<b>cat()</b> — Load file into string matrix	

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cat (filename) returns a column vector containing the lines from text file filename.

cat (*filename*, *line1*) returns a column vector containing the lines from text file *filename* starting with line number *line1*.

cat (*filename*, *line1*, *line2*) returns a column vector containing the lines from text file *filename* starting with line number *line1* and ending with line number *line2*.

### Syntax

string colvector cat (string scalar filename [, real scalar line1 [, real scalar line2]])

### **Remarks and examples**

cat (filename) removes new-line characters at the end of lines.

# Conformability

cat(filename, line1,	line2):	
filename:	$1 \times 1$	
line1:	$1 \times 1$	(optional)
line2:	$1 \times 1$	(optional)
result:	$r \times 1$ ,	$r \ge 0$

## Diagnostics

cat (filename) aborts with error if filename does not exist.

cat() returns a  $0 \times 1$  result if *filename* contains 0 bytes.

### Also see

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