
                                           # latest
```

GD.GETCURRENTSETTINGS(STRING COMMANDNAME)

Returns the current settings argument dictionary for a command. This can then be modified and passed to **runCmd**. Example:

```
Create_args = # get the arguments for
              # "FiberGeo:Create"
              gd.getCurrentSettings("FiberGeo:Create")

Create_args['SolidVolumePercentage']=(20, '%') # change solid volume fraction to
                                                # 20%

gd.runCmd("FiberGeo:Create", Create_args) # version is omitted - defaults to
                                           # latest
```

GD.SETCURRENTSETTINGS(STRING COMMANDNAME, PARAMETERS DICTIONARY, VERSION STRING)

Sets the settings for the given GeoDict command in the corresponding options dialog. Example:

```
Create_args = # get the arguments for
              # "FiberGeo:Create"
              gd.getCurrentSettings("FiberGeo:Create")

Create_args['SolidVolumePercentage']=(20, '%') # change solid volume fraction to
                                                # 20%
```

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```
gd.setCurrentSettings("FiberGeo:Create",          # set the changed settings in the
    Create_args, "2023")                        FiberGeo Options dialog
```

GD.GETCONSTITUENTMATERIALS()

Returns the map of the current constituent materials as Python dictionary. Example:

```
Materials = gd.getConstituentMaterials()        # get dictionary of constituent
                                                materials and assign it to
                                                variable Materials

ID_0_Type = Materials['Material00']['Type']      # get type of material ID 0 and
                                                assign it to variable ID_0_Type

gd.msgBox(f"Material ID 00 is of type          # show message dialog of result
    {ID_0_Type}.")
```

GD.GETDATABASEMATERIAL(STRING NAME)

Returns the information of the given material in the GeoDict material data base as Python dictionary.

```
Material_Air = gd.getDataBaseMaterial("Air")    # get the data base
                                                information for air

air_dens     = Material_Air["Flow"]["MaterialLaw1"] # get the sixth entry in the
    ["Density"][0][6]                            density list for air
                                                (counting starts with 0)

air_dens_u   = Material_Air["Flow"]["MaterialLaw1"] # get the unit for the density
    ["Density"][1]

air_temp     = Material_Air["Flow"]["MaterialLaw1"] # get the sixth entry in the
    ["Temperature"][0][6]                        temperature list for air
                                                (counting starts with 0)

air_temp_u   = Material_Air["Flow"]["MaterialLaw1"] # get the unit for the
    ["Temperature"][1]                            temperature

gd.msgBox(f"At {air_temp} degrees {air_temp_u} the # show message dialog
    density of air is {air_dens} {air_dens_u}.")
```

GD.GETMATERIALDATABASEFOLDER()

Returns the folder path of the material data base folder containing the defined materials and their parameters as a string.

```
databasefolder = gd.getMaterialDataBaseFolder () # get the data base folder path

import os                                           # import the Python module os,
                                                which has many useful functions
                                                regarding file directories

foldercontent = os.listdir(databasefolder)         # get the content of the folder as
                                                a list of strings

print(foldercontent)                               # print the list to the GeoDict
                                                console
```

GD.GETGADMODE()

Returns the GAD mode as an integer.

- 0: The current voxel geometry only consists of GAD-objects.
- 1: The current voxel geometry contains not only GAD-objects.
- 2: No GAD-objects are loaded.

```

gad_mode = gd.getGADMode()           # assign GAD mode to variable
                                      gad_mode

if gad_mode != 2:                     # condition: if the GAD mode is not
                                      equal to 2, i.e. 0 or 1, the
                                      following indented section is
                                      executed

    gd.msgBox(f"The structure contains GAD # show message dialog
               objects.")

else:                                  # if the condition above is not
                                      true, i.e. the GAD mode is 2,
                                      the following indented section
                                      is executed

    gd.msgBox(f"The structure doesn't contain GAD # show message dialog
               objects.")
    
```

GD.GETNUMBEROFGADOBJECTS()

Returns the number of loaded GAD objects as an integer. Example:

```

GAD_number = gd.getNumberOfGADObjects() # get number of GAD objects

gd.msgBox(f"The structure contains {GAD_number} # show message dialog
          GAD objects.")
    
```

GD.GETGADOBJECT(INT ID, VERSIONSTRING)

Returns the settings of the GAD object with the given index id (first object has id 1) as a Python dictionary. For an example see **getSelectedGADObjects()** below.

GD.GETSELECTEDGADOBJECTS()

Returns a list containing the IDs of the currently selected GAD objects.

For the following example, a structure has to be loaded and one or more GAD Objects must be selected:

```

GAD_Selection = gd.getSelectedGADObjects() # get IDs of selected gad objects
GAD_ID = GAD_Selection[0]                # choose smallest selected GAD
                                          object ID

GAD_Object = gd.getGADObject(GAD_ID," 2023") # get the settings of the
                                          corresponding gad object

gd.msgBox(GAD_Object['Type'])             # show type of selected GAD_object
                                          in message box, e.g. sphere,
                                          ellipsoid, circular fiber, ...
    
```

GD.GETSELECTEDVOXELS()

Returns the positions of the currently selected voxels as a list of tuples (x,y,z). Note, that the positions returned with this command are not exactly the same, as given in the GUI. That is because the positions count starts with (0,0,0) for the command `getSelectedVoxels()` and with (1,1,1) for the GUI.

For the following example a structure has to be loaded and one or more voxels must be selected:

```

Voxels = gd.getSelectedVoxels()          # assign list of selected voxels to
                                          variable Voxels

gd.msgBox(f"The first selected voxel is located # shows message box
          at position {Voxels[0]}")
    
```


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GD.GETSETTINGSFOLDER()

Returns the settings folder as a string.

Windows: c:\user\%USERNAME%\GeoDict2023

Linux: ~/.geodict2023

```
SettingsFolder = gd.getSettingsFolder()           # assigns the file path of the
                                                    settings folder to the variable
                                                    SettingsFolder

gd.msgBox(f"The GeoDict settings can be found in # shows the settings folder in a
          \n {SettingsFolder}")                   message box
```

GD.GETINSTALLATIONFOLDER()

Returns the directory that contains the GeoDict executable as a string.

```
InstallationFolder = gd.getInstallationFolder()   # assigns the file path of the
                                                    installation folder to the
                                                    variable InstallationFolder

gd.msgBox(f"The GeoDict executable is found in # shows the installation folder in
          \n {InstallationFolder}")               a message box
```

GD.GETMACROFILEFOLDER()

Returns the directory that contains the macro file as a string. Example:

```
macrofolder = gd.getMacroFileFolder()           # assigns the file path of the
                                                    macro to the variable
                                                    macrofolder

gd.showGDR (macrofolder + "/example.gdr")       # opens the GeoDict result file
                                                    "example.gdr" located in the
                                                    same folder as the macro.
```

GD.GETMACROFILENAME()

Returns the macro name as a string. Example:

```
macroname = gd.getMacroFileName()              # assigns the macro name to the
                                                    variable macroname

gd.msgBox (f"{macroname} is running.")          # shows the macrofilename in a
                                                    message box.
```

GD.GETPROJECTFOLDER()

Returns the current project folder of GeoDict as a string. Example:

```
projectfolder = gd.getProjectFolder()           # assigns the file path of the
                                                    current project folder to the
                                                    variable projectfolder

gd.showGDR (projectfolder + "/example.gdr")     # opens the GeoDict result file
                                                    "example.gdr" located in the
                                                    current project folder
```

GD.GETHOSTNAME()

Returns the name of the host as a string. Example:

```
Host_name = gd.getHost_name()                  # assigns the host name to the
                                                    variable Host_name

gd.msgBox ( f"The host is {Host_name}")         # show message dialog
```

GD.GETSTANDARDFILEHEADER()

Returns the Python dictionary for the standard header that is used in recorded macros as a string.

```
Header = gd.getStandardFileHeader()           # assigns the string of the standard
                                              file header to the variable
                                              Header

gd.msgBox(Header)                            # show the standard file header in
                                              a message dialog
```

GD.GETVERSION()

Returns the current GeoDict version as a string. Example:

```
Version = gd.getVersion()                   # assigns the version as a string to
                                              the variable Version

gd.msgBox ( f"The current GeoDict version is # show message dialog
            {Version}")
```

GD.GETVERSIONINFO()

Returns the Python dictionary for the standard header that is used in recorded macros, containing the GeoDict version, revision and release date. Example:

```
Header = gd.getVersionInfo()                # assigns the standard file header
                                              to the variable Header

gd.msgBox (f"The current GeoDict revision is # show the current revision in a
            {Header['Revision']}")           message dialog
```

GD.GETSTRUCTURE()

Returns the currently loaded structure as a 3D 8-bit numpy array. Each entry corresponds to a voxel and contains its material ID (0-15). The following example writes the currently loaded structure into a *.csv file, where the first row contains the volume dimensions nx, ny and nz, followed by rows each containing the voxel values along a single Z-row.

```
with open("Structure.csv", "w") as fd:      # open output file for writing
                                              (create new file with the given
                                              name, if file does not exist)
                                              and assign it to fd. The file
                                              stays open for the following
                                              indented section.

    Structure = gd.getStructure()            # assign 3D numpy array of currently
                                              loaded structure to variable
                                              Structure. data type is 8-bit
                                              unsigned (uint8)

    nx, ny, nz = gd.getVolDimensions()       # assign structure volume dimensions
                                              to variables nx, ny and nz

    fd.write(f"{nx}, {ny}, {nz}\n")         # write dimensions of volume in
                                              first row

    for x in range(nx):                     # loop over all x-coordinates

        for y in range(ny):                 # loop over all y-coordinates

            row = Structure[x,y,:]           # assign the z-row with x-coordinate
                                              x and y-coordinate y to the
                                              variable row
```

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```
strList = [f"{voxel_value}" for voxel_value in row] # transform all entries of the row
                                                    # in strings and write them in the
                                                    # string list strList

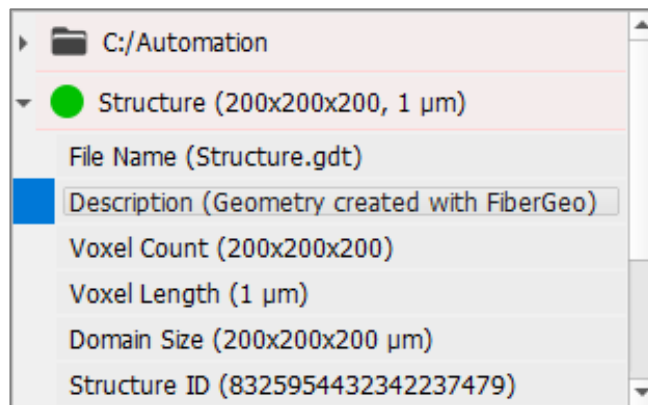
fd.write(",".join(strList) + "\n") # writes all entries of strList in
                                   # the csv file, separated by
                                   # commas, adds a new line at the
                                   # end of the list
```

For example, the 3d numpy array `[[[2, 1], [4, 3]], [[7, 5], [8, 6]]]` of a 2x2x2 structure is written into a csv file structured as follows:

1	2,2,2
2	2,1
3	4,3
4	7,5
5	8,6
6	

GD.GETSTRUCTUREDESCRIPTION()

Returns a string, containing the structure description of the currently loaded structure. The description is to be found in the title bar of GeoDict or in the **Project Status Section** on the left, when the **Structure** settings are unfolded. It displays how the geometry was generated or saved.



For an example, see underneath the **getStructureHash** command.

GD.GETSTRUCTUREHASH()

This function is deprecated, use `gd.getStructureHash64()` instead.

GD.GETSTRUCTUREHASH64()

Returns the new 64-bit structure hash (**Structure ID**) of the currently loaded structure as an integer. This can be used e.g. to determine if a GDR result file corresponds to a given structure. This is a more robust unique identifier than **getStructureHash()**. Example:

```
import stringmap # imports the Python module
                  # stringmap

gdr = stringmap.parseGDR('FiberGeo.gdr') # assign the result file as a string
                                          # to the variable gdr

GDR_Hash_64 = gdr['Geometry:Hash64'] # assign the ID of the structure
                                     # corresponding to the result file
                                     # to the variable GDR_Hash

Structure_Hash_64 = gd.getStructureHash64() # assign the ID of the loaded
                                             # structure to the variable
                                             # Structure_Hash
```

```
if int(GDR_Hash_64) == Structure_Hash_64:           # condition: if the IDs are equal,
                                                    # the following indented section
                                                    # is executed
    gd.msgBox("The loaded structure belongs to the # show message dialog
              result file FiberGeo.gdr")
else:                                              # if the IDs are not equal, the
                                                    # following indented section is
                                                    # executed
    gd.msgBox("The loaded structure does not belong # show message dialog
              to the result file FiberGeo.gdr.")
```

GD.GETSTRUCTUREFILENAME()

Returns the structure file name of the currently loaded structure as a string. Example:

```
filename = gd.getStructureFileName()              # assigns the currently loaded
                                                    # structure's file name to the
                                                    # variable filename
gd.msgBox(f"Currently {filename} is loaded.")     # show message dialog
```

GD.GETNUMBEROFTRIANGLES()

Returns number of triangles in the current surface mesh. If no mesh is loaded 0 is returned. Example:

```
Number = gd.getNumberOfTriangles()              # assigns the number of triangles to
                                                    # the variable Number
gd.msgBox ( f"The number of triangles is # show message dialog
            {Number}")
```

GD.GETTRIANGULATIONBOUNDINGBOX()

Returns the bounding box of the current triangulation. If no triangulation exists $\{\{0,0,0\}, \{0,0,0\}\}$ is returned. Example:

```
Box = gd.getTriangulationBoundingBox()          # assigns the host name to the
                                                    # variable Host_name
X = Box[1][0]*10**6                             # get the first entry of the second
                                                    # dictionary, i.e. the X-
                                                    # dimension in m, transform it to
                                                    # µm and assign it to the variable
                                                    # X
gd.msgBox ( f"The bounding box has {X} µm in X- # show the result in a message
            direction.")                          # dialog
```

GD.GETVOLUMEFIELDSINFO()

Returns a list of dictionaries describing the currently loaded Volume Fields (Result fields, e.g. Flow results). The "index" field of each entry gives the index to use for the following function. For an example, see below under the **getVolumeField** command.

GD.GETVOLUMEFIELD(INDEX OR NAME)

This function returns a numpy array for a currently loaded Volume Field. There are separate Fields for each component, e.g. for a flow field there are separate fields for VelocityX, VelocityY, VelocityZ and Pressure. If the needed index or name is unknown, the previous function **gd.getVolumeFieldsInfo** can be used to obtain the desired

information. For example, this function can be used to compute statistics from the results. In the following example for the first of the loaded volume fields a statistic over the Z-layers is plotted in a graph, using another GeoDict API function. A volume field must be loaded and, if the volume field is a simulation result, also the corresponding structure.

```
VolumeInfo = gd.getVolumeFieldsInfo()           # get list of dictionaries of loaded
                                                # Volume Fields and assign it to
                                                # variable VolumeInfo

print(VolumeInfo)                               # print all data contained in
                                                # VolumeInfo to console / logfile

nx, ny, nz = gd.getVolDimensions()             # get the number of voxels in X-, Y-
                                                # and Z-direction and assigning
                                                # the numbers to variables

Structure = gd.getStructure()                  # assign 3D numpy array describing
                                                # the loaded structure to the
                                                # variable Structure

Name = VolumeInfo[0]['name']                   # assign the name of the first
                                                # volume field to the variable
                                                # Name

VolumeField = gd.getVolumeField(Name)          # assign the numpy array describing
                                                # the volume field to the variable
                                                # VolumeField

Statistic = []                                 # Create empty list to store the
                                                # statistical values

for k in range(nz):                             # loop over all Z-layers
    value_sum = 0                               # creating variable value_sum to sum
                                                # up the result values

    value_count = 0                             # creating variable value_count to
                                                # count the summands

    for j in range(ny):                         # loop over all Y-layers
        for i in range(nx):                     # loop over all X-layers
            if Structure[i][j][k] == 0:         # condition: if the kth Z-value in
                                                # the jth Y-column of the ith X-
                                                # layer is pore space (ID 0), the
                                                # following indented section is
                                                # executed

                value_sum = value_sum +       # add all pore space result values
                VolumeField[i][j][k]         # of the kth Z-layer to the sum
                                                # value_sum

                value_count = value_count + 1 # count the summands of value_sum

            meanVal = value_sum / value_count  # compute mean value of all pore
                                                # space result values in the kth
                                                # Z-layer and assign it to the
                                                # variable meanVal

        Statistic.append(meanVal)             # append the mean value of the Z-
                                                # layer to the Statistic list

gDlg = gd.makeGraphDialog()                    # create a graph dialog object

graph = gDlg.addGraph(Name, "Z layers", Name)  # add a graph object with the name
                                                # of the volume field as title and
                                                # Y-axis legend and Z-layers as X-
                                                # axis legend

Z_layers = list(range(1, nz + 1))             # writes the Z-layer numbers 1, 2,
                                                # ..., nz-1, nz into a list named Z-
                                                # layers

graph.addData(Z_layers, Statistic, Name)       # add a single dataset with the Z-
                                                # layers as X-values, the mean
                                                # result values as Y-values and
```

