



# fc tools Octave package, User's Guide\*

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## Abstract

The fc-tools Octave package contains some basic tools used in my other packages.

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# 1 graphics module

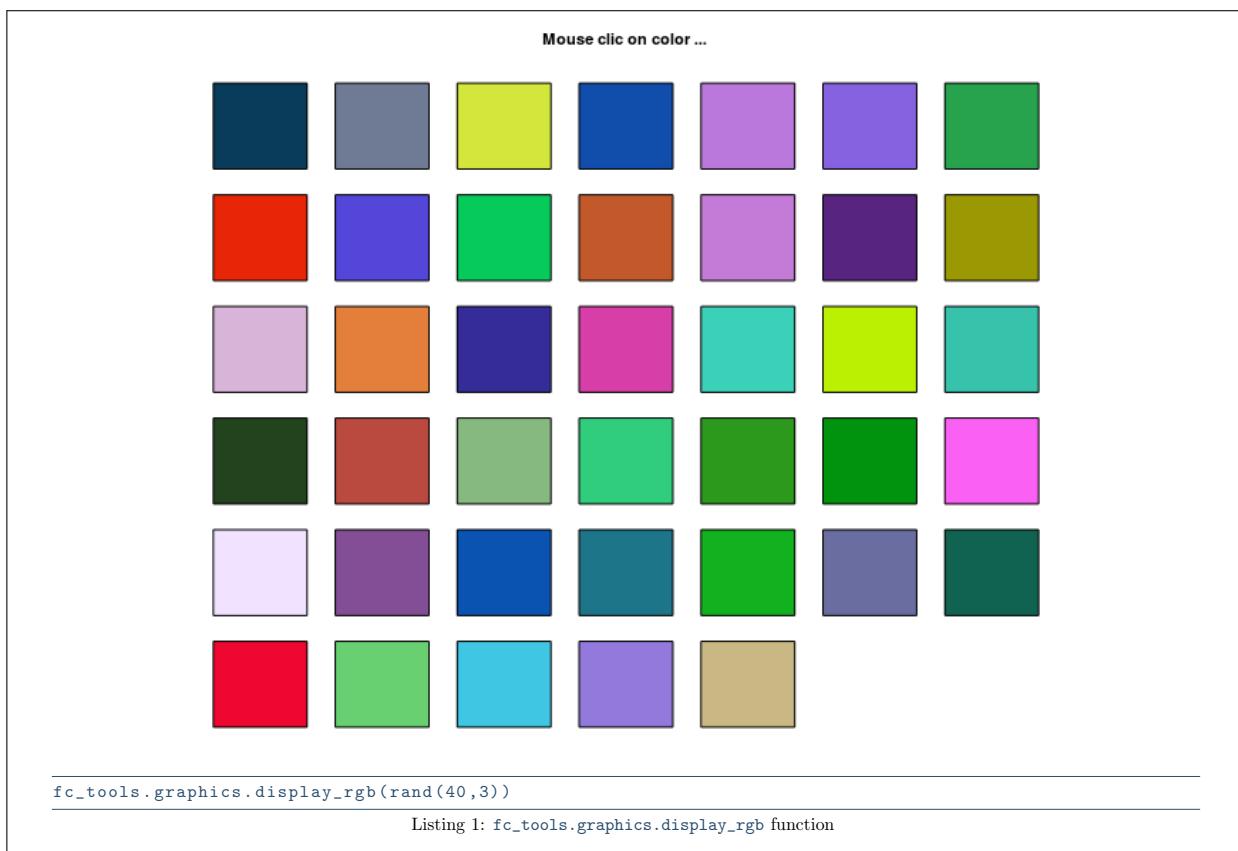
## 1.1 main functions

### 1.1.1 fc\_tools.graphics.display\_rgb function

The `fc_tools.graphics.display_rgb` displays colors of a  $n$ -by-3 RGB colors array with their names if available.

