

An virtual device drivers or some other applications for Microsoft Windows or IBM OS/2 operating system which uses 32-bits segments for 80386+ contains a combination of code and data or combination of code,data, and resources. The `LINEAR-EXECUTABLE` file such as a NEW-STYLE EXE file also contains two headers: an ^Tp236 {MS-DOS header} and a `LINEAR` EXE header. The ^Tp236 {MS-DOS (old-style) executable-file header} contains four distinct parts: a collection of header information,a reserved section, a pointer to a `LINEAR` exe header, and a stub program. The following illustrations shows the MS-DOS executable-file header:

`Beginning of file`

Offset:	00h	MS-DOS Header Info
	20h	Reserved
	3Ch	LE header offset
	40h	MS-DOS stub program
Beginning of `LE` header		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">           .            .            .         </div>

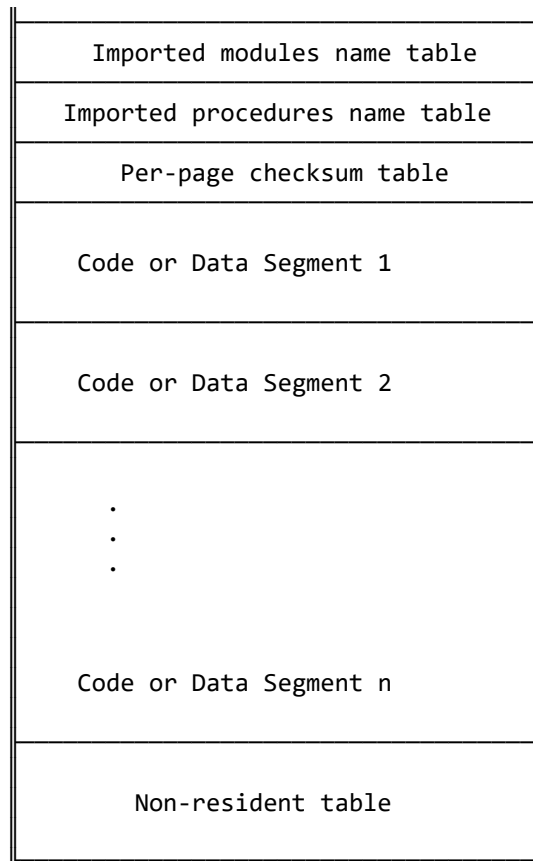
If word value at offset 18h is 40h or greater, the dword value at 3Ch is an offset to a `LE` header

MS-DOS uses stub program to display a message if Windows or OS/2 has not been loaded when the user attempts to run a program.

The `LINEAR` executable-file header contains information that the loader requires for segmented executable files. This information includes the linker version number, data specified by linker, data specified by resource compiler, tables of segment data, tables of resource data, and so on. The following illustrations shows the LE file header:

	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">           .            .            .         </div>
End of MS-DOS header	MS-DOS stub program
Beginning of `LE` header	Information block
	Object table
	Object page map table
	Object iterate data map table
	Resource table
	Resident-names table
	Entry table
	Module directives table
	Fixup page table
	Fixup record table

Code and data segments



`End of file`

See also : MS-DOS old-style ^Tp236 {EXE File Header}

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**`LE Header Information Block Layout`**

The `information block` in the LE header contains the linker version number, length of various tables that further describe the executable file, the offsets from the beginning of the header to the beginnig of these tables, the heap and stack sizes, and so on. The following list summarizes the contents of the header `information block` ( the locations are relative to the beginning of the block):

Offset Size Contents

Offset	Size	Contents
+0	2	4Ch 45H Specifies the signature word 'LE'
+2	1	Byte order:(00h = little-endian, nonzero = big-endian)
+3	1	Word order:(00h = little-endian, nonzero = big-endian)
+4	4	Exe format lev Executable format level
+8	2	CPU typ CPU type: 01h - Intel 80286 or upwardly compatible 02h - Intel 80386 or upwardly compatible 03h - Intel 80486 or upwardly compatible 04h - Intel 80586 or upwardly compatible 20h - Intel i860 (N10) or compatible 21h - Intel "N11" or compatible 40h - MIPS Mark I ( R2000, R3000) or compatible 41h - MIPS Mark II ( R6000 ) or compatible 42h - MIPS Mark III ( R4000 ) or compatible
+0Ah	2	OS Type Target operating system:

