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## Pascal: SCAN function

The Pascal SCAN function scans a range of memory, searching for a specified target. This function takes the form:

```
SCAN (Limit, PEXPR, Source)
```

where Limit is the number of bytes scanned, PEXPR defines the target and Source is the variable. The Pascal Language Manual on pp. 51-52 describe this function in greater detail.

Use SCAN on any variable except file types. When scanning string S, for example, specify Source as S[1] to avoid having SCAN look at the length parameter stored in S[0], which usually yields an erroneous value.  
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