```

                                the name of the volume field as
                                legend to this graph
gDlg.run()                       # show graph dialog

```

GD.GETPROGRESS(STR TEXT, INT STEPS, STR SPLASH, BOOL GRAPH, BOOL HAS STOP BUTTON)

This command has no return value but creates a progress bar object that is shown in GeoDict with the passed number of steps and the passed text as description. The progress bar remains visible until the object runs out of scope or is explicitly deleted. It is possible to use the progress bar as a context manager.

The input parameters are:

- Progress bar name as a string (obligatory)
- Total number of steps as an integer value (obligatory)
- Splash screen as a string. Displays the given splash screen in the progress dialog. Entering a random string displays the default GeoDict splash screen. Omit parameter or enter an empty string ('') to obtain a progress dialog without a splash screen.
- Add a graph to progress dialog if True is entered. No graph is displayed if the parameter is omitted or set to False.
- Add a stop button to the progress dialog if set to True. No stop button will be added if parameter is omitted or set to False.

The progress bar has the following functions:

- `update(int step)` updates the progress bar to the specified step.
- `updateWithGraph(int step, str X-axis label, X-value, Y-axis label, Y-value)` updates the progress bar to the specified step and also displays and updates a graph with the given values
- `wasCancelled()` checks if the cancel button was hit.
- `wasStopped()` checks if the stop button was hit.

Example:

```

progress = gd.getProgress("Test Progress", 100) # create a progress bar about 100
                                                steps that is named "Test
                                                Progress"

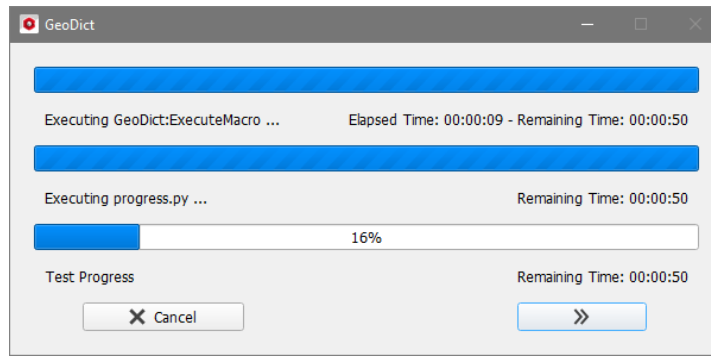
for i in range(101):                          # start a loop doing the same tasks
                                                for i = 0, ..., 100

    progress.update(i)                        # update the progress bar to step i

    if progress.wasCancelled():               # condition that if the Cancel
        break                                 button was hit, the loop is
                                                stopped

del progress                                  # delete the progress bar

```



```

progress2 = gd.getProgress("Test Progress", 80, '', True, True) # create a second progress bar
                                                    # about 80 steps that is named
                                                    # "Test Graph Progress". A graph
                                                    # and a Stop button will be added
                                                    # to the progress dialog

for i in range(81): # start a loop doing the same tasks
                    # for i = 0, ..., 80

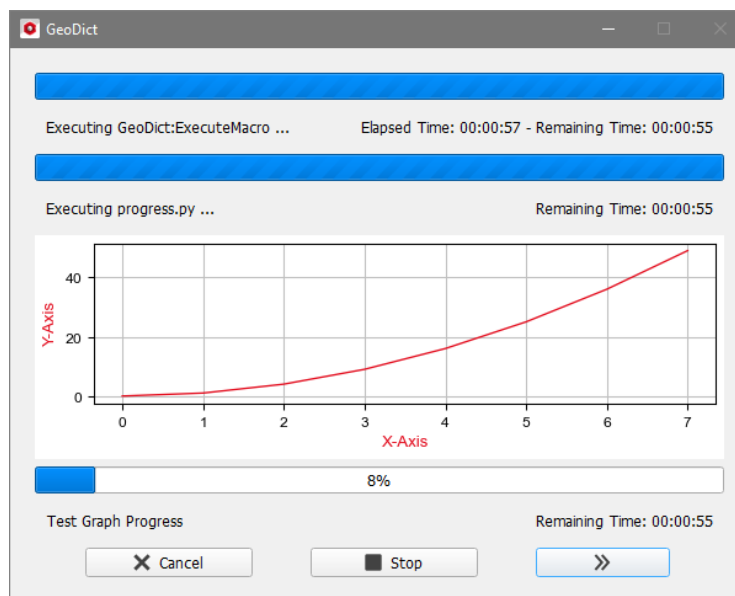
    x = i # set X-value for graph to
          # iteration value

    y= x**2 # set Y-value for graph to x^2

    progress2.updateWithGraph(i, "X-Axis", x, 'Y- # update the progress bar to step i
    Axis', y) # and the graph with the value
              # pair (x,y)

    if progress2.wasStopped(): # condition that if the Stop button
        break # was hit, the loop is stopped

del progress2 # delete the progress bar
    
```



GD.SETSTRUCTURE(3D NUMPY ARRAY, FLOAT VOXEL LENGTH)

This command has no return value but takes a 3D numpy array containing values between 0 and 15, defining the material ID of the described voxel, and sets it as GeoDict's current structure. This causes volume fields to be unloaded. For example, if a 3D structure is saved as a *.csv file, structured in the same way as in the example for **gd.getStructure** above, this structure can be visualized in GeoDict with the **gd.setStructure** command:

```

import numpy as np # import Python module numpy to
                  # create numpy arrays
    
```

```

with open("Structure.csv", "r") as fd:           # open input file for reading and
                                                # assign it to fd. The file is
                                                # closed after the last indented
                                                # line following

    first_row = fd.readline().strip()           # read first row and remove newline
                                                # \n

    first_row_list = first_row.split(",")       # assign list of first_row entries
                                                # splitted by commas to variable
                                                # first_row_list

    nx, ny, nz = int(first_row_list[0]),        # assign the volume dimensions
                  int(first_row_list[1]),        # contained in the first row to
                  int(first_row_list[2])        # variables nx, ny and nz

    voxel_value_list = []                       # an empty list is assigned to
                                                # variable voxel_value_list to
                                                # store integer values of all
                                                # voxels

    for line in fd:                             # loop over all lines in the *.csv
                                                # file, starting with the second
                                                # row, as the first was already
                                                # read

        line_stripped = line.strip()           # remove whitespace before and after
                                                # line. in this case, remove
                                                # newline at end of line.

        LineList = line_stripped.split(",")     # assign a list of all entries from
                                                # line separated by commas to
                                                # variable LineList

        LineList = [int(x) for x in LineList]    # convert each voxel_value string to
                                                # an integer number

        voxel_value_list += LineList           # append voxel values of this row to
                                                # list

    voxel_values = np.array(voxel_value_list,    # convert voxel values to numpy
                             dtype=np.uint8)    # array. data type needs to be 8-
                                                # bit unsigned (np.uint8) for
                                                # GeoDict structures

    Structure = voxel_values.reshape(nx, ny, nz) # reshape the 1-dimensional array
                                                # voxel_values to a 3D array of
                                                # given dimensions nx x ny x nz

    gd.setStructure(Structure, 1e-6)           # visualize the structure defined in
                                                # the csv file in GeoDict, by
                                                # passing the 3D numpy array and
                                                # assigning voxel length 1µm

```

GD.SETSTRUCTUREDESCRIPTION(STRING DESCRIPTION)

Sets the description text for the currently loaded structure.

Example:

```

Struc_Des_old = gd.getStructureDescription()    # get current structure description

gd.setStructureDescription("New Description")    # changes description to "New
                                                # Description"

Struc_Des_new = gd.getStructureDescription()    # gets new structure description

gd.msgBox(f"The structure description was      # outputs the description change
          changed from {Struc_Des_old} to
          {Struc_Des_new}.")

```

GD.UPDATEGEOMETRY()

This command has no return value but updates the geometry renderer.

GD.UPDATEVOLUMEFIELD(STRING PATH)

This command has no return value but updates the visualization of a volume field.

GD.MAKEDIALOG(STRING KEY, STRING TITLE)

Creates an input dialog object to query the user for parameters. It is used as follows:

- Create a dialog object: `gd.makeDialog(key, title)`
 - **key** is used to store dialog settings in the settings map. Use a unique key for each dialog unless you are re-using the same dialog and want their settings to affect each other.
 - **title** is an optional argument giving the window title of the dialog.

```
dlg = gd.makeDialog("MyDialog", "Dialog"           # create a dialog object
                  Example")
```

- Add (input) fields to the dialog, e.g.:

```
dlg.addBoolInput("myBooleanParameter", "This is a checkbox", init=True,
                tooltip="This is a tooltip")
# The returned value is "True" if the checkbox is checked and "False" if not

dlg.addIntegerInput("myIntegerParameter", "This is an integer input", min=5, max=10,
                  init=6, tooltip="This is a tooltip")
# The returned value is the inserted integer

dlg.addUIntegerInput("MyUintegerInput", "This is an uinteger input", min = -5, max =
                    5, init=0, tooltip="Choose an integer parameter within the boundaries")

dlg.addFloatInput("myFloatParameter", "This is a float input", min = -3.5, max =
                  5.2, init=2.1, tooltip="This is a tooltip")

dlg.addTextInput("myStringParameter", "This is a free form text input box",
                init="This is a String", tooltip="This is a tooltip")

dlg.addFileInput("myFileSelection", "This allows you to browse for files having a
                given extension", "gdt", init="File.gdt", tooltip="This is a tooltip")

dlg.addFolderInput("MyFolderInput", "This allows you to browse for a folder")

dlg.addComboInput("myComboBox", "A combobox to select one of a list of items",
                 ["first item", "second item", "third item"], tooltip= "This is a tooltip")
# The returned value is the index of the selected item, e.g. 0 for the first item,
1 for the second etc.

dlg.addComboInputString("ComboString", "A combobox to select one item from a list",
                       ["first item", "second item", "third item"])
# The returned value is the string of the selected item

dlg.addMaterialInput("MyMaterialInput", "This allows you to choose a material from
the material data base")

dlg.addTableInput("MyTableInput", "This is a table input.", types = "int,float",
                 columnHeaders=["left","right"], init=[[1,2.0],[3,4.0]])
```

- These arguments are optional keyword arguments:
 - the **init** argument gives the initial value for the field (the built-in default).
 - **tooltip** specifies a description string that is shown when the user hovers the mouse over the input field.

- **min/max** arguments restrict the range of input (only available for integer, unsigned integer and float input).

- It is also possible to write e.g.:

```
dlg.addIntegerInput("myNewIntegerParameter", "This is an integer parameter without limits but with a default value", init=42, tooltip="Enter some value here.")
```

- Free-form text can also be added using this function:

```
dlg.addText("Any arbitrary text", 20, True)           # add bold text to the dialog with font size 20
dlg.addText("More arbitrary text", 10, False)        # add text to the dialog with font size 10 and not bold
```

- Fields can be grouped within a box as follows:

```
dlg.beginGroup("My Group")                           # start the group for the box
dlg.addText("This text will be inside the group box") # add content (text, input fields, ...)
dlg.endGroup()
```

- Furthermore, images can be added to the dialog box as 3D numpy arrays

```
import PIL as pil                                     # import Python package to edit images
import numpy as np                                    # import Python package to use arrays
image = pil.Image.open("image.png")                  # open desired image, if image is not contained in project folder, complete file path must be given

w,h = image.size                                     # get size of image

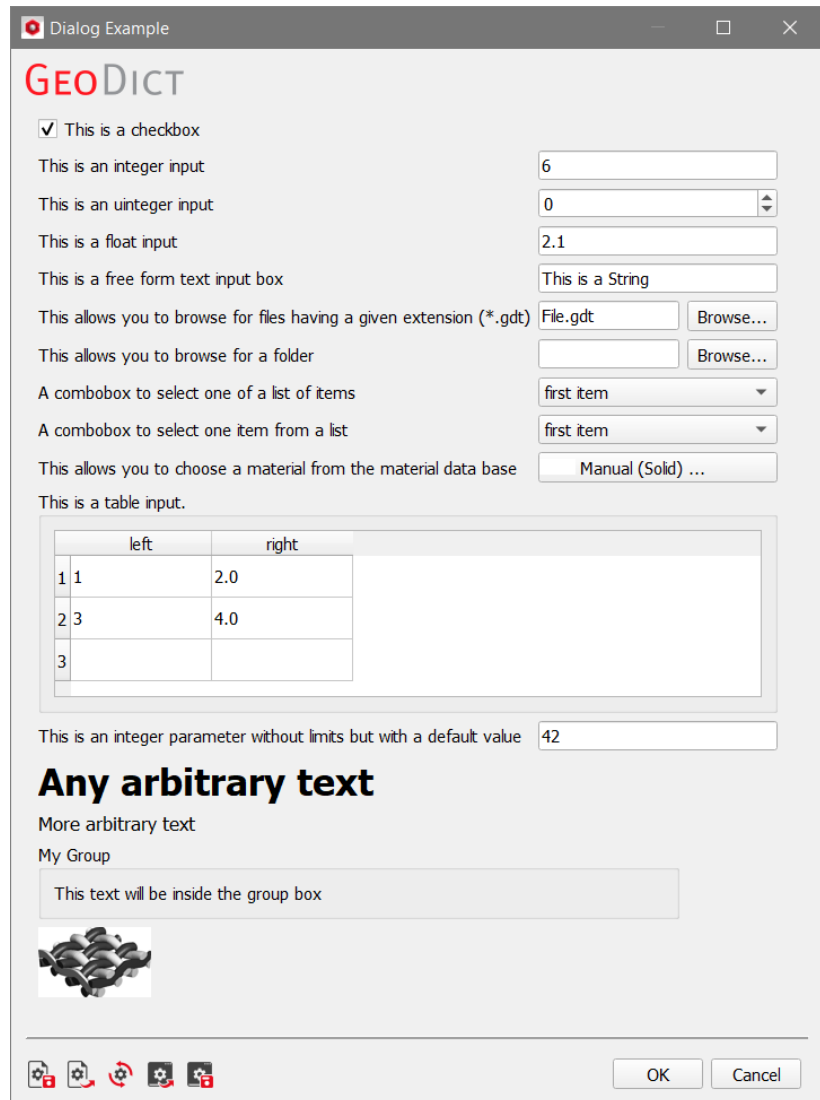
image = image.resize((100,round(100*h/w)))           # resize image to fit in the dialog, without changing aspect ratio

I = np.asarray(image)                                # transform image to a 3D numpy array

dlg.addImage(I)                                      # add image to the dialog
```

- Execute the dialog:

```
result = dlg.run()
```



- If the user clicks **Cancel**, result will be **None**.
- Otherwise, result will be a dictionary containing the entered values, e.g.

```
gd.msgBox("The user has selected the file:" + result["myFileSelection"])
```

- Save the dialog settings as a *.gps file after calling run(). Define the desired file path as a string:

```
dlg.saveSettings("Example/MyFirstCustomDialogSettings.gps")
```

GD.MAKEGRAPHDIALOG()

Graph dialogs allow displaying multiple graphs with multiple data sets per graph. Usage example:

- Create a graph dialog object:

```
gDlg = gd.makeGraphDialog() # create a graph dialog object
```

- Add graph input:

```
graph1 = gDlg.addGraph("Graph title", "X-Axis Legend", "Y-Axis Legend") # add a graph object with the given title, x-axis legend and y-axis legend

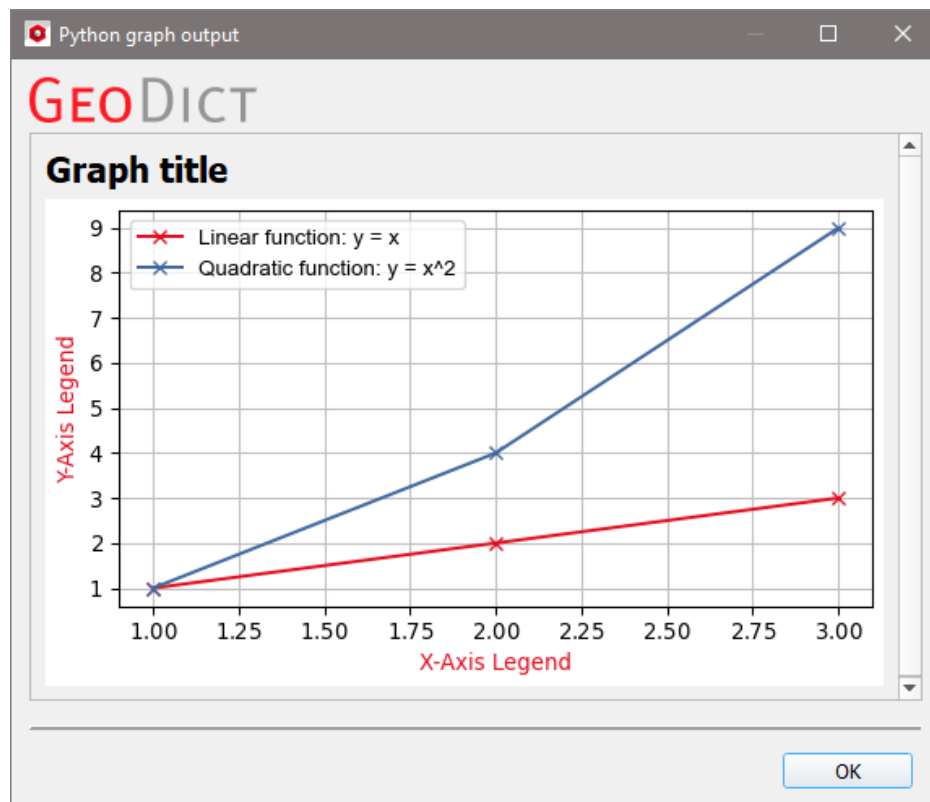
graph1.addData([1,2,3], [1,2,3], "Linear function: y = x") # add a single dataset with the given x values, y values and legend to this graph

graph1.addData([1,2,3], [1,4,9], "Quadratic function: y = x^2") # add another dataset
```

■ Display the graph dialog:

```
gDlg.run()
```

When calling **gDlg.run()**, the graph dialog is displayed. By right-clicking in the plot the graphs offer the same features as the ones in the GDR visualization, e.g. the axes can be rescaled, the data can be exported as a CSV file using the context menu on each graph object, and the image can be saved as *.png.



IMPORTGEO-VOL SPECIFIC FUNCTIONS

These functions do only work if a gray value image is loaded into **ImportGeo-Vol**. To load a gray value image, you need to run an **ImportGeo:GetGrayValueImage** command first.

Usage examples can be found in the **ImportGeo** folder in the **GeoDict** installation directory.

GD.IMPORTGEOVOL.GETHISTOGRAM()

Returns the histogram of the currently loaded image as a python list of tuples containing value and count each. In the following example the list is written into a *.csv file. If this file is opened with Excel, the gray values are to be found in the first column and the corresponding counts in the second column:

```
Histogram = gd.ImportGeoVol.getHistogram()           # get list of tuples describing the
                                                    # histogram and assign it to the
                                                    # variable Histogram

file = open('Histogram.csv', 'w')                   # open output file for writing
                                                    # (create new file with the given
                                                    # name, if file does not exist)

file.write('Value,Count\n')                          # write titles for columns in csv
                                                    # file

for i in Histogram:                                  # loop over all tuples i of
                                                    # Histogram

    file.write(f'{i[0]},{i[1]}\n')                   # write values and counts into the
                                                    # csv file

file.close()                                         # close the csv file
```

GD.IMPORTGEOVOL.GETNEWIMAGE()

Creates a new 3D gray value image matching the size and bit depth as the original image and returns it as a numpy array. Only used in **ImportGeo** custom python image filters, not in regular macros.

GD.IMPORTGEOVOL.GETNEWIMAGEDIMENSIONS (DIRECTION)

Returns the current gray value image size in voxels in the desired direction, given as integer (0 for X-direction, 1 for Y-direction, 2 for Z-direction).

