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# Chapter 1

## Low level C calls to write and read YABE encoded data

### 1.1 Introduction

YABE is the acronym of Yet Another Binary Encoding. The type of values it may encode is limited to the one of Javascript, including the *blob* type. It is a superset of the JSON supported data type set by the addition of the *blob* value type that JSON, which is text only, can't easily and efficiently represent.

The rationale to choose the Javascript limited data set is because it is sufficient for most applications and because it makes also the encoding and decoding source code very small and easy to write, understand and check. This is also most likely the reason of the JSON encoding success.

The benefit of a binary encoding is that marshalling is faster than with JSON, because *blob* values are naturally represented in it and binary encoding is slightly more compact than text only encoding.

This encoding has been named YABE because there already exist a few encodings with similar properties around. YABE distinguishes itself from them by its encoding and its API.

#### Remarks

This code tagged v0.0 is version 0 release 0 of the C source code.

### 1.2 Data type set

The data set is the one defined for Javascript. It is the data set supported by JSON which uses a text only encoding, with the addition of the *blob* value type that is also part of Javascript.

A *blob* is an array of raw bytes (binary) with a mime type string. Since YABE is binary

encoded, it can easily and efficiently encode *blob* values.

### 1.2.1 Atomic data values

- **null** ;
- **Boolean** : *true* & *false* ;
- **Integer** : 64 bit integer ;
- **Floating point** : 64 bit IEEE 754-2008 ;
- **String** : utf8 encoded character sequence ;
- **Blob** : array of raw bytes with a mime type string ;

### 1.2.2 Composed values

- **Array** : Sequence of any values ;
- **Object** : Sequence of a pair of value identifier (string) and any value ;

### 1.2.3 Data encoding

Each value is encoded as a tag byte identifying its type, followed by an optional value size and the value itself. When possible the size or the value are stored in the tag.

[tag] ([size]) ([value])

Value	Tag	arguments	comment
0..127	: [0xxxxxxx]		: integer value 0..127
str6	: [10xxxxxx]	[byte]*	: utf8 char string [0..63]
null	: [11000000]		: null value
int16	: [11000001]	[int16]	: 16 bit integer
int32	: [11000010]	[int32]	: 32 bit integer
int64	: [11000011]	[int64]	: 64 bit integer
flt0	: [11000100]		: 0. float value
flt16	: [11000101]	[flt16]	: 16 bit float
flt32	: [11000110]	[flt32]	: 32 bit float
flt64	: [11000111]	[flt64]	: 64 bit float
false	: [11001000]		: boolean false value
true	: [11001001]		: boolean true value
blob	: [11001010]	[string] [string]	: mime typed byte array
ends	: [11001011]		: equivalent to ] or }
none	: [11001100]		: tag byte to be ignored
str16	: [11001101]	[len16] [byte]*	: utf8 char string
str32	: [11001110]	[len32] [byte]*	: utf8 char string
str64	: [11001111]	[len64] [byte]*	: utf8 char string
sarray	: [11010xxx]	[value]*	: 0 to 6 value array
arrays	: [11010111]	[value]*	: equivalent to [
sobject	: [11011xxx]	[str,value]*	: 0 to 6 value object
objects	: [11011111]	[str,value]*	: equivalent to {
-1..-32	: [111xxxxx]		: integer value -1..-32



- The tag is a one byte value ;
- Integer values from -32 to 127 are encoded in a single byte as the tag itself ;
- Integer values are encoded as little endian signed integer ;
- Floating point values are encoded in the IEEE 754-2008 format (half, float, double) ;
- A strings is a sequence of utf8 encoded chars with the number of bytes as length ;
- A length value is encoded as little endian unsigned integer of 16, 32 or 64 bits ;
- Strings shorter than 64 bytes have their length encoded in the tag byte ;
- A blob is a pair of strings, the first is a mime type and the second is a sequence of raw bytes ;
- An Array is encoded as a stream of values ;
- An Object is encoded as a stream of string and value pairs where the string is a unique identifier ;
- An Object may not have an empty string as identifier ;
- An array or an object stream is ended by the *ends* tag ;
- If an array or an object have less than 7 items, the *sarray* or *subject* encoding should be used where the number of items is encoded in the tag and there is no *ends* tag ;
- An array stream (*\*arrays\**) or an object stream (*\*objects\**) must be ended by the end stream (*\*ends\**) tag ;
- If an array or an object have less than 7 items, the short array (*\*sarray\**) or short object (*\*sobject\**) encoding should be used where the number of items is encoded in the tag and no *\*ends\** tag is required ;

#### 1.2.4 YABE encoded block signature

A 5 byte signature may start a byte block containing YABE encoded data. The first four bytes are the ASCII code 'Y', 'A', 'B', 'E' in that order, and the fifth byte is the version number of the encoding. This short specification describes the encoding version 0.

##### Remarks

The size of a YABE encoded data block must be determined by the context.

### 1.3 YABE writing and reading API

The [yabe.h](#) and [yabe.c](#) files provide low level C functions to write and read YABE encoded data. The provided code doesn't manage the buffer storage because there are too many different ways to do this.

The user may want to grow the buffer as needed, append a new buffer block to a chain of block, send through the network or write to file the filled buffer and resume with the buffer emptied, etc.