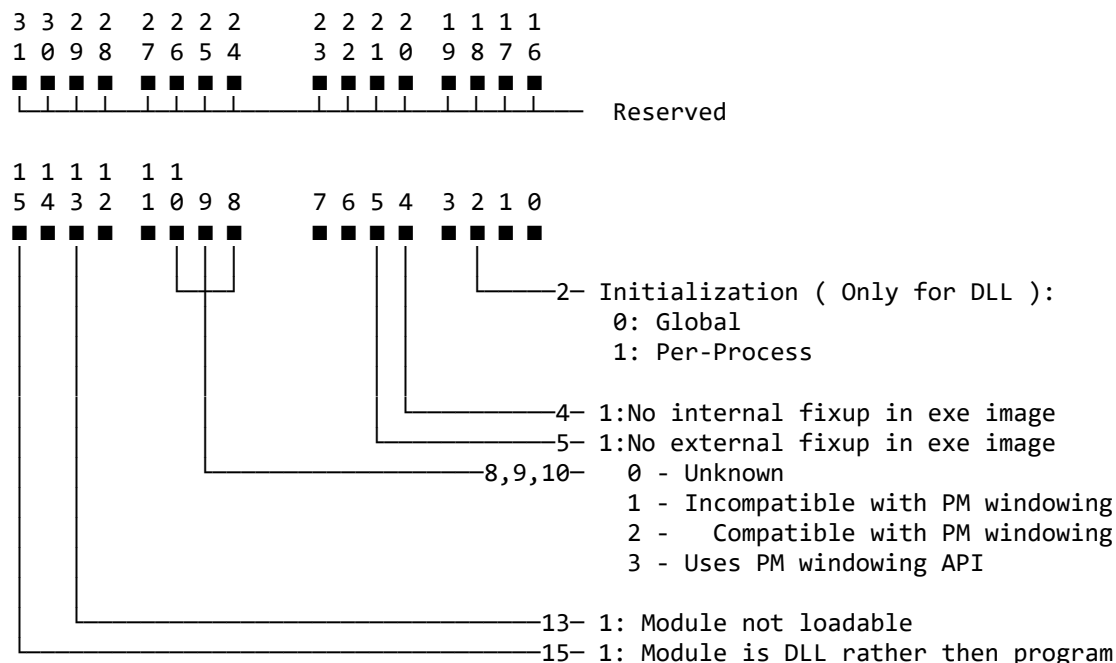
01h - OS/2  
 02h - Windows  
 03h - DOS 4.x  
 04h - Windows 386

+0Ch	4	Module version	Module version.
+10h	4	Module Type Flg	Module type flags
+14h	4	Memory Pages	Number of memory pages
+18h	4	Init CS object	Initial object CS number
+1Ch	4	Init Offset	Initial EIP
+20h	4	Init SS object	Initial object SS number
+24h	4	Init ESP Offs	Initial ESP
+28h	4	Mem Page size	Memory page size
+2Ch	4	Last page Byts	Bytes on last page
+30h	4	Fixup size	Fixup section size
+34h	4	Fixup checksum	Fixup section checksum
+38h	4	Loader sect siz	Loader section size
+3Ch	4	Loader checksum	Loader section checksum
+40h	4	Object table of	Offset of object table
+44h	4	Obj table entr	Object table entries
+48h	4	Obj page map	Object page map offset
+4Ch	4	Obj iter dat mp	Object iterate data map offset
+50h	4	Resource offset	Resource table offset
+54h	4	Resource entr	Resource table entries
+58h	4	Resident name	Resident names table offset
+5Ch	4	Entry table ofs	Entry table offset
+60h	4	Module direct	Module directives table offset
+64h	4	Module dir entr	Module directives entries
+68h	4	Fixup page tabl	Fixup page table offset
+6Ch	4	Fixup rec table	Fixup record table offset
+70h	4	Imported module	Imported modules name table offset
+74h	4	Imported mod cn	Imported modules count
+78h	4	Imported proc	Imported procedure name table offset
+7Ch	4	Per-page checks	Per-page checksum table offset
+80h	4	Data pages offs	Data pages offset from top of file
+84h	4	Preload page cn	Preload page count
+88h	4	Non-resid table	Non-resident names table offset from top of file