#### Syntaxe

```
fc_tools.graphics.display_rgb(rgb)
fc_tools.graphics.display_rgb(rgb, names)
```



### 1.1.2 fc\_tools.graphics.selectColors function

The `fc_tools.graphics.selectColors` function returns colors that are maximally perceptually distinct without using the Image Processing Toolbox.

This function is inspired by the function `select_colors` (or `distinguishable_colors`) of *Timothy E. Holy* which uses the Image Processing Toolbox of Matlab.

#### Syntaxe

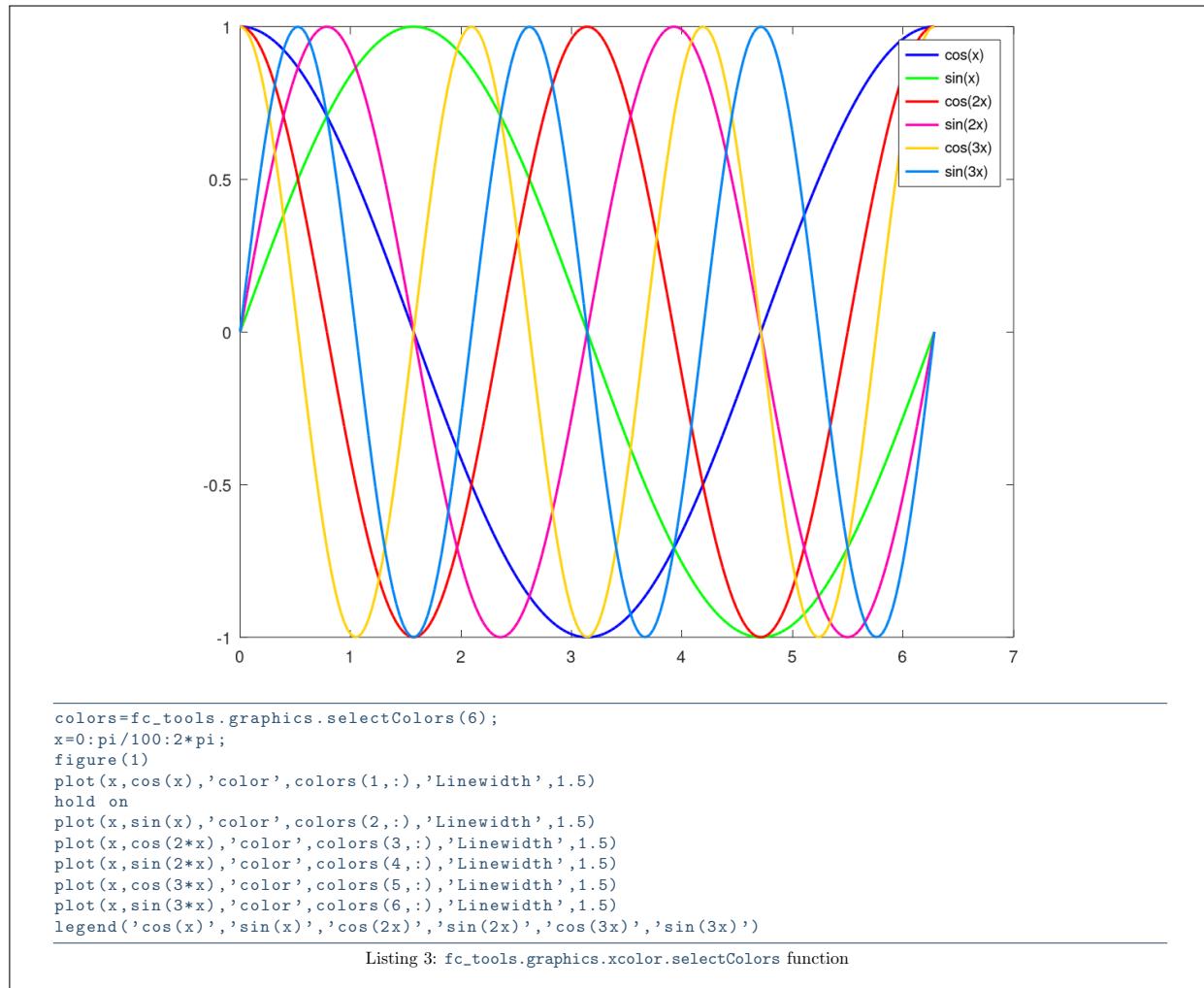
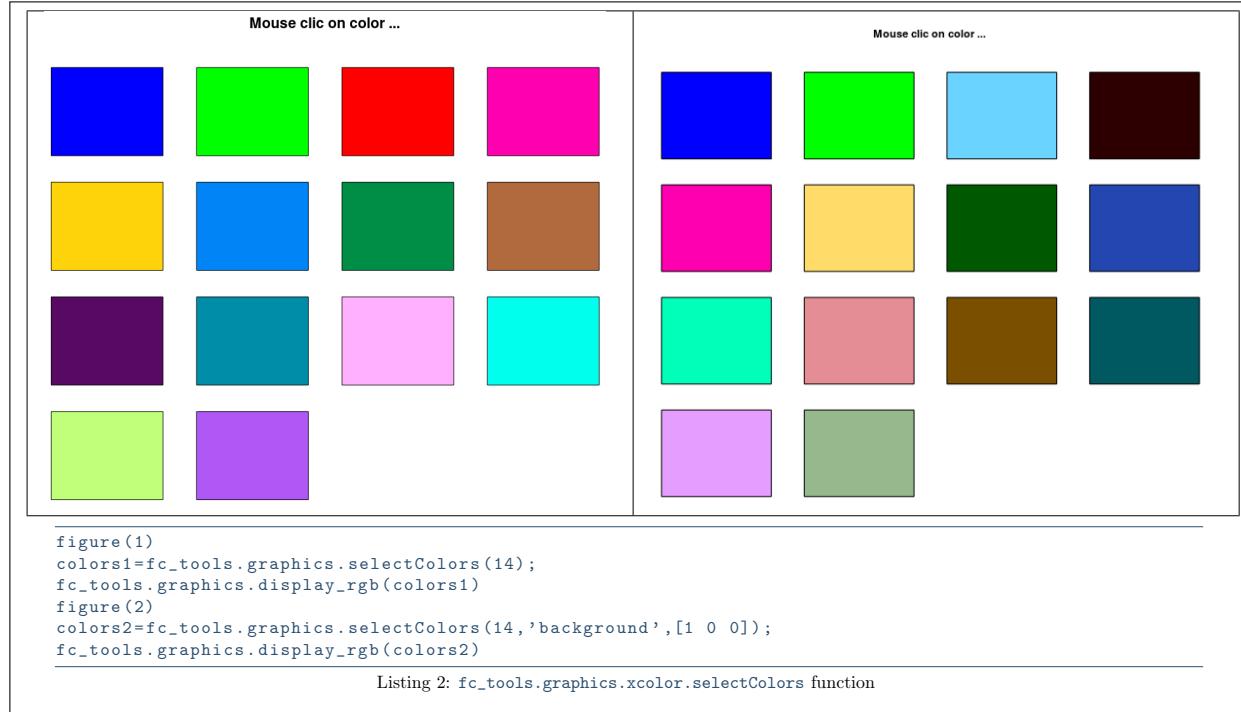
```
colors=fc_tools.graphics.selectColors(N)
colors=fc_tools.graphics.selectColors(N, key, value)
```