In the C API functions, YABE writing and reading use a *cursor* to keep track where to write or read data in memory. When writing, the cursor holds a pointer on position in memory where to write and the number of free writable bytes in the buffer. When reading, the cursor holds a pointer on the position in memory where the next data to read is located and the number of bytes left to read in the buffer. The user is responsible to initialize the cursor accordingly.

All reading and writing functions return the number of bytes read or written. The operation has thus failed if the returned value is 0. When reading, the end of buffer should have been reached. If not, then an error occurred in the decoding.

#### 1.3.1 YABE data writing

All YABE encoded values are written in contiguous bytes in the buffer. This is called atomic values writing. If there is not enough room in the buffer to write the value bytes, the operation fails and return 0 as the number of bytes written. Atomic values can be at most 9 bytes long.

The only exception is the [yabe\\_write\\_data\(\)](#) functions which writes as much data bytes as possible and will thus never fail. If all the bytes could not be written, the user must resume the operation by a new call to write the remaining data bytes when new buffer space has been made available.

If YABE encoded data is to be written in an array of buffers with predefined fixed size, the remaining space of the buffer must be padded with *none* value which needs only a single byte as storage space. *None* values are silently skipped when reading YABE encoded data.

#### 1.3.2 YABE data reading

Since any type of value can be stored at any position in a YABE encoded stream, this API should be used in the following way

1. while there is data left to read from the YABE encoded stream ;
2. for each possible type of data with *none* value as a last resort ;
3. try reading the value
4. if the return value is not 0 (it succeeded), resume with step 1 to read the next value ;

5. otherwise a fatal error occurred for one of the following reasons which can't be distinguished:

- the value to read has been truncated ;
- a previous decoding error made reading out of sync ;
- data is not YABE encoded data.

Some values implies to be followed by a number of other values, sometimes with a well defined type. It is the case for blobs that must be followed by two strings and for arrays and objects as well. It is the user responsibility to verify that this implicit rules are respected.

## 1.4 Examples

### 1.4.1 Writing some values.

```
// Some buffer with enough space
const size_t bufLen = 1024;
char * buffer[bufLen];

// A cursor where to write into the buffer
yabe_cursor_t wCur = { buffer, bufLen };
// msgLen keeps tracks of encoded data byte length, res if to check results
size_t msgLen = 0, res;

// Write yabe encoded data signature (a 5 byte constant with version)
msgLen += res = yabe_write_signature( &wCur );
if( !res ) { ... not done because buffer would overflow ... }

// Write a null value (will be coded into one byte)
msgLen += res = yabe_write_null( &wCur );
if( !res ) { ... not done because buffer would overflow ... }

// Write a small integer value (will be coded into one byte)
msgLen += res = yabe_write_integer( &wCur, 123 );
if( !res ) { ... not done because buffer would overflow ... }

// Write a floating point value (will be coded into three byte)
msgLen += res = yabe_write_float( &wCur, 8.5 );
if( !res ) { ... not done because buffer would overflow ... }

// Write a string value
char* aString = "test string";
size_t strLen = strlen( aString ) + 1; // include trailing '\0'
msgLen += res = yabe_write_string( &wCur, strLen );
if( !res ) { ... not done because buffer would overflow ... }
msgLen += res = yabe_write_data( &wCur, aString, strLen );
if( res != strLen ) { ... string only partially written ... }

// msgLen is the number of bytes of encoded data which starts
// at buffer[0];
```

In case a writing fails, it means the data doesn't fit in the remaining free space of the buffer. The user could then grow the buffer, chain another buffer, or send or write the data to file the buffer and reset wCur to the start of buffer.

If the data is encoded in a sequence of fixed size buffers referenced by an iovec structure for instance, the unused remaining space of buffers must be padded with *none* values so that these bytes will be skipped when reading the encoded data. The following code example shows how to do that.

```
// Padding a buffer with none values
while( !yabe_end_of_buffer( &wCur ) )
    yabe_write_none( &wCur );
```

### 1.4.2 Reading some values

The following example illustrates how to read different types of values. However when reading YABE encoded data, the user should implement [YABE data reading](#) "this algorithm".

```
// set cursor where to read data
yabe_cursor_t rCur = { data, size };
size_t res;

// Check yabe encoded data signature (a 5 byte constant with version)
res = yabe_read_signature( &rCur );
if( res == 0 ) { ... invalid yabe signature or end of buffer reached ... }
else if( res == 4 ) { ... invalid yabe encoding version ... }
assert( res == 5 );

// Read a null value (will be coded into one byte)
res = yabe_read_null( &rCur );
if( !res ) { ... next value is not null or end of buffer reached ... }
assert( res == 1 );

// Read an integer value
int64_t intValue;
res = yabe_read_integer( &rCur, &intValue );
if( !res ) { ... next value is not integer or end of buffer reached ... }
assert( res == 1 || res == 3 || res == 5 || res == 9 );

// Read a floating point value
res = yabe_read_float( &rCur, 8.5 );
if( !res ) { ... next value is not a float or end of buffer reached ... }
assert( res == 1 || res == 3 || res == 5 || res == 9 );

// Read a string
size_t strLen;
res = yabe_read_string( &rCur, &strLen ); // read the string length
if( !res ) { ... next value is not a string or end of buffer reached ... }
assert( res == 1 || res == 3 || res == 5 || res == 9 );
char* aString = malloc( strLen ); // get a storage for the string
res = yabe_read_data( &rCur, aString, strLen );
if( res != strLen ) { ... string partially read, end of buffer reached ... }

// Check if end of buffer reached
if( yabe_end_of_buffer( &rCur ) ) { ... end of buffer is reached ... }
else { ... there is some more data ... }
```