```
nx = gd.ImportGeoVol.getNewImageDimensions(0)       # get number of voxels in X-
                                                    # direction (direction 0)

gd.msgBox(f"In X-direction there are {nx}         # show message box
voxels.")
```

GD.IMPORTGEOVOL.GETNEWIMAGERESIZED(NX,NY,NZ, BOOL IS16BIT)

Creates a new 3D gray value image with the entered dimensions. If is16Bit (True or False) is not given 8 bits are used. Only used in **ImportGeo** custom python image filters, not in regular macros.

GD.GETORIGINALIMAGE()

Returns the currently loaded gray value image as a 3D 8-bit or 16-bit numpy array. Only used in **ImportGeo** custom python image filters, not in regular macros.

GD.IMPORTGEOVOL.GETOTSUTHRESHOLD()

Returns the threshold based on OTSU's method of the currently loaded image as an integer.

```
OTSU = gd.ImportGeoVol.getOtsuThreshold()           # get threshold and assign it to
                                                    # variable OTSU
gd.msgBox(f"OTSU threshold is {OTSU}")             # show message box
```

GD.IMPORTGEOVOL.GETMULTIOTSUTHRESHOLD()

Returns the thresholds based on OTSU's method of the currently loaded image as list.

```
OTSU = gd.ImportGeoVol.getMultiOtsuThreshold()    # get threshold list and assign it
                                                    # to variable OTSU
gd.msgBox(f"The OTSU thresholds are {OTSU}")       # show message box
```

GD.IMPORTGEOVOL.GETVOXELLENGTH()

Returns the currently in **ImportGeo-Vol** set voxel length. For an example, see below under the **setVoxelLength()** command.

GD.IMPORTGEOVOL.SETVOXELLENGTH(VOXEL LENGTH)

Changes the currently in **ImportGeo-Vol** set voxel length to the specified value. This command has no return value.

```
vl_old = gd.ImportGeoVol.getVoxelLength()         # get voxel length of currently
                                                    # loaded gray value image and
                                                    # assign it to variable vl_old
gd.ImportGeoVol.setVoxelLength(1e-6)             # set voxel length of currently
                                                    # loaded gray value image to 1µm
vl_new = gd.ImportGeoVol.getVoxelLength()         # assign new voxel length to
                                                    # variable vl_new
gd.msgBox(f"The voxel length was changed from    # show message box
          {vl_old} to {vl_new}")
```

GD.IMPORTGEOVOL.GETROTATIONSUGGESTION(FULL IMAGE, THRESHOLD)

The command returns the rotation suggested for the loaded gray value image. Therefore, it takes a bool (True or False) if full image should be suggested. If the parameter is set to "False", plane is suggested. The parameter for threshold must be an integer. Example:

```
Rot = gd.ImportGeoVol.getRotationSuggestion(False) # get rotation suggestion for
                                                    # suggest plane and assign
                                                    # it to variable rotation.
                                                    # Threshold is deprecated -
                                                    # default to automatic
                                                    # threshold

Rotation_args = # get Built-in Defaults for the
                gd.getBuiltinDefaults("ImageProcessing:Rotation") # Python dictionary of the
                                                                    # GeoDict command Rotation
                                                                    # and assign the dictionary
                                                                    # to variable Rotation_args

Rotation_args['Phi'] = Rot[0] # assign the rotation values to
                               # the corresponding keys in
                               # the rotation dictionary

Rotation_args['Theta'] = Rot[1]

Rotation_args['Psi'] = Rot[2]

gd.runCmd("ImageProcessing:Rotation", Rotation_args) # rotate the gray value image,
                                                       # version is omitted -
                                                       # default to latest
```

FILTERDICT PARTICLE SPECIFIC FUNCTIONS

For the following functions a visualization of particles (from `FilterDict` or `AddiDict`) must be loaded.

GD.GETPARTICLESINFO()

Returns a Python dictionary containing the number of batches and the maximal and minimal batch animation times. Example:

```
Info = gd.getParticlesInfo()           # assign the Particles Info
                                       # dictionary to the variable Info

Num  = Info['NumberOfBatches']        # assign the number of batches to
                                       # the variable Number

gd.msgBox (f"The number of batches is {Num}.") # show message dialog
```

GD.GETPARTICLES(VERSIONSTRING)

Returns the `Particles` object which gives access to currently loaded particle data. To obtain the data the `GeoParticles` class is used. It works only in combination with this command. For an example, see below in the other particle commands.

.GETBATCHINFO(INT BATCH INDEX)

Returns a information about a batch of particles as a Python dictionary. The resulting dictionary contains:

- "minTime": start time of batch
- "maxTime": end time of batch
- "minRadius": minimal particle radius in batch
- "maxRadius": maximum particle radius in batch
- "particleIds": list of particle IDs present in this batch

This command only works in combination with the `gd.getParticles` command.

Example:

```
particles = gd.getParticles("2023")    # assigns the particles object to
                                       # the variable particles

BatchInfo = particles.getBatchInfo(1)   # dictionary containing batch info
                                       # is assigned to the variable
                                       # BatchInfo

print(BatchInfo["minTime"])            # prints the start time of batch 1
                                       # to the console
```

.GETDIAMETER(INT BATCH INDEX, INT PARTICLE INDEX, FLOAT TIME)

Returns the (interpolated) particle diameter at a given time. This command only works in combination with the `gd.getParticles` command. Example:

```
particles = gd.getParticles("2023")    # assigns the particles object to
                                       # the variable particles

Diameter = particles.getDiameter(1, 2000, 1) # the diameter of the particle in
                                       # batch 1 with particle ID 2000
                                       # at time 1 is assigned to the
                                       # variable Diameter

print(f"The particle diameter is {Diameter}m") # prints the diameter to the console
```


.GETDIAMETERS(INT BATCH INDEX, INT PARTICLE INDEX, FLOAT TIME STEP)

Computes the (interpolated) particle diameters with a given step size. Sampling starts at "minTime" and increments by step size up to "maxTime". Returns a list of tuples (time, radius). This command only works in combination with the **gd.getParticles** command. The command makes sense, only when the particle with the given particle index changes its diameter over time. Otherwise, an empty list is returned.

.GETLOADEDBATCHINDICES()

Returns a list of valid particle batches that are currently loaded in memory. This command only works in combination with the **gd.getParticles** command. Example:

```
particles = gd.getParticles("2023")           # assigns the particles object to
                                                the variable particles

Batches = particles.getLoadedBatchIndices()    # assign the list of the batch
                                                indices to the variable Batches

print(Batches)                                # prints the list to the console
```

.GETMULTIPLICITIES(INT BATCH INDEX, INT PARTICLE INDEX, FLOAT TIME STEP)

Computes the (interpolated) particle multiplicity with a given step size. Sampling starts at "minTime" and increments by step size up to "maxTime". Returns a list of tuples (time, multiplicity). This command only works in combination with the **gd.getParticles** command. Example:

```
particles = gd.getParticles("2023")           # assigns the particles object to
                                                the variable particles

M = particles.getMultiplicities(1, 2000,     # assign the list of tuples to the
0.0001)                                       variable M

print(f"In batch 1 the particle 2000 has     # prints the values of the second
multiplicity {M[1][1]} at time {M[1][0]}")   tuple to the console
```

.GETMULTIPLICITY(INT BATCH INDEX, INT PARTICLE INDEX, FLOAT TIME)

Computes the (interpolated) particle multiplicity at a given time. This command only works in combination with the **gd.getParticles** command. Example:

```
particles = gd.getParticles("2023")           # assigns the particles object to
                                                the variable particles

M = particles.getMultiplicity(1, 2000, 0.0001) # assign the multiplicity to the
                                                variable M

print(f"In batch 1 the particle 2000 has     # prints the multiplicity to the
multiplicity {M} at time 0.0001.")          console
```

.GETPARTICLEINFO(INT BATCH INDEX, INT PARTICLE INDEX)

Returns information about a particle inside a batch as a Python dictionary. This command only works in combination with the **gd.getParticles** command.

The resulting dictionary contains:

- "minTime", "maxTime": start/end time of particle trajectory
- "material_id": the material ID of the particle
- "type": type index of the particle
- "status_code": numerical status of the particle

- "status": human-readable interpretation of particle status (e.g. "EXIT_OUTFLOW", "TRAPPED_SIEVING")
- "end_material_id": if status is "HIT_END_MATERIAL", this contains the material id which the particle hit
- "is_ghost": True if ghost particle
- "times": time values for individual sample points along the trajectory
- "positions": particle position for each time
- "radii": particle radius for each time or single value if not time-dependent
- "multiplicities": particle multiplicity for each time

```
particles = gd.getParticles("2023")           # assigns the particles object to
                                              the variable particles

Info = particles.getParticleInfo(1, 3500)     # assign the material ID to the
                                              variable M

M_ID = Info["material_id"]
print(f"The material ID of the particle is    # prints the material ID to the
      {M_ID}.")                             console
```

.GETPOSITION(INT BATCH INDEX, INT PARTICLE INDEX, FLOAT TIME)

Returns the (interpolated) particle position at a given time. This command only works in combination with the **gd.getParticles** command. Example:

```
particles = gd.getParticles("2023")         # assigns the particles object to
                                              the variable particles

Pos = particles.getPosition(1, 3500, 0.0001)  # assign the position of a particle
                                              to the variable Pos

print(f"The position of the particle is {Pos}.") # prints the position to the console
```

.GETPOSITIONS(INT BATCH INDEX, INT PARTICLE INDEX, FLOAT TIME STEP)

Computes the (interpolated) particle positions with a given step size. Sampling starts at "minTime" and increments by step size up to "maxTime". Returns a list of tuples (time, position). This command only works in combination with the **gd.getParticles** command. Example:

```
particles = gd.getParticles("2023")         # assigns the particles object to
                                              the variable particles

Pos = particles.getPositions(1, 3500, 0.0001) # assign the list of tuples (time,
                                              position) of a particle to the
                                              variable Pos

print(f"The position of the particle is      # prints the second (time, position)
      {Pos[1][1]} at time {Pos[1][0]}.")    tuple to the console
```

SHIPPED PYTHON MODULES

In addition to the API provided by the `gd` object, **GeoDict** also includes some Python modules (inside the `gd` folder), which are useful for reading/writing **GeoDict** file formats.

For example, the **stringmap** module (`stringmap.py`) can be used to parse **GeoDict** key/value text file formats such as GDR files. `StringMaps` represent a hierarchical key/value data structure, like a nested dictionary.

An example of usage, assuming a Geometric Pore Size Distribution was run with **PoroDict** and the result file was saved as `PoreSizeDistribution.gdr`:

```
import stringmap
# The module stringmap is loaded in the beginning.

gdrPath = "PoreSizeDistribution.gdr"
# a pore size distribution with PoroDict has to be run first to obtain the *.gdr file

map = stringmap.Parser().fromFile(gdrPath)
# read and parse the GDR file into a string map object called "map"

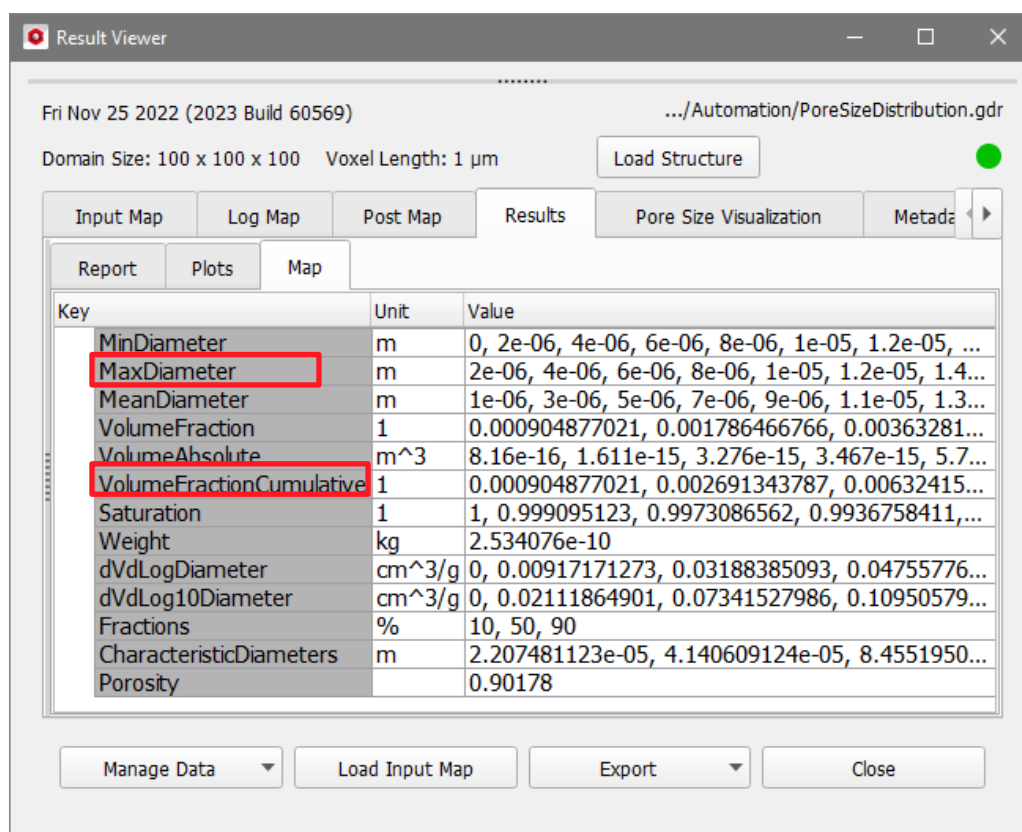
map.push("ResultMap")
# make all further operations work on the subtree called "ResultMap"

# get the list values called "MaxDiameter" and "VolumeFractionCumulative" from the result
map in the GDR
# to get other types of values use one of the following methods: map.getBool(key),
map.getInt(key), map.getDouble(key)
# getList() always returns a list of strings, however
maxDiameters = map.getList("MaxDiameter")
# alternatively, you can omit the push before and write "ResultMap:MaxDiameter" here
volFracCumulative = map.getList("VolumeFractionCumulative")

# do the following to convert the string lists to numerical values
maxDiameters = [float(x) for x in maxDiameters]
# convert each list entry from a string to a floating point value
volFracCumulative = [float(x) for x in volFracCumulative]
# convert each list entry from a string to a floating point value

map.pop()
# go back to the root of the tree
```

To find the right keys open a result file in the **GeoDict Result Viewer** by selecting **File** → **Open Results (*.gdr)** from the menu bar and move to the desired map tab, here the **Results – Map** subtab. The **Input Map** and the **Log Map** can be accessed in the same way.



The following table shows the most important Python libraries, that are shipped with GeoDict. To use them in a macro, import the respective module in the first lines of the macro, as shown above with the module **stringmap**.

Library	Description
matplotlib	Graph plotting and data visualization library.
numpy	Fast numerical calculations. The GeoPy API uses NumPy data types for accessing structures and volume fields.
Pillow	Library to read, write, and manipulate images.
xlsxwriter	Create Excel files from GeoPy.
pptx	Library to create PowerPoint slides. Note: GeoDict provides a simplified wrapper API in the gd_ppt namespace, as described on page 76.
scipy	Library for scientific & numerical computation (integration, interpolation, optimization, linear algebra, statistics).
lxml	XML & HTML processing library.
psutil	Library for accessing information about the operating system and currently running processes.

ERROR REPORTING

Exceptions which happen in Python code and are not caught in Python code (e.g. when you try to open a file that does not exist) trigger an error dialog box in GeoDict and terminate the execution of the macro.

In the following find error messages and their explanations for common errors.

VARIABLES DICTIONARY

KeyError: 'VariableX '

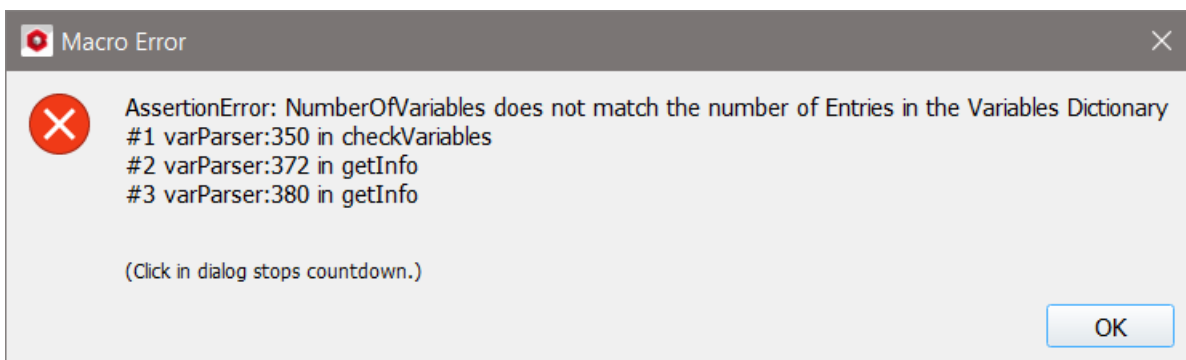


There are not as many variables given in the dictionary as given by the NumberOfVariables entry in the Variables dictionary.

A common error leading to this message can also be, that the third variable was not named Variable3 after copying and pasting Variable1 for example.

