

**LocalToGlobal** Obtain global (screen) value of local point

#include <Quickdraw.h>

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```
void      LocalToGlobal(thePoint );
Point    *thePoint ;      address of point to convert; receives result
```

**LocalToGlobal** converts the coordinates of a local point (relative to the current GrafPort origin) to global (screen) coordinates. It can then be compared to other global points or converted to the local coordinates of a different GrafPort.

*thePoint* is the address of a 4-byte Point structure, expressed in coordinates of the current GrafPort. Upon return, it will contain the coordinates of that same position, expressed to the global, screen coordinates.

**Returns:** none

Notes: The result of the conversion is based relative to coordinate (0,0) of the device's BitMap; typically the screen.

To convert the coordinates of a rectangle from local to global, you can apply this call to both corners; e.g.:

```
Rect    theRect;
```

```
LocalToGlobal( & topLeft(theRect);
LocalToGlobal( & botRight(theRect) );
```

Rectangles and other graphic elements (regions and polygons) can be converted to the global coordinate system via a 3-step sequence:

- 1** Use **LocalToGlobal** to obtain the global coordinates of one corner of a local item.
- 2** Use **SubPt** or **DeltaPoint** to determine the difference between the local and global coordinate systems.
- 3** Use **OffsetXxx** to reposition the item.

For instance, the following sequence converts a local Polygon to global coordinates:

```
Point      tmpPt,localPt;
PolyHandle thePoly;

tmpPt=localPt=topLeft( (*thePoly)->polyBBox ); /* get corner */
LocalToGlobal( &tmpPt );                      /* convert to global */
SubPt( localPt, &tmpPt );                      /* find difference */
OffsetPoly( thePoly, tmpPt.h, tmpPt.v );      /* move the item */
```