# Chapter 2

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### 2.1 File List

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## Chapter 3

# File Documentation

### 3.1 main.c File Reference

```
#include <stdio.h> #include <stdlib.h> #include "yabe.h"
```

#### Functions

- int [main](#) (void)

#### 3.1.1 Function Documentation

##### 3.1.1.1 int main ( void )

Definition at line 8 of file main.c.

References [yabe\\_cursor\\_t::len](#), [yabe\\_read\\_bool\(\)](#), [yabe\\_read\\_data\(\)](#), [yabe\\_read\\_float\(\)](#), [yabe\\_read\\_integer\(\)](#), [yabe\\_read\\_null\(\)](#), [yabe\\_read\\_string\(\)](#), [yabe\\_write\\_bool\(\)](#), [yabe\\_write\\_data\(\)](#), [yabe\\_write\\_float\(\)](#), [yabe\\_write\\_integer\(\)](#), [yabe\\_write\\_null\(\)](#), and [yabe\\_write\\_string\(\)](#).

### 3.2 yabe.c File Reference

```
#include "yabe.h"
```

#### Functions

- void [yabe\\_poke\\_int8](#) ([yabe\\_cursor\\_t](#) \*cursor, int8\_t val)
- void [yabe\\_poke\\_int16](#) ([yabe\\_cursor\\_t](#) \*cursor, int16\_t val)
- void [yabe\\_poke\\_int32](#) ([yabe\\_cursor\\_t](#) \*cursor, int32\_t val)
- void [yabe\\_poke\\_int64](#) ([yabe\\_cursor\\_t](#) \*cursor, int64\_t val)

- void [yabe\\_poke\\_uint16](#) ([yabe\\_cursor\\_t](#) \*cursor, uint16\_t val)
- void [yabe\\_poke\\_uint32](#) ([yabe\\_cursor\\_t](#) \*cursor, uint32\_t val)
- void [yabe\\_poke\\_uint64](#) ([yabe\\_cursor\\_t](#) \*cursor, uint64\_t val)
- size\_t [yabe\\_write\\_integer](#) ([yabe\\_cursor\\_t](#) \*cursor, int64\_t val)  
*Tries writing the integer value and returns the number of bytes written.*
- size\_t [yabe\\_write\\_float](#) ([yabe\\_cursor\\_t](#) \*cursor, double val)  
*Tries writing the double float value and returns the number of bytes written.*
- size\_t [yabe\\_write\\_string](#) ([yabe\\_cursor\\_t](#) \*cursor, size\_t strLen)  
*Tries writing the string tag and its byte size values and returns the number of bytes written.*
- size\_t [yabe\\_read\\_integer](#) ([yabe\\_cursor\\_t](#) \*cursor, int64\_t \*value)  
*Try reading the value as an integer, skipping subsequent none values if any, and returns the number of byte read.*
- size\_t [yabe\\_read\\_float](#) ([yabe\\_cursor\\_t](#) \*cursor, double \*value)  
*Try reading the value as a double float and returns the number of byte read.*
- size\_t [yabe\\_read\\_string](#) ([yabe\\_cursor\\_t](#) \*cursor, size\_t \*length)  
*Try reading the value as a string and returns the number of byte read.*

### 3.2.1 Function Documentation

#### 3.2.1.1 void [yabe\\_poke\\_int8](#) ( [yabe\\_cursor\\_t](#) \* cursor, int8\_t val ) [inline]

Definition at line 5 of file yabe.c.

References [yabe\\_cursor\\_t::ptr](#).

Referenced by [yabe\\_write\\_float\(\)](#), [yabe\\_write\\_integer\(\)](#), and [yabe\\_write\\_string\(\)](#).

#### 3.2.1.2 void [yabe\\_poke\\_int16](#) ( [yabe\\_cursor\\_t](#) \* cursor, int16\_t val ) [inline]

Definition at line 8 of file yabe.c.

References [yabe\\_cursor\\_t::ptr](#).

Referenced by [yabe\\_write\\_integer\(\)](#).

#### 3.2.1.3 void [yabe\\_poke\\_int32](#) ( [yabe\\_cursor\\_t](#) \* cursor, int32\_t val ) [inline]

Definition at line 11 of file yabe.c.

References [yabe\\_cursor\\_t::ptr](#).

Referenced by [yabe\\_write\\_integer\(\)](#).



**3.2.1.4 void yabe\_poke\_int64 ( yabe\_cursor\_t \* cursor, int64\_t val ) [inline]**

Definition at line 14 of file yabe.c.

References yabe\_cursor\_t::ptr.

Referenced by yabe\_write\_float(), and yabe\_write\_integer().

**3.2.1.5 void yabe\_poke\_uint16 ( yabe\_cursor\_t \* cursor, uint16\_t val ) [inline]**

Definition at line 17 of file yabe.c.

