

NGetTrapAddress Obtain address of system functions

#include <OSUtils.h>

Operating System Utilities

<u>long</u>	NGetTrapAddress (<i>trapNum</i> , <i>trapType</i>);	
<u>short</u>	<i>trapNum</i> ;	trap number. See TrapWords .
<u>short</u>	<i>trapType</i> ;	0=OS trap, 1=Toolbox trap
	returns	address of the trap handling code

NGetTrapAddress returns the address of a system routine - an element of the trap dispatch table. Starting with the 128K ROMs, the Toolbox routines have a trap dispatch table separate from the Operating System routines. You must use this function (and not **GetTrapAddress**) if you are running with 128K ROMs or later (see [About Compatibility](#)).

trapNum identifies the ROM routine whose address you want. See [TrapWords](#) for a list.

trapType differentiates between traps by type, since the 128K ROMs uses two separate trap dispatch tables. This must be one of:

[OSTrap](#) (0) Operating System trap
[ToolTrap](#) (1) Toolbox trap

Returns: a 32-bit value; the address of the system routine that corresponds to *trapNum*.

Notes: There is a new interface to this routine, consisting of the calls [GetToolTrapAddress](#) and [GetOSTrapAddress](#). These calls do not require the specification of the trap type as a parameter.

It is possible to intercept OS or Toolbox calls and perform pre- or post-processing, or even replace the function altogether. This sort of custom patching is normally written in assembly language.

There is a great deal of overhead involved in the Macintosh trap dispatch mechanism. In time-critical situations, you may save a significant amount of time by calling the system routine directly, rather than using the normal invocation of a trap.

The trap dispatcher changed between the 64K and 128K ROMs. See [About Compatibility](#) for more information.