

FEBio Binary Database Specification

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# Introduction

This document describes the structure of the FEBio binary database (that is, the FEBio plot file format), which stores the results of a FEBio analysis. The FEBio binary database format is both self-describing and extendible. A user can understand the contents of the file by simply parsing the block structure of the file. The file format is made extendible by providing an abstract layer between the data and the file system. This layer defines the file structure as a hierarchy of data blocks. The result is that each file is now structured similarly as a file folder. Each block can be viewed as a file in the folder and each branch in the hierarchy as a sub-folder.

The database consists of four parts: the *header* contains some general info that may be useful for parsing the rest of the file; the *dictionary* presents a textual description for each data field in the file. This can be used to identify the contents of each data field; the *mesh* sectiondefines the mesh of the model; and finally, the *state* sectionscontain the actual data or results for the field variables.

The following sections describe the details of the database format. In the next section, the block-structure of the file is explained. The sections thereafter describe the different parts of the database.

## Changes in this version

This document describes **version 3.0** of the binary database format. This version of the FEBio Binary Database Specification differs in a few important aspects from the previous version. It addresses the following issues:

* Reduce plot file size by describing rigid bodies via rigid body mechanics.
* Reduce plot file size by identifying non-mutable data, which is data that that does not change in different states.
* Add support for more generic “objects” that may not be represented via the mesh. In FE simulations, additional structures can be present that interact with the FE parts, but are themselves not part of the FE mesh. Examples are rigid bodies and the various mechanisms to connect rigid bodies (e.g. springs, joints, etc.).
* The State section was modified so that the position of non-rigid nodes is redefined in each section.

# Block structure

## Overview

The FEBio binary database uses an abstract layer to communicate with the file system. This achieves two goals. The first is that the content of a file becomes independent of the file system that wrote the file. Big endian systems can read files created with small endian systems and vice versa. The second goal is that the data is now stored in a hierarchical structure which is easy to search and modify. This means that future additions and changes can be made fairly easily without losing backward compatibility. In addition, the self-describing feature of the format even allows for some forward compatibility.

As mentioned above, the file is structured as a hierarchy of blocks. Each block consists of three fields: a DWORD[[1]](#footnote-1) identifier, followed by a DWORD containing the size of the data chunk in bytes and then the actual data.

DWORD

DWORD

ID tag

size tag

data/child blocks

**Figure 1. Each block in the plot file consists of three fields: a DWORD with an identifier, a DWORD containing the size of the block and finally the data of the block, which can be child blocks.**

This data may be either numeric data (such as the data of a field variable) or child blocks. If the block has children, it is referred to as a *branch*. If the block only contains numeric data, it is referred to as a *leaf*.

## Parsing the FEBio plot file

Although the FEBio plot file in essence is a hierarchy of blocks as described above, there are a few more caveats that are important for parsing the FEBio file.

The first DWORD of the file is a tag that identifies the FEBio plot file.

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| ***Tag*** | ***ID*** | ***description*** |
| FEBIO | 0x00464542 | FEBio identifier tag |