References yabe\_cursor\_t::ptr.

Referenced by yabe\_write\_float(), and yabe\_write\_string().

**3.2.1.6 void yabe\_poke\_uint32 ( yabe\_cursor\_t \* cursor, uint32\_t val ) [inline]**

Definition at line 20 of file yabe.c.

References yabe\_cursor\_t::ptr.

Referenced by yabe\_write\_float(), and yabe\_write\_string().

**3.2.1.7 void yabe\_poke\_uint64 ( yabe\_cursor\_t \* cursor, uint64\_t val ) [inline]**

Definition at line 23 of file yabe.c.

References yabe\_cursor\_t::ptr.

Referenced by yabe\_write\_string().

**3.2.1.8 size\_t yabe\_write\_integer ( yabe\_cursor\_t \* cursor, int64\_t value )**

Tries writing the integer value and returns the number of bytes written.

**Parameters**

in, out	cursor	Pointer on buffer info where to write value, update it if value could be written
	value	64bit integer value to try writing at cursor position

**Returns**

the number of bytes written, *fail* : 0, *success* : 1, 3, 5 or 9

Definition at line 29 of file yabe.c.

References yabe\_cursor\_t::len, yabe\_poke\_int16(), yabe\_poke\_int32(), yabe\_poke\_int64(), and yabe\_poke\_int8().

Referenced by main().

### 3.2.1.9 `size_t yabe_write_float ( yabe_cursor_t * cursor, double value )`

Tries writing the double float value and returns the number of bytes written.

Denormalized floating point values are rounded to 0.

#### Parameters

<i>in, out</i>	<i>cursor</i>	Pointer on buffer info where to write value, update it if value could be written
	<i>value</i>	64bit floating point value to try writing at cursor position

#### Returns

the number of bytes written, *fail* : 0, *success* : 1, 3, 5 or 9

Definition at line 70 of file yabe.c.

References `yabe_cursor_t::len`, `yabe_poke_int64()`, `yabe_poke_int8()`, `yabe_poke_uint16()`, and `yabe_poke_uint32()`.

Referenced by `main()`.

### 3.2.1.10 `size_t yabe_write_string ( yabe_cursor_t * cursor, size_t byteSize )`

Tries writing the string tag and its byte size values and returns the number of bytes written.

Only the string value tag and the string byte size are written at the cursor position. The string bytes (utf8 chars) must be written using the [yabe\\_write\\_data\(\)](#) function.

#### Parameters

<i>in, out</i>	<i>cursor</i>	Pointer on buffer info where to write value, update it if value could be written
	<i>byteSize</i>	byte length of the utf8 encoded string to try writing at cursor position

#### Returns

the number of bytes written, *fail* : 0, *success* : 1, 3, 5 or 9

Definition at line 183 of file yabe.c.

References `yabe_cursor_t::len`, `yabe_poke_int8()`, `yabe_poke_uint16()`, `yabe_poke_uint32()`, and `yabe_poke_uint64()`.

Referenced by `main()`.

**3.2.1.11** `size_t yabe_read_integer ( yabe_cursor_t * cursor, int64_t * value )`

Try reading the value as an integer, skipping subsequent *none* values if any, and returns the number of byte read.

Requires the cursor is not at the end of buffer when the function is called.

**Parameters**

<code>in, out</code>	<code>cursor</code>	Pointer on buffer where to try reading, the cursor is updated if the read operation succeeds
<code>out</code>	<code>value</code>	the integer value if the value is an integer, otherwise the value is left unchanged

**Returns**

the number of bytes read, *fail* : 0, *success* : 1, 3, 5, 9

Definition at line 228 of file yabe.c.

References `yabe_cursor_t::len`, and `yabe_cursor_t::ptr`.

Referenced by `main()`.

**3.2.1.12** `size_t yabe_read_float ( yabe_cursor_t * cursor, double * value )`

Try reading the value as a double float and returns the number of byte read.

Requires the cursor is not at the end of buffer when the function is called. Assume double or float is the IEEE 754 double or float representation

**Parameters**

<code>in, out</code>	<code>cursor</code>	Pointer on buffer where to try reading, the cursor is updated if the read operation succeeds
<code>out</code>	<code>value</code>	the double float value if the value is a double float, otherwise the value is left unchanged

**Returns**

the number of bytes read, *fail* : 0, *success* : 1, 3, 5, 9

Definition at line 274 of file yabe.c.

References `yabe_cursor_t::len`, and `yabe_cursor_t::ptr`.

Referenced by `main()`.

**3.2.1.13** `size_t yabe_read_string ( yabe_cursor_t * cursor, size_t * length )`

Try reading the value as a string and returns the number of byte read.

Requires the cursor is not at the end of buffer when the function is called.

#### Remarks

This function only reads the string byte length if it succeeds. A subsequent call to [yabe\\_read\\_data\(\)](#) is required to read the string bytes.

#### Parameters

in, out	<i>cursor</i>	Pointer on buffer where to try reading, the cursor is updated if the read operation succeeds
out	<i>length</i>	the string byte length if the value is a string, otherwise the length value is left unchanged

#### Returns

the number of bytes read, *fail* : 0, *success* : 1, 3, 5, 9

Definition at line 345 of file yabe.c.