```
17 Variables = {
18   'NumberOfVariables' : 3,
19   'Variable1' : {
28   'Variable2' : {
35   'Variable1' : {
42   }
```

AssertionError: NumberOfVariables does not match the number of entries in the Variables Dictionary

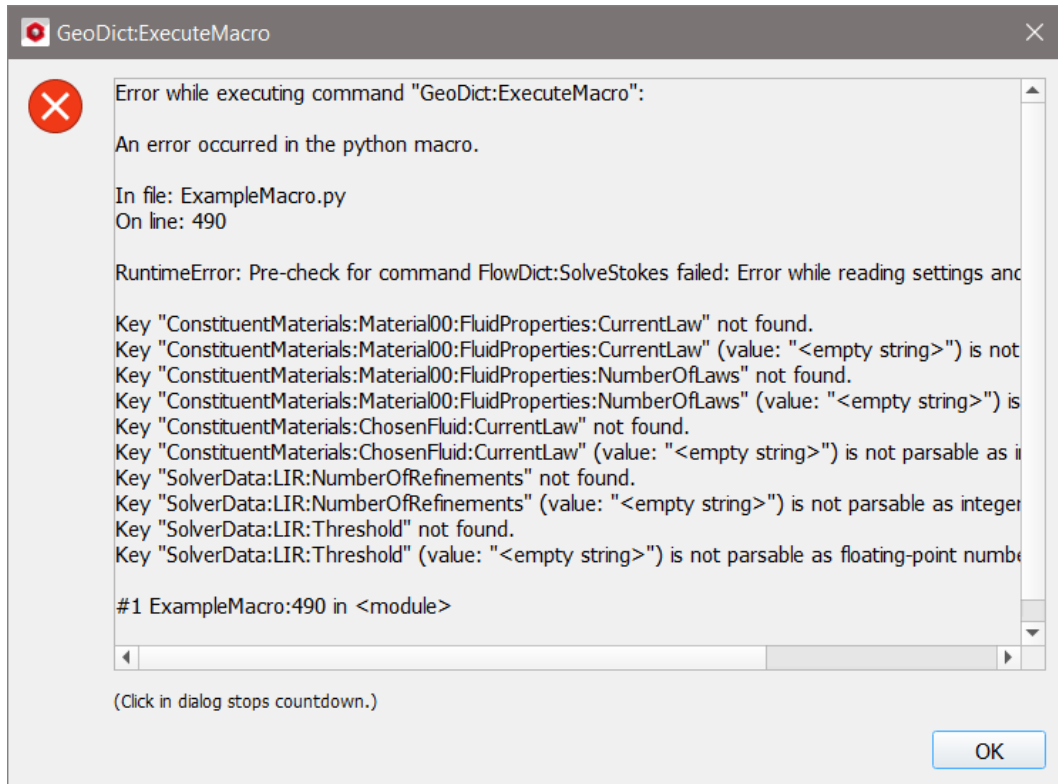


This error happens, if there are more variable entries, than the NumberOfVariables parameter determines.

```
17 Variables = {
18   'NumberOfVariables' : 2,
19   'Variable1' : {
28   'Variable2' : {
35   'Variable3' : {
42   }
```

GEODICT COMMANDS

RuntimeError: Pre-check for command ... failed: Error while reading settings and materials for ...



This error message means, that needed keys in the corresponding GeoDict command dictionary are missing. This can happen if commands from a macro recorded with an earlier GeoDict release are copied into a newer macro, because the command parameters may have changed. This issue can easily be resolved by explicitly giving the right release year as input argument for the `gd.runCmd` function, as by default the release is taken from the macro file header.

```

19 Header = {
20     'Release' : '2023',
21 }

```

```

490 gd.runCmd("FlowDict:SolveStokes", SolveStokes_args_1, Header['Release'])

```

```

490 gd.runCmd("FlowDict:SolveStokes", SolveStokes_args_1, '2022')

```

A command with the name X:Y is not valid.



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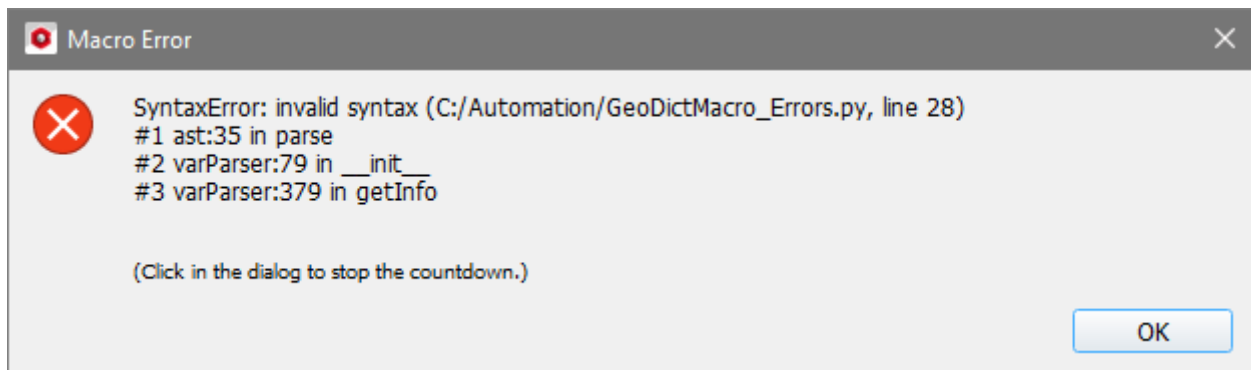
If the given command name does not exist, for example when typing it manually or changing it after recording, this message appears. The command in this example **FiberDict:Create** should be **FiberGeo:Create**.

```
gd.runCmd("FiberDict:Create", Create_args_1, Header['Release'])
```

```
gd.runCmd("FiberGeo:Create", Create_args_1, Header['Release'])
```

INVALID SYNTAX

SyntaxError: invalid syntax (macrofilepath, line)



There are many possibilities to obtain a syntax error. Some of the most common syntax errors are:

- missing commas in the end of a line in a Python dictionary

```
17 Variables = {
18     'NumberOfVariables' : 3,
19     'Variable1' : {
20         'Name'           : 'gd_SVP',
21         'Label'          : 'Solid Volume Percentage',
22         'Type'           : 'double',
23         'Unit'           : '%',
24         'ToolTip'        : 'Solid volume percentage of the created structure.',
25         'BuiltinDefault' : 10.0,
26         'Check'          : 'min0;max100'
27     }
```

- missing closing brackets

```
17 Variables = {
18     'NumberOfVariables' : 3,
19     'Variable1' : {
20         'Name'           : 'gd_SVP',
21         'Label'          : 'Solid Volume Percentage',
22         'Type'           : 'double',
23         'Unit'           : '%',
24         'ToolTip'        : 'Solid volume percentage of the created structure.',
25         'BuiltinDefault' : 10.0,
26         'Check'          : 'min0;max100',
27     }
28     'Variable2' : {
```

- missing quotation ending

```

17 Variables = {
18     'NumberOfVariables' : 3,
19     'Variable1' : {
20         'Name'          : 'gd_SVP',
21         'Label'         : 'Solid Volume Percentage',
22         'Type'          : 'double',
23         'Unit'          : '%',
24         'ToolTip'       : 'Solid volume percentage of the created structure.',
25         'BuiltinDefault': 10.0,
26         'Check'         : 'min0;max100',
27     }

```

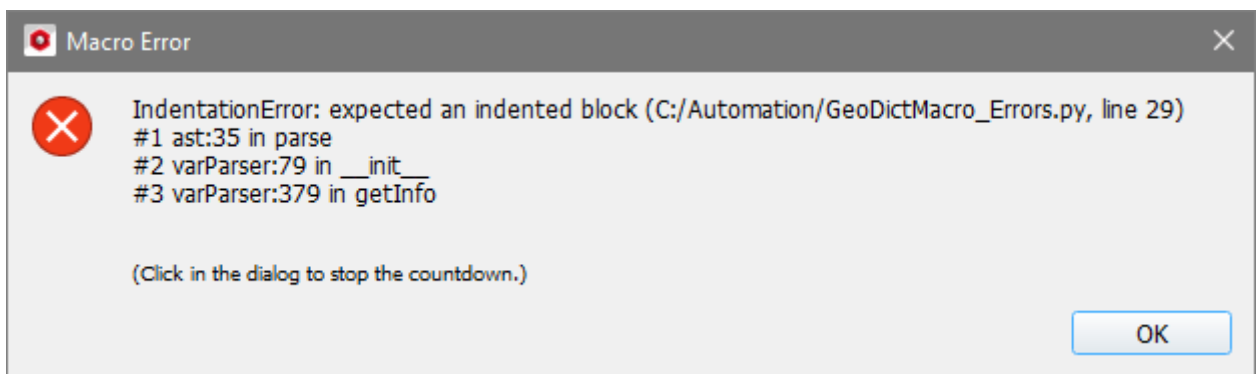
- missing colons (e.g. in definitions or in the line defining a loop).

```

28 for i in range(5)
29     print(i)

```

IndentationError: expected an indented block (macrofilepath, line)



This error message appears, if no indented block is found, where it is expected, e.g. in a loop.

```

28 for i in range(5):
29     print(i)

```

EXECUTE A PYTHON SCRIPT

Python scripts are executed as shown above starting in page [7](#) (script without variables) and starting in page [12](#) (script with variables) for GeoPy macros.

POWERPOINT REPORT GENERATION

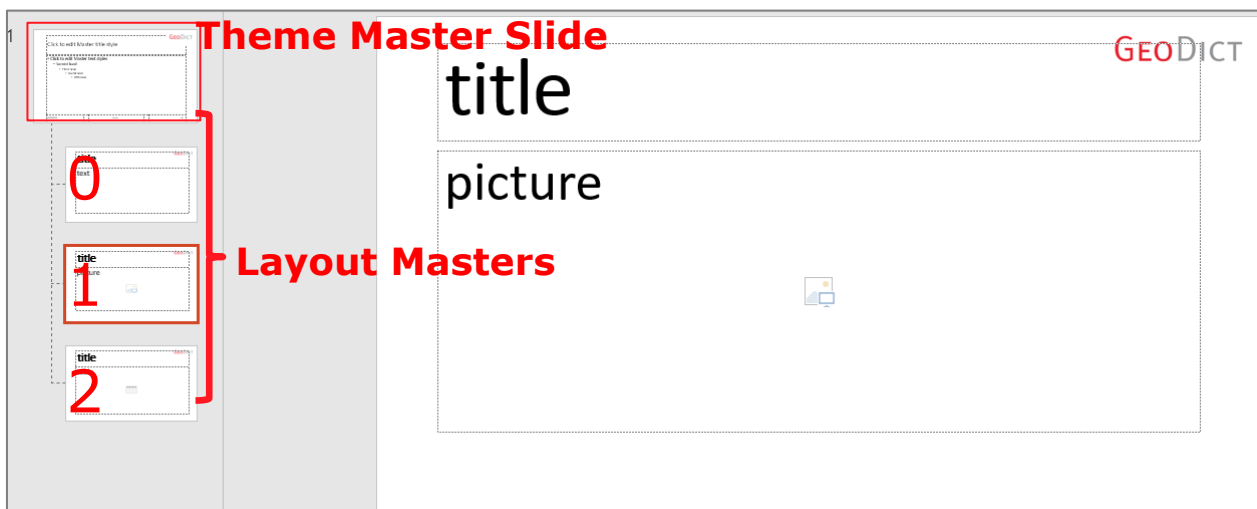
GeoDict includes a simplified wrapper API to create PowerPoint files. This is particularly useful, if the same workflow is repeated often with different parameters in an automatic parameter study and the results should be presented in a PowerPoint report. In this way, **gd_ppt** provides a simple possibility to compare the results as desired.

The general idea is to prepare an empty PowerPoint file, containing only slide masters, which is loaded with the **gd_ppt** library from a Python file. For each slide to be generated, an empty layout master slide is selected and added to the presentation. Then, the placeholders are replaced by actual content. The supported content types are **text**, **pictures**, **movies**, and **tables**. The placeholders are identified by the text inside the placeholder.

To prepare an own template, the user saves a copy of his/her own corporate design PowerPoint template, containing only master slides. In PowerPoint, the user changes to the master view by selecting **View** → **Slide Master** from the toolbar.

The layout master slides are organized under an overall **Theme Master Slide**. Change only the needed **Layout Masters** by replacing the text in the needed placeholder by a single, rememberable name, e.g. title or picture.

The following screenshot shows layout masters with placeholders. The **slide indices** are shown here with red numbers. Observe that the slide counting starts with zero.



In the figure above, the selected example layout master with index 1 has two placeholders called **title** and **picture**.

The **gd_ppt** library is loaded at the beginning of a Python file with the command **import gd_ppt** and contains the following commands:

GD_PPT.REPORTGENERATOR(TEMPLATE FILE)

Opens the template PowerPoint file.

ADD_SLIDE(LAYOUT MASTER INDEX)

Adds a slide with the style defined by the Layout Master with the given index.

SAVE(FILE NAME)

Saves the PowerPoint presentation under the given name.

ADD_TEXT(PLACEHOLDER, TEXT, FONT_SIZE)

Fills a text placeholder with text in the given font size. The font size is optional. If omitted, the resulting font size will be the same as used in the placeholder. For this command a **text placeholder** is needed. Example:

```
import gd_ppt # import PowerPoint API wrapper library

rep = gd_ppt.ReportGenerator("example_template.pptx") # create a report generator based on master slides in "example_template.pptx"

s1 = rep.add_slide(0) # create a slide based on the first layout master (index number 0)

s1.add_text("title", "This is a text example") # fill the placeholder title with the text This is a text example. Font size is omitted

s1.add_text("text", "This is the slide content.", font_size = 45) # fill the placeholder text with the text This is the slide content in font size 45

rep.save("report_example.pptx") # save the PowerPoint presentation with the name report_example.pptx
```



The result of this example is a PowerPoint presentation containing the single slide shown on the right. The first picture shows the corresponding layout master from the template file with index 0. All placeholders have been replaced by actual content, e.g. **title** was replaced by **This is a text example**.

ADD_PICTURE(PLACEHOLDER, PICTURE FILE)

Fills a picture in the given picture placeholder. For this command, a **picture placeholder** is needed. Example:

```
import gd_ppt # import PowerPoint API wrapper library

rep = gd_ppt.ReportGenerator("example_template.pptx") # create a report generator based on master slides in "example_template.pptx"

s1 = rep.add_slide(1) # create a slide based on the second layout master (index number 1)
```

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```
s1.add_text("title", "Picture Example") # fill the placeholder title with
                                        # the text Picture Example

s1.add_picture("picture", "example_picture.png") # fill the placeholder picture with
                                                # the picture example.png from
                                                # the project folder

rep.save("report_example.pptx") # save the PowerPoint presentation
                                # with the name
                                # report_example.pptx
```



ADD_MOVIE(PLACEHOLDER, MOVIE FILE)

Replaces the given picture placeholder by a movie. For the movie, a thumbnail is needed, that is shown before the movie is played back. Therefore, a folder with the name **example** (if the movie is named "example.mp4") must be located in the same folder as the movie and should contain the folder **images** with at least one picture. This folder is automatically generated if a video is generated with GeoDict and **Keep Images** is checked. For the add_movie command, a **picture placeholder** is needed.