#### Description

`colors=fc_tools.graphics.selectColors(N)` Returns  $N$  colors that are maximally perceptually distinct as a  $N$ -by-3 RGB colors array.

`colors=fc_tools.graphics.selectColors(N, Name, Value)` specifies function options using one or more `Name,Value` pair arguments. Options are

- 'background' : the `N` colors selected will be as far as possible from the colors specified by this options as a n-by-3 RGB colors array. Default is [1 1 1; 0 0 0; 0.8 0.8 0.8;1,0,1]
- 'func' : To specify an other function for converting RGB colors to LAB colors. Default is local `RGB2LAB` function.



### 1.1.3 fc\_tools.graphics.DisplayFigures function

The `fc_tools.graphics.DisplayFigures` function regularly distributes the figures on the screen.

#### Syntax

```
fc_tools.graphics.DisplayFigures()
fc_tools.graphics.DisplayFigures(n)
fc_tools.graphics.DisplayFigures('nfig',n)
```

Without argument, all figures are regularly distributed on the screen. Otherwise, empty figures with numbers `1` to `n` are created and regularly distributed on the screen.

### 1.1.4 fc\_tools.graphics.SaveAllFigsAsFiles function

The `fc_tools.graphics.SaveAllFigsAsFiles` saves all figures as files.

#### Syntax

```
fc_tools.graphics.SaveAllFigsAsFiles(basename)
fc_tools.graphics.SaveAllFigsAsFiles(file, key, value, ...)
```

#### Description

`fc_tools.graphics.SaveAllFigsAsFiles(basename)` save each figure in the file

`[basename, '_fig', fignum]`

of the current directory where `fignum` is the number of the figure to be saved.

`fc_tools.graphics.SaveAllFigsAsFiles(file, key, value, ...)` specifies function options using one or more `Name,Value` pair arguments. Options are

- `'format'` : to specify the file format. `Value` could be `'epsc'` (default), `'pdf'`, `'png'` or `'pdflatex'`.
- `'dir'` : to specify the directory (default `'.'`). the directory is created if it does not exist.
- `'verbose'` : if `true`, prints file names. Default is `false`.
- `'tag'` : if `true` each figure is saved in the file:

`[basename, '_fig', fignum, '_', software, version]`

where `software` is Octave and `version` is its release. Default is `false`.

- `'size'` : to specify size of the image. Default is `[800,600]`.

## 1.2 xcolor submodule

### 1.2.1 fc\_tools.graphics.xcolor.get\_themes function

The `fc_tools.graphics.xcolor.get_themes` function returns available color themes.

```
Listing 4 : example using fc_tools.graphics.xcolor.get_themes functions
themes=fc_tools.graphics.xcolor.get_themes()
```

Output

```
themes =
{
    [1,1] = matlab
    [1,2] = svg
    [1,3] = X11
    [1,4] = fullX11
    [1,5] = wiki
}
```

### 1.2.2 fc\_tools.graphics.xcolor.get\_from\_theme function

The `fc_tools.graphics.xcolor.get_from_theme` function returns names and RGB values of an available theme colors.

```
Listing 5: : example using fc_tools.graphics.xcolor.get_from_theme functions
[name,rgb]=fc_tools.graphics.xcolor.get_from_theme('X11');
whos name rgb
k=15;
fprintf('color\u00d7name:\u00d7',%s',,rgb=[%.6f ,%.6f ,%.6f]\n',name{k},rgb(k,1),rgb(k,2),rgb(k,3))
```

Output

```
Variables visible from the current scope:
variables in scope: top scope
  Attr   Name      Size          Bytes  Class
  === =  =====  =====
    name    1x317        2982  cell
    rgb     317x3       7608 double
Total is 1268 elements using 10590 bytes
color name : 'Bisque3', rgb=[0.804000,0.716000,0.620000]
```

### 1.2.3 fc\_tools.graphics.xcolor.svg function

The `fc_tools.graphics.xcolor.svg` function returns names and RGB values of the 149 SVG colors.

#### Syntaxe

```
[name,rgb]=fc_tools.graphics.xcolor.svg()
```

`name` is cell array of string (color names) and `rgb` is 149-by-3 array (rgb values) such that the color `name{i}` has `rgb(i,:)` for rgb values.

### 1.2.4 fc\_tools.graphics.xcolor.X11 function

The `fc_tools.graphics.xcolor.X11` function returns names and RGB values of the 317 X11 colors.