References [yabe\\_cursor\\_t::len](#), and [yabe\\_cursor\\_t::ptr](#).

Referenced by [main\(\)](#).

## 3.3 yabe.h File Reference

```
#include <stdint.h> #include <ctype.h> #include <string.-
h> #include <assert.h> #include <stdbool.h>
```

#### Data Structures

- struct [yabe\\_cursor\\_t](#)

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*Tries writing the string tag and its byte size values and returns the number of bytes written.*
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*Writes as much bytes as possible at cursor position until all bytes of the sequence are written or the end of buffer is met, and returns the number of bytes written.*
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*Tries writing the end stream tag and returns the number of bytes written.*
- `static size_t yabe_write_signature (yabe_cursor_t *cursor)`

*Tries writing the yabe signature ['Y','A','B','E', 0] and returns the number of bytes written.*
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*Return true if the end of buffer is reached, false otherwise.*
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- `static size_t yabe_read_null (yabe_cursor_t *cursor)`

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*Try reading the value as an integer, skipping subsequent none values if any, and returns the number of byte read.*
- `size_t yabe_read_float (yabe_cursor_t *cursor, double *value)`

*Try reading the value as a double float and returns the number of byte read.*
- `size_t yabe_read_string (yabe_cursor_t *cursor, size_t *length)`

*Try reading the value as a string and returns the number of byte read.*
- `static size_t yabe_read_data (yabe_cursor_t *cursor, void *data, size_t size)`

*Try reading the requested number of data bytes at the cursor position and returns the number of bytes effectively read.*
- `static size_t yabe_read_blob (yabe_cursor_t *cursor)`

*Try reading the value as blob and returns the number of byte read.*
- `static size_t yabe_read_small_array (yabe_cursor_t *cursor, int8_t *number)`

*Try reading the value as a small array and returns the number of byte read.*

- static size\_t [yabe\\_read\\_small\\_object](#) ([yabe\\_cursor\\_t](#) \*cursor, int8\_t \*number)

*Try reading the value as a small object and returns the number of byte read.*

- static size\_t [yabe\\_read\\_array\\_stream](#) ([yabe\\_cursor\\_t](#) \*cursor)

*Try reading the value as an array stream, skipping subsequent none values if any, and returns the number of byte read.*

- static size\_t [yabe\\_read\\_object\\_stream](#) ([yabe\\_cursor\\_t](#) \*cursor)

*Try reading the value as an object stream, skipping subsequent none values if any, and returns the number of byte read.*

- static size\_t [yabe\\_read\\_end\\_stream](#) ([yabe\\_cursor\\_t](#) \*cursor)

*Try reading the value as an end of stream, skipping subsequent none values if any, and returns the number of byte read.*

- static size\_t [yabe\\_read\\_signature](#) ([yabe\\_cursor\\_t](#) \*cursor)

*Try reading the yabe signature ['Y','A','B','E', 0].*

### 3.3.1 Data Structure Documentation

#### 3.3.1.1 struct yabe\_cursor\_t

Cursor in buffer where yabe encoded data is to be written or read.

Definition at line 314 of file yabe.h.

##### Data Fields

char *	ptr	Pointer on next byte to read or where to write.
size_t	len	Number of bytes left to read or to write.

### 3.3.2 Function Documentation

#### 3.3.2.1 static size\_t yabe\_write\_none ( yabe\_cursor\_t \* cursor ) [inline, static]

Tries writing a *none* value and returns the number of bytes written.

The purpose of this value is to be used as padding or to overwrite encoded values so that they are ignored when reading.

##### Parameters

in, out	cursor	Pointer on buffer info where to write value, update it if value could be written
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##### Returns

the number of bytes written, *fail* : 0, *success* : 1

Definition at line 384 of file yabe.h.

**3.3.2.2** `static size_t yabe_write_null ( yabe_cursor_t * cursor )` [`inline`,  
`static`]

Tries writing a *null* value and returns the number of bytes written.

#### Parameters

<code>in, out</code>	<code>cursor</code>	Pointer on buffer info where to write value, update it if the value could be written
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#### Returns

the number of bytes written, *fail* : 0, *success* : 1

Definition at line 395 of file yabe.h.

Referenced by main().

**3.3.2.3** `static size_t yabe_write_bool ( yabe_cursor_t * cursor, bool value )`  
[`inline`, `static`]

Tries writing the boolean value and returns the number of bytes written.

#### Parameters

<code>in, out</code>	<code>cursor</code>	Pointer on buffer info where to write value, update it if value could be written
	<code>value</code>	Boolean value to try writing at cursor position

#### Returns

the number of bytes written, *fail* : 0, *success* : 1

Definition at line 407 of file yabe.h.

Referenced by main().

**3.3.2.4** `size_t yabe_write_integer ( yabe_cursor_t * cursor, int64_t value )`

Tries writing the integer value and returns the number of bytes written.

#### Parameters

<code>in, out</code>	<code>cursor</code>	Pointer on buffer info where to write value, update it if value could be written
	<code>value</code>	64bit integer value to try writing at cursor position

**Returns**

the number of bytes written, *fail* : 0, *success* : 1, 3, 5 or 9

Definition at line 29 of file yabe.c.