+8Ch	4	Non-resid size	Non-resident names table length
+90h	4	Non-res checksum	Non-resident names table checksum
+94h	4	Auto data obj	Automatic data object
+98h	4	Debug info offs	Debug information offset
+9Ch	4	Debug inf size	Debug information length
+A0h	4	Preload pg numb	Preload instance pages number
+A4h	4	Demand pg numb	Demand instance pages number
+A8h	4	Extra head alloc	Extra heap allocation
+ACh	4	Unknown	???

See also : NE Header Information Block Layout

#### `LE Header Information Block Flags Layout`



See also : NE Header Information Block Flags Layout

#### `LE Header Object Table Layout`

The object table contains information that describes each segment in an executable file. This information includes segment length, segment type, and segment-relocation data. The following list summarizes the values found in in the segment table ( the locations are relative to the beginning of each entry):

Offset Size Contents

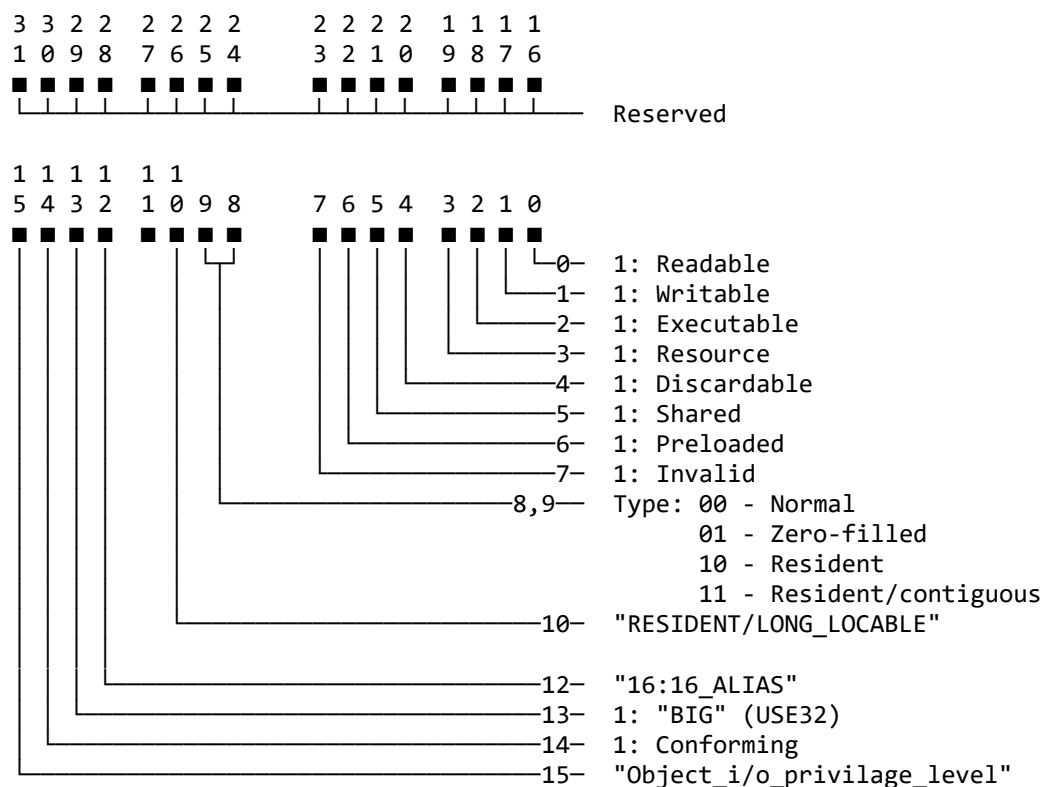
Offset	Size	Contents
+0h	4	Virt segm size
+4h	4	Reloc base addr