#### Syntaxe

```
[name,rgb]=fc_tools.graphics.xcolor.X11()
```

`name` is cell array of string (color names) and `rgb` is 317-by-3 array (rgb values) such that the color `name{i}` has `rgb(i,:)` for rgb values.

### 1.2.5 fc\_tools.graphics.xcolor.fullX11 function

The `fc_tools.graphics.xcolor.fullX11` function returns names and RGB values of the 738 X11 colors.

#### Syntaxe

```
[name,rgb]=fc_tools.graphics.xcolor.fullX11()
```

`name` is cell array of string (color names) and `rgb` is 738-by-3 array (rgb values) such that the color `name{i}` has `rgb(i,:)` for rgb values.

## 1.3 monitors submodule

This module is **experimental** ...

### 1.3.1 fc\_tools.graphics.monitors.onGrid function

The `fc_tools.graphics.monitors.onGrid` displays figures on a virtual `m`-by-`n` grid (as `subplot` command with axes) positioned on a selected monitor.

## Syntaxe

```
fc_tools.graphics.monitors.onGrid(n,m)
fc_tools.graphics.monitors.onGrid(n,m, key,value, ...)
```

## Description

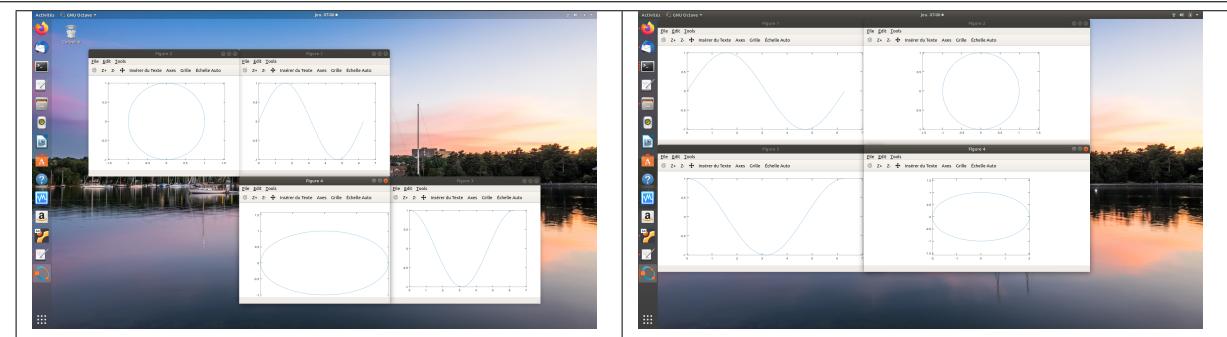
```
fc_tools.graphics.monitors.onGrid(n,m)
```

A virtual  $m$ -by- $n$  grid is created on the first monitor and the figures numbered from 1 to  $m \times n$  are moved or created (if it doesn't exist) respectively to the position given by an index (default is the figure number). This index runs row-wise; all columns of the first row are numbered from left to right and so on with rows 2 to  $m$ .

```
fc_tools.graphics.monitors.onGrid(n,m, key,value)
```

specifies function options using one or more `key,value` pair arguments. Options are

- '`figures`' : specifies the numbers of the figures to be used. Default is `1:m*n`.
- '`positions`' : specifies the index on the grid corresponding to the '`figures`' option. Default is `1:m*n`.



```
1 x=0:pi/100:2*pi;
2 close all
3 fc_tools.graphics.monitors.onGrid(2,3,'figures',[1,3], 'positions',[2,6], 'covers',4/5)
4 figure(1)
5 plot(x,sin(x))
6 figure(3)
7 plot(x,cos(x))
8 fc_tools.graphics.monitors.onGrid(2,3,'figures',[2,4], 'positions',[1,5], 'covers',4/5)
9 figure(2)
10 plot(sin(x),cos(x))
11 axis equal
12 figure(4)
13 plot(2*sin(x),cos(x))
14 axis equal
15 fprintf('waiting...');pause(2)
16 fc_tools.graphics.monitors.onGrid(2,2,'figures',1:4,'covers',4/5, 'location','NorthWest')
```

Listing 6: Using `fc_tools.graphics.monitors.onGrid` function, part of `fc_tools.graphics.monitors.demos.demo02` function. Figures are screenshot taken at line 15 (left) and after last line (right).