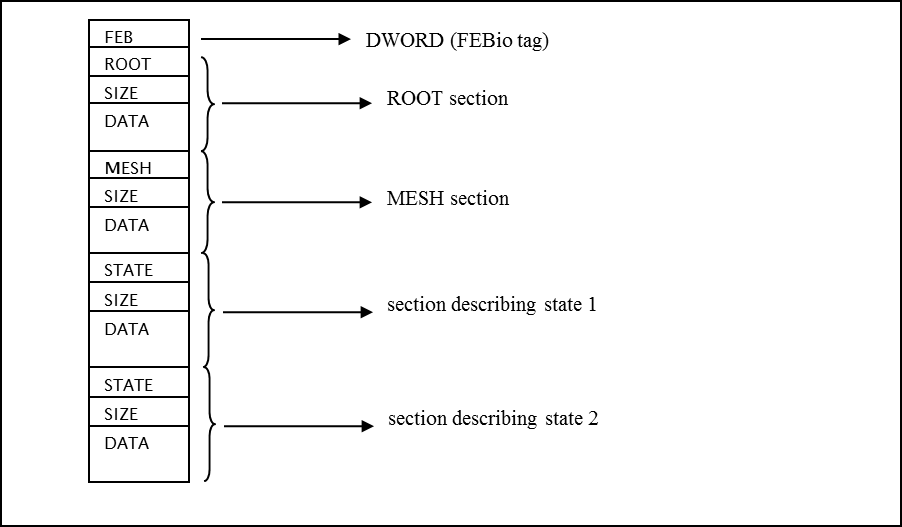
Parsers should read this number and use it to identify whether the file is indeed a proper FEBio plot file. If the value differs, then that means that the file is either not a valid plot file, or that the endianess of the system that wrote the file is different than that of the system that is reading the file. In the latter case, a byte swap will be necessary when reading data from the file.

***NOTE: Note that the FEBio tag is not followed by a size tag. The reason is because when FEBio is writing the file it does not know the length of the final file yet.***

After the FEBio tag, the content of the file follows, organized in the hierarchical block structure described above. At the highest level, the plot file has a single *root* block, followed by a *mesh* block and a series of *state* blocks.

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| ***Tag*** | ***ID*** | ***description*** |
| ROOT | 0x01000000 | Root block of FEBio plot file |
| MESH | 0x01040000 | Mesh block containing the mesh definition |
| STATE | 0x02000000 | State block containing results of a single time step |

After the *root* block, the *mesh* section follows which defines the mesh of the model. Then, at least one *state* blocks follow. There will be one *state* block for each time step in the FEBio plot file. Note that these blocks are not child blocks of the *root* block. In the following figure, the high-level structure of the FEBio plot file is depicted for a file that has two *state* blocks.



**Figure 2. Example structure for a plot file containing a root section and two data sections. Each section is composed of three fields. A DWORD containing the section ID, followed by a DWORD containing the size of the section block and finally the actual data (which may be child blocks).**

As explained above, the first DWORD will be the FEBio identifier. The first block in the file will always be the ROOT block, which will contain the header and dictionary. Then, the *mesh* section follows, which defines the mesh. After that, the *state* blocks follow, which will contain the actual results. Each block has three fields. The first field is a DWORD, identifying the section. For the first block, this will be ROOT, for the second block this will be MESH, and for the other blocks this will be STATE. The next DWORD is the size of the entire block. Finally, the actual data will follow, which for the ROOT, MESH and STATE blocks will contain child blocks.

# Root Section

The ROOT section is the first block in the file. This block contains the *header* and *dictionary* sections as child blocks.

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| ***Tag*** | ***ID*** | ***description*** |
| HEADER | 0x01010000 | contains the header section |
| DICTIONARY | 0x01020000 | contains the dictionary section |

These sections will be detailed below.

# Header Section

The first section of the *root* block is the *header* section. It stores the following data:

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| ***Tag*** | ***ID*** | ***description*** | ***size*** |
| VERSION | 0x01010001 | version of the file format | DWORD |
| COMPRESSION | 0x01010004 | Compression flag | DWORD |
| AUTHOR | 0x01010005 | Author name | CHAR64 |
| SOFTWARE | 0x01010006 | Software that generated this file | CHAR64 |

Currently, the VERSION will always be 0x0008. The COMPRESSION flag indicates whether the mesh and state sections are compressed or not. Data compression is an optional feature for plot files, and will not be discussed in this document. The AUTHOR contains the name of the person who created the file. The SOFTWARE tag contains the name of the software that generated the file. (Note that not all header data might be present in a plot file. For instance, as of FEBio3, the AUTHOR tag is not written to the plot file.)

