

# EXECUTABLE AND LINKABLE FORMAT

```
me@unix:~$ ./mini
me@unix:~$ echo $?
42
```

```
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 A B C D E F
00: 7F .E .L .F 01 01 01
10: 02 00 03 00 01 00 00 00 60 00 00 08 40 00 00 00
20: 34 00 20 00 01 00
40: 01 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 08 00 00 00 00 08
50: 70 00 00 00 70 00 00 00 05 00 00 00
60: BB 2A 00 00 00 B8 01 00 00 00 CD 80
```

## ELF HEADER

IDENTIFY AS AN ELF TYPE  
SPECIFY THE ARCHITECTURE

FIELDS	VALUES
e_ident	
EI_MAG	0x7F, "ELF"
EI_CLASS, EI_DATA	1 ELFClass32, 1 ELFData2LSB
EI_VERSION	1 EV_CURRENT
e_type	2 ET_EXEC
e_machine	3 EM_386
e_version	1 EV_CURRENT
e_entry	0x8000060
e_phoff	0x0000040
e_ehsize	0x0034
e_phsize	0x0020
e_phnum	0001
p_type	1 PT_LOAD
p_offset	0
p_vaddr	0x8000000
p_paddr	0x8000000
p_filesz	0x0000070
p_memsz	0x0000070
p_flags	5 PF_R PF_X

## PROGRAM HEADER TABLE

EXECUTION INFORMATION

## CODE

X86 ASSEMBLY      EQUIVALENT C CODE

```
mov ebx, 42
mov eax, 1
int 80h
```

SC\_EXIT

```
return 42;
```

USED AMONG OTHERS IN:

- LINUX, ANDROID, \*BSD, SOLARIS, BEOS
- PSP, PLAYSTATION 2-4, DREAMCAST, GAMECUBE, WII
- VARIOUS OSes MADE BY SAMSUNG, ERICSSON, NOKIA,
- MICROCONTROLLERS FROM ATMEL, TEXAS INSTRUMENTS

# MACH-OBJECT FILE FORMAT

```
mac:~ me$ ./mini
mac:~ me$ echo $?
42
```

```
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 A B C D E F
00: CE FA ED FE 07 00 00 00 03 00 00 00 02 00 00 00
10: 02 00 00 00 88 00 00 00 01 00 00 00
20: 38 00 00 00
30: 00 00 00 00 C0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
40: C0 00 00 00 05 00 00 00
50: 05 00 00 00 50 00 00 01 00 00 00
60: 10 00 00 00
70:
80: B0 00 00 00
B0: 6A 2A B8 01 00 00 00 83 EC 04 CD 80
```

## MACH HEADER

IDENTIFY AS A MACH-O TYPE  
SPECIFY THE ARCHITECTURE

FIELDS	VALUES
magic	0xFEEDFACE MH_MAGIC
cputype	7 CPU_TYPE_I386
cpusubtype	3 CPU_SUBTYPE_I386_ALL
filetype	2 MH_EXECUTE
ncmds	2
sizeofcmds	0x88
cmd	1 LC_SEGMENT
cmdsize	0x38
vmaddr	0
vmsize	0xc0
fileoff	0
filesize	0xc0
initprot	5 R X
cmd	5 LC_UNIXTHREAD
cmdsize	0x50
flavor	1 x86_THREAD_STATE_32
count	0x10
eip	0xb0

## SEGMENT COMMAND

MAPPING INFORMATION

## THREAD COMMAND

EXECUTION INFORMATION

## THREAD STATE

VALUES TO BE LOADED IN THE PROCESSOR

## CODE

X86 ASSEMBLY      EQUIVALENT C CODE

```
push 42
mov eax, 1
sub esp, 4
int 0x80
```

SC\_EXIT  
(STACK ADJUSTMENT)  
system call

```
return 42;
```

USED AMONG OTHERS,  
BY OS X, IOS, STEP...

ON IPHONES, IPODS, MACS...

THE MACH-O FORMAT COMES FROM THE MACH KERNEL,  
CREATED AT CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY IN 1985

# PORTABLE EXECUTABLE

```
D:\>mini.exe
D:\>echo %errorlevel%
42
```

```
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 A B C D E F
00: .M .Z
030: 40 00 00 00
040: .P .E 00 00 4C 01
050: 02 00 08 01
060: 40 01 00 00
070: 00 00 40 00 01 00 00 00 01 00 00 00
080: 04 00
090: 60 01 00 00 40 01 00 00 03 00
140: B8 2A 00 00 00 C3
```

## DOS HEADER

IT'S A BINARY

## PE HEADER

IT'S A MODERN BINARY

## OPTIONAL HEADER

EXECUTABLE INFORMATION

FIELDS	VALUES
e_magic	MZ
e_lfanew	0x40 → PE Header
Signature	PE\0\0
Machine	0x14C [intel 386]
Characteristics	2 [executable]
Magic	0x10B [32b]
AddressOfEntryPoint	0x140
ImageBase	0x400000
SectionAlignment	1
FileAlignment	1
MajorSubsystemVersion	4 [NT 4 or later]
SizeOfImage	0x160
SizeOfHeaders	0x140
Subsystem	3 [CLI]

## CODE

X86 ASSEMBLY      EQUIVALENT C CODE

```
mov eax, 42
retn
```

```
return 42;
```

USED IN:

- ALL WINDOWS SINCE NT 3.1 (RELEASED IN 1993)
- WINDOWS CE, RT, MOBILE
- XBOX, .NET

THE "MZ" MAGIC COMES FROM MARK ZBIKOWSKI (MS-DOS DEV.)  
THE OPTIONAL HEADER IS REQUIRED FOR EXECUTABLES.