

## Description

`fileexists(fn)` returns 1 if file *fn* exists and is readable and returns 0 otherwise.

## Syntax

*real scalar* `fileexists(string scalar fn)`

## Conformability

`fileexists(fn)`:  
*fn*:  $1 \times 1$   
*result*:  $1 \times 1$

## Diagnostics

None.

## Also see

[M-4] [IO](#) — I/O functions

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