# Dictionary Section

When running a FEBio analysis, FEBio will store the values of certain user-selected variables (e.g. stress, temperature, fluid pressure, etc.) to the plot file. In order for a parser to know which variables were written, it needs to read the *dictionary* section. This section stores a list of variables, including their names, which are stored in the plot file. Specifically, three attributes are stored for each data variable: a name that provides a description of the data, the data type (scalar, vector, tensor) and the storage format. In addition, the variables are grouped by category. Data variables can be defined for node sets, domains (element sets) and surfaces. In addition, global variables (which are not associated with any part of the model) can also be defined. Each of these categories has their own sub-section in the *dictionary*.

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| ***Tag*** | ***ID*** | ***description*** |
| GLOBAL\_DATA | 0x01021000 | lists global data in model |
| NODESET\_DATA | 0x01023000 | lists data associated with the node sets |
| DOMAIN\_DATA | 0x01024000 | lists data associated with domains |
| SURFACE\_DATA | 0x01025000 | lists data associated with surfaces |

Note that all of these sections are optional. For example, if a model does not define global data, that section will not be part of the plot file.

Each of these sub-sections defines a list of dictionary items defined by the following tag.

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| ***Tag*** | ***ID*** | ***description*** |
| DICTIONARY\_ITEM | 0x01020001 | beginning of dictionary item |

Each dictionary item contains three fields.

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| ***Tag*** | ***ID*** | ***description*** | ***size*** |
| ITEM\_TYPE | 0x01020002 | type of data | DWORD |
| ITEM\_FORMAT | 0x01020003 | storage format of data | DWORD |
| ITEM\_NAME | 0x01020004 | textual description of data | CHAR64 |
| ITEM\_ARRAY\_SIZE | 0x01020005 | Size of array variables | DWORD |
| ITEM\_ARRAY\_NAME | 0x01020006 | Name of array variable | CHAR64 |

The ITEM\_ARRAY\_SIZE and ITEM\_ARRAY\_NAME are only used for array variables. The ITEM\_ARRAY\_SIZE defines the number of data items in the array. For each data item, the ITEM\_ARRAY\_NAME defines an optional name for that item.

The type of the data can be any of the following values.

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| ***ITEM\_TYPE*** | ***VALUE*** | ***description*** |
| FLOAT | 0 | single precision (s.p.) floating point |
| VEC3F | 1 | 3D vector of s.p. floats (stored in *x*, *y*, *z* order) |
| MAT3FS | 2 | symmetric 2nd order tensor of s.p. floats (stored in *xx*, *yy, zz*, *xy*, *yz*, *xz* order) |
| MAT3FD | 3 | diagonal matrix of s.p. floats (stored in *xx, yy, zz* order). |
| TENS4FS | 4 | symmetric fourth-order tensor of s.p. floats. |
| MAT3F | 5 | 3x3 matrix of floats (stored in row order). |
| ARRAY\_FLOAT | 6 | Array of floats. |
| ARRAY\_VEC3F | 7 | Array of vec3f. |

As explained below, data will be stored for different *regions* of the mesh, where a region can be a *node set*, a *surface*, or a *domain* (element set). A *region* is composed of *items* where an item is a single shape in the region. For node sets, an item will refer to a node, for surfaces this will be a facet and for domains an item will refer to an element. The storage format defines how many values are written for each region and how the values relate to the geometry of the region or items. The following values are currently defined.

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| ***ITEM\_FMT*** | ***VALUE*** | ***description*** |
| NODE | 0 | one value for each node of the region |
| ITEM | 1 | one value for each item |
| MULT | 2 | one value for each node for each item |

The easiest format to understand is the *ITEM* format which simply stores one value for each item of the region. Thus, one value for each node or for each facet or for each element, depending on the region type. The *MULT* format defines a value for each node of each item. For example, for a surface of quads, the data will contain four values for each facet, one for each of the four nodes. The *NODE* format stores a single value for each *node* of the *region*. Each type of region (node set, surface, or domain) implicitly also defines a set of nodes, namely all the nodes that are part of that region. With the *NODE* format, the user defines a single value for each of the nodes in this implicit node set. This will be explained in more detail below in the state section.

