

VBLTask structure

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#include <Retrace.h>
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typedef struct VBLTask {
    QElemPtr    qLink;      Size Offset    Description
    short       qType;      2      4      Queue type (always vType = 1)
    ProcPtr     vblAddr;    4      6      Address of routine to process the
                                   task
    short       vblCount;    2      10     Number of 1/60th-sec ticks
                                   between tasks
    short       vblPhase;    2      12     Phase offset for multiple tasks
                                   (usually 0)
} VBLTask;                  14

typedef VBLTask *VBLQEIPtr;
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Notes: The VBLTask structure is used in calls to **VInstall** and **VRemove**.

The vblAddr field is the address of a routine to be called during the vertical retrace blanking interrupt. See **VInstall** for guidelines in writing such a routine.

The vblCount value is the number of ticks to skip between calls to the routine whose address is in vblAddr. Each 16.66 ms (1/60-th of a second), this field is decremented. When it reaches 0, the VBL task routine is called. The task routine is responsible for setting this back to a non-zero value to restart the timing cycle. If left at 0, the task is removed from the queue.

In the event that you add more than one VBL task at the same time, and both have the same vblCount interval, you may want them to be executed on different ticks (so as not to load up the system too much). In that case, set vblPhase to some non-zero value (but less than vblCount) in the second and subsequent VBLTasks which you install.

A call to **GetVBLQHdr** returns the address of a QHdr which contains a pointer to the first of the VBLTask structures in the vertical retrace task queue. Or you can simply examine the global variable VBLQueue (at 0x0160).