

# FIO\_ReadWholeFile

## %FIO\_ReadWholeFile function

Function	The function reads a specified file and inserts its contents into a variable of <i>Text</i> type.	
Declaration	<pre>TEXT %FIO_ReadWholeFile(     TEXT in fileName     [,TEXT in encoding = "@APP_DEFAULT@"] )</pre>	
Parameters	<b>fileName</b>	The File name (full path).
	<b>encoding</b>	Optional parameter of <i>Text</i> type - type of file encoding. If it is not defined, its default value is "@APP_DEFAULT@". For reading of binary file, you must use "Binary" encoding. <a href="#">The list of supported encodings in ESL.</a>
Return value	The function returns the contents of the specified file.  If the size of the file is more than 5 MB or the files do not exist, the function returns an invalid value.	
Note	The function uses binary mode to read the file.	
Example	<pre>BEGIN     TEXT _data     _data := %FIO_ReadWholeFile("c:\datafile") END</pre>	



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