Example:

```
import gd_ppt

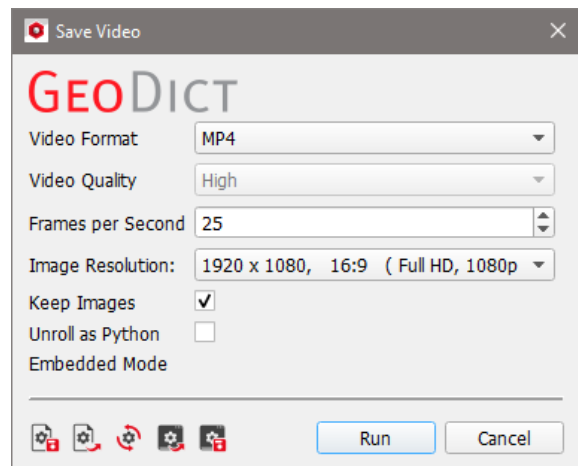
rep =
  gd_ppt.ReportGenerator("example_template.pptx")

s1 = rep.add_slide(1)

s1.add_text("title", "Movie Example") # fill the placeholder title with
                                       # the text Movie Example

s1.add_movie("picture", "example_movie.mp4") # fill the placeholder picture with
                                              # the movie example.mp4 from the
                                              # project folder

rep.save("report_example.pptx") # save the PowerPoint presentation
                                 # with the name
                                 # report_example.pptx
```





ADD_TABLE(PLACEHOLDER, TABLE, HORIZONTAL_HEADER, VERTICAL_HEADER, FONT_SIZE)

Transforms a list into a table and adds it to the given placeholder. The headers and the font size are optional. If both headers are given, the vertical header has to contain one additional entry for the horizontal header line. For the add_table command, a **table placeholder** is needed. Example:

```
import gd_ppt

rep =
    gd_ppt.ReportGenerator("example_template.pptx")

sl = rep.add_slide(2)

sl.add_text("title", "Table Example")

h_h = ["number", "letter"]

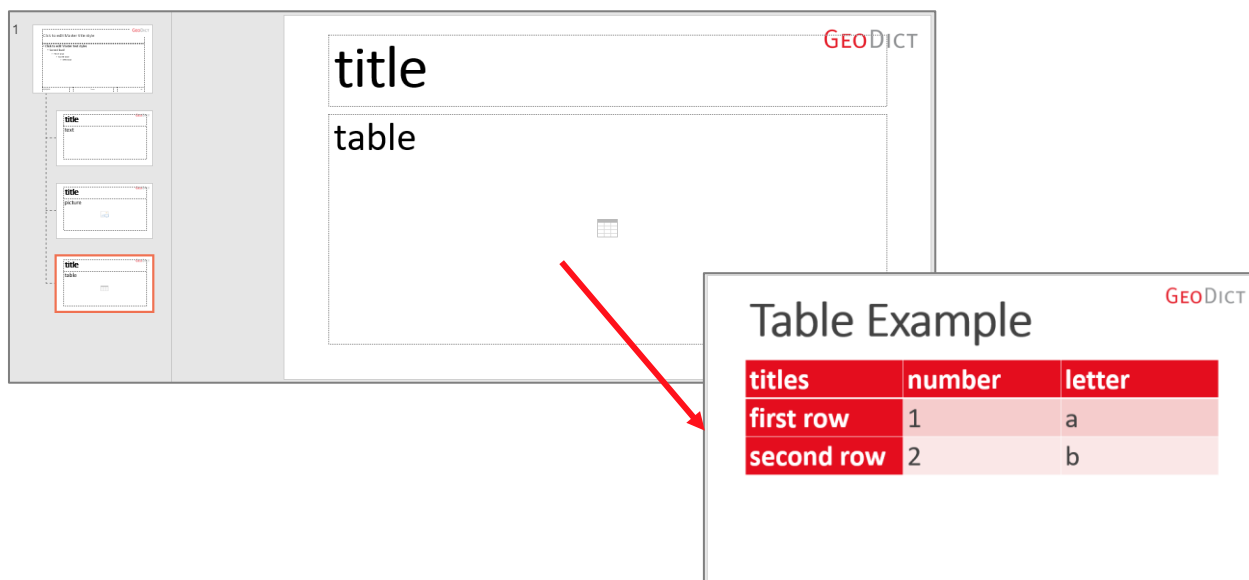
v_h = ["titles", "first row", "second row"]

table = [[1, "a"], [2, "b"]]

sl.add_table("table", table, horizontal_header =
    h_h, vertical_header = v_h, font_size = 50)

rep.save("report_example.pptx")

# import PowerPoint API wrapper
# library
# create a report generator based
# on master slides in
# "example_template.pptx"
# create a slide based on the third
# layout master (index number 2)
# fill the placeholder title with
# the text Table Example
# assign a list for the horizontal
# header to the variable h_h
# assign a list for the vertical
# header to the variable v_h
# assign a list for a 2x2 table to
# the variable table with the
# entries 1 and a in the first
# row and 2 and b in the second
# row
# fill the placeholder table with
# the defined table and the
# headers h_h and v_h, and font
# size 50
# save the PowerPoint presentation
# with the name
# report_example.pptx
```



In the examples above, only one slide was added for each PowerPoint report.

Of course, the number of slides added to a report is not limited. Add as many slides as desired between the lines **rep = gd_ppt.ReportGenerator()** and **rep.save()**.

CREATE CUSTOM GEODICT RESULT FILES (*.GDR)

GeoDict includes an API to create custom result files (*.gdr). This is particularly useful, if the same workflow is repeated often with different parameters in an automatic parameter study and the results should be presented in the **GeoDict Result Viewer**. In this way, the library **gdr** provides a simple possibility to compare the results as desired. For more details about result files refer to the [Result Viewer](#) user guide.

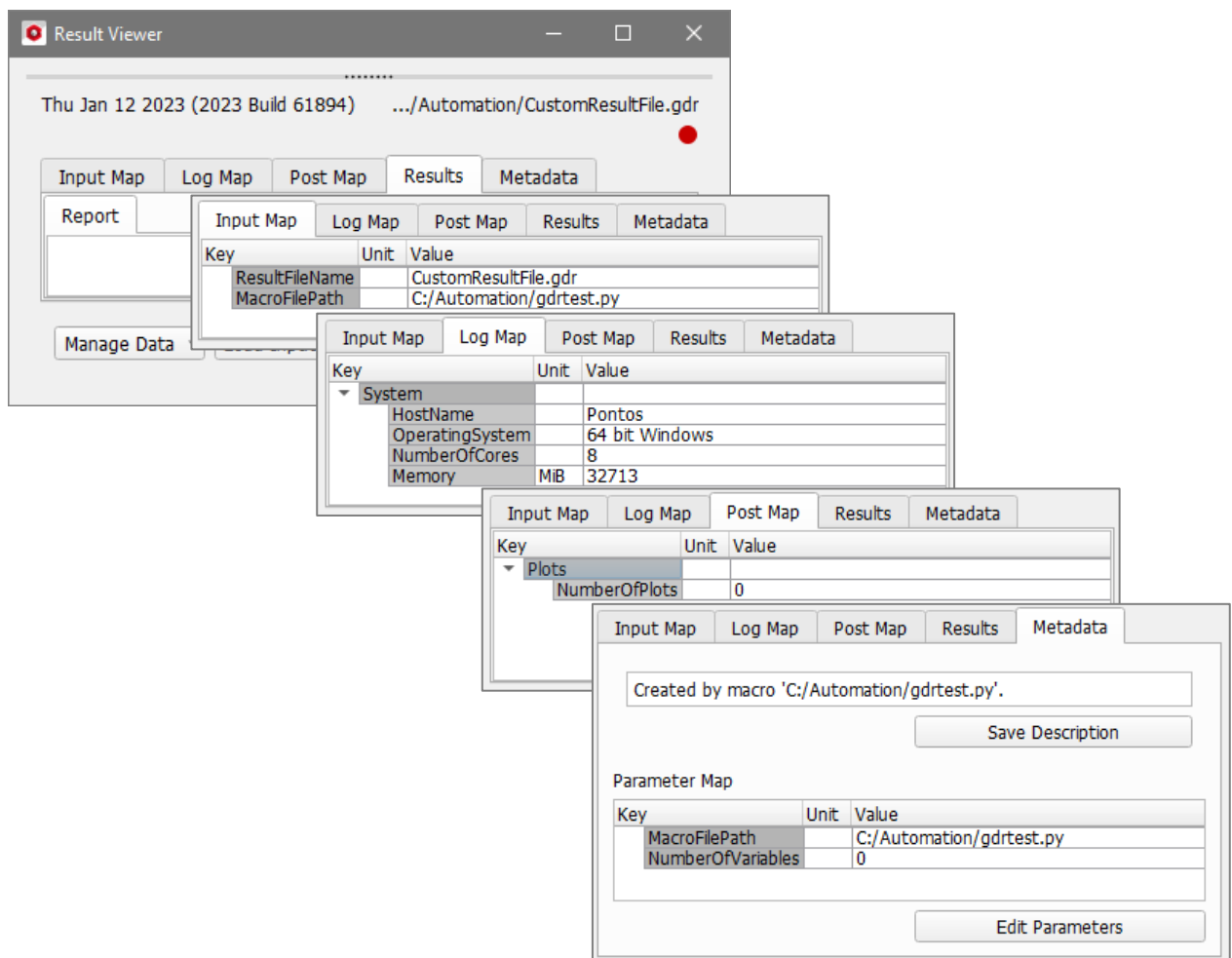
The **gdr** library is loaded at the beginning of a Python file with the command **import gdr** and contains the following commands:

`GDR.GDR.CREATEEMPTYRESULTS(GDR FILE NAME, RELEASE)`

Creates an empty *.gdr file and a result folder with the given name. Start with this command to create a custom GeoDict result file already containing input map, log map, post map and results tabs. Additionally, the GeoDict project folder is changed to the result folder automatically. Example:

```
import gdr # import gdr library

gdrf = gdr.GDR.createEmptyResults("CustomResultFile", "2023") # open a result file with the name CustomResultFile.gdr and assign it to the variable gdrf (GeoDict result file)
```



SAVERESULTS(REULTMAP, REPORT, RELEASE)

Saves the results to the result file. Define a result map and the report. This command saves the result file with all settings defined by the commands shown in this chapter used in the lines between createEmptyResults() and saveResults(). Example:

```
import gdr # import gdr library

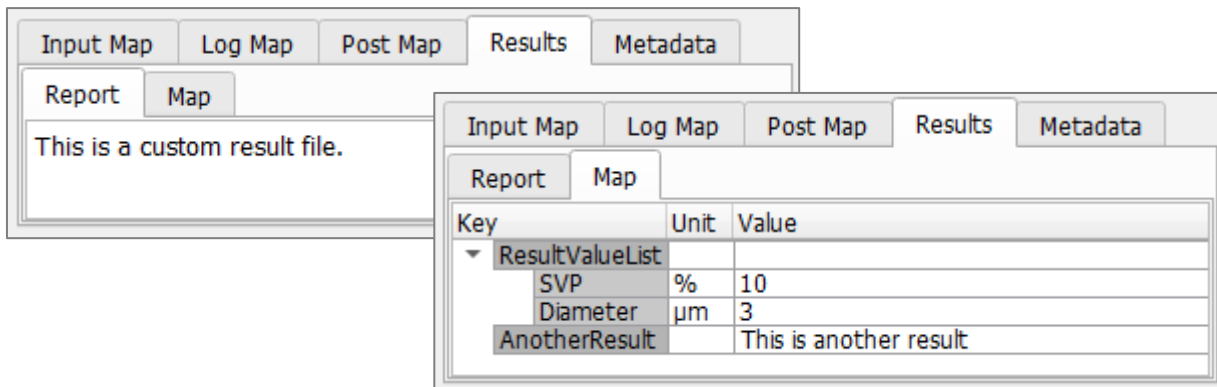
gdrf = gdr.GDR.createEmptyResults("CustomResultFile", "2023") # open a result file with the name CustomResultFile.gdr and assign it to the variable gdrf (GeoDict result file)

report = "This a custom result file." # define text for the Report tab and assign it to variable report

resultMap = { # define content for the map subtab of the Results tab in the result file and assign it to variable resultMap
    'ResultValueList' : {
        'SVP' : (10, '%'),
        'Diameter' : (3, 'µm')},
    'AnotherResult' : 'This is another result'}

gdrf.saveResults(resultMap, report, "2023") # write and save the file CustomResultFile.gdr with report and Result map

gd.showGDR('CustomResultFile.gdr') # open result file in Result Viewer
```



SAVEGEOMETRY(FILENAME, RELEASE)

Saves the currently loaded structure file to the result folder and adds a geometry map to the result file allowing to load the structure via the Load Structure button in the result file and showing a green dot if the structure is loaded. Example:

```
import gdr # import gdr library

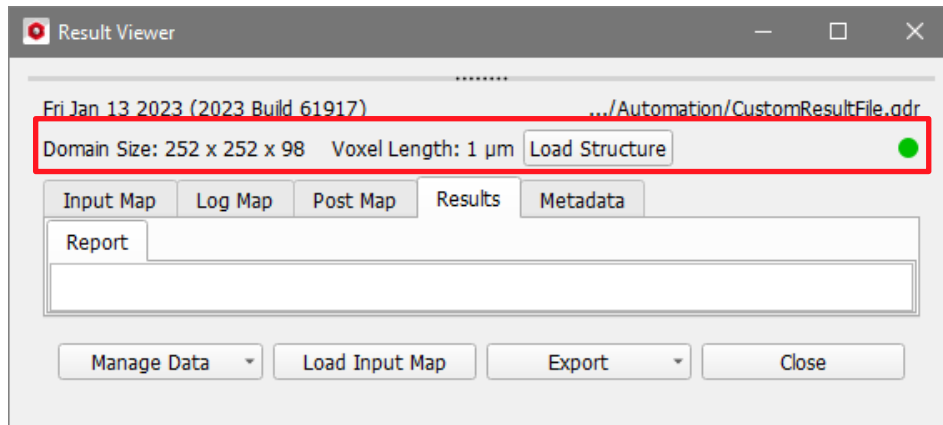
gdrf = gdr.GDR.createEmptyResults("CustomResultFile", "2023") # open a result file with the name CustomResultFile.gdr and assign it to the variable gdrf (GeoDict result file)

gdrf.saveGeometry("2023") # define text for the Report tab and assign it to variable report

gdrf.saveResults({}, "", "2023") # write and save the file CustomResultFile.gdr with empty report and empty Result map
```

```
gd.showGDR('CustomResultFile.gdr')
```

```
# open result file in Result Viewer
```



GEOMETRYMAP = PYTHON DICTIONARY

For advanced users. Adds explicitly given **Geometry** data to the generated result file. In most cases it is recommended to use the `addGeometry()` command instead to generate the needed data automatically from the currently loaded structure.

The Geometry map must be given correctly. Then loading the corresponding structure file to GeoDict leads to a green dot in the result viewer. If the structure also is saved to the result folder, a **Load Structure** button appears in the result file. The geometry Python dictionary must contain the keys shown in the following example. If the structure is in memory, the corresponding values can be contained with GeoPy API functions as shown.

```
import gdr # import gdr library

strucHash = gd.getStructureHash() # get structure hash
strucHash64 = gd.getStructureHash64() # get structure hash 64
strucDesc = gd.getStructureDescription() # get structure name
nx,ny,nz = gd.getVolDimensions() # get number of voxels in x-,y- and z-direction

voxelLength = gd.getVoxelLength() # get voxel length in meter
voxC = gd.getVoxelCounts3D() # get voxel counts for the 256 different material IDs

volDimension = nx*ny*nz # compute total number of voxels

svp = (voxC[1]+voxC[2])/volDimension # for a structure with two solid materials assigned to material ID 1 and ID 2, this computes the solid volume percentage

gdrf = # open a result file with the name CustomResultFile.gdr
gdr.GDR.createEmptyResults("CustomResultFile","2023")

GeometryParameters = { # assign a Python dictionary containing geometry data to the variable GeometryParameters
'Hash' : strucHash,
'Hash64' : strucHash64,
'FileName' : 'Example.gdt',
'NX' : nx,
'NY' : ny,
'NZ' : nz,
'UseBoxels' : False,
'VoxelLength' : (voxelLength, 'm'),
'SolidVolumeFraction' : svp}

gdrf.geometryMap = GeometryParameters # add geometry data to result file
```


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```

gdrf.saveResults({}, "", "2023") # write and save the file
                                CustomResultFile.gdr
                                with empty report and
                                empty Result map

gd.showGDR('CustomResultFile.gdr') # open result file in Result
                                    Viewer

```

ADDPLOT(PLOT TITLE, X LABEL, Y LABEL, X UNIT, Y UNIT, X VALUES, Y VALUES, GRAPH TITLE)

Adds a plot to the result file with the given plot title, labels, units, values and the graph title. For each new plot added, a new subtab is created in the Plots tab of the Results tab. Example:

```

import gdr # import gdr library

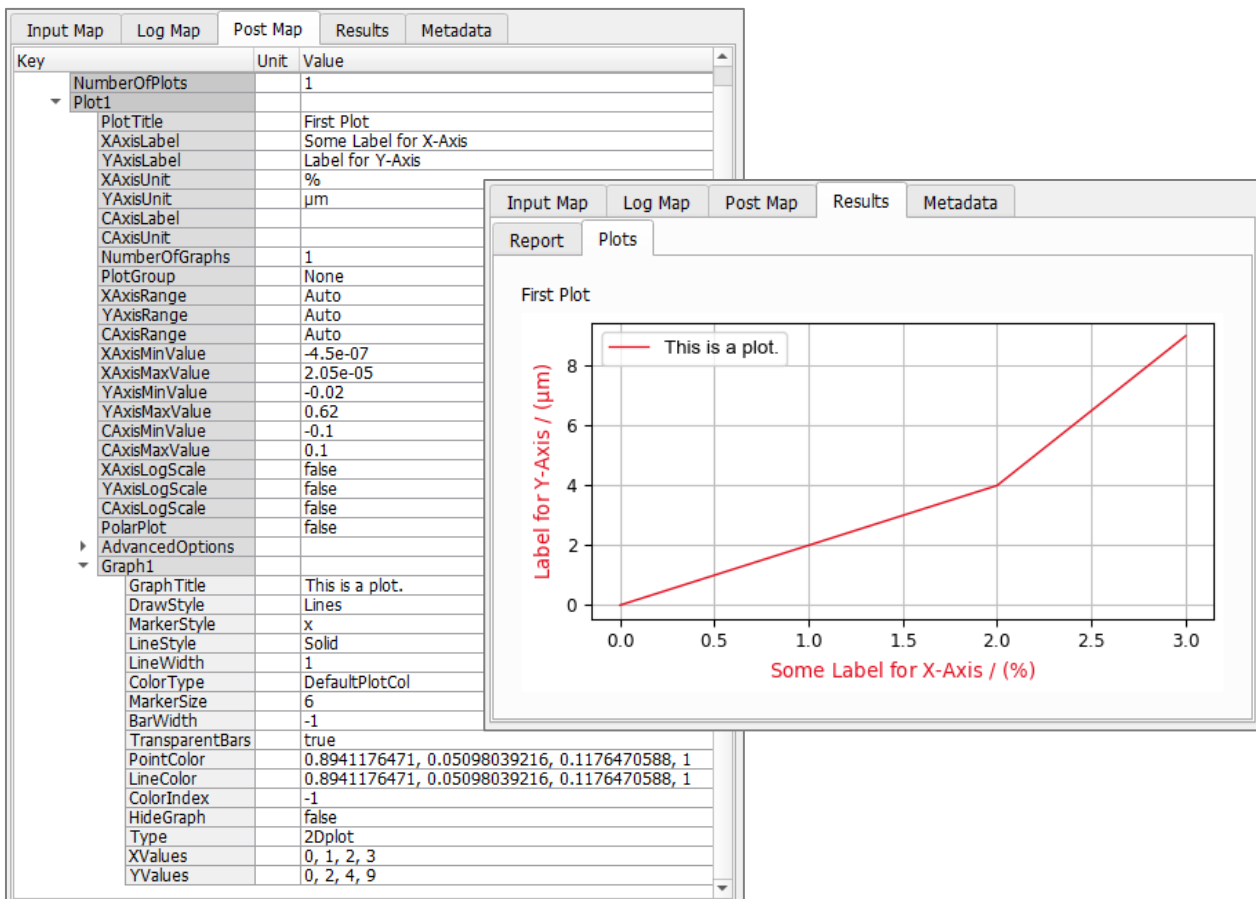
gdrf =
  gdr.GDR.createEmptyResults("CustomResultFile", "2023") # open a result file with the
                                                          name
                                                          CustomResultFile.gdr and
                                                          assign it to the
                                                          variable gdrf (GeoDict
                                                          result file)

