PBDTSetComment

Add user comment to desktop database

#include < Files.h >

Finder Interface

<u>OSErr</u>	<pre>PBDTSetComment(paramBlock, async);</pre>		
DTPBPtr	paramBlock;	pointer to a DTPB Param Block	

Boolean async; 0 = await completion; 1 = immediate return

Parameter block

\rightarrow	12	ioCompletion	long	completion routine
\leftarrow	16	ioResult	short	result code
\rightarrow	18	ioNamePtr	long	pointer to file or directory name
\rightarrow	24	ioDTRefNum	short	desktop database reference number
\rightarrow	32	ioDTBuffer	long	pointer to comment text
\rightarrow	36	ioDTReqCount	long	comment length
\rightarrow	48	ioDirID	long	parent directory of file or directory

PBDTSetComment establishes the user comment associated with a file or directory in the database specified in <u>ioDTRefNum</u>. You specify the object name through ioNamePtr and the parent directory ID in ioDirID. You put the comment as a plain text string in a buffer pointed to by <u>ioDTBuffer</u>, and you specify the length of the buffer (in bytes) in <u>ioDTReqCount</u>. The maximum length of a comment is 200 bytes; longer comments are clipped. Since the comment is a plain text string and not a Pascal string, the

<u>Desktop Manager</u> relies on the value in <u>ioDTReqCount</u> for determining the length of the buffer.

If the specified object already has a comment in the database, the new comment replaces the old.

Returns: an <u>Error code</u>. It will be one of the following:

noErr	(0)	No error
ioErr	(-36)	I/O error
fnfErr	(-43	File or directory does not exist
wPrErr	(-44)	Volume is locked through hardware
vLckdErr	(-46)	Volume is locked through software
rfNumErr	(-51)	Reference number invalid
extFSErr	(-58)	External file system-file system identifier is nonzero

Note: There is a second, asynchronous, version of this function. It does not take a second parameter; instead, it adds the suffix "Async" to the name of the routine.

Similarly, the third (synchronous) version of the routine does not take a second parameter; instead, it adds the suffix "Sync" to the name of the routine.

Note, however, that the second and third versions of these routines do not use the glue code that the first versions use and are therefore more efficient.