

HGetState

Obtain the value of a relocatable block's tag byte

#include <Memory.h>

Memory Manager

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char      HGetState(theHandle );  
Handle   theHandle ;      handle of interest  
          returns          the 8-bit tag-byte of theHandle
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HGetState lets you examine or save the current value of a relocatable block's master pointer tag byte. It includes the lock, purge, and resource attributes of the block.

theHandle is a handle leading to a relocatable memory block.

Returns: a byte; the current tag settings for *theHandle* (as with all C char return values, this is actually a 16-bit value, with the low 8 bits significant). See **HSetState** for the bit layouts. The **MemError** function may return an Error Code of:

noErr	(0)	No error
nilHandleErr	(-109)	<i>theHandle</i> has a NIL master pointer
memWZErr	(-111)	Illegal operation on a free block

Notes: Rather than manipulating the high byte (the tag byte) of a master pointer, it is wise to use Memory Manager functions such as **HLock** and **HPurge**.