Plotname = 'First Plot' # define a plot name
XLabel = 'Some Label for X-Axis' # define X-Axis label
YLabel = 'Label for Y-Axis' # define Y-Axis label
XValues = [0,1,2,3] # define X-values as a list
YValues = [0,2,4,9] # define Y-values as a list
GraphName = "This is a plot." # define a graph name
gdrf.addPlot(Plotname, XLabel, YLabel, '%', 'µm', # add plot to result file
             XValues, YValues, GraphName) # with plotname, labels,
                                           # units, values and graph
                                           # name

gdrf.saveResults({}, "", "2023") # write and save the file
                                CustomResultFile.gdr
                                with empty report and
                                empty Result map

gd.showGDR('CustomResultFile.gdr') # open result file in Result
                                    Viewer

```



ADDGRAPHTOPLLOT(PLOTNUMBER, X VALUES, Y VALUES, GRAPH TITLE)

Adds a graph to one of the created plots. Enter the X- and Y- values and the graph title. Example:

```
import gdr # import gdr library

gdrf = # open a result file with
gdr.GDR.createEmptyResults("CustomResultFile","2023") # the name
# CustomResultFile.gdr
# and assign it to the
# variable gdrf
# (GeoDict result file)

Plotname = 'First Plot' # define a plot name
XLabel = 'Some Label for X-Axis' # define X-Axis label
YLabel = 'Label for Y-Axis' # define Y-Axis label
XValues = [0,1,2,3] # define X-values as a
# list
YValues = [0,2,4,9] # define Y-values as a
# list

GraphName = "This is a plot." # define a graph name
gdrf.addPlot(Plotname, XLabel, YLabel, '%', 'µm', XValues, # add plot to result file
# with plotname,
# labels, units, values
# and graph name
YValues, GraphName)

Plotname2 = 'Second Plot' # define a plot name
XLabel2 = 'Some Label for X-Axis' # define X-Axis label
YLabel2 = 'Label for Y-Axis' # define Y-Axis label
XValues2 = [0,5,20,70] # define X-values as a
# list
YValues2 = [10,5,1,0.5] # define Y-values as a
# list

GraphName2 = "This is also a plot." # define a graph name

gdrf.addPlot(Plotname2, XLabel2, YLabel2, '%', '', # add plot to result file
# with plotname,
# labels, units, values
# and graph name
XValues2, YValues2, GraphName2)

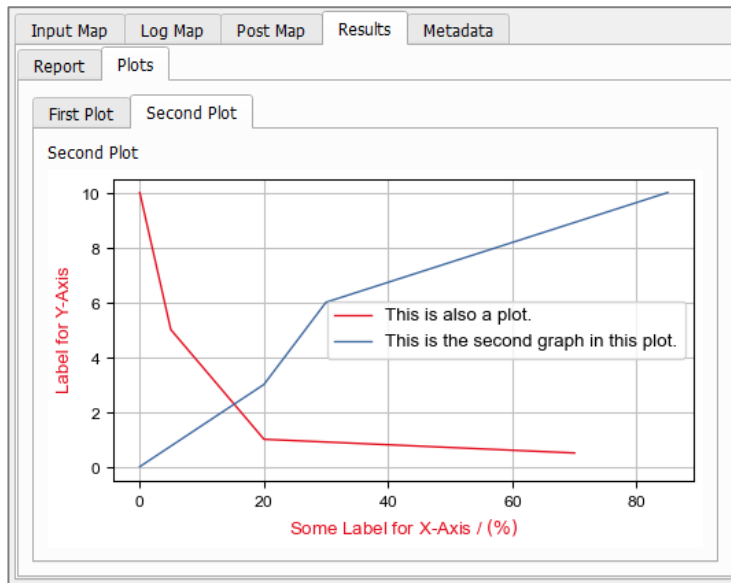
XValues3 = [0,20,30,85] # define X-values as a
# list
YValues3 = [0,3,6,10] # define Y-values as a
# list

GraphName3 = "This is the second graph in this plot." # define a graph name

gdrf.addGraphToPlot(2, XValues3, YValues3, GraphName3) # add graph to the second
# plot

gdrf.saveResults({}, "", "2023") # write and save the file
# CustomResultFile.gdr
# with empty report and
# empty Result map

gd.showGDR('CustomResultFile.gdr') # open result file in
# Result Viewer
```



POSTMAP = PYTHON DICTIONARY

For experienced users, defining all plot parameters manually by adding a **Post Map** creates a **Plot** subtab to the **Results** tab of the generated result file. In most cases, however, it is recommend to add plots via the addPlot() and addGraphToPlot() commands. In the following example find the keys, that must be given to obtain a plot. For more possible keys refer to **Post Map** tabs in usual GeoDict simulation result files.

```
import gdr # import gdr library

gdrf = gdr.GDR.createEmptyResults("CustomResultFile","2023") # open a result file with the name CustomResultFile.gdr

plotParameters = { # define plot parameters and assign them to variable plotParameters
    'PlotTitle' : 'Another Plot', # define labels for the two axes
    'XAxisLabel' : 'X-Axis Label',
    'YAxisLabel' : 'Y-Axis Label',
    'XAxisUnit' : '',
    'YAxisUnit' : '%',
    'XAxisRange' : 'Auto', # define units for both axes
    'YAxisRange' : 'MinMax',
    'YAxisMinValue' : -5, # define how the default axis range should be given. Possible values are Automatic, Auto, MinMax, Tight
    'YAxisMaxValue' : 15,
    'NumberOfGraphs' : 1,
    'Graph1' : { # define number of graphs in the plot
        'GraphTitle' : 'This is a plot',
        'DrawStyle' : 'Lines',
        'XValues' : [0,1,2,3],
        'YValues' : [0,2,4,9]}

# possible values for DrawStyle are LinesPoints, Bars, Lines, Points, FilledStep, VerticalSpan, HorizontalSpan

postParameters = { # assign Python dictionary containing plot parameters to variable postParameters
    'Plots' : {
        'NumberOfPlots' : 1,
        'Plot1' : plotParameters}}

gdrf.postMap = postParameters # add a Post Map tab and plots to result file
```

```

gdrf.saveResults({}, "", "2023") # write and save the file
                                CustomResultFile.gdr
                                with empty report and
                                empty Result map
gd.showGDR('CustomResultFile.gdr') # open result file in Result
                                    Viewer

```

ADDTXT (STRING)

Adds text in the **Result – Report** subtab of the generated result file. With this command several lines of text can be added and also text can be placed between tables or images added with the commands `addTable` and `addImage`, while the text inserted in the `saveResults` command always is placed at the end of the report. Example:

```

import gdr # import gdr library

gdrf = # open a result file with the
gdr.GDR.createEmptyResults("CustomResultFile", "2023") # name
                                                    CustomResultFile.gdr

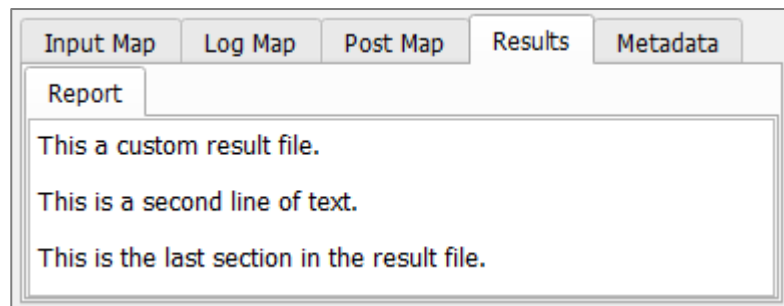
gdrf.addText("This a custom result file.") # add text in Report tab
gdrf.addText("This is a second line of text.") # add more text in Report tab

report = "This is the last section in the result file." # define text for the Report
                                                        tab and assign it to
                                                        variable report

gdrf.saveResults({}, report, "2023") # write and save the file
                                      CustomResultFile.gdr
                                      with report and an empty
                                      Result map

gd.showGDR('CustomResultFile.gdr') # open result file in Result
                                    Viewer

```



ADDTITLE (STRING)

Adds titles in the **Result – Report** subtab of the generated result file. This is a similar to the `addText` command, but with bold font. Example:

```

import gdr # import gdr library

gdrf = # open a result file with the
gdr.GDR.createEmptyResults("CustomResultFile", "2023") # name
                                                    CustomResultFile.gdr

gdrf.addTitle("First Title") # add a title in Report tab

gdrf.addText("This a custom result file.") # add text in Report tab

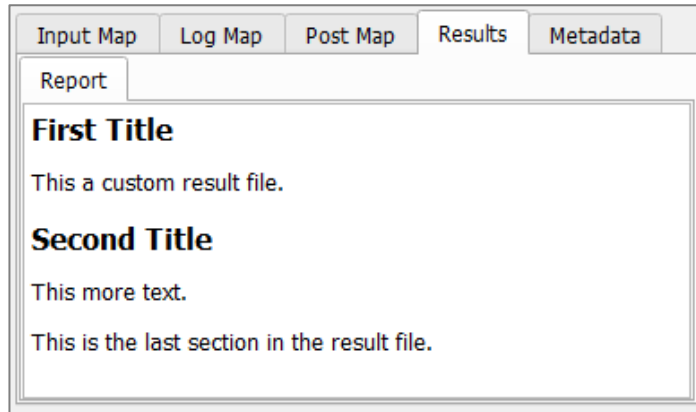
gdrf.addTitle("Second Title") # add another title in Report
                                tab

gdrf.addText("This more text.") # add more text in Report tab

```

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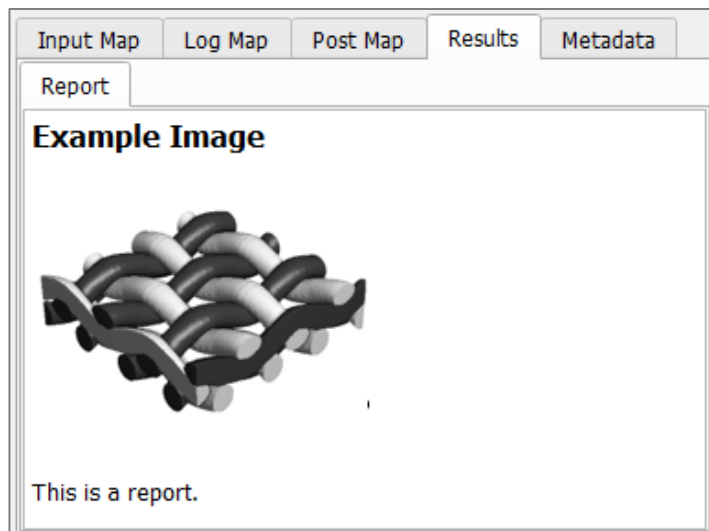
```
report = "This is the last section in the result file." # define text for the Report
                                                    # tab and assign it to
                                                    # variable report
gdrf.saveResults({}, report, "2023") # write and save the file
                                     # CustomResultFile.gdr
                                     # with report and an empty
                                     # Result map
gd.showGDR('CustomResultFile.gdr') # open result file in Result
                                    # Viewer
```



ADDIMAGE(String image file path, String title)

Adds an image to the **Results – Report** subtab of the generated result file. Additionally, the image is saved to the corresponding result folder. Example:

```
import gdr # import gdr library
gdrf = gdr.GDR.createEmptyResults("CustomResultFile", "2023") # open a result file with the
                                                                # name
                                                                # CustomResultFile.gdr
gdrf.addImage('image.png', 'Example Image') # add image to Report tab
report = "This is a report." # define text for the Report
                              # tab and assign it to
                              # variable report
gdrf.saveResults({}, report, "2023") # write and save the file
                                      # CustomResultFile.gdr
                                      # with report and an empty
                                      # Result map
gd.showGDR('CustomResultFile.gdr') # open result file in Result
                                    # Viewer
```



ADDTABLE(STRING TITLE, LIST COLUMN HEADERS, *LIST TABLE)

Adds table to the **Results – Report** subtab of the generated result file. Example:

```
import gdr # import gdr library

gdrf = gdr.GDR.createEmptyResults("CustomResultFile","2023") # open a result file with the name CustomResultFile.gdr

col_headers = ["number", "letter"] # define column headers in a list of strings

table = [[1, 2], ["a", "b"]] # define table as list of columns

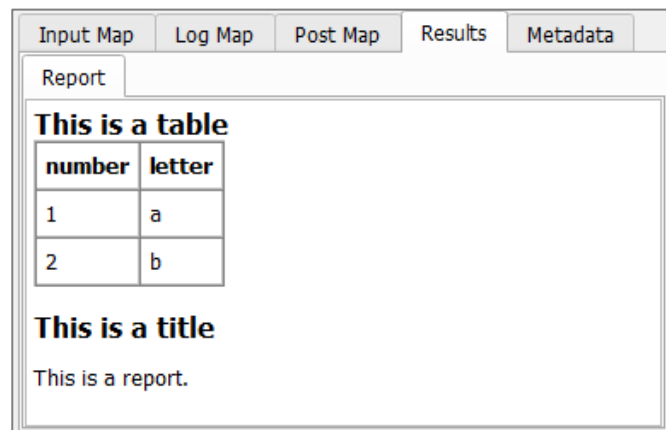
gdrf.addTable("This is a table", col_headers, *table) # add table to Report tab

gdrf.addTitle("This is a title") # add a title to Report tab

report = "This is a report." # define text for the Report tab and assign it to variable report

gdrf.saveResults({}, report, "2023") # write and save the file CustomResultFile.gdr with report and an empty Result map

gd.showGDR('CustomResultFile.gdr') # open result file in Result Viewer
```



INPUTMAP.UPDATE(PYTHON DICTIONARY)

Adds content to the **Input Map** tab of the generated result file. The input map by default already contains the entries ResultFileName and MacroFilePath. The content for the Python dictionary to add can be chosen as desired. Example:

```
import gdr # import gdr library

gdrf = gdr.GDR.createEmptyResults("CustomResultFile","2023") # open a result file with the name CustomResultFile.gdr

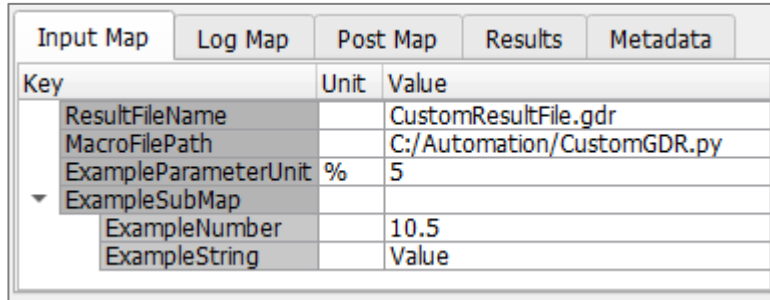
InputParameters = { # assign a Python dictionary containing the input parameters as key-value pairs to variable InputParameters
    'ExampleParameterUnit' : (5, '%'),
    'ExampleSubMap' : {
        'ExampleNumber' : 10.5,
        'ExampleString' : 'Value' }}

gdrf.inputMap.update(InputParameters) # add entries to InputMap tab of result file
```

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```
gdrf.saveResults({}, "", "2023") # write and save the file
                                CustomResultFile.gdr
                                with empty report and
                                empty Result map

gd.showGDR('CustomResultFile.gdr') # open result file in Result
                                    Viewer
```



Key	Unit	Value
ResultFileName		CustomResultFile.gdr
MacroFilePath		C:/Automation/CustomGDR.py
ExampleParameterUnit	%	5
ExampleSubMap		
ExampleNumber		10.5
ExampleString		Value

LOGMAP.UPDATE(PYTHON DICTIONARY)

Adds entries to the **Log Map** tab of the generated result file. By default the result file already contains information about the system on which the macro is run. Example:

```
import gdr # import gdr library

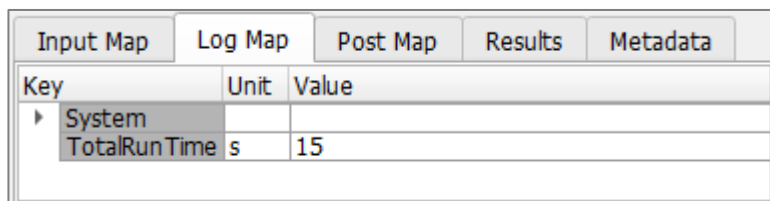
gdrf = # open a result file with the name
gdr.GDR.createEmptyResults("CustomResultFile", "2023")
                                CustomResultFile.gdr

LogParameters = { # assign a Python dictionary
    'TotalRunTime' : (15, 's')} # containing the log
                                parameters, for example
                                the runtime or data
                                about the used computer
                                to the variable
                                LogParameters

gdrf.logMap.update(LogParameters) # add the runtime to the Log
                                    Map tab of the result
                                    file

gdrf.saveResults({}, "", "2023") # write and save the file
                                CustomResultFile.gdr
                                with empty report and
                                empty Result map

gd.showGDR('CustomResultFile.gdr') # open result file in Result
                                    Viewer
```



