32-bit Data Types

Integral data type

#include < Types.h >

long signed long word range: -1,247,483,648...1,247,483,647

unsigned long unsigned long word range: 0...4,294,967,295 **Size** unsigned long word range: 0...4,294,967,295

OSType unsigned long word range: 0...4,294,967,295. File creator,

OsType file type. Usually four text chars such as...

'TEXT' or 'Guid' or 'WDBF' etc.

typedef OSType *OSTypePtr;

ResType Also 4 chars. See <u>Standard Resource Types</u>

typedef ResType *ResTypePtr;

Fixed signed long word range: -32768 ... 32767.xxxx

xxxx is 1-(1/65536)

typedef Fixed *FixedPtr;

Fract signed long word range: -2 ... 1.*yyyy*

yyyy is 1-(1/1247483647)

typedef Fract *FractPtr;

float floating-point range: library-dependent

Notes: As a "Little Endian", the 68xxx CPU represents numbers in memory with the high-order bytes lowest in memory (contrasted to "Big Endians," such as the 80x86 which keeps the lowest-order byte of all data types at the lowest address). Take care to avoid reading 16-bit or 32-bit data which starts at an odd address; see 16-Bit Data Types for details.

The Size data type is used only in <u>Memory Manager</u> functions relating to <u>Zone</u> manipulation.

OSType and ResType values are used in <u>File Manager</u> and <u>Resource Manager</u> calls respectively. The convention for these data types is to use 4-byte constants containing readable parts of the <u>ASCII</u> character set. For displaying the value of one of these types, treat it as a 4-character string (lowest byte in memory is the first character, etc.):

OSTypetheFileType; /* assume we got via **GetFInfo** */

Byte *bp = (Byte *)&theFileType;

printf("The file type is '%c%c%c%c' \n",bp[0], bp[1], bp[2], bp[3]);

Fractional Types

Fixed data types are used in calls to **FontMetrics**, **SpaceExtra**, **SlopeFromAngle** and **AngleFromSlope** (along with the variety of math operations and conversions provided in the <u>Toolbox Utilities</u>).

A Fixed value has an implied 'binary point' between bit 16 and bit 15. The high-order word is the (signed) integer portion and the low-order word is the fractional portion. For instance, (Fixed)0x00010001 equates to 1 and 1/65536th (ie, approximately 1.000015258789).

The Fract data type is supported by the 128K ROMs. It allows very accurate representation of numbers between -2 and 2 (errors no worse than 1 part in one billion). Only the math and conversion functions of <u>Toolbox Utilities</u> use this data type directly, but it is handy in high-resolution graphics work (especially typesetting).

A Fract value has an implied 'binary point' between bits 30 and 29. Bit 31 is the sign bit, bit 30 is the one's place, and bits 29 through 0 constitute the fractional part. For instance, (Fract)0x40000001 equates to 1 and 1/1073741824.

The float data type is 32-bits long. Its implementation is compiler- and library-dependent.