

# Checking an existing global variable

You can check if a global variable is defined in an environment by calling the **isGlobalVariable(String variableName)** method

If the global variable specified by the given variable name is present in the scripting environment, this method will return true. Otherwise, it returns false.

```
public boolean isGlobalVariable(String variableName) {  
    ...  
}
```

The following code fragment shows how to check if a global variable, e.g., GLOBAL\_COUNT, is defined through ALH API.

```
ALH.isGlobalVariable("GLOBAL_COUNT");           // Returns true or false.
```