Note that the storage formats are only important for surfaces and domains. For other categories (e.g. node sets), all formats are essentially equivalent, and can safely be ignored.

# Mesh Section

The *Mesh* section defines the mesh of the model and its decomposition into separate regions. A region can be a *node set*, a *surface* (i.e. facet set), or a *domain* (element set). The mesh section is defined by the following sub-sections.

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| ***Tag*** | ***ID*** | ***description*** |
| NODE\_SECTION | 0x01041000 | beginning of node section |
| DOMAIN\_SECTION | 0x01042000 | beginning of domain section |
| SURFACE\_SECTION | 0x01043000 | beginning of surface section |
| NODESET\_SECTION | 0x01044000 | beginning of node set section |
| PARTS\_SECTION | 0x01045000 | beginning of parts section |

## Node Section

The NODE section defines a set of nodes of the mesh. Each node section starts with a NODE\_HEADER followed by a NODE\_COORDS section.

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| ***Tag*** | ***ID*** | ***description*** |
| NODE\_HEADER | 0x01041100 | node header |
| NODE\_COORDS | 0x01041200 | node data list |

The header contains the following information.

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| ***Tag*** | ***ID*** | ***description*** |
| NODES | 0x01041101 | number of nodes (N) in this NODE section |
| DIM | 0x01041102 | dimension of node set (i.e. nr. of coords) |
| NAME | 0x01041103 | name of node set. |

The NODES parameter defines the number of nodes defined in this section. The DIM parameter sets the number of coordinates that will be defined for each node (e.g. 3 for 3D problems). Each NODE section also implicitly defines a node set. The NAME attribute defines the name of this node set.

Then the NODE\_COORDS section follows, which defines the nodal data for each node. This data field stores the nodal IDs and coordinates for all the nodes in the mesh. The size of the field is defined by N\*DWORD + DIM\*N\*FLOAT where N is the number of nodes in the mesh (as defined in the header section), DIM is the dimension, and FLOAT is the size of a single precision floating point number (4 bytes). The order of the data is (e.g. if DIM equals 3),

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| *ID1* | *x1* | *y1* | *z1* | *…* | *IDN* | *xN* | *yN* | *zN* |

Here, *x[i]* is the *x-*coordinate of node *i* and similarly for *y* and *z*.

## Domain Section

The Domain section lists all domains (i.e. element sets) in the mesh. Each domain is identified by a DOMAIN section.

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| ***Tag*** | ***ID*** | ***description*** |
| DOMAIN | 0x01042100 | beginning of a domain section |

Each domain is defined by two sub-sections, a *domain header* and an *element list*.

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| ***Tag*** | ***ID*** | ***description*** |
| DOMAIN\_HEADER | 0x01042101 | beginning of domain header |
| ELEMENT\_LIST | 0x01042200 | list of element connectivity |

The *domain header* contains the following data fields.

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| ***Tag*** | ***ID*** | ***description*** | ***size*** |
| ELEM\_TYPE | 0x01042102 | element type | DWORD |
| PART\_ID | 0x01042103 | part ID | DWORD |
| ELEMENTS | 0x01032104 | number of elements | DWORD |
| NAME | 0x01032105 | an optional name for this domain | CHAR64 |

The *ELEM\_TYPE* defines the type of elements stored in the domain. It can have one of the following values.

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| ***ELEM\_TYPE*** | ***VALUE*** | ***description*** |
| HEX8 | 0 | 8-node hexahedron solid element |
| PENTA6 | 1 | 6-node pentahedron solid element |
| TET4 | 2 | 4-node tetrahedron solid element |
| QUAD4 | 3 | 4-node quadrilateral shell element |
| TRI3 | 4 | 3-node triangular shell element |
| TRUSS2 | 5 | 2-node linear truss element |
| HEX20 | 6 | 20-node quadratic hexahedral element |
| TET10 | 7 | 10-node quadratic tetrahedral element |
| TET15 | 8 | 15-node quadratic tetrahedral element |
| HEX27 | 9 | 27-node quadratic hexahedral element |

The *PART\_ID* corresponds to the ID of one of the parts defined in the *Parts* section.