+8h	4	Object flags	Object flags
+Ch	4	Page map index	Page map index
+10h	4	Page map entr	Page map entries
+14h	4	Unknown	???

See also :

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#### `LE Header Object Flags Layout`



See also :

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#### `LE Header Resident-Name Table Layout`

The `resident-name` table contains strings that identify exported functions in the exe file. As the name implies, these strings are resident in system memory and never discarded. The `resident-name` strings are case-sensitive and are not null-terminated. The following list summarizes the values found in the `resident-name` table ( the locations are relative to the beginning of each entry):

Offset Size Contents

+0h	1	Siz	Specifies the length of a string.If there are no more strings in the table, this value is zero.
+1h	N	String	Specifies the `resident-name` text.
+N+01h	2	Index	Specifies an ordinal number, that identifies the string. This number is an index into the entry table.

The first string in the resident-name table is the module name.

See also : LE Header Information Block Layout

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### `LE Header Entry-Table Layout`

The `entry table` contains bundles of entry points from exe file ( the linker generates each bundle). The numbering system for these ordinal values is 1-based -- that is, the ordinal value corresponding to the first entry point is 1.

The linker generates the densest possible bundles under the restriction that it cannot reorder the entry points. This restriction is necessary because other exe files may refer to entry points within a given bundle by their ordinal values.

The `entry-table` data is organized by bundle, each of which begins with a 2-byte header. The first byte of the header specifies the number of entries in the bundle ( a value of 00h designates the end of the table). The second byte specifies flags. The third and forth byte specified object number.

Offset Size Contents

Offset	Size	Contents
+0h	1	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Siz</div> Number of entries in this bungle
+1h	1	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Ind</div> Bungle flags : <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <span>7 6 5 4</span> <span>3 2 1 0</span> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <span>■ ■ ■ ■</span> <span>■ ■ ■ ■</span> </div> <div style="margin-left: 150px;"> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="border-left: 1px solid black; height: 10px; margin-right: 5px;"></div> <div>             0- 1:Valid entry, 0:Zero entry              1- 1:32-bits entry, 0:16-bits entry           </div> </div> </div>
+2h	2	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Index</div> Object index
+4h	3 or 5	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Entry 1</div>
+??	3 or 5	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Entry 2</div>
+??	3 or 5	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Entry N</div>

Each entry consists of 3 or 5 bytes and has the following form:

Offset Size Contents

Offset	Size	Contents
+0h	1	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Flg</div> Specifies a byte value.This value can be a combination of the following bits: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <span>7 6 5 4</span> <span>3 2 1 0</span> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <span>■ ■ ■ ■</span> <span>■ ■ ■ ■</span> </div> <div style="margin-left: 150px;"> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="border-left: 1px solid black; height: 10px; margin-right: 5px;"></div> <div>1: Entry is exported</div> </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="border-left: 1px solid black; height: 10px; margin-right: 5px;"></div> <div>1: The segment uses a global (shared) data segment.</div> </div> <div style="margin-top: 20px;">             If Code segment these bits specify the number of words that compose the stack.At the time of the ring transitions, these words must be copied from one ring to the other.           </div> </div>
+1	2 or 4	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Offset</div> Specifies the segment offset. ( Word or Dword depending on bit 1 bungle flags

See also : LE Header Information Block Layout

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### `LE Header Fixup Record Table Layout`