References `yabe_cursor_t::len`, `yabe_poke_int16()`, `yabe_poke_int32()`, `yabe_poke_int64()`, and `yabe_poke_int8()`.

Referenced by `main()`.

**3.3.2.5 `size_t yabe_write_float ( yabe_cursor_t * cursor, double value )`**

Tries writing the double float value and returns the number of bytes written.

Denormalized floating point values are rounded to 0.

**Parameters**

<i>in, out</i>	<i>cursor</i>	Pointer on buffer info where to write value, update it if value could be written
	<i>value</i>	64bit floating point value to try writing at cursor position

**Returns**

the number of bytes written, *fail* : 0, *success* : 1, 3, 5 or 9

Definition at line 70 of file yabe.c.

References `yabe_cursor_t::len`, `yabe_poke_int64()`, `yabe_poke_int8()`, `yabe_poke_uint16()`, and `yabe_poke_uint32()`.

Referenced by `main()`.

**3.3.2.6 `size_t yabe_write_string ( yabe_cursor_t * cursor, size_t byteSize )`**

Tries writing the string tag and its byte size values and returns the number of bytes written.

Only the string value tag and the string byte size are written at the cursor position. The string bytes (utf8 chars) must be written using the [yabe\\_write\\_data\(\)](#) function.

**Parameters**

<i>in, out</i>	<i>cursor</i>	Pointer on buffer info where to write value, update it if value could be written
	<i>byteSize</i>	byte length of the utf8 encoded string to try writing at cursor position



**Returns**

the number of bytes written, *fail* : 0, *success* : 1, 3, 5 or 9

Definition at line 183 of file yabe.c.

References yabe\_cursor\_t::len, yabe\_poke\_int8(), yabe\_poke\_uint16(), yabe\_poke\_uint32(), and yabe\_poke\_uint64().

Referenced by main().

**3.3.2.7** static size\_t yabe\_write\_data ( yabe\_cursor\_t \* cursor, const void \* data, size\_t size ) [inline, static]

Writes as much bytes as possible at cursor position until all bytes of the sequence are written or the end of buffer is met, and returns the number of bytes written.

The data may be partially written. A returned value smaller than *size* means the data could not be fully written. One or more additionnal calls to this function are required to write the remaining bytes of data.

**Parameters**

in, out	cursor	Pointer on buffer info where to write value, update it if value could be written
	data	Pointer on the bytes to writing at cursor position
	size	Number of bytes to write at cursor position

**Returns**

the number of bytes written, *incomplete* : < *size*, *complete* : *size*

Definition at line 470 of file yabe.h.

References yabe\_cursor\_t::len, and yabe\_cursor\_t::ptr.

Referenced by main(), and yabe\_write\_signature().

**3.3.2.8** static size\_t yabe\_write\_blob ( yabe\_cursor\_t \* cursor ) [inline, static]

Tries writing a blob tag and returns the number of bytes written.

A blob *must* be followed by two strings. The first string encodes the mime type of the blob data. The second string contains the blob data made of raw bytes. The second string doesn't necessarily contain utf8 chars.

**Parameters**

in, out	cursor	Pointer on buffer info where to write value, update it if the value could be written
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**Returns**

the number of bytes written, *fail* : 0, *success* : 1

Definition at line 494 of file yabe.h.

**3.3.2.9** `static size_t yabe_write_small_array ( yabe_cursor_t * cursor, size_t nbr )`  
`[inline, static]`

Tries writing a small array tag and returns the number of bytes written.

**Parameters**

in, out	<i>cursor</i>	Pointer on buffer info where to write value, update it if the value could be written
	<i>nbr</i>	Number of values in array : 0<= nbr <= 6

**Returns**

the number of bytes written, *fail* : 0, *success* : 1

Definition at line 506 of file yabe.h.

**3.3.2.10** `static size_t yabe_write_array_stream ( yabe_cursor_t * cursor )`  
`[inline, static]`

Tries writing an array stream tag and returns the number of bytes written.

**Parameters**

in, out	<i>cursor</i>	Pointer on buffer info where to write value, update it if the value could be written
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**Returns**

the number of bytes written, *fail* : 0, *success* : 1

Definition at line 517 of file yabe.h.

**3.3.2.11** `static size_t yabe_write_small_object ( yabe_cursor_t * cursor, size_t nbr )`  
`[inline, static]`

Tries writing a small object tag and returns the number of bytes written.

**Parameters**

in, out	<i>cursor</i>	Pointer on buffer info where to write value, update it if the value could be written
	<i>nbr</i>	Number of identifier, values pairs in object : 0<= nbr <= 6

**Returns**

the number of bytes written, *fail* : 0, *success* : 1

Definition at line 529 of file yabe.h.

**3.3.2.12** `static size_t yabe_write_object_stream ( yabe_cursor_t * cursor )`  
[inline, static]

Tries writing an object stream tag and returns the number of bytes written.

**Parameters**

in, out	<i>cursor</i>	Pointer on buffer info where to write value, update it if the value could be written
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**Returns**

the number of bytes written, *fail* : 0, *success* : 1

Definition at line 540 of file yabe.h.

**3.3.2.13** `static size_t yabe_write_end_stream ( yabe_cursor_t * cursor )` [inline, static]

Tries writing the end stream tag and returns the number of bytes written.