The *ELEMENTS* field is the number of elements in the domain.

After the domain header the element list follows. For each element it defines an ELEMENT data field.

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| ***Tag*** | ***ID*** | ***description*** | ***size*** |
| ELEMENT | 0x01042201 | element data field | DWORD\*(NE+1) |

If NE is the number of nodes per element, then this data field stores NE+1 DWORDS. The first DWORD is the element ID, a unique number that identifies the element. The following NE DWORD’s define the element connectivity.

## Surface Section

The *surface* section defines the surfaces of the mesh for which data is stored in the plot file. Each surface begins with a SURFACE section.

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| ***Tag*** | ***ID*** | ***description*** |
| SURFACE | 0x01043100 | beginning of a surface section |

The surface section follows a similar structure as the domain section, namely a *surface header* followed by a *facet list*.

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| ***Tag*** | ***ID*** | ***description*** |
| SURFACE\_HEADER | 0x01043101 | beginning of surface header |
| FACET\_LIST | 0x01043200 | facet connectivity list |

The surface header contains the following data fields.

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| ***Tag*** | ***ID*** | ***description*** | ***size*** |
| SURFACE\_ID | 0x01043102 | surface ID | DWORD |
| FACETS | 0x01043103 | Number of facets | DWORD |
| NAME | 0x01043104 | A name for this surface | CHAR64 |
| MAX\_FACET\_NODES | 0x01043105 | max nodes per facet | DWORD |

The SURFACE\_ID is a unique identifier and FACETS is the number of facets in the surface.

The FACET\_LIST follows the header and contains a FACET data field for each facet in the surface.

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| ***Tag*** | ***ID*** | ***description*** | ***size*** |
| FACET | 0x01043201 | facet data field | DWORD\*NF |

Here, NF = MAX\_FACET\_NODES + 2. The first DWORD is a unique identifier (which currently should be ignored). The second DWORD is the number of nodes for this facet. This also defines the facet type. (For instance, 3 nodes define a triangle, 4 nodes define a quadrilateral). Next, the node ID’s follow.

## NodeSet Section

The NodeSet section defines all the node sets where a node set is a named collection of nodes. Each nodeset begins with the NODESET section.

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| ***Tag*** | ***ID*** | ***description*** |
| NODESET | 0x01044100 | beginning of a nodeset section |

Next, a header section and a node list section follow.

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| ***Tag*** | ***ID*** | ***description*** |
| NODESET\_HEADER | 0x01044101 | beginning of nodeset header |
| NODE\_LIST | 0x01044200 | node list |

The header is composed of the following chunks.

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| ***Tag*** | ***ID*** | ***description*** | ***size*** |
| NODESET\_ID | 0x01044102 | nodeset ID | DWORD |
| NODES | 0x01044104 | Number of nodes | DWORD |
| NAME | 0x01044103 | An optional name for this nodeset | CHAR64 |

The node list is a list of all the nodes that belong to this node set. All node indices are zero-based.

## Parts Section

The Parts section lists the parts defined in the plot file. For each part, a PART section is written.

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| ***Tag*** | ***ID*** | ***description*** |
| PART | 0x01045100 | beginning of a part definition |

Then, for each part the following fields are written.

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| ***Tag*** | ***ID*** | ***description*** | ***size*** |
| PART\_ID | 0x01045101 | ID of part | DWORD |
| PART\_NAME | 0x01045102 | Name of part | CHAR64 |

The *ID* is a unique number that will be used in the domain definitions to refer to this part. The *NAME* is a textual description that can be used by the post-processor to present the part to the user.

# State Section

The *state* section is where all the actual data is stored. FEBio will store one *state* section for each time step in the analysis. Each state defines two sub-sections, namely the *state header* and the *state data*.