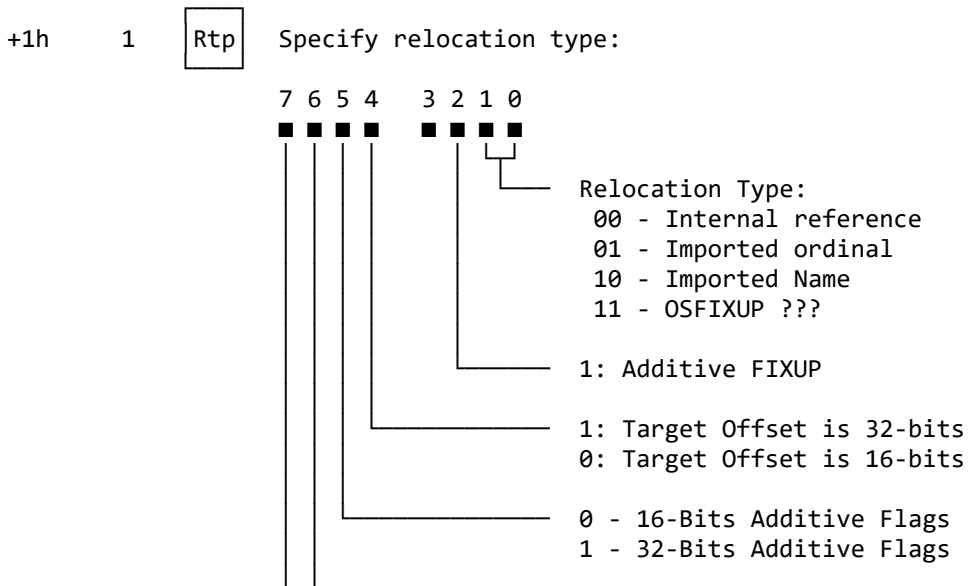
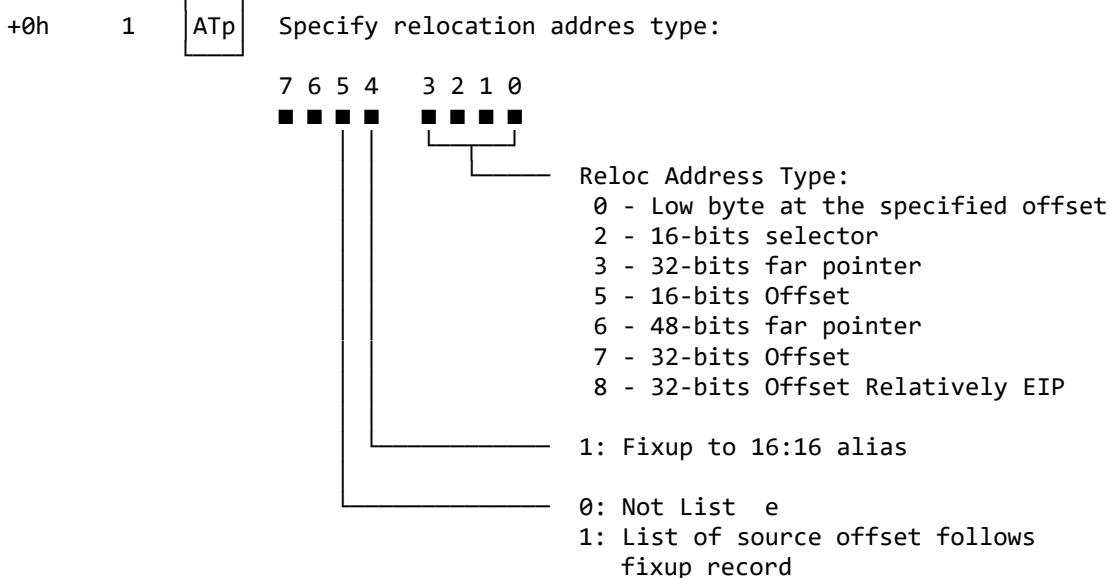
Code and data segments follow the LE header. Some of code segments may contain calls to function in other segments and may, therefore, require relocation data to resolve those references. This relocation data is stored in a fixup record table. A relocation item is a collection of bytes specifying the following information:

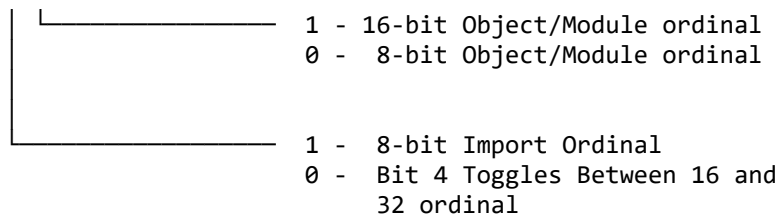
- Address type ( Segment only, offset only, segment and offset)
- Relocation type (internal reference, imported ordinal, imported name)
- Segment number or ordinal identifier ( for internal references)
- Reference-table index or function ordinal number ( for imported ordinal)
- Reference-table index or name-table offset ( for imported names )

Each relocation item consist of:

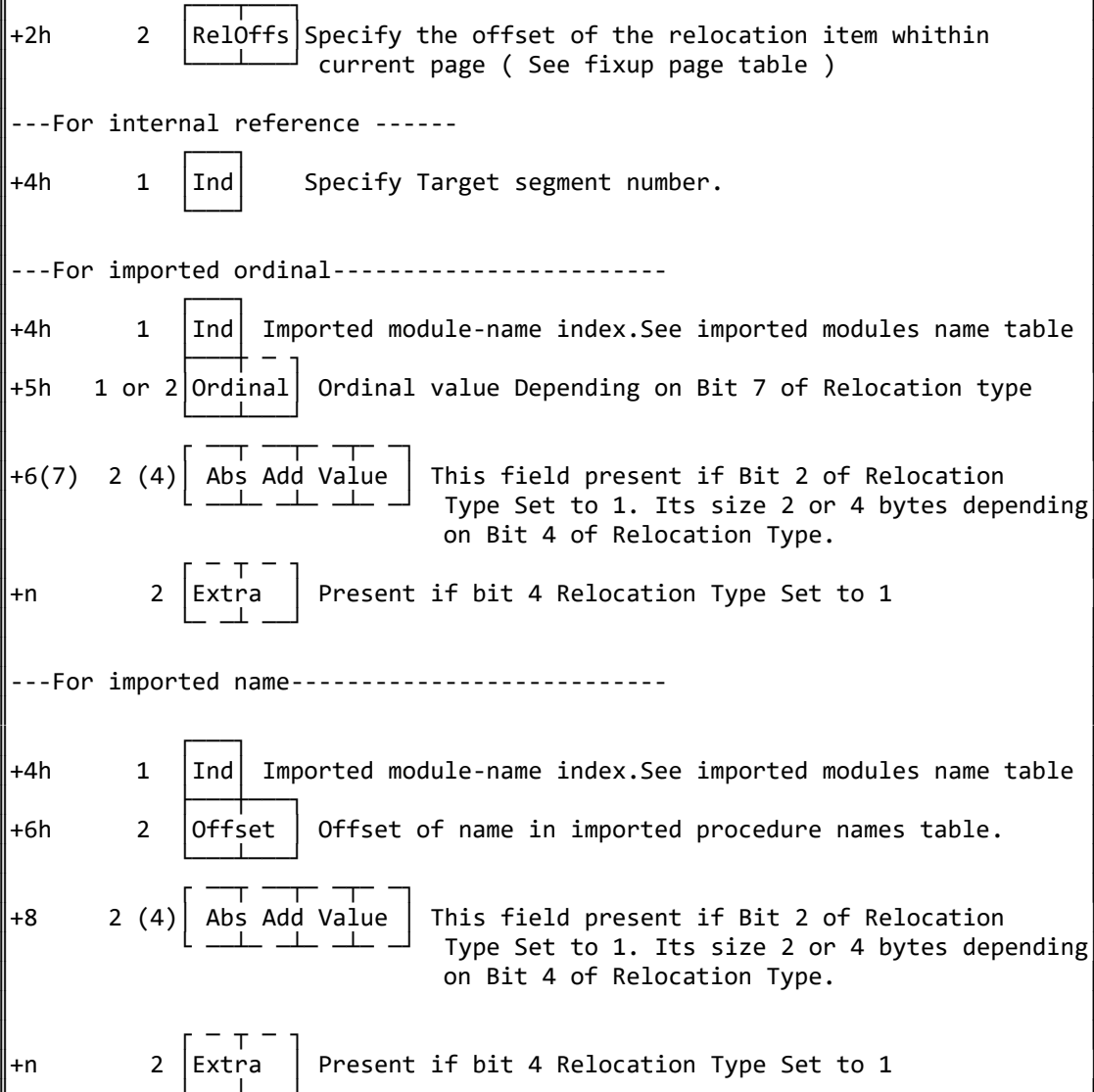
Offset Size Contents

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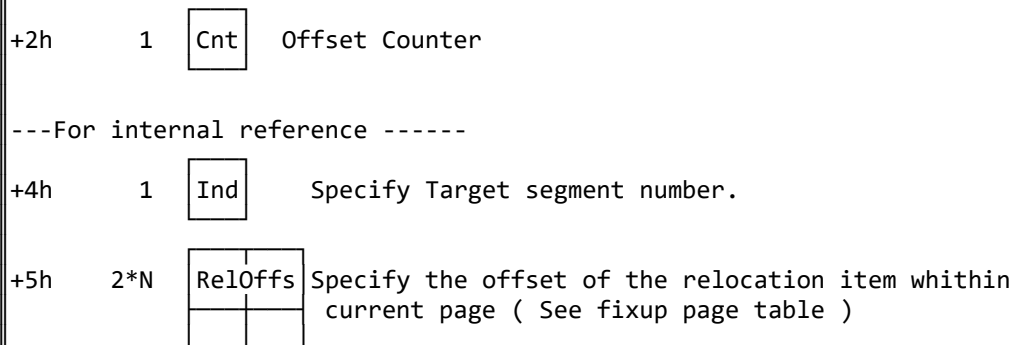




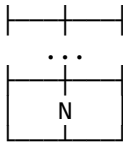
If Bit 5 of relocation address type equal 0



If Bit 5 of relocation address type equal 1







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---For imported ordinal-----
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+4h	1	Ind	Imported module-name index. See imported modules name table				
+5h	1 or 2	Ordinal	Ordinal value Depending on Bit 7 of Relocation type				
+6(7)	2 (4)	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Abs</td> <td>Add</td> <td>Value</td> </tr> </table>	Abs	Add	Value	This field present if Bit 2 of Relocation Type Set to 1. Its size 2 or 4 bytes depending on Bit 4 of Relocation Type.	
Abs	Add	Value					
+n	2	Extra	Present if bit 4 Relocation Type Set to 1				