Key	Unit	Value
System		
TotalRunTime	s	15

SETDESCRIPTION(STRING DESCRIPTION)

Replaces the default description "Created by macro 'macro file path'." by a custom description in the **Metadata** tab of the generated result file. Example:

```
import gdr # import gdr library

gdrf = # open a result file with the name
gdr.GDR.createEmptyResults("CustomResultFile", "2023")
                                CustomResultFile.gdr
```

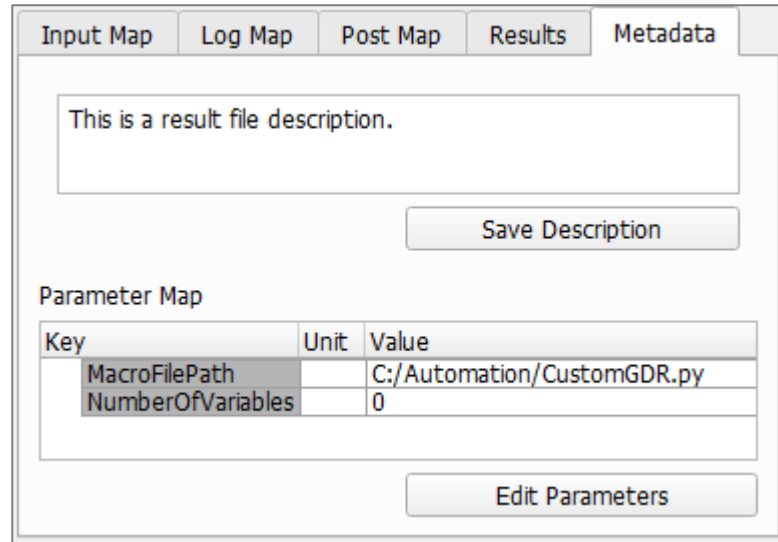
```

gdrf.setDescription("This is a result file
description.")
gdrf.saveResults({}, "", "2023")

gd.showGDR('CustomResultFile.gdr')

```

add description to Metadata tab
write and save the file CustomResultFile.gdr with empty report and empty Result map
open result file in Result Viewer



PARAMETERMAP.UPDATE(PYTHON DICTIONARY)

Adds parameters to the **Parameter Map** in the **Metadata** tab of the generated result file. By default, the map already contains the entries **MacroFilePath** and **NumberOfVariables**. The content for the Python dictionary can be chosen as desired. Example:

```

import gdr
gdrf = gdr.GDR.createEmptyResults("CustomResultFile", "2023")

ParameterParameters = {
    'Project' : 'User Guide',
    'Chapter' : 'Automation by Scripting'}

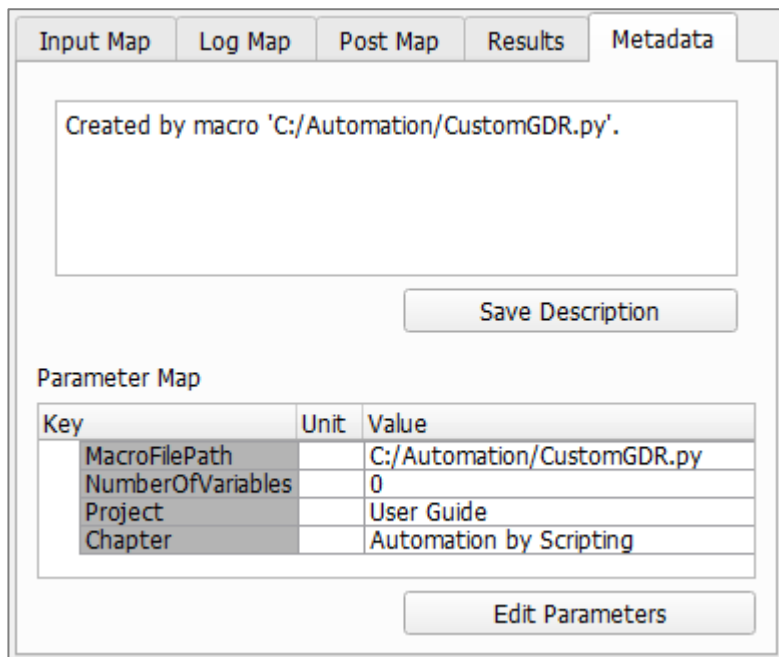
gdrf.parameterMap = ParameterParameters

gdrf.saveResults({}, "", "2023")

gd.showGDR('CustomResultFile.gdr')

```

import gdr library
open a result file with the name CustomResultFile.gdr
assign a Python dictionary containing parameters to the variable ParameterParameters
add a Parameter Map to result file
write and save the file CustomResultFile.gdr with empty report and empty Result map
open result file in Result Viewer



COMMAND = STRING GEO_DICT COMMAND

Adds a custom **Command** name to the generated result file. The command name must be given as a string, and consists of a name for the module, a colon (:), and a name for the solver. The command name can for example be viewed, if the result file is exported in Excel. Example:

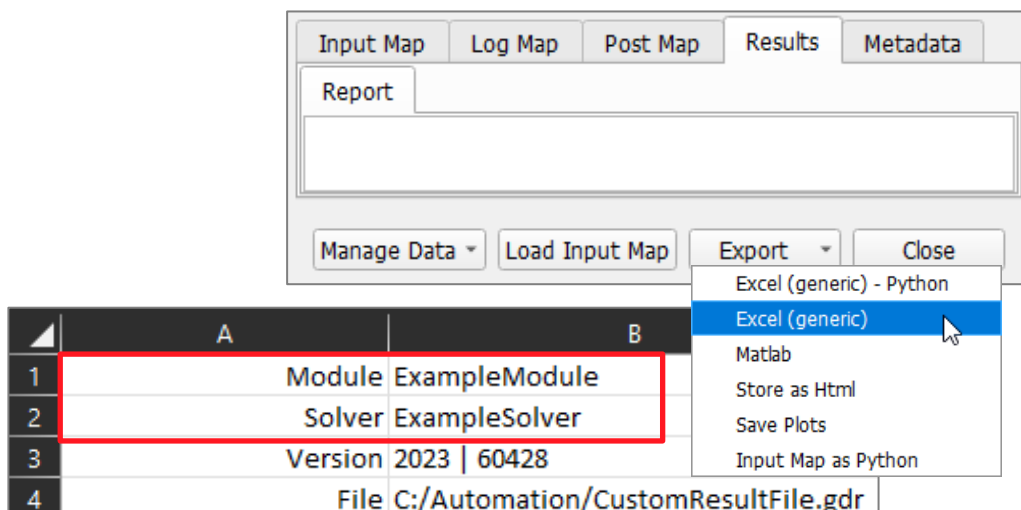
```
import gdr # import gdr library

gdrf = gdr.GDR.createEmptyResults("CustomResultFile", "2023") # open a result file with the name CustomResultFile.gdr

gdrf.command = 'ExampleModule:ExampleSolver' # add command with module name ExampleModule and solver name ExampleSolver to result file

gdrf.saveResults({}, "", "2023") # write and save the file CustomResultFile.gdr with empty report and empty Result map

gd.showGDR('CustomResultFile.gdr') # open result file in Result Viewer
```



ACCESS TO GEODICT STRUCTURES AND RESULT FIELDS (GUF FILES)

The **GeoDict Universal File (GUF)** format is a generic file format that contains large amounts of data that were computed with GeoDict. Most structures and result fields in GeoDict are GUF files, e.g. *.gdt, *.vap, *.gpp, Using binary data avoids a loss of precision and provides efficient read and write operations.

GUF files begin with a header in text format, which (for small GUF files) can be inspected by opening the file with a text editor. The header is followed by binary data. Meta data describing the binary data is contained in the header and is line-based with pairs of key and value per line.

GeoDict provides a GUF python library in GeoPy to access GUF files without loading them to GeoDict.

STRUCTURE OF A GUF FILE

Every GUF file consists of two sections: The **Header section** and the **Binary Data section**.

The **Header section** gives information about the binary content in the **Binary Data section** in form of key - value pairs, similar to a Python dictionary. The meta information is stored in humanly readable ASCII and has (at least) 256 bytes. However, it must not be edited, as the header must correspond to the binary data.

The header consists of several blocks and always starts with the GUF version consisting of the file format and its version. The example below is GDT3, i.e. a version 3 *.gdt file. This is the default *.gdt file format for GeoDict structure files since GeoDict 2023.

The **Creation Data** block provides information about the creation of the file, e.g. the creation time and the used GeoDict revision.

```
1 GufVersion GDT3
2 HeaderLength 4608
3 DateOfCreation Tue Nov 22 2022 14:15:05
4 GeoDictEdition 2023
5 GeoDictRevision 60466
6 GeoDictPlatform 64 bit Windows
```

Creation Data

Detailed information about the **Image Data** is given afterwards. Image Data are stored in a sequence of images as fields.

A full image has nx by ny by nz entries, corresponding to the domain size of the structure / result field in voxels.

The example file has 100 voxels in X-, Y- and Z-direction and one image with the name Structure.

```
7  Voxellength 1e-06
8  GADMatchesVG 1
9  PeriodicX 0
10 PeriodicY 0
11 PeriodicZ 0
12 OriginX 0
13 OriginY 0
14 OriginZ 0
15 Description Geometry created with FiberGeo
16 StructureHash64 13529921876377552316
17 Nx 100
18 Ny 100
19 Nz 100
20 NumberOfImages 1
21 EntriesOfImages 1
22 NamesOfImages Structure
23 Image1:Names Voxels
24 Image1:Order position
25 Image1:Grids center
26 Image1:Meaning indexed
27 Image1:Types uint8
28 Image1:Units 1
29 Image1:Compression rle
30 Image1:Offset 4608
31 Image1:Length 59042
```

Image Data

At the end of the header **File Specific Data** blocks, e.g. map data, info data, and array data can be found.

Additional data in *.gdt files is described by stringmaps, that are maps consisting of key-value pairs, similar to a Python dictionary. Thus, the specific block in the example contains map information.

In the example file, there are four maps with the names GAD, GADStats, Materials and MaterialDatabase.

```
32 NumberOfMaps 4
33 NamesOfMaps GAD,GADStats,Materials,MaterialDatabase
34 Map1:Compression zlib
35 Map1:Offset 63650
36 Map1:Length 4224
37 Map2:Compression zlib
38 Map2:Offset 67874
39 Map2:Length 231
40 Map3:Compression zlib
41 Map3:Offset 68105
42 Map3:Length 1020
43 Map4:Compression zlib
44 Map4:Offset 69125
45 Map4:Length 2102
```

File Specific Data

The **Binary Data** section of the example file is shown on the right.

```

46
47 SOH CAN NUL ? NUL STX STX SOH NUL VT SOH ETB NUL ? NUL STX STX SO
48 STX STX NUL
49 SOH ETB NUL : NUL SO STX SOH NUL VT SOH SYN NUL : NUL SO STX SOH E
50 SOH SYN NUL : NUL SO STX SOH ETX SOH SYN NUL : NUL ET STX SOH ET
51 SOH NAK NUL : NUL VT STX
52 SOH NAK NUL ? NUL ETX STX ETX NUL
53 SOH NAK NUL : NUL VT SOH DC4 NUL F NUL

```

Binary Data

```

2357 -eÉ'ô\W\"c VKδ,U/+• SO] SIX ESC EM,
2358 èc×à'ø ACK ð nÜ' ð i š NI ~ 4 - 9 ä n • c V Ö è È ð ž V I ç ° p i Ä { ... = I SOH * Ö u : E
2359 w - f ETX E w I ç g I % È \ e Ö ð ES - > ... k u Ê z Ū Z ' ž Q Ū M I ä ^ ETX ' ž » CS ' K o e ä I
2360 ý 8 ' y + n ý z p i I ENQ è EM - ð É » ° - È È e 9 à > q e j * i ; ^ V I ' - : STX SL > X US ©
2361 ž ě < 4 ; E Ç SI ACK M g D L E > D C I CAN b Q w A " B E E j , E ' è " q . S I SYN : N V I
2362 ETX EOT * SO < v f ... e f ! NUL w , t ž DC2 0 » * ) Ä l E J I + ACK O E T B 8 Y i • '
2363 ` ü , ä ç p % - CAN : 3 N 9 8 ' Ä : ø ) - E S ACK Ö I * Ä C ' E O T u e Ä ) + K ü e ä DC 4 ü ä

```

In a second example, a flow simulation was run on the structure. The GUF file FlowField_z.vap file is produced and shown here.

```

1 GufVersion VAP1
2 HeaderLength 1024
3 DateOfCreation 22.11.22 14:21:51
4 GeoDictEdition 2023
5 GeoDictRevision 60466
6 GeoDictPlatform 64 bit Windows
7 BoundaryConditionX Periodic
8 BoundaryConditionY Periodic
9 BoundaryConditionZ Periodic
10 EntriesOfImages 3,1
11 Experiment PressureDrop
12 FlowDirection BottomToTopZ
13 Image1:Grids left,front,bottom
14 Image1:Meaning vector
15 Image1:Names VelocityX,VelocityY,VelocityZ
16 Image1:Types float,float,float
17 Image1:Units m/s,m/s,m/s
18 Image2:Grids center
19 Image2:Names Pressure
20 Image2:Types float
21 Image2:Units Pa
22 InletLengthX 0
23 InletLengthY 0
24 InletLengthZ 10
25 MeanVelocityOutput 0.0003447258673
26 NameOfCreator EJStokes
27 NamesOfImages Velocity,Pressure
28 NumberOfImages 2
29 Nx 100
30 Ny 100
31 Nz 100
32 OutletLengthX 0
33 OutletLengthY 0
34 OutletLengthZ 10
35 PressureDropInput 0.02
36 VoxelLength 1e-06,1e-06,1e-06

```

The flow was computed in Z-direction. The file contains two images with the names Velocity and Pressure. The velocity image contains three fields and the pressure image one. The velocity fields are called VelocityX, VelocityY and VelocityZ.

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Result files generated by the particle tracker in **FilterDict** and **AddiDict** (*.gpp) contain a large information block providing details about the simulation.

```
1 GufVersion GPP3
2 HeaderLength 13312
3 DateOfCreation Tue Nov 22 2022 14:18:28
4 GeoDictEdition 2023
5 GeoDictRevision 60466
6 GeoDictPlatform 64 bit Windows
7 Info:Charge NONE
8 Info:CollisionDiameter NONE
9 Info:Density CONSTANT
10 Info:DensityValue 2650
11 Info:DepositionDiameter NONE

249 NumberOfArrays 1
250 NamesOfArrays ParticlePositions
251 Array1:NumberOfColumns 12
252 Array1:NumberOfRows 3600
253 Array1:ColumnNames ID,Type,Position X,Position
Y,Position Z,Velocity X,Velocity Y,Velocity
Z,Time,Collision Count,Status,Multiplicity
254 Array1:Types
int64,int32,double,double,double,double,
double,int32,int32,int32
255 Array1:Units 1,1,m,m,m/s,m/s,m/s,s,1,1,1
256 Array1:Offset 13312
257 Array1:Length 288000
258 Info:TotalMultiplicitySum 3600
```

The particle positions are described by arrays. The example file contains one array with 12 columns and 3600 rows.

ACCESS GUF FILES WITH GEOPY

The **GeoPy** library provides read-only access for GUF files, using the keys and values from the header. To use this library in the top of the Python file import the library with the following command:

```
from guf import GUF
```

Then access the desired file and store it in a variable, e.g. `guf_file`. Therefore, insert the file path of the desired file in the parenthesis of the function `GUF()` as follows:

```
guf_file = GUF("example.vap")
```

There are four functions for GUF files described in the following, accessing header, images, arrays and maps.

GETHEADER()

This function returns the complete header as a stringmap. The values contained in this stringmap can be accessed, by adding the corresponding keys in square brackets.

Example:

```
from guf import GUF # import GUF library

guf_file = GUF("StokesResult/FlowField_z.vap") # access GUF file FlowField_z.vap

guf_header = guf_file.getHeader() # assign the header stringmap to the
                                  # variable guf_header
print(guf_header) # print the complete header to the
                  # GeoDict console

imagenumber = guf_header["NumberOfImages"] # assign the number of images to the
                                             # variable imagenumber

gd.msgBox(f"The file contains {imagenumber} # show message dialog
          images.")
```

GETIMAGE(STRING NAME)

This function returns the specified image as numpy array. Enter the image name inside the parenthesis as a string. Find the image names in the header. To access a volume field from the image, enter the corresponding field name in square brackets.

```
26 NameOfCreator EJStokes
27 NamesOfImages Velocity, Pressure
28 NumberOfImages 2

14 Image1:Meaning vector
15 Image1:Names VelocityX, VelocityY, VelocityZ
16 Image1:Types float, float, float
```

Basically, this function does the same as the `gd.getVolumeField()` function described [above](#), but here no volume field needs to be loaded in **GeoDict**.

