

Introduction to Tcl/Tk and OpenSees

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Getting OpenSees

- Web site: <http://opensees.berkeley.edu/>
- User Pages
 - Download Center
 - Examples
 - Commands
 - Message Board

Tcl Basics

- Tcl is a string based scripting language.
- Variables and variable substitution
- Expression evaluation
- Basic control structures (if , while, for, foreach)
- Procedures
- File manipulation
- Sourcing other files.

Tcl

- Tcl scripts are made up of commands separated by newlines or ;
- Command syntax:
command arg1 arg2 ...
- Help
 1. <http://dev.scriptics.com/scripting/primer.html>
 2. Practical Programming in Tcl and Tk, Brent B. Welch, Prentice Hall.
- Let's demonstrate using 

Example Tcl:

```
>set a 1
>1
>set b a
>a
>set b $a
>1
>expr 2 + 3
>5
>expr 2 + $a
>3
>set b [expr 2 + $a]
>3
```

```
>proc sum {a b} {
    return [expr $a + $b]
}
>sum 2 3
>5
>set c [sum 2 3]
>5
```

```
>set fileId [open tmp w]
>??
>puts $fileId "hello"
>close $fileId
>type tmp
hello
>
```

```
>source Example1.tcl
```

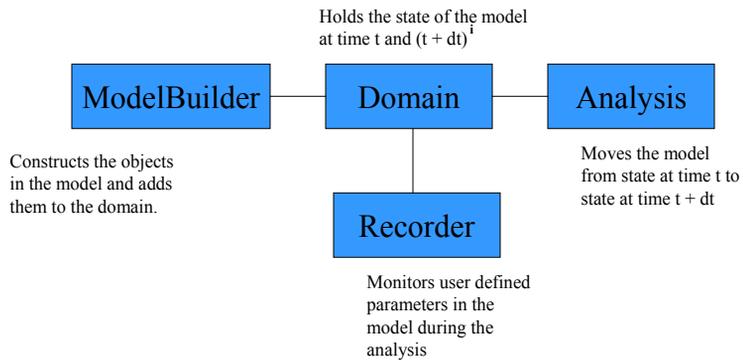


```
for {set i 1} {$i < 10} {incr i 1} {
    puts "i equals $i"
}
set sum 0
foreach value {1 2 3 4} {
    set sum [expr $sum + $value]
}
set $sum
>10
>proc guess {value} {
    global sum
    if {$value < $sum} {
        puts "too low"
    } else {
        if {$value > $sum} {
            puts "too high"
        } else { puts "you got it!" }
    }
}
> guess 9
too low
>
```

Commands to Tcl for OpenSees

- For OpenSees we have added commands to Tcl for finite element analysis:
 1. Modeling – create nodes, elements, loads and constraints
 2. Analysis – specify the analysis procedure.
 3. Output specification – specify what it is you want to monitor during the analysis.
- For help
 1. <http://opensees.berkeley.edu/OpenSees/OpenSeesExamples.pdf>
 2. <http://opensees.berkeley.edu/cgi-bin/OpenSeesCommands.pl>

Main Abstractions in OpenSees



Help with OpenSees

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- Website: <http://opensees.berkeley.edu>