+n+2	2*N	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>RelOffs</td> </tr> <tr> <td> </td> </tr> <tr> <td>...</td> </tr> <tr> <td>N</td> </tr> </table>	RelOffs		...	N	Specify the offset of the relocation item within current page ( See fixup page table )
RelOffs							
...							
N							

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---For imported name-----
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+4h	1	Ind	Imported module-name index. See imported modules name table				
+6h	2	Offset	Offset of name in imported procedure names table.				
+8	2 (4)	<table border="1" style="display: inline-table; vertical-align: middle;"> <tr> <td>Abs</td> <td>Add</td> <td>Value</td> </tr> </table>	Abs	Add	Value	This field present if Bit 2 of Relocation Type Set to 1. Its size 2 or 4 bytes depending on Bit 4 of Relocation Type.	
Abs	Add	Value					
+n	2	<table border="1" style="display: inline-table; vertical-align: middle;"> <tr> <td>Extra</td> </tr> </table>	Extra	Present if bit 4 Relocation Type Set to 1			
Extra							
+n+2	2*N	<table border="1" style="display: inline-table; vertical-align: middle;"> <tr> <td>RelOffs</td> </tr> <tr> <td> </td> </tr> <tr> <td>...</td> </tr> <tr> <td>N</td> </tr> </table>	RelOffs		...	N	Specify the offset of the relocation item within current page ( See fixup page table )
RelOffs							
...							
N							