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| ***Tag*** | ***ID*** | ***description*** |
| STATE\_HEADER | 0x02010000 | state header section |
| STATE\_DATA | 0x02020000 | state data section |

## State Header

The *STATE\_HEADER* contains the following data field.

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| ***Tag*** | ***ID*** | ***description*** | ***size*** |
| STATE\_TIME | 0x02010002 | time stamp of state | FLOAT |

## State Data Section

The STATE\_DATA section stores the data for this state. It is composed of several sub-sections where each section corresponds to a data category as defined in the dictionary. The following sub-sections can thus be defined.

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| ***Tag*** | ***ID*** | ***description*** |
| GLOBAL\_DATA | 0x02020100 | define global data section |
| NODE\_DATA | 0x02020300 | define nodal data section |
| DOMAIN\_DATA | 0x02020400 | define domain data section |
| SURFACE\_DATA | 0x02020500 | define surface data section |

Note that FEBio currently doesn’t write global data sections.

Each of these sub-sections follows a similar structure. For each of the variables defined in the dictionary corresponding to the data category, a STATE\_DATA section is defined.

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| ***Tag*** | ***ID*** | ***description*** |
| STATE\_DATA | 0x02020001 | defines a data section |

Each state data section has two fields.

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| ***Tag*** | ***ID*** | ***description*** | ***size*** |
| REGION\_ID | 0x02020002 | ID of region | DWORD |
| DATA | 0x02020003 | actual data | ? |

The REGION\_ID refers to the ID of the region for which this data variable is defined.

It is important to note that for node sets, a value of zero for the REGION\_ID refers to the “master” node set which is the set containing all the nodes in the model. This node set is defined implicitly and will not be part of the list of node sets.

The DATA field contains the actual data. The size of this field is variable and is determined by the data type and storage format as defined in the dictionary as well as the number of items in the corresponding region. For example, for a domain that has NE elements, the size of the DATA field, using a type of FLOAT and a storage format of FMT\_ITEM will be NE\*FLOAT.

When a surface or domain stores its data in the FMT\_NODE format, then the parser needs to figure out how many nodes are implicitly defined by the region and what the node order is. An implicit nodeset can be constructed by simple enumeration: each item of the region lists the nodes its visits and no nodes can be visited more than once. So for example, consider the surface of three faces shown in the figure below.

1

2

3

4

1

1

2

2

3

3

4

4

(1)

(2)

(3)

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

8

**Figure 3. Example illustrating enumeration algorithm that defines the node ordering for the implicit node set defined by a surface.**

Each facet has four nodes. The first four nodes of the implicit node set are simply the four nodes of the first element. The second element skips its first node, since it is already visited, add its second node (which becomes node 5) and its third (node 6) and skips its fourth node. Similarly, the third element adds its second (node 7) and third (node 8) and skips its third and fourth. Thus, this surface defines an implicit node set containing 6 nodes in the order as shown in figure 3. Consequently, if this surface stores its data in FMT\_NODE format, then the corresponding data section will contain six values, one for each of the nodes in the implicit node set.

# APPENDIX: Tag Reference

The following table lists all the tags in the FEBio plot file format with their numerical ID and description.

* A size of 0 (zero) implies that the section contains only child sections.
* A size of ? implies the size is variable and needs to be calculated based on other information in the file.