### 1.3.2 `fc_tools.graphics.monitors.show` function

The `fc_tools.graphics.monitors.show` displays monitors with their resolution, position and number on a figure. When arguments are provided, they are those of the `fc_tools.graphics.monitors.onGrid` function and then the grid is also drawn with the indices of the positions of the grid elements.

## Syntaxe

```
fc_tools.graphics.monitors.show()
fc_tools.graphics.monitors.show(n,m)
fc_tools.graphics.monitors.show(n,m, key,value, ...)
```

## Description

```
fc_tools.graphics.monitors.show()
```

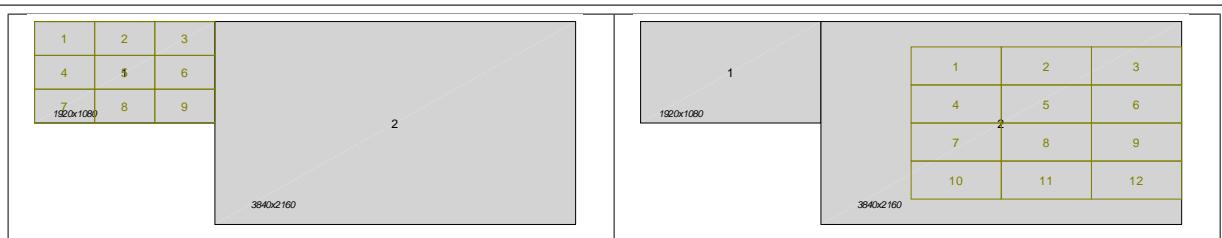
Displays monitors with their resolution, position and number on a figure.

```
fc_tools.graphics.monitors.show(n,m)
```

Add the  $m$ -by- $n$  grid on the figure created by the `fc_tools.graphics.monitors.show()` command to preview positions of figures created or moved by the `fc_tools.graphics.monitors.onGrid(n,m)` command.

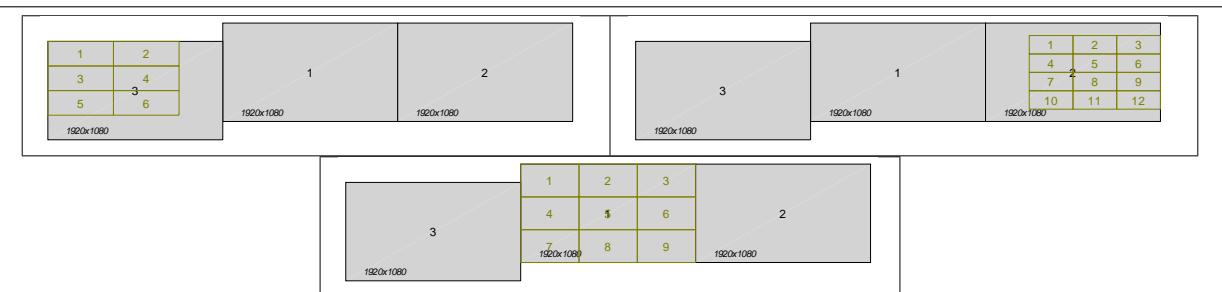
```
fc_tools.graphics.monitors.show(n,m, key,value)
```

specifies function options using one or more `key,value` pair arguments. Options are those of the `fc_tools.graphics.monitors.show()` function.



```
1 close all
2 nM=fc_tools.graphics.monitors.number();
3 figure(1)
4 fc_tools.graphics.monitors.show(3,3,'monitor',1,'covers',1)
5 if nM>=2
6   figure(2)
7   fc_tools.graphics.monitors.show(4,3,'monitor',2, 'location','east','covers',3/4)
8 end
9 if nM>=3
10  figure(3)
11   fc_tools.graphics.monitors.show(3,2,'monitor',3, 'location','topleft','covers',3/4)
12 end
```

