

QuadForm Math OS 5

Introducing the qfX system

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1. Introduction

QuadForm Math OS 5 is the next generation math program for the TI-89, TI-92 Plus and Voyage 200 PLT. The newest edition of this program adds great expansion abilities, fixes several display inconsistencies, adds several program modules, and makes this program smaller.

This program uses the new qfX system, developed by Frank A. Nothaft, to install 3rd-party extensions (modules) into the math OS. These extensions are easily written and can provide many services not in the program, or build upon the program's abilities and turn it into a complete OS. These extensions are simply inputted into the math OS through a very simple process, done through the "Add/Remove Extension" module. These programs are instantly available from inside the math OS as modules. After you add these in the module, you can just go and use them as you would use any other modules. (See notes about writing extensions)



As said above, this program is smaller than the previous edition of QuadForm, QuadForm Math OS 4. QuadForm Math OS 4 was ~19 KB, while QuadForm Math OS 5 (even with the extension system) is just ~16 KB.

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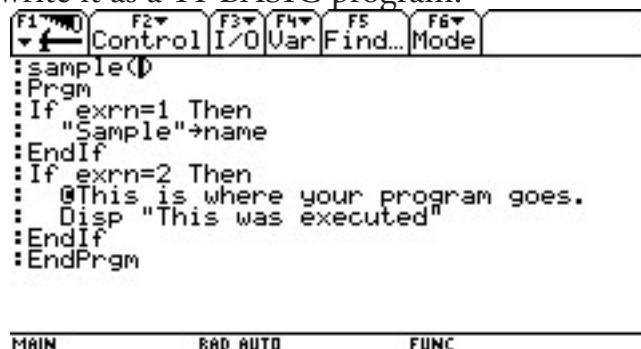
Jude C. Nelson helped beta test the TI-89 version of the program and edited it for possible display bugs.

Omar Bohsali helped with some of the ideas in this program.

The TI-BASIC code for this program and the qfX system was written wholly by Frank A. Nothaft.

6. qfX System

The qfX System codec used is qfX System Public Beta 1 (version number 0.1). As of now, the qfX system codec is very simple, but may increase in complexity in further revisions. No SDK is available yet, so for now you must write it as a TI-BASIC program.



The image shows a TI-BASIC program editor window. The top menu bar includes F1 (Control), F2 (I/O), F3 (Var), F4 (Find...), and F5 (Mode). The program code is as follows:

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:sample(
:Prgm
:If exrn=1 Then
:  "Sample"→name
:EndIf
:If exrn=2 Then
:  @This is where your program goes.
:  Disp "This was executed"
:EndIf
:EndPrgm
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Below the code, there is a status bar with three indicators: MAIN, RAD AUTO, and FUNC.

In this program, there are two sections, the initialization section and the execution section. The initialization section initializes the name of the program, and is triggered by a variable "exrn" being equal to the numeral 1. The execution section is triggered by the variable "exrn" being equal to the numeral 2. The execution section includes all the code used by your extension when it is run as a module. It is not recommended to use variables from the math OS, as they are dependent on the settings of an end user's calculator and may be inconsistent.

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