**Parameters**

in, out	<i>cursor</i>	Pointer on buffer info where to write value, update it if the value could be written
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**Returns**

the number of bytes written, *fail* : 0, *success* : 1

Definition at line 551 of file yabe.h.

**3.3.2.14** `static size_t yabe_write_signature ( yabe_cursor_t * cursor )` [inline, static]

Tries writing the yabe signature ['Y','A','B','E', 0] and returns the number of bytes written.

**Parameters**

in, out	<i>cursor</i>	Pointer on buffer info where to write value, update it if the value could be written
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**Returns**

the number of bytes written, *fail* : 0, *success* : 5

Definition at line 563 of file yabe.h.

References yabe\_cursor\_t::len, and yabe\_write\_data().

**3.3.2.15** `static bool yabe_end_of_buffer ( const yabe_cursor_t * cursor )` [inline, static]

Return true if the end of buffer is reached, false otherwise.

**Parameters**

<i>cursor</i>	Pointer on buffer to test
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**Returns**

true if the end of buffer is reached, false otherwise

Definition at line 581 of file yabe.h.

References yabe\_cursor\_t::len.

**3.3.2.16** `static size_t yabe_read_none ( yabe_cursor_t * cursor )` [inline, static]

Skip *none* value in buffer if any and returns the number of bytes skipped.

**Parameters**

in, out	<i>cursor</i>	Pointer on buffer where to try reading, the cursor is updated only if <i>none</i> tags where skipped
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**Returns**

the number of bytes skipped

Definition at line 643 of file yabe.h.

References yabe\_cursor\_t::len, and yabe\_cursor\_t::ptr.

**3.3.2.17** `static size_t yabe_read_null ( yabe_cursor_t * cursor )` [inline, static]

Try reading the value as null and returns the number of byte read.

Requires the cursor is not at the end of buffer when the function is called.

**Parameters**

<code>in, out</code>	<code>cursor</code>	Pointer on buffer where to try reading, the cursor is updated if the read operation succeeds
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**Returns**

the number of bytes read, *fail* : 0, *success* : 1

Definition at line 666 of file yabe.h.

Referenced by `main()`.

**3.3.2.18** `static size_t yabe_read_bool ( yabe_cursor_t * cursor, bool * value )`  
`[inline, static]`

Try reading the value as a boolean and returns the number of byte read.

Requires the cursor is not at the end of buffer when the function is called.

**Parameters**

<code>in, out</code>	<code>cursor</code>	Pointer on buffer where to try reading, the cursor is updated if the read operation succeeds
<code>out</code>	<code>value</code>	the boolean value if the value is a boolean, otherwise the value is left unchanged

**Returns**

the number of bytes read, *fail* : 0, *success* : 1

Definition at line 681 of file yabe.h.

Referenced by `main()`.

**3.3.2.19** `size_t yabe_read_integer ( yabe_cursor_t * cursor, int64_t * value )`

Try reading the value as an integer, skipping subsequent *none* values if any, and returns the number of byte read.

Requires the cursor is not at the end of buffer when the function is called.

**Parameters**

<code>in, out</code>	<code>cursor</code>	Pointer on buffer where to try reading, the cursor is updated if the read operation succeeds
<code>out</code>	<code>value</code>	the integer value if the value is an integer, otherwise the value is left unchanged

**Returns**

the number of bytes read, *fail* : 0, *success* : 1, 3, 5, 9

Definition at line 228 of file yabe.c.

References yabe\_cursor\_t::len, and yabe\_cursor\_t::ptr.

Referenced by main().

**3.3.2.20 size\_t yabe\_read\_float ( yabe\_cursor\_t \* cursor, double \* value )**

Try reading the value as a double float and returns the number of byte read.

Requires the cursor is not at the end of buffer when the function is called. Assume double or float is the IEEE 754 double or float representation

**Parameters**

in, out	<i>cursor</i>	Pointer on buffer where to try reading, the cursor is updated if the read operation succeeds
out	<i>value</i>	the double float value if the value is a double float, otherwise the value is left unchanged

**Returns**

the number of bytes read, *fail* : 0, *success* : 1, 3, 5, 9

Definition at line 274 of file yabe.c.

References yabe\_cursor\_t::len, and yabe\_cursor\_t::ptr.

Referenced by main().

**3.3.2.21 size\_t yabe\_read\_string ( yabe\_cursor\_t \* cursor, size\_t \* length )**

Try reading the value as a string and returns the number of byte read.

Requires the cursor is not at the end of buffer when the function is called.

**Remarks**

This function only reads the string byte length if it succeeds. A subsequent call to [yabe\\_read\\_data\(\)](#) is required to read the string bytes.

**Parameters**

in, out	<i>cursor</i>	Pointer on buffer where to try reading, the cursor is updated if the read operation succeeds
out	<i>length</i>	the string byte length if the value is a string, otherwise the length value is left unchanged

**Returns**

the number of bytes read, *fail* : 0, *success* : 1, 3, 5, 9

Definition at line 345 of file yabe.c.

References yabe\_cursor\_t::len, and yabe\_cursor\_t::ptr.

Referenced by main().