Listing 7: Using `fc_tools.graphics.monitors.show` function, part of `fc_tools.graphics.monitors.demos.demo03` function on a computer with two monitors.



```
1 close all
2 nM=fc_tools.graphics.monitors.number();
3 figure(1)
4 fc_tools.graphics.monitors.show(3,3,'monitor',1,'covers',1)
5 if nM>=2
6   figure(2)
7   fc_tools.graphics.monitors.show(4,3,'monitor',2, 'location','east','covers',3/4)
8 end
9 if nM>=3
10  figure(3)
11   fc_tools.graphics.monitors.show(3,2,'monitor',3, 'location','topleft','covers',3/4)
12 end
```

Listing 8: Using `fc_tools.graphics.monitors.show` function, part of `fc_tools.graphics.monitors.demos.demo03` function on a computer with three monitors.

## 1.4 gptoolbox submodule

This submodule contains some files of the **gptoolbox** from *Alec Jacobson* (see <https://github.com/alecjacobson/gptoolbox>)

## 1.5 crop submodule

This submodule contains the function `crop` from *Andrew Bliss*.

## 1.6 vfield3 submodule

This submodule contains the function `vfield3` from *M MA* (see <https://www.mathworks.com/matlabcentral/fileexchange/8653-vfield3>)

## 2 utils module

- `fc_tools.utils.deleteCellOptions` deletes specified key/value pairs in a cell array of key/value pairs.
- `fc_tools.utils.isfunHandle` test if the input argument is a function handle.
- `fc_tools.utils.funHandleName` test if the input argument is a function handle.
- `fc_tools.utils.fun2str ...`

## 3 sys module

- `fc_tools.sys.getComputerName()` returns the name of the computer as a string.
- `fc_tools.sys.getUserName()` returns the name (login) of the current user as a string.
- `fc_tools.sys.getRAM()` returns available memory (RAM) in GB of the computer.
- `fc_tools.sys.getCPUinfo()` returns CPU(s) informations as a structure.
- `fc_tools.sys.getOSinfo()` returns OS informations as a structure.
- `fc_tools.sys.isdir()` return true if a folder exists.
- `fc_tools.sys.isfile()` return true if a file exists.

In Listing 9, some examples are provided.

Listing 9: : example using `fc_tools.sys` functions

```
fprintf('RAM: %.2f GB\n', fc_tools.sys.getRAM())
CPU= fc_tools.sys.getCPUinfo()
OS=fc_tools.sys.getOSinfo()
```

Output

```
RAM : 11.42 GB
CPU =
scalar structure containing the fields:
    name = AMD Ryzen 9 6900HX with Radeon Graphics
    nthreadspercore = 2
    ncoresperproc = 8
    nprocs = 1

OS =
scalar structure containing the fields:
    distributor = Ubuntu
    description = Ubuntu 24.04.1 LTS
    release = 24.04
    codename = noble
    arch = x86_64
    shortname = Ubuntu
```

# Informations for git maintainers of the Octave package

```
git informations on the packages used to build this manual
```

```
-----  
name : fc-tools  
tag : 0.0.36  
commit : e235d2dd55b3157c5194b07cf62ec6a261c6b5b  
date : 2025-01-24  
time : 17-18-50  
status : 0  
-----
```

```
git informations on the LATEX package used to build this manual
```

```
-----  
name : fctools  
tag :  
commit : 03d38737a795cdbf4e1a8754470e963cdfe83316  
date : 2025-01-24  
time : 09:58:52  
status : 1  
-----
```

Using the remote configuration repository:

```
url      ssh://lagagit/MCS/Cuvelier/Matlab/fc-config  
commit  dd8a962d0eaf620c7078ce04ac41112db663ce07
```