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Binary Project File Format

The binary format is the native format of REALbasic projects, and have the extension '.rbp' or '.rb'.

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Overview

The file header is:

- "RbBF"
- fileFormatVersion as UInt32 'Guessing, the value is always 1.
- unknown(8) 'Unknown, the value of these bytes is always 0.
- headerLength as UInt32 'Guessing, the value is always 20, which coincides nicely with the length of the header.

After the file header is an unspecified ammount of blocks. The block header is:

- "Blok"
- blockName(4) as string
- blockID as UInt32
- unknown(4) 'Unknown, the value of these bytes is always 0.
- blockLen as UInt32 'This includes the block header.
- blockFlags as UInt32 'Bits 0 and 1 both indicate encrypted items, other flags have only been found to be zero so far
- unknown(8) 'Unknown, the value of these is always 0 except for encrypted blocks.

After the block header is an unspecified ammount of sub blocks. The sub block header is:

- name(4) as string
- type(4) as string

The data following the sub block header depends on the type.

'Strn' (String) Type:

len as UInt32

- data(len) as string
- " "(4 len mod 4) ' Pad it with spaces to the next 4 byte boundry

'Int ' (Integer) Type:

data as Int32

'Grup' (Group) Type:

- length as UInt32
- ID as UInt32

Following the 'Grup' type is an unspecified ammount of sub blocks, and then a 'Int' sub block with the name 'EndG'. The value of the 'EndG' sub block is the 'Grup' ID.

'Padn' (Padding) Type:

- length as UInt32
- "*"(length)

The 'Padn' type is used at the end of a block to pad it to the next 1024 byte boundry.

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