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| ***Tag*** | ***ID*** | ***description*** | ***size*** |
| ROOT | 0x01000000 | root section | 0 |
| HEADER | 0x01010000 | header section | 0 |
| VERSION | 0x01010001 | version of file format | DWORD |
| NODES | 0x01010002 | number of nodes in mesh (N) | DWORD |
| MAX\_FACET\_NODES | 0x01010003 | max number of nodes per facet (NF) | DWORD |
| COMPRESSION | 0x01010004 | compression flag | DWORD |
| DICTIONARY | 0x01020000 | dictionary section | 0 |
| DICT\_ITEM | 0x01020001 | dictionary item | 0 |
| ITEM\_TYPE | 0x01020002 | type of data variable | DWORD |
| ITEM\_FORMAT | 0x01020003 | storage format of data variable | DWORD |
| ITEM\_NAME | 0x01020004 | name of variable | CHAR64 |
| GLOBAL\_VAR | 0x01021000 | global data dictionary section | 0 |
| MATERIAL\_VAR | 0x01022000 | material data dictionary section | 0 |
| NODESET\_VAR | 0x01023000 | node set data dictionary section | 0 |
| DOMAIN\_VAR | 0x01024000 | domain data dictionary section | 0 |
| SURFACE\_VAR | 0x01025000 | surface data dictionary section | 0 |
| MATERIALS | 0x01030000 | materials section | 0 |
| MATERIAL | 0x01030001 | material definition section | 0 |
| MATERIAL\_ID | 0x01030002 | material ID | DWORD |
| MATERIAL\_NAME | 0x01030003 | material name | CHAR64 |
| GEOMETRY | 0x01040000 | geometry section | 0 |
| NODE\_SECTION | 0x01041000 | node section | 0 |
| NODE\_COORDS | 0x01041001 | nodal coordinates | 3\*N\*FLOAT |
| DOMAIN\_SECTION | 0x01042000 | domain section | 0 |
| DOMAIN | 0x01042100 | domain definition | 0 |
| DOMAIN\_HEADER | 0x01042101 | domain header | 0 |
| ELEM\_TYPE | 0x01042102 | element type | DWORD |
| MAT\_ID | 0x01042103 | material ID | DWORD |
| ELEMENTS | 0x01032104 | number of elements in domain (NE) | DWORD |
| NAME | 0x01032105 | domain name | CHAR64 |
| ELEMENT\_LIST | 0x01042200 | element list | 0 |
| ELEMENT | 0x01042201 | element definition | DWORD\*(NE+1) |
| SURFACE\_SECTION | 0x01043000 | surface section | 0 |
| SURFACE | 0x01043100 | surface definition | 0 |
| SURFACE\_HEADER | 0x01043101 | surface header | 0 |
| SURFACE\_ID | 0x01043102 | surface ID | DWORD |
| FACES | 0x01043103 | number of faces | DWORD |
| NAME | 0x01043104 | surface name | CHAR64 |
| FACE\_LIST | 0x01043200 | face list | 0 |
| FACE | 0x01043201 | face definition | DWORD\*(NF+2) |
| NODESET\_SECTION | 0x01044000 | nodeset section | 0 |
| NODESET | 0x01044100 | nodeset definition | 0 |
| NODESET\_HEADER | 0x01044101 | nodeset header | 0 |
| NODESET\_ID | 0x01044102 | nodeset ID | DWORD |
| NODESET\_NAME | 0x01044103 | nodeset name | CHAR64 |
| NODESET\_SIZE | 0x01044104 | number of nodes in nodeset (NN) | DWORD |
| NODELIST | 0x01044200 | list of nodes | DWORD\*NN |
| STATE\_SECTION | 0x02000000 | state section | 0 |
| STATE\_HEADER | 0x02010000 | state header | 0 |
| TIME | 0x02010002 | time stamp of state | FLOAT |
| STATE\_DATA | 0x02020000 | state data section | 0 |
| STATE\_VAR | 0x02020001 | state variable | 0 |
| VARIABLE\_ID | 0x02020002 | ID of variable | DWORD |
| VARIABLE\_DATA | 0x02020003 | variable data section | ? |
| GLOBAL\_DATA | 0x02020100 | global data section | 0 |
| MATERIAL\_DATA | 0x02020200 | material data section | 0 |
| NODE\_DATA | 0x02020300 | nodal data section | 0 |
| DOMAIN\_DATA | 0x02020400 | domain data section | 0 |
| SURFACE\_DATA | 0x02020500 | surface data section | 0 |

1. a DWORD is a “double word” meaning an unsigned integer of 4 bytes. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)