**3.3.2.22** `static size_t yabe_read_data ( yabe_cursor_t * cursor, void * data, size_t size )`  
[inline, static]

Try reading the requested number of data bytes at the cursor position and returns the number of bytes effectively read.

Once the function has read all the data bytes it was requested to read it skips all subsequent *none* value to be ready for reading the next value.

**Parameters**

in, out	<i>cursor</i>	Pointer on buffer where to try reading, the cursor is updated if the read operation succeeds
out	<i>data</i>	The pointer where to store data bytes read
	<i>size</i>	The number of bytes to read

**Returns**

the number of bytes read, *incomplete* : < size, *complete* : size

Definition at line 755 of file yabe.h.

References yabe\_cursor\_t::len, and yabe\_cursor\_t::ptr.

Referenced by main().

**3.3.2.23** `static size_t yabe_read_blob ( yabe_cursor_t * cursor )` [inline, static]

Try reading the value as blob and returns the number of byte read.

Requires the cursor is not at the end of buffer when the function is called.

A blob value is followed by two strings. The first string specifies the mime type of the blob data and the second string contains the raw bytes of the blob.

**Parameters**

in, out	<i>cursor</i>	Pointer on buffer where to try reading, the cursor is updated if the read operation succeeds
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**Returns**

the number of bytes read, *fail* : 0, *success* : 1

Definition at line 781 of file yabe.h.

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3.3.2.24 static size_t yabe_read_small_array ( yabe_cursor_t * cursor, int8_t * number
) [inline, static]
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Try reading the value as a small array and returns the number of byte read.

Requires the cursor is not at the end of buffer when the function is called.

If the returned value is none zero, it is followed by *number* YABE encoded values corresponding to the items of the array.

**Parameters**

in, out	<i>cursor</i>	Pointer on buffer where to try reading, the cursor is updated if the read operation succeeds
out	<i>number</i>	the number of items in the small array if the read succeeds, otherwise number is left unchanged

**Returns**

the number of bytes read, *fail* : 0, *success* : 1

Definition at line 799 of file yabe.h.

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3.3.2.25 static size_t yabe_read_small_object ( yabe_cursor_t * cursor, int8_t * number
) [inline, static]
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Try reading the value as a small object and returns the number of byte read.

Requires the cursor is not at the end of buffer when the function is called.

If the returned value is none zero, it is followed by *number* of string and YABE encoded values pairs corresponding to the items of the object.

**Parameters**

in, out	<i>cursor</i>	Pointer on buffer where to try reading, the cursor is updated if the read operation succeeds
out	<i>number</i>	the number of items in the small object if the read succeeds, otherwise number is left unchanged

**Returns**

the number of bytes read, *fail* : 0, *success* : 1

Definition at line 824 of file yabe.h.



**3.3.2.26** `static size_t yabe_read_array_stream ( yabe_cursor_t * cursor )`  
[inline, static]

Try reading the value as an array stream, skipping subsequent *none* values if any, and returns the number of byte read.

Requires the cursor is not at the end of buffer when the function is called. If the returned value is none zero, this value is followed by a sequence of values contained in the array. The sequence ends when an end stream value could be read.

#### Parameters

in, out	cursor	Pointer on buffer where to try reading, the cursor is updated if the read operation succeeds
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#### Returns

the number of bytes read, *fail* : 0, *success* : 1

Definition at line 847 of file yabe.h.

**3.3.2.27** `static size_t yabe_read_object_stream ( yabe_cursor_t * cursor )`  
[inline, static]

Try reading the value as an object stream, skipping subsequent *none* values if any, and returns the number of byte read.

Requires the cursor is not at the end of buffer when the function is called. If the returned value is none zero, this value is followed by a sequence of pairs of string,value contained in the object, where the string is the value identifier. The sequence ends when an end stream value could be read.

#### Parameters

in, out	cursor	Pointer on buffer where to try reading, the cursor is updated if the read operation succeeds
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#### Returns

the number of bytes read, *fail* : 0, *success* : 1

Definition at line 864 of file yabe.h.

**3.3.2.28** `static size_t yabe_read_end_stream ( yabe_cursor_t * cursor )` [inline, static]

Try reading the value as an end of stream, skipping subsequent *none* values if any, and returns the number of byte read.

Requires the cursor is not at the end of buffer when the function is called. If the returned value is none zero, the end of array or object value stream has been reached.

**Parameters**

<i>in, out</i>	<i>cursor</i>	Pointer on buffer where to try reading, the cursor is updated if the read operation succeeds
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**Returns**

the number of bytes read, *fail* : 0, *success* : 1

Definition at line 880 of file yabe.h.

**3.3.2.29** `static size_t yabe_read_signature ( yabe_cursor_t * cursor )` [inline, static]

Try reading the yabe signature ['Y','A','B','E', 0].

It requires there are at least 5 bytes to read in the buffer. Reads the first 4 bytes if they match, read also the version if it matches.

**Parameters**

<i>in, out</i>	<i>cursor</i>	Pointer on buffer where to try reading, the cursor is updated if the read operation succeeds
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**Returns**

the number of bytes read, *fail* : 0, *bad version* : 4, *success* : 5

Definition at line 894 of file yabe.h.

References `yabe_cursor_t::len`, and `yabe_cursor_t::ptr`.