Note: The `getImage` function is not recommended for compressed images, as currently the function cannot decompress the image and returns only an 1-dimensional array. Thus, the fields cannot be accessed. For compressed images, the key `Image#:Compression` can be found in the header. Thus, for these images it is recommended to use the **`gd.getStructure`** or the **`gd.getVolumeField`** functions, described on pages [53](#) and [55](#) respectively.

```
28 Image1:Units 1
29 Image1:Compression rle
30 Image1:Offset 4608
```

Example:

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```
from guf import GUF # import GUF library

guf_file = GUF("StokesResult/FlowField_z.vap") # access GUF file FlowField_z.vap

guf_image = guf_file.getImage("Velocity") # assign the numpy array
                                             corresponding to the image
                                             Velocity to the variable
                                             guf_image

guf_field = guf_image["VelocityX"] # assign the numpy array
                                     corresponding to the flow field
                                     VelocityX to the variable
                                     guf_field

gd.msgBox(f"The velocity at position (50,50,50) # show a message dialog for the
in the Velocity X field is velocity at position (50,50,50)
{guf_field[50][50][50]}".)
```

GETARRAY(STRING NAME)

This function returns the specified array as a numpy array. Enter the array name inside the braces as a string. Find the array names in the header. For a single column add the corresponding column name in square brackets.

```
249 NumberOfArrays 1
250 NamesOfArrays ParticlePositions
251 Array1:NumberOfColumns 12
252 Array1:NumberOfRows 3600
253 Array1:ColumnNames ID,Type,Position X,Position Y,Position Z,Velocity
X,Velocity Y,Velocity Z,Time,Collision Count,Status,Multiplicity
```

This function only works, if the GUF file contains arrays (e.g. **FilterDict *.gpp** files). There are many very helpful **FilterDict Particle specific Functions** described on pages [67ff](#), but for the `getArray` function the trajectories do not need to be loaded in **GeoDict**.

Example:

```
from guf import GUF # import GUF library

guf_file = # access FilterDict result
GUF("FilterLifeTime/Batch00001/TrackerFinalParticles file
.gpp") TrackerFinalParticles.
gpp

guf_array = guf_file.getArray("ParticlePositions") # assign the numpy array
                                                    containing
                                                    the
                                                    particle positions to
                                                    the variable guf_array

id_5 = guf_array["ID"][5] # assign fifth element in
                           the column ID to the
                           variable id_5 (count
                           starts with 0)

pos_5 = guf_array["Position X"][5] # assign fifth element in
                                    the column Position X
                                    to the variable pos_5
                                    (count starts with 0)

time_5 = guf_array["Time"][5] # assign fifth element in
                                the column Time to the
                                variable time_5 (count
                                starts with 0)

gd.msgBox(f"The particle with ID {id_5} has the X-position # show message dialog
{pos_5} at time {time_5}.".)

guf_row = guf_array[5] # assign the numpy array
                        containing the sixth
                        entry of all columns to
                        the variable guf_row

gd.msgBox(f"The particle with ID {guf_row[0]} has the X- # show the same message
position {guf_row[2]} at time {guf_row[8]}.".) dialog as before
```

GETMAP(STRING NAME)

This function returns the specified map as a stringmap, consisting of key – value pairs. Enter the stringmap name inside the braces as a string. Find the map names in the header. This function only works for *.gdt files.

```
32 NumberOfMaps 4
33 NamesOfMaps GAD,GADStats,Materials,MaterialDatabase
34 Map1:Compression zlib
```

There are many very helpful **General Functions** described on pages [46ff](#) applicable for structure files (e.g. gd.getGADObject), but for the getMap function the structure does not need to be loaded in GeoDict.

To access only the desired information of the stringmap add the corresponding keys in square brackets. The needed keys can be found out by printing the desired map in the GeoDict console.

In the example below, the GAD statistics map is printed to the console and the number of objects in the 14th Z-slice is returned in a message dialog.

Example:

```
from guf import GUF # import GUF library

guf_file = GUF("FiberGeo/Structure.gdt") # access GUF file Structure.gdt in
                                         # the folder FiberGeo

guf_map = guf_file.getMap("GADStats") # assign the stringmap of the GAD
                                       # statistics for all 2D slices to
                                       # the variable guf_map

print(guf_map) # print the stringmap to the GeoDict
               # console

objectscount_Z = # assign the string containing
                 # statistics for the Z-slices to
                 # the variable objectscount_Z
    guf_map["PerSliceObjectCountsZ"]

objectscount_Z = objectscount_Z.split(',') # split the string by commas, and
                                           # obtain a list

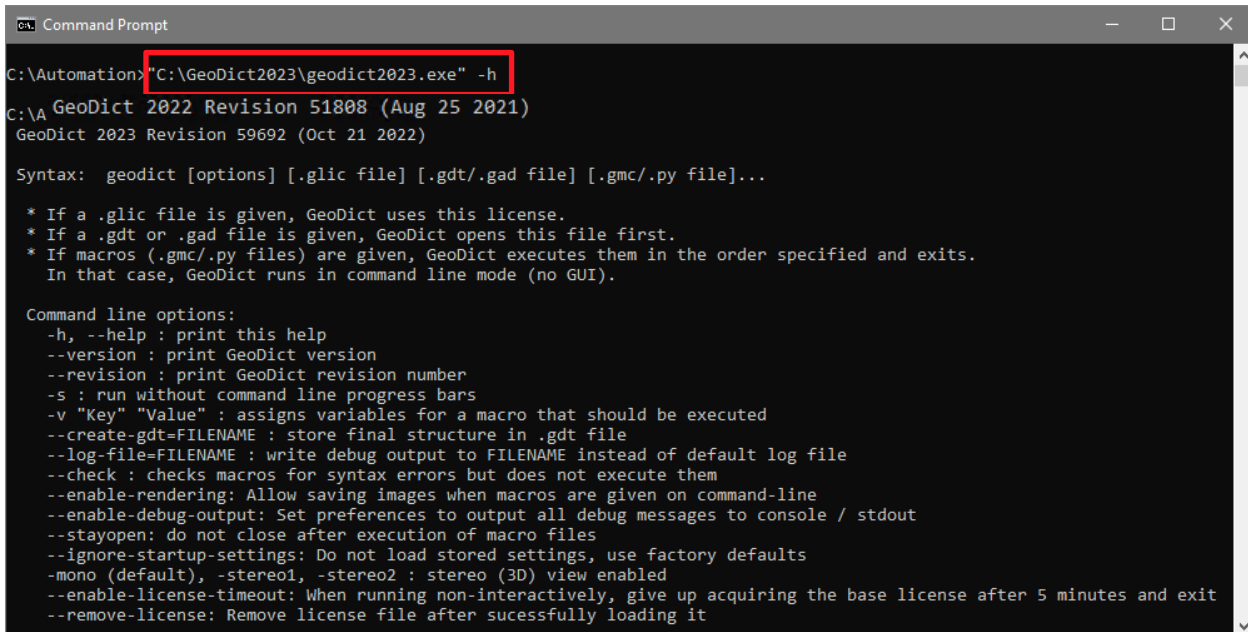
count_Z_slice_13 = objectscount_Z[13] # assign the 14th entry in the list
                                       # (index 13 as counting starts
                                       # with 0) to the variable
                                       # count_Z_slice

gd.msgBox(f" In Z-slice 14 there are
          {count_Z_slice_13} objects.") # show a message dialog.
```


RUNNING GEODICT FROM THE COMMAND LINE

Being comfortable with the command prompt, it is a fast possibility to run GeoDict from the command line without the GUI. Although it is possible to open GeoDict from the command line (>>**Installationpath\geodict2023.exe**), it is not necessary for running macros. The following command prints a helpful list of commands:

>>**"Installation-path\geodict2023.exe" -h**



```
C:\Automation>C:\GeoDict2023\geodict2023.exe -h
C:\A GeoDict 2022 Revision 51808 (Aug 25 2021)
GeoDict 2023 Revision 59692 (Oct 21 2022)

Syntax: geodict [options] [.glic file] [.gdt/.gad file] [.gmc/.py file]...

* If a .glic file is given, GeoDict uses this license.
* If a .gdt or .gad file is given, GeoDict opens this file first.
* If macros (.gmc/.py files) are given, GeoDict executes them in the order specified and exits.
  In that case, GeoDict runs in command line mode (no GUI).

Command line options:
-h, --help : print this help
--version : print GeoDict version
--revision : print GeoDict revision number
-s : run without command line progress bars
-v "Key" "Value" : assigns variables for a macro that should be executed
--create-gdt=FILENAME : store final structure in .gdt file
--log-file=FILENAME : write debug output to FILENAME instead of default log file
--check : checks macros for syntax errors but does not execute them
--enable-rendering: Allow saving images when macros are given on command-line
--enable-debug-output: Set preferences to output all debug messages to console / stdout
--stayopen: do not close after execution of macro files
--ignore-startup-settings: Do not load stored settings, use factory defaults
-mono (default), -stereo1, -stereo2 : stereo (3D) view enabled
--enable-license-timeout: When running non-interactively, give up acquiring the base license after 5 minutes and exit
--remove-license: Remove license file after successfully loading it
```

Macros can be executed using the command

>>**"Installation-path\geodict2023.exe" macro-file**

```

C:\Automation> "C:\GeoDict2023\geodict2023.exe" simplemacro.py
C:\Automation>
--- Licensing ---
Successfully activated license 'C:/Users/hilden.M2M/GeoDict2023/License/GeoDict2023-Docu-NodeLocked-Standard.glic'
Licensed for Support of Math2Market GmbH
--- Licensing ---

## Log file for GeoDict 2023.
## Revision: 59692 of Oct 21 2022.
## Started at 15:41:30 on Tue Nov 22 2022.
## Running on 64 bit Windows on 8 cores.
## interactive mode = false

--- Start GeoDict:SetExpertSettings ---
--- Finished GeoDict:SetExpertSettings, time needed: 0.005 s ---

--- Start GeoDict:Preferences ---
--- Finished GeoDict:Preferences, time needed: 0.005 s ---

--- Start GeoDict:ChangeProjectFolder ---
--- Finished GeoDict:ChangeProjectFolder, time needed: 0.006 s ---

GD_CHECK: simplemacro.py
Executing Macro [ ] 0%
--- Start GeoDict:ExecuteMacro ---
Python macro variable values:

--- Start GeoDict:CreateProjectFolder ---
--- Finished GeoDict:CreateProjectFolder, time needed: 0.006 s ---

--- Start FiberGeo:Create ---
Create Fibers [ 0%][\][==== ] 20%here 0: wasStopped = 0
Create Fibers [ 0%][/][=====] 100% 0%
Create Fibers [ 0%][\][=====] 100% 0%
--- Finished FiberGeo:Create, time needed: 0.115 s ---

--- Start ProcessGeo:Dilate ---
Gathering statistics [ 0%][/][ ] 0%--- Finished ProcessGeo:Dilate, time needed: 0.023 s -
--

--- Start GeoDict:ChangeProjectFolder ---
--- Finished GeoDict:ChangeProjectFolder, time needed: 0.008 s ---

Executing Macro [ ] 0%--- Finished GeoDict:ExecuteMacro, time needed: 0.22 s ---

Successfully executed GeoDict:ExecuteMacro.

--- Start GeoDict:Terminate ---
--- Finished GeoDict:Terminate, time needed: 0.007 s ---

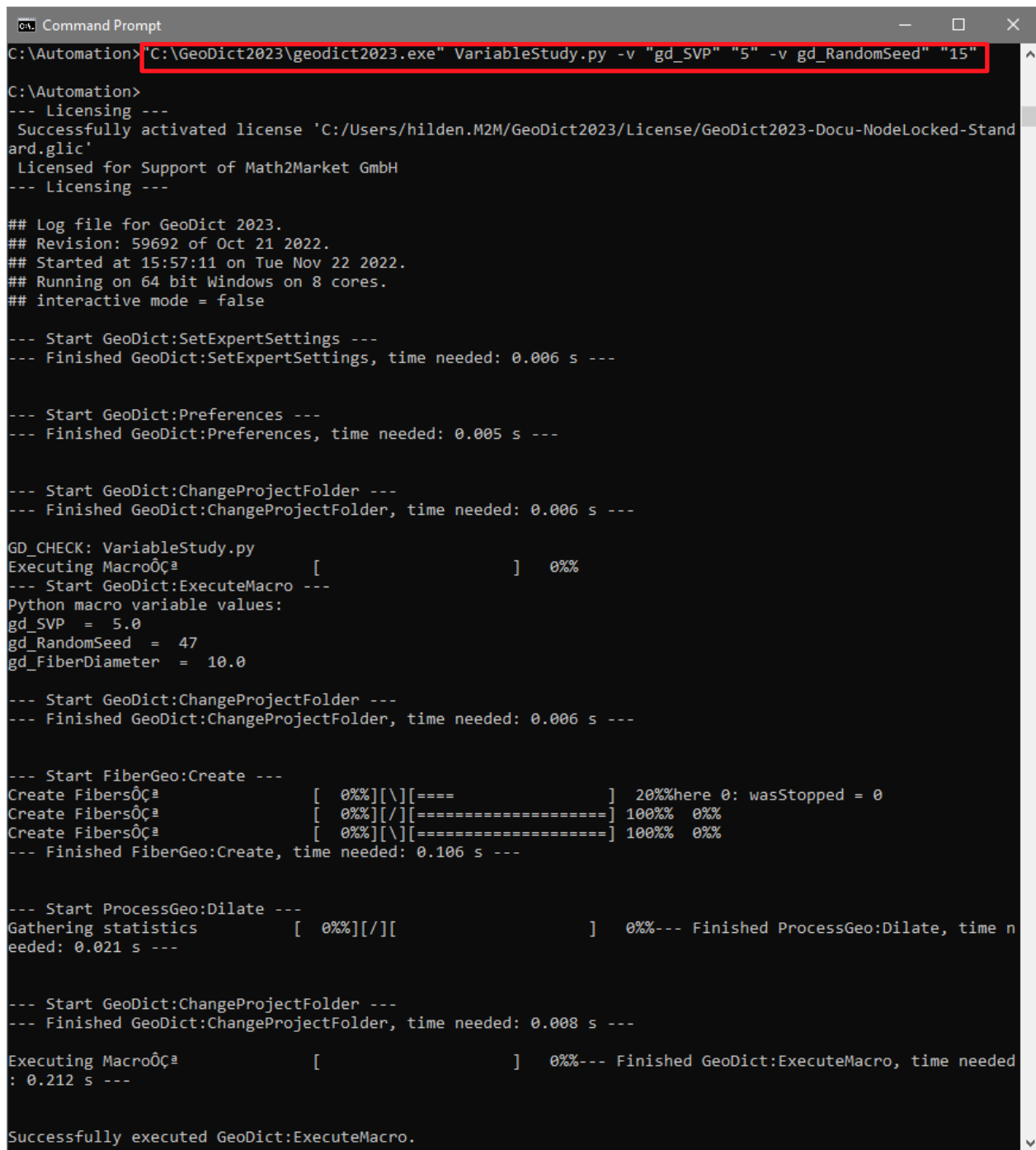
Successfully executed GeoDict:Terminate.

```

The result files are stored in the working directory chosen for the command prompt (here C:\Automation2023), if no other desired file path is given within the macro. If the working directory differs from the macro folder, the file path of the macro also must be given for its execution.

To assign variables from the variables block of parameter macro use **-v "Key" "Value"** for each variable.

GeoPy scripting to automate GeoDict simulations



```
C:\Automation>"C:\GeoDict2023\geodict2023.exe" VariableStudy.py -v "gd_SVP" "5" -v gd_RandomSeed "15"
C:\Automation>
--- Licensing ---
Successfully activated license 'C:/Users/hilden.M2M/GeoDict2023/License/GeoDict2023-Docu-NodeLocked-Standard.glic'
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--- Licensing ---

## Log file for GeoDict 2023.
## Revision: 59692 of Oct 21 2022.
## Started at 15:57:11 on Tue Nov 22 2022.
## Running on 64 bit Windows on 8 cores.
## interactive mode = false

--- Start GeoDict:SetExpertSettings ---
--- Finished GeoDict:SetExpertSettings, time needed: 0.006 s ---

--- Start GeoDict:Preferences ---
--- Finished GeoDict:Preferences, time needed: 0.005 s ---

--- Start GeoDict:ChangeProjectFolder ---
--- Finished GeoDict:ChangeProjectFolder, time needed: 0.006 s ---

GD_CHECK: VariableStudy.py
Executing Macro [ ] 0%
--- Start GeoDict:ExecuteMacro ---
Python macro variable values:
gd_SVP = 5.0
gd_RandomSeed = 47
gd_FiberDiameter = 10.0

--- Start GeoDict:ChangeProjectFolder ---
--- Finished GeoDict:ChangeProjectFolder, time needed: 0.006 s ---

--- Start FiberGeo:Create ---
Create Fibers [ 0%][\][=== ] 20%here 0: wasStopped = 0
Create Fibers [ 0%][/][=====] 100% 0%
Create Fibers [ 0%][\][=====] 100% 0%
--- Finished FiberGeo:Create, time needed: 0.106 s ---

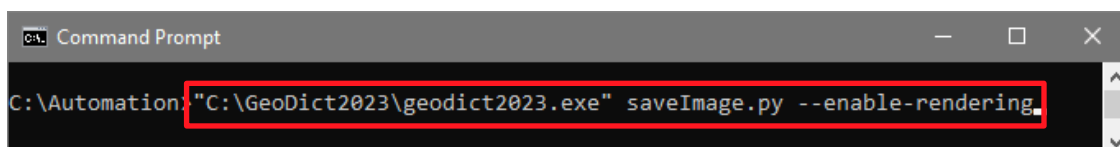
--- Start ProcessGeo:Dilate ---
Gathering statistics [ 0%][/][ ] 0%--- Finished ProcessGeo:Dilate, time needed: 0.021 s ---

--- Start GeoDict:ChangeProjectFolder ---
--- Finished GeoDict:ChangeProjectFolder, time needed: 0.008 s ---

Executing Macro [ ] 0%--- Finished GeoDict:ExecuteMacro, time needed: 0.212 s ---

Successfully executed GeoDict:ExecuteMacro.
```

If images should be saved executing a macro, the command **--enable-rendering** is needed. This command opens a hidden GUI until the execution of the macro is terminated.



```
C:\Automation>"C:\GeoDict2023\geodict2023.exe" saveImage.py --enable-rendering
```

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