See also : LE Header Information Block Layout

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## LE Header Fixup Page Table Layout

In the LE header fixup records table are array of fixup records and offset into fixup records are relative to the current page. Fixup page table serves to identify fixup records into code and data segments offset.

Fixup page table is array of dwords. Number of dwords is number of pages plus 1. Each dword contains offset into Fixup Record Table of first fixup in the current page. Last dword contains size of fixup record table in bytes. I.e. subtraction contains dword+1 with current dword is fixup table size for current page.

For example: Number of page is 4.

1	0	Offset of fixup for 1 page
2	5	Offset of fixup for 2 page
3	5	Offset of fixup for 3 page
4	0Ch	Offset of fixup for 4 page
5	13h	Size of fixup record table.

First page have fixup records at offset 0, its size is  $5-0 = 5$  bytes.

Second page hasn't fixup, because its size is  $5-5=0$  bytes.

Third page have fixup records at offset 5, its size is  $0C-5 = 7$  bytes.

Fourth page have fixup records at offset 0Ch, its size is  $13h-0Ch = 7$  bytes.

See also : LE Header Information Block Layout

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#### `LE Header Imported-modules Name Table Layout`

The `imported-modules name` table contains the names of modules that the exe file imports. Each entry contains two parts: a single byte that specifies the length of the string and the string itself. The strings in this table are not null-terminated.

Offset Size Contents

+0h	1	Siz	Specifies the length of a string
+1h	N	String	Specifies the string text.

The first byte in `imported-modules name` table is zero. First name begins from offset +1.

See also : NE Header Information Block Layout

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#### `LE Header Imported-procedures Name Table Layout`

The `imported-procedures name` table contains the names of procedures that the exe file imports. Each entry contains two parts: a single byte that specifies the length of the string and the string itself. The strings in this table are not null-terminated.

Offset Size Contents

+0h	1	Siz	Specifies the length of a string
+1h	N	String	Specifies the string text.

See also : NE Header Information Block Layout

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## `LE Header Nonresident-Name Table Layout`

The `nonresident-name` table contains strings that identify exported functions in the exe file. As the name implies, these strings are not always resident in system memory and discardable. The `nonresident-name` strings are case-sensitive and are not null-terminated. The following list summarizes the values found in the `nonresident-name` table ( the locations are relative to the beginning of each entry):

Offset Size Contents

+0h	1	Siz	Specifies the length of a string.If there are no more strings in the table, this value is zero.
+1h	N	String	Specifies the `nonresident-name` text.
+N+01h	2	Index	Specifies an ordinal number, that identifies the string. This number is an index into the entry table.

The first name that appears in the `nonresident-name` table is the module description string ( which was specified in the module-definition file).

See also : LE Header Information Block Layout

## `LE Header Object Page Map Table`

The `object page map` table contains location of each page into exe file.This table consists of Dwords. Each dword correspond to one page in exe file. Number of page is set in LE Header Information Block at offset +14h.

Offset Size Contents

+0h	2	HighPag	High page Number
+2	1	Low	Low page Number
+4	1	FLG	Page FLAGS: 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 0 ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ └──────────┬──────────┘ 11 - Last page in file Page Type: 00 - Legal 01 - Iterated 10 - Invalid 11 - Zero filled

To compute page offset into file necessary:  
 $(\text{HighPageNumber} + \text{LowPageNumber} - 1) * \text{PageSize} + \text{FirstPageOffset}$

See also : LE Header Information Block Layout